



Ettrickbridge  
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RDA Group  
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Newsletter

Summer Term 2020



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**Corona Virus:** As we all know, this virus had impacted on all our lives and sadly has meant that riding has been suspended since mid - March. At the time of writing it's impossible to say when we will be able to restart riding, but rest assured we will be back as soon as we possibly can.

**Bridge Afternoon** The Annual Bridge Afternoon in Darnick Hall was very well attended and raised the excellent sum of £865. Many thanks to Caryl and her team for organising this event.



**New Volunteers** A warm welcome to Lisa and Emma who joined us after Christmas. We hope they have many enjoyable years with us.

**Endeavour Awards** Well done to our Thursday riders who passed their Endeavour award for halting their pony on their own. They should all feel very proud of themselves.



**Congratulations** to one of our long-serving coaches, Trish Lockhart, who won the Dodson & Horrell Winter Dressage series at ISEC on her amazing horse Jake (aka Antrim Magic). E&D's answer to Charlotte and Valegro!



#### Dates for your Diary

**ALL DATES ARE PROVISIONAL AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONCE THE CORONA VIRUS PICTURE IS CLEARER.** *Please keep an eye on your email and our Facebook page for up to date news.*

**Summer term.** Watch for information.

**AGM** Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2.45 at ISEC

**Presents Galore** Charity Fair Mon 5<sup>th</sup> (evening) and Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Oct Springwood Park, Kelso. Details to follow

**An Evening with Declan Murphy**

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. Details to follow.

**Charity Café at Kelso Races** Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Oct



*You will be wondering what's happening to the ponies at ISEC while all this is going on.*

*They have all had their shoes removed and have been turned away for the duration. Jenny*

*and Ian are caring for the horses themselves and Ian is catching up with schooling the younger horses and ponies.*



**Here are a few photos taken over recent months to cheer us up and remind us that WE WILL BE BACK !!**



*A big thank you to all our volunteers, the staff at ISEC, Borders College students and of course our amazing ponies for all your work with our RDA participants. It is so much appreciated. If you are a volunteer reading this, why not encourage a friend to come along and join our team or if you're not a volunteer, why not think about joining us? You don't need to be horsey, though of course this helps, just a keen enthusiasm and desire to help our riders get the most out of each session. The Wednesday group (primary school age) meets from 1.30-2.30pm August to October then April to June. The Thursday group (secondary children and adults) meets all year round in term time 1.30-3.30.*

*If you are interested, contact the secretary, Anne Derrick, or come along to one of our sessions once we re-start to see what we do.*