



As we enter into Spring, we can't wait for the warmer days, lighter mornings and all the fun activities to come in the months ahead. We have lots of exciting news to report from the first part of 2019!

A Huge Welcome to our New Riders and Volunteers

This year, we have welcomed lots of new riders and volunteers. We love that our Pegasus family is growing and hope that everyone who has joined us this year is enjoying their experience.

We have also had two new assistant coaches join us; Karen and Gilly, who you will see teaching lessons each week. Karen has also taken a position on our board of trustees.

All our coaches and trustees give their time voluntarily, managing their RDA roles alongside demanding full time jobs, young families and other commitments. I'm sure you will agree, they do a fantastic job, and the group is extremely lucky to have such a knowledgeable and dedicated team!

Pegasus RDA – Meet the Team

Trustees are responsible for the running of the group and are happy to answer any questions or queries. Please speak to us at our weekly sessions, or contact us by email: pegasusrda@gmail.com



Gill Petty

*Trustee - Chair
Coach
RDA North West
Regional Chair*



Helen Bacon

*Trustee – Treasurer
Safeguarding Officer
Coach*



Megan Holland

*Trustee - Secretary
Coach*



Kludia Darbinova

*Trustee
Volunteer Coord.
Coach*



Katy Mongan

*Trustee
Coach*



Caroline Riley

*Trustee
Volunteer Rep.
Fundraising Lead*



Hughie Mulhall

*Trustee
Parent Rep.*



Karen Reilly

*Trustee
Trainee Coach*



Gilly Donoghue

Trainee Coach

A New Addition to Pegasus

We are very excited to announce that, jointly with North Cheshire Equestrian Centre, we have purchased a new horse; Cooper (a.k.a. Bob the Cob). Bob is 7 years old, and at 15' 3" he is now the biggest horse that Pegasus has access to. He is a very important addition to our group as he will enable our riders to progress. In the future, he will also be available to ride at regional and national events.



Fundraising News

You may have noticed that the group has increased our fundraising efforts recently. Pegasus receives no external funding and so we rely heavily on donations. We need to fund the day to day running of the group, provide training for our wonderful volunteers and purchase equipment to ensure our participants have the best possible experience.

We are also now responsible for 50% of costs for Bob, and horses are very expensive to keep! With this in mind, we are in need of donations towards his upkeep. If you can, please consider making a donation on our online giving site – even a small donation of £2 will pay for a bag of carrots and will be greatly appreciated!

We post all ongoing fundraising initiatives on our public Facebook page (@pegasusrdacarrington). Please follow us if you don't already, and like and share our posts to allow us to engage with as many people as possible.

Suggested Donations for Bob

Amount	What it will pay for
£10	A week's hay
£2	A bag of carrots
£20	Grooming Kit
£5	Feet Trim
£5	Shampoo
£20	Wormer
£50	Summer Rug
Donations for saddle (total cost around £1000)	

On 6th May, trustee and trainee coach Karen faced her fears to undertake a 15,000 ft skydive to raise funds for us. Karen has raised over £1000, which is amazing! The proceeds from the skydive have gone towards purchasing Bob the Cob – it's not too late to sponsor her and show your support for Pegasus!

We are in the running to receive one of 500 £1,000 donations from Ecclesiastical Insurance. The more votes we receive, the better chance we have of winning. You can nominate us by visiting www.ecclesiastical.com/movementforgood and clicking the 'Nominate Now' button. Our charity number is 1171377, and the category is disability. It only takes a moment to vote for us, and £1,000 would make a huge difference to our group!

We are also currently supported by the Co-op Local Community fund. Since October, Co-op members have raised over £800 for Pegasus, which is a fantastic achievement. The scheme is running until October, so please become a Co-op member and support Pegasus RDA (we are in the Sport category) so we can raise even more funds!

As always, we welcome any fundraising ideas, from cake sales to supermarket bag packing. We would love for more of our parents, riders and volunteers to get involved in fundraising – please contact the trustee team if you would like to help us.

Pegasus Babies

We have had two new mini additions to our team this year! Klaudia's baby girl, Isabella, was born in January and Caroline's baby boy, Theo, was born in April. Big congratulations to Klaudia and Caroline!



By Royal Appointment

On 2nd April, trustee and coach Katy attended a reception at Windsor Castle, hosted by Her Majesty The Queen in order to celebrate the centenary of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations. The reception brought together hundreds of volunteers involved in a wide range of causes and served to highlight the contribution that volunteering has made to millions of lives in the UK and throughout the world.



Regional Show



On Sunday 12th May, the North West Regional Show was held at Crosby RDA. Our very own trustee and coach Gill, in her role as RDA North West Chair, oversaw the day's events and a team of Pegasus volunteers were on hand to provide support and to ensure everything ran smoothly.

The weather did not disappoint, nor did the performance of Team Pegasus rider Katie, competing on her horse Boo. Katie did an amazing job, qualifying for the RDA National Championships in both dressage and the countryside challenge. We could not be prouder of Katie and everything she has achieved and wish her the best of luck for the Nationals in July. Another winner on the day was rider and volunteer Fallon, who won the arts & crafts competition with her entry – Well done Fallon!

We would like to give a huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to support this event, helping wherever possible and cheering the riders on. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without our wonderful volunteers!

Don't Forget.....

Our Summer Pony Party will be on Sunday 28th July. Please join us if you can for lots of fun and games.