
September 2019 Newsletter

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Welcome back after the holidays to all!

Nationals

At the end of term 14 riders went to the RDA nationals at Hartpury College. Everyone did really well with 3 winners and every rider being placed in their various events. The art was also very successful and achieved a first and a second! A big thank you to Ysabel and her team. Henry Slade was invited to be in the 50 year parade for Princess Ann – Hopefully you managed to watch us on Countryfile (We stood out in our bright yellow shirts!). A big thank you to our helpers for giving up their weekend we wouldn't be able to do it with out you!

As usual we were commended for our standard and commitment to horse care and knowledge, the horses all looked fabulous and Ellie was tied first with Emma from Cornwall, this is some achievement a big well done.

AGM, BBQ and Presentations

The weather was kind to us the food and the company was great and we had some very happy prize winners! The list of prize winners is at the end of this newsletter. With over 50 people present lots of our members were able to listen to last year's successes and vote in the directors.

Particular thanks to our treasurer who does such a sterling job and keeps a check on my spending! Our accounts are very healthy going into our 35th year.

The list of directors is attached to this email.



Upcoming Events

6th September

Coaches course at the Brook on Medical and Therapy.

9th September

Start Back

14th October

NO RIDING – work experience as normal.

21st – 25th October

No Riding

25th October

Coaching course at Duchy

8th December

Carol service in Exeter for 50 Year anniversary.

19th December

End of Term

21st December

Olympia

Life skills area

This is all progressing well and funds are coming in slowly but steadily thanks to Hayley Dunn and Ian Smith. At the time of writing the foundations are nearly complete and the structure should be going up soon with the windows and doors all ordered – hopefully this means all the hard and messy work is done before we re-start. A big thank you to Mike and Pete for heading this up and to Jamie and Sam for all the manual labor and Roy for giving up his time to do the block work for us. The second area that we will be replacing is the green room, with a quiet room and storage. We will have to remove the green room to meet building regs to have a small door into the school again as the other has had to be blocked off for the new room!

By the time we start term we hope to be fairly orderly at the yard however building work will still be ongoing, whilst we wait for the funds to come in.

Our target date for finishing is Dec 2019/ Jan 2020.

DBS

There are still a few more of these that need updating please check with Jane Lankester if you are not sure – Jane will be in on a Wednesday morning.

Phone Numbers

A little reminder please not to swap number and contact by phone between participants and volunteers. If it is necessary please discuss with Peggy.

Mechanical Horse

We are over the moon to hear that Jack will be with us for another year, he really is invaluable to us.

Coaches

We are very lucky to have so many keen coaches and new ones starting. Please check to see who our coaches are and the order of seniority. This list gives you an idea of the most experienced and therefore senior coaches within our group. Many coaches nationally feel that many years of service have not been given credit, therefore as a group this is important and reflects those who are experienced and have given to much of their time.

Summer Chores

Probably most of you will be unaware of the work that goes on over the summer holiday to set up for the year ahead. To give you some idea 8 people 2/3 days

Please be aware that the signing in book is in the viewing gallery.



Please can we give a gentle reminder for participate donations, they should be given in at the office, you will then receive a receipt or you can pay by BACS:

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The donation cost is only a 1/3 of the actually cost to the group.

weekly for six weeks which total to 720 hours of voluntary work and counting! As I write this still another week to go and a day with 10 extra workers!

Horses

We are again in the same situation and in need of 1 maybe 2 horses – it's a full time occupation surfing the net, phoning and travel to see the horses – fine if you have the time! Please if you hear of any that are suitable let us know.

Albert has been off to pony club camp and British Show Jumping academy and had a great time.

Angel has been continuing her training and the others have had some time off.

Max and Teddy are no longer with us. Teddy has gone on to a showing/ hunting home, and Max's owner decided it was best to have him put down as the vet felt that he was in a fair bit of pain.



Fundraising

- The project is up to £21,000 (£30000 promised)
- We are the charity for Ivybridge rugby club next year.
- We have runners in the London half marathon on the 2nd March.
- 35 years Dec 2019 – Special event.
- There is a dance production in October 2019 2 -4 dancers are required as guinea pigs to learn a dance – obviously Peggy has already been asked but has declined! So all you dancers get your ballet shoes on and let me know if you are interested – time for practice is required.
- In September there is a 50th DEVON RDA celebration.
- Service on the 8th Dec at Oaklands.

Happy hoof club

They have been very busy over the summer which has been great we are looking forward to our trip to see Ketchup on the second of September.

Olympia

This trip is running as usual there are some spaces still available please be sure to pay your deposit £20 or £50 by the end of September.

Help please

We have been given to kittens; Zed and Zelda. If anyone feels they could deliver a bit of cat food now and again we would be very grateful.

Rubbish

We are overflowing with rubbish at the moment if anyone is able to take a black bag away it would be very helpful!

