



Emile Faurie Foundation
Reaching Children Through Horses



Newsletter

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EFF is a registered charity no 1121710

The EFF funds disadvantaged children living in Inner Cities and remote areas in the UK to have riding lessons and contact with horses. The Foundation funds over 40 School and Youth Projects enabling hundreds of children each year to experience the joy of being with horses. As a self-funded charity we face tough challenges with raising money and need as much help and support from you!!

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Strictly Come Dressage



This popular event was held in November and attracted record entries! Held at Oldencraig Equestrian Centre by kind permission of Ian and Vicky Winfield it was a fun packed day with amazing costumes and displays. The Quadrilles were especially exciting with children showing their skills racing around the arena! Everyone had a lovely day and the Gala afternoon audience were treated to a thrilling display by 'The Horsemen of the Knight' ... we would like to thank all our Sponsors who helped to make this event a great success. Look forward to seeing new faces this year!

Masquerade Charity Ball



This event was held in the stunning setting @ Ashdown Park Hotel before Christmas - the event was a sell out and raised £18,000 for the EFF. Everyone had a fabulous time and enjoyed live Swing Band, table Magician, Violinist and Guitarist. Thank you to all our Sponsors and those who donated prizes for our Auction and Fab Raffle - we are holding this event again this year on 21st November.

Our Art Exhibition held at Gallery North in Hailsham last year was a really lovely Exhibition and helped to raise funds - thank you to all our Artists that support the Foundation and to Jennifer and all her staff at the Gallery who helped to make this such a success - we hope to have another Exhibition in 2016 - all Artists are listed on our website and will make a donation to the EFF if you quote our website!



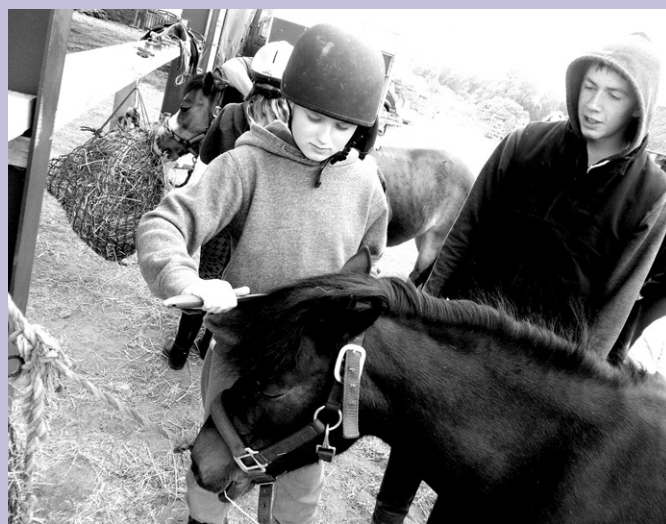
THANK YOU TO ALL OUR AMAZING SPONSORS, FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE THIS ALL POSSIBLE

THE FOUNDATION HAS PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE UK WHO RIDE AT NEARBY BHS RIDING CENTRES in Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Cleethorpes, Scunthorpe, Boston, Newcastle, London, Stoke-on-Trent, Scotland, Bedford, Reading, Hull, Leeds, Stockton-on-Tees, Gloucester, Essex, London, Yorkshire, Brighton, Norwich, Kettering

Reece's Story

Reece is 10 years old and rides with the EFF – Reece has come from a broken home and now lives with foster parents. For no apparent reason Reece stopped talking about 3 years ago ... making it very difficult for schooling and home life.

He was chosen to go riding and hoped it would be something he would enjoy – on his first session he was lead by an Instructor who knew nothing of his problem – after a while he was obviously enjoying himself she asked him if he wanted to trot and he nodded – she told him he would have to say TROT ON to the pony and after repeating this a few times he quietly said TROT ON and they carried on with the lesson – just with a few words like good boy, stop, go etc - The teachers were astonished and his foster parents overjoyed and he continues to talk and his best friend is now SADIE the pony!



This great drawing won our Postcard Competition in 2014



The judges panel consisting of Sally Martin, Judy Boyt and Emile, had a tough job choosing a winner and this was the favourite - drawn by 10 year old Mckenzie MacDonald from Horizons Academy in Stockton-on-Tees!.



Students from Glenrothes School in Scotland who attend the Positive Diversions Project made a short video about their experiences riding and caring for horses. The pupils and Carol Wilson - project manager spent a considerable time on this and produced a very professional video that can be viewed on our website ...

"When I started at TLG I saw R as a very quiet, withdrawn young man. He often hid under a cap with his eyes downcast. He never sat next to people in lessons and just quietly got on with his work without interacting with anyone. He'd be huddled in his hoodie or coat with his head and face barely seen. And then we took him horse riding ...

... I had to do a double take! Suddenly, there on the back of a horse was a completely different boy. He was talking to the horse and stroking him. His head was up and I could not only see his face, but could see him SMILING! He was not the sad, withdrawn lad that I'd seen before. He came alive and really enjoyed himself. Even though none of the other lads went and it was only girls, he asked to go back every week.

Seeing R in the country fresh air, just him and his horse having a wonderful time, gave me a new insight as to just what can be offered to these young people.

It's not just about academic education and passing exams ... it's also about providing these troubled young people with the opportunity to try new things ... to succeed in things that they didn't know they could even do ... to grow in confidence ... to experience, love, grace, forgiveness and acceptance even when they mess up ... and to be happy.'



Cleethorpes pupils are hot to trot thanks to scheme

PUPILS from a Cleethorpes school are riding high after achieving top marks in their favourite subject.

Holy Family Catholic Academy (HFCA) is the first school in the area to offer its pupils the chance to take exams in horsemanship.

The riding experience at Weelsby Park Riding School has been enjoyed thanks to a partnership between the Cleethorpes school, the riding centre and The Emile Faurie Foundation, which sponsors young riders.



Emile receives many letters and photos from the children and their teachers. Here are a few and some quotes from the children and their project workers.

"I feel safe when I am with the horses"

"I leave my troubles behind me at home"

"I love being with them, they are my friends"

"I have learnt so much and feel so much happier and more confident at school"

"Learnt to canter today and loved it look forward every week to my riding"

"The best part is brushing Molly's mane and talking to her, she is my best friend"

"I was heading for trouble. Gangs and drugs, and then through the EFF I found horses and my life changed. Thank you"

(this pupil is now at College doing an Equine Science Course)

Quotes from teachers:

"We notice a huge change in the pupils' attitude, their school attendance often improves and they are friendly and happier in school making learning an easier task!"

"Their self-esteem and confidence has grown and they try harder in their studies"

"I am delighted that the students at HFCA have been given the opportunity to learn to ride and care for the ponies and we are very grateful to The Emile Faurie Foundation for funding the programme."

"It has been wonderful to witness the students grow in confidence and riding ability and especially to listen to them talk so enthusiastically about their time at the stables."





MIDSUMMERS GARDEN PARTY at PASHLEY MANOR GARDENS

This event is hugely popular set in these magnificent gardens and enjoy a buffet supper with wine ...

Date to be announced



STRICTLY COME DRESSAGE !!!

This event will be during October this year!

MASQUERADE CHRISTMAS CHARITY BALL at ASHDOWN PARK HOTEL

This event will be held on Saturday 21st November (tables and tickets will be available on website)

STOP PRESS - IN 2016 IT WILL BE THE FOUNDATION'S 10th YEAR!

To celebrate this amazing achievement we will be holding a celebration to remember at Heath Farm, Milton-Under-Wychwood during the summer!

Craig Payne is holding a Charity Barn Dance in aid of the EFF on 29th and 30th May in Chiddingly, West Hoathly - details on website



THANK YOU TO:

Jacksons Fencing: Richard Jackson Kindly presenting a cheque to us at Windsor Horse Show !

The National Equestrian Schools Association presented a cheque for £1,000 to the EFF - Emile is delighted to have their support.

Charlotte Wickington and her team organised a Ball in November and raised over £2,500 in aid of the EFF - Emile was delighted to receive this generous donation as it came as a complete surprise! So special thanks to all those involved!



COULD YOU BE A FOUNDATION SPONSOR?

We are inviting Individuals, Businesses and Organisations to become FOUNDATION SPONSORS AND FRIENDS to enable us to fund more projects and offer riding to more children.

You can help the foundation by

- BECOMING A FRIEND OF THE FOUNDATION
- HOLDING A FUND RAISING EVENT
- SPONSORING A CHILD TO RIDE
- SPONSORING AN EVENT
- ENCOURAGE YOUR LOCAL RIDING SCHOOL/CLUB TO HOLD AN EVENT FOR US
- DONATING THROUGH OUR WEBSITE

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