

Erme Valley RDA

Offering opportunity by opening doors

Well what another few weeks! We hope that everyone is well and keeping safe. We are thinking of all our members, particularly those that are having a difficult time.

Covid

The current lock down situation is a real shame, we were back up and running with a good group of riders. Within the new guidelines we are currently able to offer *RDA activities that can be clearly defined as specifically therapy or education*. Our insurers have requested that those that fall into this category must have a supporting letter/ professional referral that needs to be forwarded to Peggy in order for them to ride. Obviously all our existing covid rules and regulations remain in place with the addition on taking your temperature on arrival. **A particular reminder that you must be wearing a mask in the school/ gallery when not riding.** We have a track and trace QR code outside the gate and the office. Any questions or queries on this please contact Peggy in the usual way.

Horses

Sparky has now found a lovely new home, where he will be doing a little bit of everything. We have purchased Bobby a 14.2hh Irish cob he will be produced by Jamie ready for next year, he is a lovely kind pony. We recently entered all our horses into the virtual showing competition in the RDA section they all looked fabulous thank you to TopSpec feed. A big congratulations to Kirsty and her pony Gift who placed 2nd in the Diamond pony section.

Needed office personal - Monday afternoon, Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning. Please let Peggy know if you can help.

Coaching

During this time our coaches are unable to have a face to face review/ assessment but we can do video reviews if required. We would like to congratulate Sophie and Caroline on being upgraded.

Art Therapy

The art sessions are going really well in our new art room/ the new green room! Ysabel is doing a fabulous job and she is aiming to have an art display before Christmas keep an eye out on our social media for the pictures. Let me know if you think you/ your participant might be interested in joining in.

The Sean Debrou memorial trophy has its first recipient - Chloe that rides on a Thursday afternoon. She has received this for extreme endeavour. Well done Chloe.



IMPORTANT NOTICES

We know at this time it is really important for people to stay in touch with others, however please bear in mind that our guidelines for social media contact and use remain the same.

Please remember the safeguarding officers are Peggy and Sophie -do not hesitate to pass on any concerns or queries in regard to social media or contact.

Fundraising

Firstly a big thank you to those that continue to support us and make donations weekly and monthly whether riding or not, it is very much appreciated.

Even at this time we have to continue to keep the facility up to date and meet all the requirements and all the expenses that go with it. Recently we have had the 5 year electric check on the whole venue, PAT testing, water check, insurance, hoist maintenance and the south hams vet check. It goes without saying that our expenses are continuing whilst the incoming is dropping and not matching the expenditure. Any ideas of fundraising or people who may be able to support us, businesses individuals etc. please keep trying.

We have been lucky enough to have two big raffle prizes donated to us, we will be selling tickets online get in touch if you would like some.

Sadly this year we won't be selling Christmas cards as we don't have as many people attending the Brook.

Thank you to those that have done special events including Clare Baker and Roborough Inner Wheel.

Pauline Evans continues to knit squares for our lockdown blanket , I'm hoping others are busily knitting at home!

Martins sunflower is still growing well and is now 2 foot tall so he's won a sunflower prize and certificate.