



*Emile Faurie Foundation*  
*Reaching Children Through Horses*



# Newsletter

SPRING / SUMMER 2017

EFF is a registered charity no 1121710

The EFF funds disadvantaged children living in Inner Cities and remote areas to have riding lessons and contact with horses. The Foundation had funded over 70 projects throughout the UK in the past 10 years enabling thousands 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 all of you!

## WONDERFUL TIME AT OLYMPIA INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW !!



It was a great honour to be the chosen Charity for Olympia at Christmas and it helped to raise much awareness for the work the EFF

celebrate our 10th Anniversary. Thank you to all those who bid generously for these tickets! Emile also rode and had a fantastic result in the Grand Prix coming fourth on 'Weekend Fun'.

On the Thursday two of our projects came as guests to the afternoon performance so we had 20 children (with teachers) who all had a lovely time. Our project from Newcastle meet Claire Balding and had a photo taken with her (*below*), she was very enthusiastic about the Foundation and impressed with the work we are doing. Olympia Horse Show kindly donated an amount from the afternoons' performance and the Emile is very grateful for all their support throughout the Show.



does and also raised over £1,000 through bucket collecting both evenings and the sale of a wonderful painting of Valegro by Sally Martin (*right*). This wonderful painting was put on display and asked those interested to put in a silent bid over the two dressage evenings – Emile was delighted to announce that Carrie Hughes had won the bid with over £3,000 !!, a very generous way to support the EFF so big THANKYOU !

The Foundation had a hospitality box and we had auctioned tickets at our Summer event and this was a wonderful way to

It was a really magical way to celebrate the EFF's 10th Anniversary ! We look forward to the next 10 years !



CONGRATULATIONS to Morgan riding Lara for winning the Novice section at the National Riding Schools Championships and to Izzy with Maestro for coming 9th, both these girls are on our Young Scholars Scheme at Stepney Bank Stables in Newcastle and many have been successful starting their Equine exams and looking forward to a future with horses!

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

## 10th Anniversary Christmas Party



Held once again at Ashdown Park Hotel this event certainly pushed the boat out as far as celebrations were concerned. We sold out and 120 guests were treated to an evening of fabulous live entertainment and it was really a night to remember.

Our fabulous auction and raffle raised over £12,000 and once again we are indebted to all those who gave prizes and supported the Auction. Our guest speaker was Sarah Geddis who is head teacher from St. Mary's School in Rochdale, Manchester who spoke passionately about the positive effect that riding has on these children. Sarah has worked with us with different schools from the beginning and has over 650 children who have benefited from our funding.

Entertainment was provided by a fantastic live band, table/mind reading magician and guest opera/ jazz singers.

**Don't miss this year's Christmas Gala Party, to be held at Ashdown Park Hotel, on Saturday 25th November.**



## MIDSUMMER'S GARDEN PARTY

This was held at Bluebell Vineyards, by kind permission of Joyce and Barry Tay, and was in the style of the 1920s/30s.

The sun shone and again was a sell out. It was a fabulous evening and raised £11,000 through our auction and raffle.

Most of the ladies dressed up and added a real sense of occasion to the evening. There were some enlightening moments ... all in good spirit.



We are holding the event this year on Wednesday 16th August in 'Speakeasy' style

## CHEQUE FROM BYRDS WALES

Emile was delighted when BYRDS, Wales raised £500 from their Raffle at their Ball and donated it to the Foundation. The cheque was presented to Emile at the Winter National Championships by Poppy, a BYRDS member, who afterwards went bucket collecting!

BYRDS also offered a place at their Summer Camp for one of our riders from our projects. Lucky Leah from Manchester who rides at Ryders Farm in Salford and has received support from the Foundation for a number of years attended their Camp recently and had a wonderful time!

One of our youngsters from Stepney Bank Stables in Newcastle is also attending their next Camp in June and kindly their Rep Sioned Roberts has loaned her lovely Connemara for the weekend! We are delighted to have BYRDS support and hope other areas will offer their help as well. I





## Yard Visits To Heath Farm

During the Summer two of our projects were invited to visit Heath Farm and meet Emile and his horses. Both the Friendship Café and Stepney Bank Stables visited on different days and enjoyed a packed morning watching Emile and having a tour around the yard and met many of the horses including Emile's Grand Prix horse 'Weekend Fun'. The day finished with a photoshoot with Emile, and a presentation to a rider from Newcastle who won last year at the National Riding Schools' Championship – a lovely jacket kindly donated by Fieldhouse Saddlery and lovely rosettes for everyone. More yard visits for projects are scheduled for this Summer:



## RACING

Brogan from Friendship Café in Gloucester took up the reins and went Pony Racing and came third in her first race at Wincanton – she was delighted and would never of started riding if not for the Foundation.

Her father wrote "Your organisation has given my child some incredible opportunities and experiences which have been life changing and

given her invaluable skills, knowledge and experience which will stand her in good stead for the rest of her career now in Equine. I cannot thank you enough for the effort and support you have given". Brogan visited Heath Farm in the Summer and when asked if still wanted to race replied she would like now to try Dressage!

## Christmas Card Competition

We ran our Christmas card competition again and had cards printed for sale at Olympia.

We received so many outstanding entries several winners were picked and a mixed pack was made up. These will be available for sale this year as well.



## WE HAVE EIGHT NEW PROJECTS FOR 2017

The EFF needs to raise over £70,000 this year to maintain all these projects – each project receives £1,000 per term – depending on the area and costs – so we need your support!



## JUST SOME OF THE MANY LETTERS WE RECEIVE FROM THE CHILDREN

"I feel safe when I am with the horses"

"Being with them is magical ..."

"I look forward to my riding every week."

"My life has changed ... thank you ..."

It's my special time ..."

## Quotes from teachers:

Wyatt suffers from ASD and could be violent at school - since riding he has become calmer and is able to focus for longer periods as he loves the horses and riding - incidences of violence towards himself and property have now greatly diminished.

Children who are withdrawn, introverted and displaying low self esteem since riding and having contact with horse have made huge strides forward - quotes like 'do you think he likes me when stroking the horse gives joy when the horse responds to the child which they always do! Their confidence improves and they are always organised before their lessons so as not to waste time enjoying their drive into the country from the city to their lessons - it is a wonderful experience for the children and we can't thank the Foundation enough!

## MIDSUMMER'S GARDEN PARTY

... in the style of 'SPEAKEASY' – so Guys and Dolls put on your glad rags and join us for an evening of fun! Live music / wine tasting / sit down dinner in a beautiful setting of the Bluebell Vineyards, East Sussex, by kind permission of Barry and Joyce Tay. Tickets £55 (tables of 10 – 10% discount). Book early as very popular after last year's event!



## Christmas Gala Party

To be held on Saturday 25th November @ Ashdown Park Country Hotel. This a wonderful evening, with fabulous live entertainment – live band / magician / mind reader – jazz and opera singers and more! Book early as tables already being booked. For more info and tickets visit [www.emilefauriefoundation.org.uk](http://www.emilefauriefoundation.org.uk)

## STRICTLY COME DRESSAGE

plus Hobby Horse Championships! Date to be announced soon

## THANK YOU TO ...

... **BOTHWELL CHARITY TRUST** for donating £5,000 again this year so very grateful for your support.

... Author **RUTH SABERTON**, who has kindly donated percentage of her profits from her book 'Chances' – a great read for teenagers who love horses!

... **MARY MACKAY** who donated monies raised from her 'Bunny Boarding'

... Photographer **CRAIG PAYNE**

**TO ALL OUR PRIVATE SUPPORTERS WHO CONTINUE TO BE SO GENEROUS!**

OUR EFF FRIENDS, ARTISTS, SPONSORS, SUPPORTERS, VOLUNTEERS, and all those who donate to all our Auctions and Raffle we would not be able to continue without you.

Thank you!

*Emile*

## R.I.D.E CAMPAIGN

You can donate through Just Giving by texting - **EFFR17** to **70070** stating the amount you wish to give



## 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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