

# Erme Valley RDA

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## June 2024

We are just coming to the end of a very successful helper training week. Thank you so much to all those that participated. We hope it was helpful for you all. We will be sending out the volunteer and rider annual surveys, these are a really useful for us to know how to continue, and develop over the coming year so please take the time to fill them in. We really appreciate it. At present, we are very short of volunteers and we make a plea to support workers and parents to help whenever they can would be very much appreciated.

The 40th fundraiser has nearly raised £5000! What an incredible effort a huge well done to you all. It is not too late to take part and help the group please let us know! Laura and Sarah have made the National office fundraising page, completing 40 laps of the Tamar Bridge they are very nearly finished!

Please remember if you do not let us know that you will not be attending you will be charged for the session. This is due to the us having horses ready volunteers and coaches all ready and waiting. We also have several people that would like to be riding.

Horse update:

Thank you so much to all those that have ridden the Mechanical Horse over the past few weeks whilst we work hard to sort out the Horse situation. We are still searching for the right horses and ponies for the job hopefully we're getting closer and hope in September we will have the right horsepower. Please keep your fingers crossed.

You will all be pleased to hear that Jack is having a fantastic time in his new home. We wish him and his owner the very best.

A polite reminder to please sign in as soon as you arrive on the yard even if you are sat in the car we must know you are on the Yard for safeguarding purposes.

As the weather warms up a reminder that polo tops or t shirts must be worn on the yard please no strap tops/ crop tops! Also participants please bring suncream and sunhat as necessary.

The AGM/barbecue is on the 18th of July from 6 o'clock we really need you to support this event and look forward to it being a brilliant evening. Please see outside the office to nominate the new committee members. And if you won a trophy last year, please can you make sure it is back in the office within the next two weeks.

There will be new polo shirts and to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Erme Valley riding for the disabled these will be available to Buy from July. Please ask in the office if you would like one.

We have started the BHS Changing Lives through Horses program on a Thursday afternoon which has proved lots of fun and is really successful. We look forward to carrying on the course in September. Please get in touch if you'd like to know more about this. We are also also running the ABRS rosettes on the Saturday and our work experience are having a go at them during the week again they are proving really enjoyable sessions well done to all taking part.

We are right in the middle of the inspections. We've had the BHS and ABRS inspection which went well And the South Hams license Vets inspection is due shortly.

The coffee morning week is running from 1st July - 6th July from 10am - 2pm each day we really need some help and support to run this please let us know if you would help.

We wish luck to all our volunteers and participants that are currently taking part an exams.

## **Dates:**

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18th June Accessible Social Club - Gardening

25th June Tea with a Pony

1st July - 6th July 10am - 2pm: Coffee morning week

2nd July Accessible Social Club - The Brook coffee morning and grooming

7th July - Happy Hoof 6pm - 8pm Games night at The Brook

16th July Accessible Social Club - Beach Trip

11th 12th 13th 14th July Nationals at Hartpury (NO RIDING SESSIONS)

18th July AGM/ BBQ 40th Birthday celebration

20th July - End of Term

22nd July - Happy Hoof 3pm - 6pm Trip out

29th July -Activity day cancelled

Working parties throughout the summer dates TBC

Happy hoof dates TBC

9th Sept - First day back

22nd Nov - Finlake

7th / 14th Dec - Christmas party

22nd Dec - London Horse Show