November 2025

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another busy and brilliant month at Erme Valley RDA



Driving and Combined Training

Nine participants enjoyed a fantastic day of driving with Rachel — the weather was kind, everyone learned lots, and there were smiles all round! A huge thank you to Rachel, her team, and of course Barney the pony for making the day such a success. We can't wait for the next one!

Friday's joint training day with South Devon West Pony Club was a real highlight! It was a fantastic day filled with brilliant riding, great teamwork, and some very creative outfits. Well done to all those who took part — we're already looking forward to our next joint venture!

40Year Fundraiser

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along to support our 40-Year Fundraiser at The Anchor. It was a hilarious evening of line dancing, good food, and rodeo bull riding! We're delighted to share that the event raised an incredible £2,335.19, which will make a big difference to our running costs at a crucial time. We'd also love to hear any new fundraising ideas — if you have something in mind, please get in touch!





Accessible Social Club

Our Accessible Social Club has been busy — enjoying a walk at Saltram and some very creative "pumpkins-into-horses" crafting sessions with Ysabel! Next term we'll be looking forward to grooming sessions, Christmas wreath making, and of course our annual Christmas meal at The Ring Feeder.

Thank You to West Devon Riding Club

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the West Devon Riding Club for their generous £1,200 donation following their closure. This contribution will go directly towards supporting the day-to-day running of our group.

London International Horse Show

This will be the final year we'll be running the trip to the London International Horse Show. If you'd like to come along, please let Peggy know as soon as possible. It's always a brilliant day out — filled with top-level show jumping, great performances, and plenty of festive fun!

Happy Hoof Club

The Happy Hoof Club have had a wonderful month, enjoying a lovely meal at Alyssa's and looking forward to a three-day stay at Finlake in November and a visit to Ivybridge Brewery in December. New members are always welcome — if you'd like to join in, please do let us know!

Horses

We're very happy to welcome new horse Sam to the yard, and hope to introduce him into sessions soon. We're also excited to share that Beauty is arriving shortly for a two-week trial — fingers crossed she enjoys her stay with us!

Christmas!

Our Christmas meal this year will take place at the Anchor in Ugborough, it is on the 12th December. Please let is know if you would like to come in the office.

Our Super Christmas Raffle is now underway — featuring our much-loved Christmas hampers, homemade cakes, and festive prizes. Please support if you can — every ticket sold helps keep our horses happy and our sessions running!

Glitter Ball

The Glitter Ball takes place next weekend, and a group of us are really looking forward to what is always a fabulous evening. Huge thanks to the organisers for once again choosing to support us this year — we're so grateful!

Weather Reminders

As we move into the wetter months, please check Facebook for updates if the weather looks uncertain — we'll always post there if any sessions are cancelled.



Dates

- 1st November - Sessions as usual
- 11th November - Accessible social club – The Brook
- 14th - 17th November - Happy Hoof Finlake trip
- 15th November - No Riding Sessions
- 17th November – Medical and Therapy module 6.30pm@ Peggys
- 19th November – No Riding Morning Sessions
- 25th November - Accessible social club – Wreath Making
- 30th November - Ukulele sing along, Ugborough village hall 2:30pm
- 1st Dec - Happy hoof – Ivybridge Brewery
- 4th Dec – Coach Assessments
- 7th Dec - Christmas craft Fair – The Anchor, Ugborough
- 9th Dec - Accessible Social club – Ring feeder Christmas Meal
- 9th Dec - Tea with a pony
- 12th Dec – Christmas Lunch – The Anchor, Ugborough (Please let us know in the office if you would like to come)
- 13th Dec – No Riding Sessions
- 20th Dec - Last session before Christmas
- 21st Dec - London Horse Show
- 7th Jan - Term starts
- 12th Jan – Emergency First aid – Happy Hoof 6.30 -8.30pm
- 13th Jan – Full day equine specific first aid equine specific - 3 spaces available £50