

Erme Valley RDA

Offering opportunity by opening doors



September 2023

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back for the new term. It has been a very busy summer that seems to have flown by. Thank you to a small team that worked so hard throughout the break. A few of the big jobs that have been completed are the tarmac, Jacks stable, the straw is in and the life skills canopy. We hope you will agree it is looking very smart. However this year we have not managed to complete everything that needs doing before the winter so please if you are able to lend a hand in anyway please let us know.

In the middle of the break we finally had our British Horse Society (BHS) assessment to become an approved centre, we have just received our certificate and we have achieved highly commended in all areas. We have also just received notification of our approval to become a member of the Association Of British Riding Schools (ABRS). We have done this to be able to offer our participants a more varied and extensive courses both mounted and unmounted.

The horses have all had a break and a holiday a quick overview; Tic Toc went on usual holiday with Liz and Katie Redshaw and enjoyed fun rides and lots of fitness work! Ebony and Breeze went to Gemma and they enjoyed a variety of pony club shows and fun rides. Angel went to Rachel and enjoyed moor rides and adventures. Teddy spent some time in the field at Sians, that you too Sian and Tom for the continued use of the field. Buddy, Jack, Bobby and Ranger have continued their education taking part in dressage and showjumping clinics.

Although it seems a long time ago, the coffee morning at the end of term raised £1200, raffle prizes still need to be collected. Also the end of season BBQ and AGM was really successful. Well done to all those award winners, please see the notice board for a list of winners. The AGM saw the re election of this years directors for 2023 - 2024 a big thank you to them for all their hard work and support.

A team of 17 participants and a handful of dedicated volunteers had a very successful weekend at the nationals and Hartpury college. We think we may have been the group with the most members riding. We were very proud of our national champions who are; Cara and Emma in showjumping. Martin in the countryside challenge.

The Art group also had some incredibly good results thank you to Ysabel. We also had our first entrant into the endurance so we look forward to more next year.

Please let Peggy know if you would like to attend the London International horse show trip, on 17th December. Please ask in the office if you would like more details.

Thank you very much to everyone that filled in the participant and volunteer surveys, the results will be on the board by the office for everyone to see. Thank you Jill and Colin for collating all the results it is all very valuable to us to make sure we are meeting everyones needs and improving all the time. The next ASDAN Horse care course is beginning on Thursday 14th September, it will run on Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm - 3pm over 12 weeks finishing on 7th December. This is open to all above 14, school do allow release for students to compete the course. Please speak too Sophie for more details.

A polite reminder that when there are classes in the lifeskill centre please be mindful when you are making a coffee to be as quiet as possible and please don't use it as a walk through to the school please go around.

Dates:

6th Sept - First day of term

8th Sept - Clare D dressage clinic

18th Sept - Committee meeting

21st Sept - Team of volunteers from Cadburys

23rd - 28th Oct - HALF TERM

26th Oct - New initiative pony club and RDA countryside challenge

6th Nov - NO RIDING

11th Nov - Glitter Ball

17/18/19th Nov - Weekend at Finlake please confirm your place.

17th Dec - London International horse show