

Erme Valley RDA

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October 2023

It has been a very busy start to term already! It has been lovely to see everyone back after the summer holidays. Due to the fact that we are incredibly full anyone that has not attended since September, without letting us know, will I'm afraid lose their session for the time being. As usual we are particularly short of helpers, a plea to please mention us to your friends and families even an hour of peoples time would be massively appreciated.

For those that are new to us we thought it would be nice for everyone to know what we are up to so here is an example of the weekly schedule:

Mondays: full day of sessions with work experience and horse care,

Tuesday: Equine facilitated learning, Accessible social club fortnightly, Dressage and show jump training

Wednesday: Sessions in the morning, staff and horse training in the afternoon with Karen Lisk, BTEC course and Horse Harmony course with Ivybridge community college all day.

Thursday: full RDA sessions and evening, ASDAN education course in the afternoon.

Friday: Horses' day off.

Saturday: Morning sessions / competitions / horses' training

Sunday: Horses' day off/ horses hacking, moor rides.

A reminder to have a look at the code of conduct that is in the viewing gallery, this is applicable to everyone that attends the Brook.

We had a busy weekend recording the virtual dressage and showjumping entries. These are all now submitted and we wish everyone luck. Thank you to the team that made this happen. This is a very time consuming activity but an added opportunity for participants and horses for those that can not travel to competitions; particularly for the younger and newer horses to RDA that we hope to take out next year.

Following the success in the summer of becoming members to BHS and ABRS, we are now looking forward to offering the BHS Changing Lives Though Horses programme and the BHS challenge awards; also the rosette awards though ABRS. Please speak to us if you would be interested in taking part in any of these or finding out more.

Thank you very much to Ugfest for £1000 donation it is very much appreciated. Just Giving and Giving fund that are used as donation platforms sometimes make it hard to thank everyone personally as it doesn't always show itemised amounts. We really appreciate everyone's support that helps to keep us running. Please let us know if you have raised money for us so we can personally thank you.

An advanced notice that we will be doing our own Christmas Cards this year! We can't wait to show you.

Also there will be a new booklet available to buy that is at the printers now. This is a comprehensive guide to all the horses and what we do. Please ask in the office for details.

Fundraising events coming up where we will need help in order to run them, before, during and after. The events raise us lots of money in the year but we are incredibly short of help.

The events are:

- Halloween fun day - 28th October
- Mulled wine, Raffle and singing - 4th December
- Christmas challenge fundraiser - 16th December (more info to follow).



Some of you may be aware that we go into our 40th year in the December of this year.

We would love to hear your ideas of how we can celebrate during the next year... the bigger the better!!!

Dates:

2nd October Happy Hoof Evening, Walk at Avon Dam

10th October Accessibility Social Group, The Brook

12th October No evening session

14th October NO RDA Session (horses out competing)

23rd - 28th Oct - HALF TERM

24th October Tea with a Pony

26th October Countryside Challenge (joint venture with the Pony Club)

28th October Halloween Fun Day

31st October Accessibility Social Group, The Brook

4th November No RDA sessions

6th November No riding sessions only work experience

7th /8th November Sue Mack visit to assess coaches

11th November Glitterball

14th November Accessibility Social Group at the Aquarium

17 , 18, 19th Nov. Happy Hoofers, Finlake

18th November No sessions

27th November Happy Hoof Film Night at The Brook

28th November Accessibility Social Club

4th Dec Mulled wine, Raffle and Christmas singing from Girls night out

12th Dec Tea with a Pony and Accessibility Social Club, Ring Feeder

15 th Dec Christmas Lunch, Ship

16 th Dec Term ends at the Brook and Christmas challenge fundraiser

17 th Dec London Horse Show

3 rd Jan Term Starts