



Registered Charity No : 1074005

ACTIVITIES

The Group has a weekly average of 40 riders, drivers and vaulters and 45 volunteers.

In the early days riders worked towards the RDA Grade Exams. Some of the drivers are now working within the ASDAN programme towards certification. Riders work towards the Group's own certification at the end of an 8 week period, other groups work within the AQA Award system where they are constantly achieving the required grades.

The vaulters have got a certification scheme in place and have given a demonstration of vaulting and attended a competition in the last fortnight. There are two vaulting sessions a week. Weds 4 – 5pm and Saturday 2.30 – 4pm. AT £5 per session this represents excellent child minding value. There are twelve individual riding sessions and six school sessions each week. The majority of these taking place on a Saturday morning.

Driving takes place on a Wednesday morning at the West Midland Showground and on a Friday morning at Forton Airfield.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **Family Horse Show 8th July**
- **The Shropshire Holiday** will take place as usual at Clwyd Special Centre at the end of August.
- It is hoped to hold an **Antique Valuation Day on the 9th September** at Nesscliffe Village Hall. Things have not yet been finalised but you will be notified as soon as it is confirmed.

Walford

The Group sadly said goodbye to Berry at the Demo Day at Walford on 29th April but said hello to Stubbs who is hopefully going to be a worthy replacement. He is driving happily now and it is hoped to get him assessed for use with the disabled carriages during the summer holidays.

If anyone would like to see the DVD of the Display afternoon, please just ask. Thanks to everyone who made it happen, especially the long reining ladies who walked miles during their practice sessions, as well as during the real thing.

Notices

- There will be **no Open Day** this year for a variety of reasons. Next year there will be a Group Open Day but no Display at Walford and hopefully they will then take place on alternate years.
- **HELP NEEDED PLEASE** for the Family Horse Show on Sunday 8th July. This will now be held at Lower House Farm, Llanymynech since the West Mid Showground chose to double up our booking with the Sealed Knot Society. Our Insurance Company declined to cover us for possible cannon fire!! **THERE WILL BE A LIST UP IN THE RDA HUT. EVERYONE WHO POSSIBLY CAN HELP, PLEASE OFFER A BIT OF YOUR TIME. WE WILL BE VERY STRETCHED IN THIS NEW VENUE.**
- The Shropshire Holiday will take place as usual at Clwyd Special Centre at the end of August. There is a list up in the RDA Hut now for volunteers. It is necessary to start planning very early as there is a mountain of paperwork for the organisers to sort through before this Holiday can go ahead. Even if you can only offer a day of your help it will be very gratefully accepted. The centre is a wonderful place and all the holidays that are held there have a very special atmosphere.
- Keep an eye out in the RDA Hut for the large map of Shropshire which outlines the border. Our Special MidSummer Challenge for the Group is a Sponsored Cycle/Ride/Walk/Carriage Drive/Pram Push round the County Boundary at the end of July. If you would like to cover any section of this, in any way you like, please get a sponsor form from the nominated Committee member for that section.
- The Group has two new instructors Fiona Mosson who helps with Saturday morning sessions and Anona White who helps with Friday afternoon sessions, as well as being stand in for a variety of other sessions too. New volunteers include Karen Busby from Telford who is joining the Thursday session.
- **PLEASE DON'T FORGET** to bring along any used print cartridges or old mobile phones. There is a big box in the RDA Hut. Once it is full, they will come along and collect it from us.
- Please let Jane know if your CRB Certificate has come through. This needs to be noted on your green card and we do not get notified separately when they are approved. Shrewsbury and District Riding Club are holding a **SUMMER BALL in aid of Perry Group**. The venue will be The Albright Hussey in Shrewsbury. Tickets are £30 per person and it will be Black Tie. Please contact Kate Vaughan on 01952 550555 if you would like tickets, or perhaps would be able to make up a table of 10 with friends?