

Erme Valley RDA

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September 2022

We are looking forward to welcoming back our participants and volunteers on Thursday 7th September. We have had a very small team of people working very hard over the summer break, the yard is looking fantastic a big thank you to them. On Friday 16th September a group are coming from Cadburys for the community volunteer day to carry on the good work.

Important information for the new term

There are new green cards for ALL volunteers, these need to be completed by Christmas, please help us to do and ask in the office for info. We would like volunteers that have been with us for some time to have a look at the new information.

Participants and volunteers please make sure you update the office if any details have changed - address, phone numbers emails etc. Also any changes to medical conditions that we need to be aware of.

Sophie and Jane are working their way through the DBS list, you may receive an email if yours needs updating. Please keep an eye out and speak to Sophie or Jane if you think you need to update and you have not received anything. Also new volunteers that have not yet done a DBS please let us know ASAP so we can get on top of this.

Please remember to sign in and out. Also a polite reminder about driving slowly down the lane and on the yard, we do have young children, horses, dogs etc.

Attached to the newsletter is the code of conduct please have a new term reminder read through!

We are incredibly busy and in high demand, to run efficiently and fit in as many riders as we can we may need to rearrange some times. Also riders that have not attended last term will no longer have their place held unless pre organised with Peggy.

AGM and BBQ presentations

Thank you to all those that attended the AGM and BBQ awards evening, well done to all our many prize winners.

Nationals

Well done to the 14 riders that attended nationals some outstanding results and a good time had by all. Very sadly the last day was cancelled due to the heat. Those people due for refunds will you please make sure that Peggy has your bank details. Well done particularly to Kirsty for attending the Para summer nationals at Hartpury in the RDA grade 7 class. Also a big well done to Fliss for competing at her first outdoor para competition on her horse gaining some good experience.

The Virtual championships are looming, entries have to be in by the 30th September. Sophie and Peggy will let you know timings.

Fundraising

Jenny Loomes is running the London Marathon for us - please support her if you can. We will share the link on facebook. We would really appreciate any ideas of fundraising efforts over the coming year , we are still need to bridge the gap of money lost during covid.

Horses

We are very grateful to Liz for having Tic Toc for the summer and to Gemma and the girls for having Teddy and Ebony and for giving them such a lovely time. Charlie has been sold and retired from RDA to a lovely home close by. We are still looking for replacement horses please keep a look out!

New committee

Following the recent AGM these are the Directors for the coming year:

Peggy Douglas
Jane Lankester
Sue Johns
Jane Van Goethem
Cathy Pearce
Ann Baker
Ginny Crawley
Hannah Rogers
Sophie Douglas
Ian Smith

ASDAN

The summer ASDAN Animal care course has been enjoyed by 7 participants. Sophie is hoping to run the course again on a Thursday afternoon after October half term. Please ask Sophie for more information and let us know if you are interested.

Social club

The accessible social club has continued to run through the summer, we have washed horses, led horses chatted and eaten biscuits! We would love to welcome new members this term. It runs every other Tuesday from 11am too 1pm. Speak to Sophie for more info.

Dates

7th September - Term Re starts
19th September - Happy Hoof social
6th October - NO SESSIONS
10th October - Happy Hoof social - Film night at the Brook
24th - 30th October - Half term
25th October - South West training day