



**Bannockburn Riding for the Disabled**  
**Newsletter**  
**February 2010**



## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Welcome back everyone! Hope you all enjoyed the festive break. Huge thanks again to everyone who braved the awful conditions to come up and help out while we were closed. It's great to be up and running again, and despite the closure its turning out to be a busy start to the year...

## **STAFF NEWS**

Gillian Meiklejohn has jetted off to Bavaria to drive horse-drawn coaches. Sounds wonderful! We wish her all the best in this new adventure.

Welcome to our 2 newest members of staff - Jen started her position as Admin Assistant mid January, and Kevin has now taken up his new role as Yard Assistant.

Jaydene and Staccie are doing a grand job in the Yard. They are with us for 6 months each as funded volunteers through Project Scotland.

Future Jobs Fund – we have been allocated funding for 10 six month training placements over the next 18 months, through Stirling Council's Youth Services Future Jobs Fund. The first of these, Matthew and Colleen, are due to start 8<sup>th</sup> February.

## **HORSES**

**Aida** and **Naiad** have joined us on loan to Sara from World Horse Welfare. They are dapple grey Highland sisters, who are already being used in classes.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Welcome to all new volunteers who have started helping us over the last few months - your support is invaluable to the Centre.

For the security of volunteers' belongings, we have installed some lockers in the cafe. Please keep the key with you and return at the end of the day.

## **DRIVING**

Puzzle, Aida and Naiad are currently undergoing training, and we hope to have them ready to join classes in time for the next driving season.

## **VAULTING**

The RDA National Championships will be held in July in Hartpury. If you would like to get involved, come along to a vaulting session on Saturdays at 3pm to find out more.

## **TASTER SESSIONS**

We are offering a number of taster sessions over the school half term, these have been allocated to children on the current waiting list.

## **FUNDRAISING and EVENTS**

### **Candle Party**

Ann Hunt from Easterton is hosting a PartyLite candle party in the cafe on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30. Come along for a drink and a nibble, and explore the range of candles and accessories.

### **Ceilidh**

Come on down to the Albert Halls in Stirling on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, and dance the winter blues away with the Skelpit Lug ceilidh band! Get your tickets from the office before they run out, price £10 (£8 concession).

### **Tesco Vouchers**

These will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> March, so please remind all your friends and family to collect the vouchers when they shop and pass them on to us here at RDA. We can exchange them for free sports equipment which can be used in our classes.

## **VISITORS' BOOK**

Just a reminder that for health and safety reasons, such as in case of fire, we have now installed a visitors' sign-in book in the cafe. ALL visitors to the Centre please SIGN IN AND OUT of this book, thank you.

## **GRASS VERGES**

There has been recent damage to the verges - could all drivers to the centre please ensure that they DO NOT drive on any grass verges and always use passing places. If any vehicle is seen to be driving on verges, the driver WILL BE CHARGED FOR REPAIR.

## **NEXT NEWSLETTER**

Please hand any contributions to Jen by the end of Feb. Thanks !