

Pegasus RDA Newsletter June 2017

Welcome to the first Pegasus RDA newsletter designed to keep you all informed of news, events and funding. This will be produced quarterly and contributions are welcome from any rider, parent or volunteer! The page size is set to A3 and we prefer to share this electronically for environmental reasons but if you want a printed copy let us know.

Meet the trustees

As the trustee board for Pegasus, we are responsible for all management decisions and are accountable to the Charity Commission and RDA National. We meet regularly to discuss governance, take decisions about our group and plan future events.

We welcome suggestions to improve our group from any volunteer, parent or rider. We also welcome fundraising suggestions and ideas for events but all such requests must come through the Trustee board for approval before being implemented or arranged. Please speak to one of us or email pegasusrda@gmail.com

Our faces should all be familiar to you however you might not know who does what:

Gill Petty (Chair)
Helen Bacon (Treasurer)
Klaudia Darbinova (Secretary)
Julie Woodman (Funding)
Hughie Mulhall (Rider Rep)
Denise Cobhan (Rider Rep)
Katy Mongan



Parking – a polite notice

As you are aware, there are significant parking issues on the yard. If possible, please consider parking on the road and walking up to the stables so that spaces are available for those with mobility disabilities.



Gift Aid

We have only just been registered for Gift Aid with HMRC. We will soon be able to claim gift aid on donations if a Gift Aid declaration is completed. It will automatically be collected on any donations made via our donation site BT MyDonate at <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/pegasusrda> For regular donators, there is a one-off form that can be completed – please ask Helen for a copy



Disability sheet

Klaudia has been working on a list of disabilities that impact on our riders and what this means for volunteers, riders and coaches. This will be shared with you all once all riders, parents and carers have approved it but please do feedback any changes or updates on an ongoing basis.

Rider progression

Pegasus now has rider progression forms for everyone who we work with and these will be shared with you all in coming weeks. This is to ensure that we all know what rider goals are so that we can coordinate our teaching and measure progress.

We are also going to be using the RDA Tracker – an initiative from National RDA which helps track rider progress. More information about this will follow soon.

We are now able to offer RDA Rider and Horse Care Proficiency Certificates for grades 1-3. Any rider can get involved. The coaching team are working with a couple of riders already and will be speaking with everyone over the next few weeks to ensure you have the opportunity to join in if you want to.

Volunteer progression

Similarly, to rider progression we want everyone who volunteers with Pegasus to feel that they are a valued part of the team. Klaudia has been working on this with a view to recording progress against the RDA Greencard and personal goals that you may have.

It is our intention that every volunteer will receive a free Pegasus RDA shirt when they complete their Greencard training. We hope to order a new batch of shirts soon and these will also be available for people to buy.

All volunteers should receive a name badge to wear at sessions once they have started their training. If you have not yet had your badge please let Helen or one of the other trustees know.

Events calendar and social events

We are working on an events calendar and hope to be able to share this with you soon. This will include RDA events in the region, our internal events such as training and hopefully some social plans! If you have any ideas for events please do let us know.

Thanks to Cath

On behalf of all the trustees we'd like to say a big thank you to Cath who has decided to stand down as a Trustee.

Cath was one of the core members of the team that set up Pegasus and she will be sorely missed. We hope to still see her at the odd session though and will keep her updated on all our events and progress.

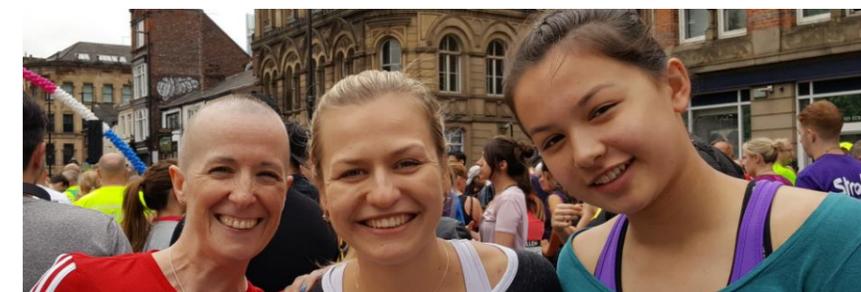


Fundraising and donations

Thanks also to all our supporters who've made donations and got this charity off the ground.

We would like to thank Janet Carter for her very generous donation of £450 from making hand-made greeting cards.

Congratulations to Helen, Klaudia and Jade who raised a staggering £2050 by completing the Great Manchester Run on 28th May. This money will enable us to buy equipment for lessons and our show.



Pegasus RDA Show 2nd July 10am-2pm

We are very excited to be holding our own show this year. Please do invite friends and family to come and join us. There will be something for everyone!

Below is some information about what will be happening. We will be emailing you all with more detail in the next few weeks but if you want to take part and have not yet told us please do so ASAP!

| Riding Classes | Other activities |
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| Best turned out pony / rider | Refreshments / cake |
| Riding demo | Horse quiz |
| Pairs riding class | Guess sweets in jar |
| Countryside challenge class | Pin the tail on the donkey |
| Gymkhana | Name the horse |
| Musical ponies | Arts & crafts activities |
| Parent / sibling race (no horses involved!!) | Raffle |