

Erme Valley RDA

Offering opportunity by opening doors

A little note from Sophie:

We are starting this newsletter with some great news. Peggy has won the RDA Presidents Award. The President's Award is the most prestigious volunteer award within RDA, with only a few made each year, and is awarded for service of an exceptional nature over a period of over 30 years. I am sure you will all agree that Peggy is a very deserving winner and we look forward to her collecting her award from HRH Princess Ann later in the year. Peggy can't wait to wear a dress again!

So here we are now in the middle of lockdown 3...We only have a handful of yard staff and supported work placements. The yard staff have been split so only a limited number on the yard at one time.

Technically, during this lockdown we could have remained open for riders with medical consent. However we chose the approach of better safe than sorry and hopefully you are all in agreement - we have come so far. We will resume slowly maybe using the schools return as an aim.

A really big thank you to those who have donated online via just giving its hard to thank personally as I don't always have the details.

Following on from our own successful art exhibition the south west has run its own the entries have now closed, good luck to those who have entered.

The Nationals creative writing competition closes in March please try and support if you can. Ask Peggy for details if you haven't still got them. Have a look at the event calendar on the RDA national website for some more details.

Sadly we have now had confirmation that the Nationals this year will take place virtually.

We would really like to be considered at SEIB RDA centre of the year, in order for this to happen we need lots of nominations please! Here are the details you will need:

Follow this link: <https://www.seib.co.uk/awards/>

Type of yard: Best RDA Centre

Yard contact info: Peggy Douglas

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The Brook, Yolland Brook, Ugborough Road, PL21 0HG

Website: <http://www.ridingatthebrook.co.uk/>

Then you just need to write a short paragraph about why you think we should be nominated. PTO



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Please remember to use Peggy's number if you need to get in touch not the facebook messenger as this is not regularly checked.
07882286421

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:

Michelle sewell is happy to do a skydive in May to raise funds for us so please help her to help us. It great to hear that gradually some of the riders and volunteers have started to have their vaccines it won't be long before we can get going in some form.

We have been invited to take part in the art exhibition at Salcombe, we are also one of their charities.

Our exciting '**Erme Valley February Fundraiser**' poster is also attached please share and encourage others to take part its not only for our members. Let's try and raise lots of funds to feed the horses. Lots of prizes and rosettes to be won.



Erme Valley's February Fundraiser Virtual competition

How it works:

Choose which class/ classes you would like to enter.

Take a picture and email it and which classes you would like to enter to:
ermevalleyrda@gmail.com

Please include your name on the entry and age if appropriate

Send a BACS payment for your entry, £3 per class or £5 for two classes to -

Erme valley Riding for Disabled Ltd. 20-60-88 23050238

Please reference: Febfun

Keep an eye on our social media to see if you've won!

Classes:

For RDA members:	Open to all:
1. Fancy dress (optional with animal)	6. Fancy dress including an animal.
2. A horse related picture or collage a) under 18 b) Over 18	7. A horse related picture or collage a) under 18 b) Over 18
3. Dog the judge would most like to take home	8. Best Thelwell pony/ horse
4. Best cake or cupcake a) under 18 b) Over 18	9. Muddiest horse/Dog!
5. Funniest animal picture (to have been taken by the entrant).	10. Funniest animal picture (to have been taken by the entrant).

Entries close: Sunday 21st Feb

Winners announced: Sunday 28th Feb

Rosettes 1st - 3rd and prizes for the class winners.

••By entering your photo you are giving permission for it to be shared to our facebook page