

Erme Valley RDA

Offering opportunity by opening doors

Happy new year everyone and thank you to everyone for the cards, sweets and biscuits that will keep us going for the next few months. Also thanks for the kind Christmas donations in lieu of the cards, presents etc. Thanks also to Hayley and Alison for providing fantastic Christmas raffles and goods for the Christmas stall.

2019

Overall we had a good year, we have had some sad losses of previous riders and volunteers but we treasure the fond memories. Our numbers remain similar and we are full to capacity and still short of volunteers. We have had success on a regionals, nationals and personal level. I feel that personal success is the most important however small it maybe. We continue to support parents through the diagnosis process and after and this is a high priority for us as a group. Supporting each other and increasing our knowledge to support everyone involved. Our life skills project started in the summer and is now nearing completion, particular thanks here to our two main fundraisers Ian and Hayley, Hayley as a professional fundraiser has gifted £1500 in kind, and of course the boys who have not only provided us with a quality space but provided so much free labour. This project has been reliant on many major donors - a complete list will be available soon.

The horse situation truly frustrates me it is very time consuming, expensive and it seems to be a problem that I am unable to solve but very essential to our group so we will keep persevering. Lets hope 2020 will see some luck in this area - please everyone keep your eye out and your fingers crossed!

Nine coaches started on the car hing pathway - we were the first in the south west to do so.

We had a nice start to Christmas as a few of us attended the Devon RDA carol service led by Rev Jane Lankester.

Congratulations to everyone that recovered an RDA service award. The full list is on the board.

We look forward to a productive 2020. Peggy :)



We have a continuing problem with contact between riders, volunteers etc. Please remember that it is a safeguarding concern which is in our group policy to protect both sides. This applies to phones and social media contact. Please let Peggy or Sophie know if you need support or advice with this.

Weather

Please text Peggy 07882286421 if unsure about the weather conditions.

We are on the look out for new tack cleaner - please chat to Peggy if interested.



Project

It is nearing completion - please bear with us in these final stages. The flooring is going down as we speak and the electrics are soon to be done.

Please do not use the steps or the ramp for access sessions these will be used for access to the new room and mechanical horse.

Fundraising

Ellie and marathon friends are running the London Half and then Ellie is intending to run Three half marathons on three months - please keep an eye out for the just giving pages.

Wayne and his family are doing a dance production on the 28th Feb at the Woolwell centre Plymouth.

Sain is running a quiz night on the 2nd March at Ivybridge Rugby Club.

Booklets

A little reminder that these are in the office ready to purchase they are £3.50 each and a great source of information for all.

Training

We are running several training sessions which are available to all. Most of these sessions are free but some that come with certification or we have accredited trainers will require a small amount. Please sign up in advance so we can cater for the correct number.

We are hoping to run a certificated bereavement training day for the cost of £60, it will be run by Winstons Wish - we need a minimum of 20 people to attend in order for it to run and the date will be confirmed. Please let Sophie or Peggy know if you would be interested - before we open it up to School professionals.

35 years fundraising event

This was a great enjoyable and successful event, which raised approximately £1500! A great effort from many.

Our prize winners for inspirational ideas and commitment are:

- Julie - walking round Stowford Park
- Liz Walker - 35 days of hoovering!
- Megan Kenny - Picture and sentence on facebook for 35 days.



Dates

- Aston - Drew a picture for 35 days
- Ann B and Ysabel - Cycle and Tricycle ride.

January

6th Restart

31st coaching day @ The Brook (pre session coaching)

February

8th Safeguarding training - please let us know if you wish to have a place.

15th Clear round/ Cricklands showjumping day

17th -21st Half term

28th Dance Production Fundraiser

March

2nd Quiz at the rugby club

3rd Mandy Frost British Showjumping coach presentation Topic - 'Care of Participants' more to follow. this is a CPD day.

5th and 6th First aid

13th Coaching day (Equine Welfare)