



Erme Valley RDA

Offering opportunity by opening doors



Press

We hope to have an article in *Devon Life* in January, the journalist Tony Jackson and photographer Steven Haywood came to visit us on the 28th October, thank you to all those that made sure the horses were turned out beautifully for the day.

Hopefully you all have managed to see Hannah's lovely article in the *Western Morning News*; see picture above. Also we had a recent press release in the *Gazette* about how we were lucky enough to receive the Lottery community fund of £10000!

Coaching

10 coaches attended a recent regional training day at the Duchy and three of our riders acted as superb guinea pigs. There is a Showjumping training day at the Brook on 15th November and further dates on 23rd November and 6th December, Everyone is welcome. We also now have a coaching newsletter if you are on the pathway to interested in joining please ask to have a copy to keep up to date with everything going on.

Sponsor a pony

Remember you can help to support the group by sponsoring a pony you get a lovely certificate and a rosette.



Christmas cards

The Christmas cards are now available to purchase from the office.

Sweatshirts

We have our sweatshirts for sale they make great presents for riders and volunteers.

100 Club

We are running the 100 club again this year and it will be to buy a brick for the project, please ask in the office for more details.

Carols

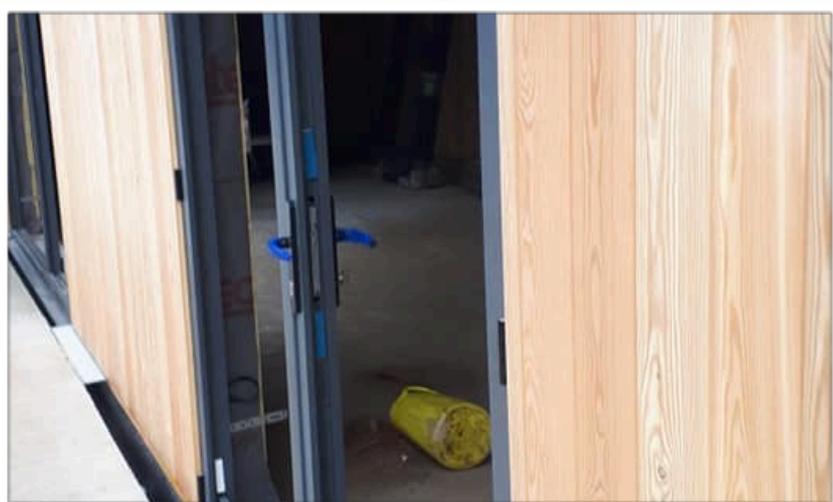
Please remember the Carol service on the **8th December** in Exeter to celebrate 50 Years of RDA.

Olympia

final payments due

Project

You will know that enormous progress has been made. We are now waiting for the screed to dry, and the fire regulations are still to come before we do the interior. We are still hoping to complete the building by Christmas. Please support our project if you can by buying a brick. We have just had notification that the Clare Milne Trust is giving us £16000 to enable us to reach our target. We still have equipment to purchase and have ongoing plans to replace the green room and the surface in the school before the spring. The co-op community fund has also recently announced they are going to support us again with approximately £6000 which should help us with these additional projects and training.



Booklets

Hannah Rogers and Ellie Halton have been working away hard on this years booklet that looks back on the 35 years of Erme Valley RDA. It is now available to purchase in the office. It includes information all the horses and little write ups from some of our volunteers as well as some lovely pictures - well worth a look, well done both for putting together something so lovely and thank you to those that contributed.

35 years!

In December we will have been in operation for 35 years, we are planning on running the 35 for 35 years - this could be laps or minutes etc however you would like to complete it. Starting from Sunday 17th November and running over the month, finishing on 19th December. The idea is that riders/ volunteers try to gain some sponsorship for this if you can- we will have some certificates and prizes for those that complete! For more information please ask in the office.



DANCE

On the 29th February Wayne and his family are very generously giving there time to put on a dance performance for us. One of our willing volunteers is being trained as we speak! The venue is to be confirmed, it promises to be a fantastic show so please keep the date free - after Christmas we will be needs some people to join the choir for the big finale - so warm up your singing voices!



Dates

November

15th SJ training at the Brook 11am - 2.30pm

17th Start of sponsored event for 35 years/ 50 Years.

23rd Coaching day - Horse care @ The Brook

23rd Happy Hoof invite to Ugborough Panto

December

6th Coaching day @ The Brook (Topic to be finalised - paper for will be included)

8th Carol service

13th Christmas lunch

19th Last session

21st Olympia

January

6th Restart

February

8th or 15th Safeguarding training

29th Dance Production Fundraiser

There are also some dates to follow for an invite to Tavistock Driving group in the spring please keep your eye out for these.