

Erme Valley RDA

Offering opportunity by opening doors



March 2024

We are now heading into the busy time of year, regionals and competitions are approaching. Please keep a close eye on the dates as there is lots to remember!

As some of you may already be aware we were very sad to hear that our vet of 40 years sadly passed away in January. David Gabriel was always there, his expertise, friendship, fun and generosity will be greatly missed. Thoughts are with Liz his wife at this time.

The south west training day at the Horse Welfare centre is on 7th March, focusing on communication and language. Thank you to all those that have signed up to come we are looking forward to putting the new training into practice.

A huge well done to one of our riders and group Coach Flis Marriott, who has been selected to compete in her 1st CPEDI (international) 1* at Addington Equestrian on the 11th-13th March. We wish them lots of luck and look forward to hearing how they get on.

We are excited to begin a pilot 'Changing lives through horses' BHS course beginning after Easter. This will just be a small group so we can get to grips with the course. Before hopefully rolling it out in September to bigger groups.

Well done to those that completed the creative writing, we submitted 5 entries and look forward to the results at the end of the month.

Thank you to the Glitter Ball for the £1000 donation, we are very pleased to announce this will be running again at the end of the year. Also thank you to Shell for £1000 from the Kindness Grant program.

The 40th year challenge is still going well. Sarah and Laura are still going strong with their 40 laps of the Tamar Bridge, they are currently up to a total of £1155 and still climbing! The Accessible Social Club are looking forward to joining them on the 12th March. Hopefully we can help them to top the total up even more. If you would like to join us then please let Sophie know - the more the merrier!

The Happy Hoof Club had a great meet up bowling for Kirsty's 18th birthday. They are next meeting up on 25th March at The Brook.

We are thinking of possibly running supported young volunteer training and horse care between 12 and 1 on a Saturday. This would be for those riders and volunteers that need a little extra support. This would be a paid for session. If this is something you might be interested in please let Peggy or Sophie know.

A reminder to please turn off the lights and keep doors closed as our electric bill has been £600 a month!!!

Dates:

5th March Accessible Social club

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

12th March Accessible Social Club Tamar Bridge Walk with Laura

25th March Happy Hoof at The Brook

26th March Accessible Social Club - Easter Wreaths

29th March - 12th April Easter Holiday

16th April - Accessible Social Club - Mossy Carpet Workshop at The Brook. 11am - 1pm

23rd April Regional Show Jumping, Art and Countryside Challenge @ The Brook.

30th April Accessible Social Club - Planting Pumpkins

5th and 6th May ICC at Bicton Arena

14th May Regional Dressage at Lakefield

21st May Accessible Social Club - Decorating horseshoes

4th June Accessible Social Club - Saltram Walk

18th June Accessible Social Club - Visitor

2nd July Accessible Social Club - The Brook Mug cakes

16th July Accessible Social Club - Beach Trip

12th 13th 14th July Nationals at Hartpury

20th July - End of Term