

## **SOUTH**

### Report from Maureen Thorne Regional Delegate for the South. September 2018

All the outings and shows since my last report in July have gone well.

26<sup>th</sup> August we had to cancel due to heavy rain but we were lucky enough to be able to hold it on the Bank holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup>.

This was a '**Donkey Fun Day**' held near Newbury at Judith Williams' Farm.

15 donkeys attended, in the AM we had a set course of obstacles & cones to master all timed!

We stopped for a BBQ lunch!! and later carried on with another set course, where on various obstacles were letters which we had to find 'the word', there were plenty of wrong answers of ASKING the answer was GASKIN !

It was a real good, fun day & we hope to do more events like this in the future.

We are holding a cone event at Trowbridge again in October so all welcome.

Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September is The Wiltshire Donkey show being held at The Warminster Saddle Club this year we have 100 entries!!! & may get a few more on the day, we not only have the normal driving, long reining, breed classes etc we have fun classes too, 3 cone classes & 2 Agility classes, Long Rein or In hand, So it should be a good day too.

The following Sunday we have a walk in the Forest (New Forest) followed by a pub lunch the Pub owners very kindly let us put the donkeys in their pens and we have tables quite close so we can keep an eye on the donkeys, so this is a lovely outing too.

We have changed our Christmas Meal venue to The Rainbow Inn Nr Wilton Wilts - we will advise members soon.

Maureen Thorne