

# CENTRE UPDATE

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I cannot believe that preparation for the festive period is here already. Where did Autumn go? The Centre Christmas tree will go up next week and preparations for the horseback nativity are well under way. We are so lucky to have a committed group of volunteers and supporters who help us to stage this event. My thanks go to our own volunteers, who build the set, man the event, arrange the cast, costumes, awards and organise the refreshments. My thanks also go to wider supporters of the Centre who provide the lighting, the Choir and music and raffle prizes. The nativity is always a very popular event; please help us to fit in as many people as possible by filling up all the seats and not leaving gaps. We cannot allow standing in the aisles or in front of the seats.

As ever we need everyone's help in one way or another to keep the Centre going, so please can you help keep everyone safe by SLOWING DOWN on the drive, keep us solvent by paying your invoices on time and look after our horses by telling us if you are not riding so they are not tacked up unnecessarily!

## Events

### Bristol Chamber Orchestra – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Bristol Chamber Orchestra is holding a concert in aid of Avon Riding Centre inspired by the Mediterranean on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013. The concert is taking place in the Henleaze United Reform Church and will commence at 7.30pm

Tickets £10.00, Students £5.00 and children free (in advance) from Durdham Down Bookshop, Just So Toy Shop or from orchestra members (telephone: 01275 392344). £12.00 on the door.

Further information can be found at [www.bristolchamberorchestra.org.uk](http://www.bristolchamberorchestra.org.uk).

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### Graham's Coffee Morning – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013, Graham will be holding a coffee morning to help raise money for Avon Riding Centre. The coffee morning will take place from 10.00am until 11.30am in the Centre's Café.

Help raise money for the Centre by having a cuppa and a piece of cake!

We hope to see you there.



## Nativity and Carol Service

At

Avon Riding Centre

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Commencing at 6.30pm

Arrive early to get a good seat

St Stephen's Choir  
from Soundwell  
Church



Mince Pies, Hot  
Mulled Punch &  
Father Christmas

All donations gratefully received.

Text ARCD01 £1 to 70070 to donate £1 to Avon  
Riding Centre for the Disabled.  
Bring a torch and wrap up warm!

Avon Riding Centre for the Disabled  
Kings Weston Road, Henbury, Bristol, BS10 7QT  
Tel: 0117 959 0266

Registered Charity No: 281648



## Annual Mid-Winter Quiz Evening

Why not join us for our Annual Mid-Winter Quiz Evening on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013 in Westbury on Trym Village Hall? Come with a partner/friend/group or be buddied up on the night.

£5.00 per person (including a lucky raffle ticket).  
DOORS OPEN 7.00pm. Pencils ready at 8.00pm!

## Clinic & Competitions (For Horse Owners)

### Winter Dressage Series 2013 – 2014

- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2014
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2014
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014

For further information, please visit our website at  
[www.avonridingcentre.org.uk/category/events](http://www.avonridingcentre.org.uk/category/events)

### Winter Showjumping Series 2013–2014

- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 – Christmas Show
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014

For further information, please visit our website at  
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### ARC 10K (approx.) Race

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014, at 11 am Avon Riding Centre in association with Town and Country Harriers are organising a 10km (approx.) multi-terrain race. All proceeds from this race will be donated to Avon Riding Centre.

More details of the race and an entry form can be found on our website. Alternatively, you can register online at  
<http://www.tach.org.uk/races.php>.

#### Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for 15 volunteers to help marshal the race. Without enough marshals the race will not be able to go ahead. A full briefing will be given before the event and no previous experience is needed to be a marshal. If you can help, please email Yvette Swift on  
[admin@avonridingcentre.org.uk](mailto:admin@avonridingcentre.org.uk) or call us on 0117 959 0266.

## Riders

### Non-Disabled Riders – Christmas Break

Please be aware that all non-disabled riding lessons will finish on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 and start up again on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.

If you are going away over the Christmas break and will be unable to attend your lesson, please remember to give us at least 24 hours' notice in order to receive a replacement hack.

Thank you.

### RDA Term Dates

- **Term 2**  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2013
- **Term 3**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2014
- **Term 4**  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014
- **Term 5**  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014
- **Term 6**  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014 to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2014

### Access into the Main Building

A reminder that after 5pm every evening the side access into the main building, by the stables, will be locked. If you need to access the main building but are unsure of the code, please check with the Stable staff who will be happy to help.

It is important that this door is securely closed and remains locked after 5pm to ensure the safety of all riders, volunteers and staff.

Thank you.

## Spotlight on our Supporters

### Grand Concert

A huge thank you to the Kidderminster Valentines Ladies Choir and Gwent Police Male Voice Choir for raising over £700 for Avon Riding Centre. The two choirs teamed up to hold a concert in aid of the Centre on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013.

Entry was free and the full amount was raised by bucket collections at the event.

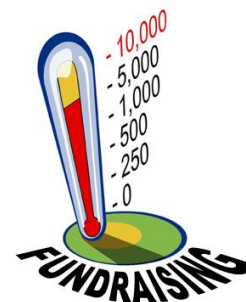
### Mocumentary

You may have seen a film crew around the Centre recently who have been helping to make the Avon Riding Centre Mocumentary. The mocumentary will give you a behind the scene look at our yearly nativity.

Thanks goes out to Jack Paulson, Film Producer and Paul Williams, BBC Cameraman and all of the film crew who donated their time and expertise for this project.

The mocumentary will be available soon for viewing.

## Support Your Centre



### Textile Recycling

Thank you to everyone who brought in bags for the collection last week – we collected just over 300 kilos which raised £193.26. Another collection will be organised in the New Year so please put unwanted clothing etc aside over the next few months.

## Easy Fundraising

Please remember to do your online Christmas shopping via easyfundraising on our website – all purchases will raise commission for the Centre and **it won't cost you any more money!**

## New Year's Resolution

Thinking of setting yourself a challenge for 2014?

Why not consider a sponsored diet or alcohol free month...

Or, if you fancy something more active we've still got spaces available for the Avon Gorge Abseil in April – so far 7 brave individuals have signed up so you won't be alone!!

Feeling the chill? Why not take part in our 'Firewalk' event which is planned for Autumn 2014: it's another great opportunity to challenge yourself and raise some money. Places will be limited so please let Jane Turner know if you're interested.

If you've always wanted to take on a challenge for charity and need some support and motivation let Jane know and she will help you find the perfect event.

## Lloyds Banking Group

If anyone works for any of the brands in the Lloyds Banking Group could you please let Jane Turner know by emailing her on [fundraising@avonridingcentre.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@avonridingcentre.org.uk).

We are keen to be shortlisted for the 2014 Community Fund but need to be nominated by a Lloyds employee.

Thank you.