**NORTHERN IRELAND REGIONAL REPORT FOR THE AGM 2016**

With the showing season over the NI region have had a chance to recharge their batteries, but before all is packed away the annual donkey driving day proved a great hit with its members - a great opportunity was had by all to take to the roads around Saintfield. Once again the Brown family provided facilities for people to gather and may I pass on thanks on behalf of the region.

The Carrot Chase took part at Cultra Museum. With the date falling close to Halloween the junior members decided it should be a fancy dress event. A large number turned out for the social event: adults, kids and four legged long ears even managed to come as ghosts and the likes. Hot food was kindly provided and yet again the whole event went down a storm.

I think it's only fair to mention a huge congratulations to Sinead Doran, her son Caolan and donkey Dolly who won the All Ireland Mare Championship at Ballinasloe, great to see all the hard work and dedication paying off.

Diary for the region includes a Teeth MOT day and further walk, ride and drives and of course there is the Newcastle AGM to look forward to!

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