

Furness R.D.A
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Welcome back, hope you all had an amazing Christmas and New Year. There is lots to look forward to in 2017 and as always, we are appealing to anyone with a little time to spare to help out whenever they can.

We will kick off with dates for your diary, as I know they fill up really fast at this time of year

Spring Term Riding

Wednesday Rides

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

Thursday Evening Rides *are starting a week later*

March 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th

Summer Term

Wednesday Rides

April 26th, May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Half term

June 7th (away day) 14th, 21st, 28th

July 5th (away day)

Thursday Evening Rides

May 18th, 25th

Half term

June 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, July 6th

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ON THURSDAYS! Please ask your friends!

Summer term dates will be confirmed at the next committee meeting and we will keep you informed.

IN HOUSE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

On the evening of FRIDAY APRIL 21st

There is a *very important training session* coming up. We are required to provide in house volunteer training and this course is designed to serve as a refresher course for are more experienced volunteers and a confidence building opportunity for new volunteers.

We are planning to change our structure in order to give volunteers specific responsibilities. The course will cover Horse Care/Tacking up/Mounting procedures and Leading and provide a forum for any questions that come up.

Please do your absolute best to attend this course, which will also be suitable for anyone you might know that is considering joining us.

Our next big event!

Message from our Trustees

Dear Friends,

The tickets for our Gala Evening at Cartmel Racecourse on Friday 31st March are now available from:

Mrs June Chapman, Low Hencroft, Woodland,
Broughton in Furness LA20 6AG.
Email: junechapman1@hotmail.com Tel: 10229
716479

The ticket application form can also be downloaded below

The tickets are £45 per person, with tables for 10 people.

This includes:

Welcome drink

Three course dinner

Guest Speaker John Sexton (Chairman of Go Racing and journalist for Racing Post)

Auction

Grand Prize Draw

Table magician

Music provided by local professional musician,
Steve Silver

Tickets for the Gala Dinner and Prize Draw tickets will be available, by kind permission of Green Garth Saddlery, from 28th February.

Address: 3 Crooklands Business Park, Ulverston Road, Dalton LA15 8FD

Or from any Committee member.

Thank you
We hope to see you there.

This will be our biggest fundraiser this year and involves a lot of hard work and planning. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend, it is going to be a fabulous evening!

We have decided not to hold the Holker Sponsored Ride this year

Last year our volunteers really outdid themselves with their fundraising activities and we have a great deal planned for 2017. We do tend to rely on the same group of people to support these activities and keep us afloat and it was felt that in order to avoid 'Burn Out' it was best not to hold a sponsored ride this year. We apologize to those who enjoy this ride every year and hope to see you next time.

NEXT SPONSORED RIDE
SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2018

TALKING OF HARDWORKING VOLUNTEERS.....

Dorothy Bateson was awarded a certificate for 25 years service as a volunteer for Furness RDA. She has been a star and we thank her very much indeed for her dedication and hard work



Don't forget, If you forget any dates, or lose your newsletter, you can check on our website www.furnessrda.org.uk

or

*Facebook RDA Furness group which you are encouraged to join! We now have **167** members, so it must be worth a look!*

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Next committee meeting Tuesday March 14th 7pm at 9, Teal Close, Askam