

Furness R.D.A
Newsletter
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Welcome back, hope you all had a good Easter. Those of you who Volunteer on a Wednesday morning have been hard at work since March 5th concentrating on Dressage training with an eye on the Regional Qualifiers in May.

A few other things have been happening since January.

First Aid Course.

The one day course was held at 38 ½ , The Gill, Ulverston on Monday February 25th at 9.30am.

The course was full, attended by twelve volunteers and was well worth the effort involved. All twelve participants received a certificate of competence. Thanks go to Aileen Dixon who organized it, the St. John's Ambulance Brigade who ran it and to June Chapman who supplied premises and sandwiches for lunch.

New Toilet at Seaview

A new toilet for disabled clients has been installed at Seaview. The Toilet was funded by the Furness Branch of the R.D.A. and installed by Seaview Riding Stables.

Furness R.D.A. Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at The Courthouse, Dalton in Furness on Monday May 12th at 7.30pm

Martin Alloway, Headteacher at Sandside School has kindly agreed to make a presentation.

This will be followed by a meal.

The menu choices are as follows:

Lancashire Hot Pot

Cumberland Sausage and Mash

Fish Pie with a Cheddar Cheese Crust

Beef and Guinness Stew with Herb Dumplings

Spring Vegetable Pie with New Potatoes

Please ring Sheila on 01229 468117 by May 1st and tell her what you would like to eat.

Regional Qualifiers

Wednesday May 21st at Calthwaite Hall, Calthwaite (near Wigton)
Junc.41 on the M6.

We need volunteers to go along and help (there will be no Wednesday morning classes on this day). Please call June on 01229 716479 if you are able to come with us.

Away Days

Are annual Picnic Rides will take place at Witherslack on the following dates:

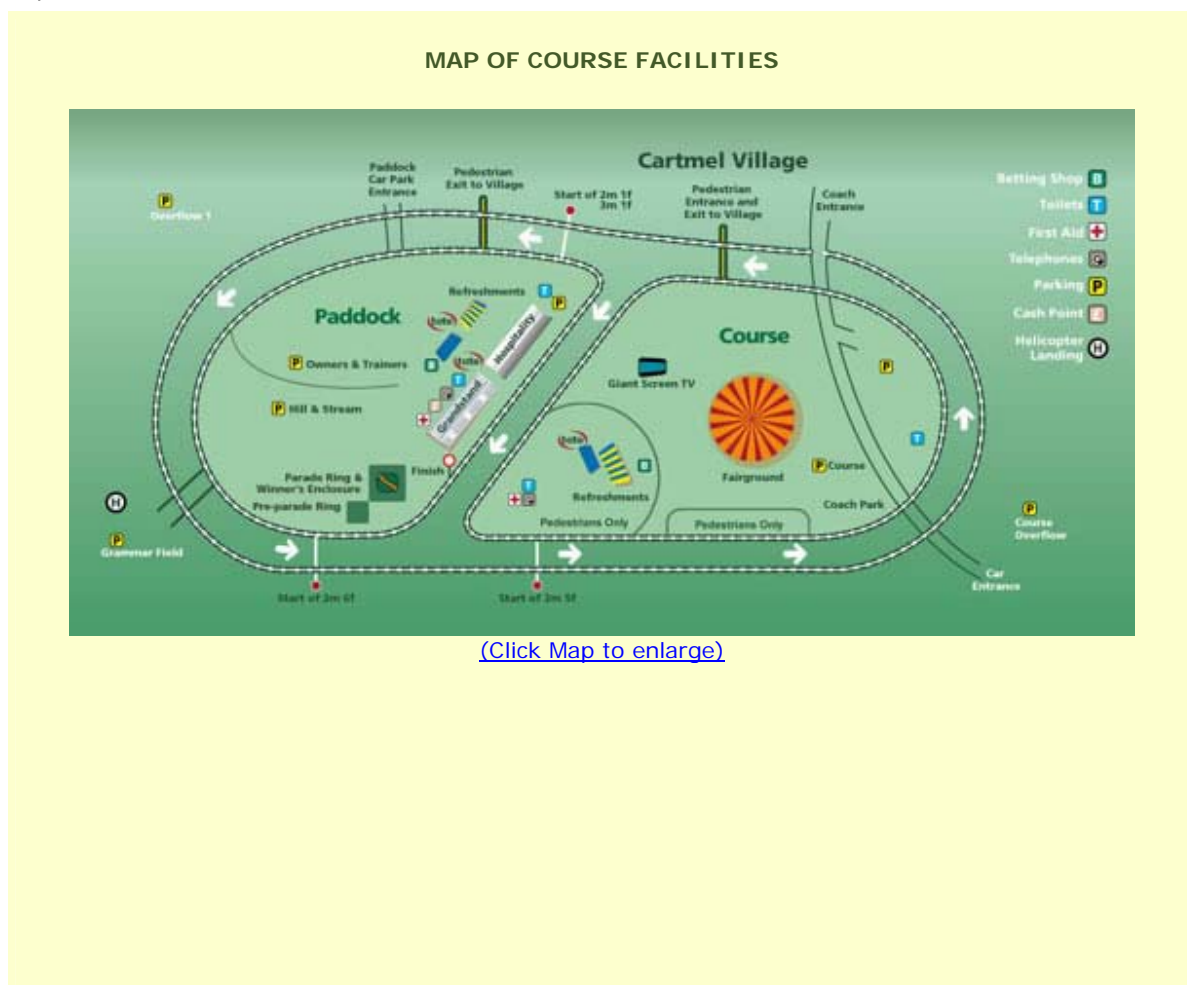
May 7th

June 4th

July 2nd

Picnic at Cartmel Races Wednesday May 28th

This is the first of what we hope will be a number of social events aimed at Volunteers, Clients, Friends and Families. This is a chance for us all to get together, have some fun and get to know everyone better. We will all meet up at around 1 0'clock. If you come in through the car entrance, look right to the spot down in front of the toilet block! Bring your own food and drink and join us for a day at the races. First race 2.30pm.



Holiday in Wales- Thursday 3rd July-Tuesday 8th July

Furness Group are taking four children on a Riding Holiday near Wrexham in Wales (see www.clwydspecialridingcentre.org.uk) We need to take a dozen volunteers with us to help supervise the children .At the moment we are 4 short! **We really need some extra**

help (No catering involved). If you think you could help out please ring Judith Stitt 01229 462671

National Championships at Hartpur

Assuming that some of our students qualify, we will be attending the National Championships on July 12th and 13th. Details will follow after the Regional Qualifiers. At the moment we have 4 volunteers.

Sponsored Ride at Holker Hall

Since we were unable to set a date for a Supper at Holker we are going to host another Sponsored Ride instead. This will take place on Saturday 20th September. Forms will be available online at www.furnessrda.org.uk from the middle of May.

This year we will also be supporting the West Cumbria group and they will be helping us out on the day.

The Lakeland show at Torver

The organizers have offered us a spot to put up a stand at the Lakeland Show in Torver on August 17th. Volunteers to man it would be welcome

Finally, don't forget that the **Thursday Night Sessions** start up again this week **April 17th** We are looking forward to seeing all our regulars and maybe a few new faces?

Next Committee meeting

Monday 2nd June 7.30pm at The Gill

Anyone wishing to contact me or send information for the newsletter can reach me at caroline.munday@talk21.com or telephone 01229 716894