

# January 2015 News

Issue 3

## Celebrating 25 Years

**2015 is a landmark year for us as we will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary. We are proud that over the last 25 years, Wakefield RDA has grown and developed, offering not only horse riding opportunities but therapeutic experiences, educational programmes, training & qualifications in horse care and much more.**

Dear friends,

Welcome to our third Wrda newsletter. We hope to keep you informed about news, events and activities here at Wakefield RDA and to invite everyone to support us by getting involved in some of the events we are planning this year.

Our Events and Fundraising Committee was formed in 2012 to help organise social and fundraising events. Money raised from fundraisers such as Quiz Night, Race Night, Annual Show and Dressage Events bring in much needed funds to support the Charity.

You may not be aware - but our group does not receive any government or local authority funding! and fees from riding lessons and education programmes alone do not cover the day to day running costs, therefore we constantly have to raise additional funds in order to continue to deliver our excellent quality of service to the local community, ensure the welfare of our horses and maintain our facilities.

Here is an idea of some costs each year:-

Produce hay and haylage, purchase straw	£2506.00
Licenses & memberships	£ 698.00
Equine dentist, farrier & vet	£2540.00
Insurance	£3373.00
Routine maintenance/utilities	£1454.00

### So how can you help?

By attending your riding session every week and paying regular fees.

Also this newsletter contains a programme of events and activities for the year, designed to not only raise money but provide some fun and enjoyment too! We would be very grateful if you could support us by attending an event if possible or perhaps by donating raffle and tombola prizes.

There are other ways too, we are always looking for companies to Sponsor a Horse. You may wish to join the Fundraising Committee yourself or become a volunteer with our Group, assisting with lessons and basic horse care. You may have a special talent or a business that could help us with fundraising or improving our facilities.

If so, you will receive a warm welcome! Please contact the office on 01924 241341 if you feel you can help.

Most of all, it would be great to widen the participation in group events so come along, bring your family and friends and show your support, helping to provide riding for all in this our 25th Anniversary year! Here's to the next 25!

Best Wishes, Wrda Events & Fundraising Committee

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## Newest member of the team



Here is our new pony - Bill.

He is a 14.1hh dark bay cob. He is 7 years old and will carry children and small adults.

We hope you like him!

## List of Events 2015

Date	Event	Venue
Friday 17th April	Quiz Night	Aulis Hall
Sunday 24th May	Unaffiliated Dressage Event	Indoor School
Saturday 30th May	NE & S Yorkshire Dressage & Countryside Challenge Qualifiers	Indoor, Outdoor Schools and Colliery Field
Friday 19th & Saturday 20th June	Wakefield Festival of Beer Volunteers required for bar work	Unity Hall, Wakefield
Friday 5th June	Race Night	Aulis Hall
Sunday in July TBC	25th Anniversary Sponsored Walk and Bar-b-q	Pennine Community Grounds & indoor School
Saturday 4th July	Pennine Community Summer Fair	Stable Yard and Pennine Community
Friday 17th to Sunday 19th July	RDA National Championships	Hartpury College, Gloucestershire
Saturday in July TBC	Rotary Club of Wakefield Dragon Boat Race. Team of 17 required	Pugneys Water Park
Sunday in August TBC	Annual Horse Show	Grazing Fields, Wood Lane.
Sunday in September TBC	Car Boot Sale	Grazing Fields, Wood Lane.
Sunday in October TBC	Unaffiliated Dressage Event	Indoor School
Saturday 5th December	Pennine Advent Fair	Pennine Community & Aulis Hall

### Book Club

Books to purchase or borrow in the indoor School

Also good clean books required at all times please

### To all our Wakefield RDA Friends

**Please support our events, you will have a great time and also help us raise much needed funds to keep our Charity up and running**

## 25th Anniversary Clothing

### Available soon

Mens and Womens printed polo shirts and sweat shirts. Black or dark Purple with Silver logo. Prices start from £11.00 Please ask you instructor for more information or phone the office on **01924 241341**



**Need to buy riding clothes or a riding hat? Here is a list of our local tack shops**

### **Oddies Country Living**

3 Ripley Drive, Normanton Industrial Estate, Normanton, Yorkshire WF6 1QT  
01924 899780

### **Robinsons Equestrian**

Units 7 & 8, City South Retail Park  
Tulip Street, Hunslet  
Leeds LS10 2BB  
0844 573 1003

### **Three Kings Equestrian**

Unit 19, Wakefield Road  
Scissett, HD8 9JL  
07505 302 533

### **Throstle Nest Saddlery**

Moorend Lane, Silkstone Common  
Barnsley, South Yorkshire S75 4QX  
01226 790497

### **R & R Country**

Hull Road, Hemingbrough  
Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 6QJ  
01757 638555

### **Iron Horse**

Woodgrove Farm, Moss Rd  
Doncaster, DN6 0HH  
01302 709240

## Improvements to the Helper Room

Great News! We plan to start work in the helper room very soon thanks to grant funding from Minster Law and The Charity of Joseph Harrison. New storage areas, heating and appliances will be coming shortly

## Important Information

### Can't make your riding lesson?

That's OK but PLEASE phone the office in advance on **01924 241341** to let us know. There's nothing worse than our poor volunteers grooming and tacking up the horse, getting down to the school then no one arrives!!!!!!

## I'm helping Wakefield RDA to raise money whenever I shop online

### Could you do the same?

It's very simple - just visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wakefieldrda/> to register and shop with over 2000 well known retailers like Argos, M&S, eBay, Screwfix, PC World and many more. Whenever I buy something, the retailer makes a donation to Wakefield RDA. They've helped other causes raise over £2,000,000 so it really does work.

I'd be really grateful if you could use easyfundraising too. Its so simple just one click of the mouse to activate each donation once you are set up and it won't cost you a penny extra to shop through easyfundraising and you can even save money with special offers and voucher codes.

**So please make a difference to Wakefield RDA and take a look at easyfundraising today -**  
**<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wakefieldrda/>**

Thank you, Marion, Wrda Fundraising Committee

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Website [www.wrda.org.uk](http://www.wrda.org.uk)

Blog [www.wakefieldrda.typepad.co.uk](http://www.wakefieldrda.typepad.co.uk)



## Wordsearch

M	R	C	A	L	L	Y
I	A	B	L	G	U	E
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E	E	Q	F	I	E	O
B	N	A	L	T	E	R
M	E	H	S	H	A	Y
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Can you find the names of our horses in the grid?

Cheeky  
Chester  
Tiggy  
Ben  
Sam  
Bill  
Amber  
Maisie



### Indoor Arena Available to Hire

Our arena is available to hire most weekends and some evenings. Please phone the office on **01924 241341** for more information and to book

### Wakefield Rda Celebrating 25 Years

Look out for our  
**25th Anniversary Family Fun Day**  
during Summer. We hope you  
will come and join in the fun  
and support our group

**Wakefield**  
**RDA**  
Celebrating 25 years  
1990 - 2015



### Do you know of a company that might like to sponsor an RDA pony?

To sponsor an RDA pony we ask for a donation of £1000 for 1 year which would cover their main up-keep costs such as feed, bedding, vet, farrier, small pieces of equipment, lotions and shampoos.

This would be a great financial help for our group. The companys name could be displayed on their saddlecloth and on a plaque either in the indoor arena or on the stable door.  
Please ask your instructor for more information or phone the office on 01924 241341

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