

Erme Valley RDA

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January 2024

Wishing all our members a happy new year and here's hoping for a healthy happy 2024. Thank you very much for all the Christmas gifts and donations. The Christmas raffle raised £250 thank you to those that sent raffle prizes in and brought tickets.

The Christmas 40 Year Challenge is still underway, there is still time to get involved if you would like to. **At this point only 22 of our participants out of a possible 80 have taken part.** A reminder that this is to help fund you're riding. Please remember the sessions cost you £15 but they cost the group £40. We foresee that this year we will have to raise sessions costs due to rising costs.

A huge well done to Sarah Chambers, one of our volunteers, who has raised over £770 on her 40 mile bike ride an absolutely incredible effort. Also well done to Ant, Josie and Shannon who have raised over £100 each!

There are two training days planned for coaches and volunteers, 14th February at the Brook led by Mandy Frost and Nicky Fuller. The 7th March, South West training at the Horse Welfare Centre. We expect all the coaches to come but it is also open to any interested volunteers.

In the event of bad weather please remember it will be on Facebook in the first instance if we need to cancel so please check. We are having big problems with phone signal at the Brook, please phone via what's app if you need to contact us.

We will be looking for another member of yard staff when Molly goes to university in April. Previous yard experience is necessary.

Dates:

3 rd Jan Term Starts

9th Jan Accessible social club

23rd Jan Accessible Social club

29th Jan Happy Hoof games night @ The Brook

6th Feb Accessible Social Club

12th Feb - 18th Feb Half Term

14th Feb Coach and volunteer Training day at The Brook

19th Feb Happy Hoof

20th Feb Accessible Social club

23rd Feb Possibly no riding for 1 week TBC

27th Feb Tea with a pony

5th March Accessible Social club

7th March Regional training day, NO SESSIONS or WORK EXP.

29th March -12th April Easter Holiday

23rd April Regional show jumping, Art and Countryside challenge @ The Brook.

5th and 6th May ICC at Bicton Arena

14th May Regional dressage at Lakefield

12th 13th 14th July Nationals at Hartpury