

Longears

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Closing date for next Longears is 1ST MARCH 2019
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LONDON NEW YEARS DAY PARADE.
If you want to take part in this event, with or
without a donkey please see page 14 of the
latest Braytalk (156) for details.

WELCOME TO LONGEARS the newsletter of the
South East region of the Donkey Breed Society.
Whether you receive this by email or post there is a lot
of information for you.

Attached or included are details of the
Christmas Lunch to which you are all
invited. No Indoor Donkey show this
year but a chance for good
conversation, good company and good
food, and presentations of awards to
members. Please reply promptly or
you may be disappointed.



You will also find the minutes of the region's AGM.
Included in these are the Chairman and Area
Representative's reports. You will see how hard they
have been working for the last year.

There are lots of activities being arranged for 2019.
Dates and times are still being finalised and full details
will be in the next edition of Longears in March.

Thank you to those of you who replied to my email
regarding receiving Longears by email. If you haven't
made these arrangements you can simply email me
and I will put you on the list. barbara24@fastmail.fm

And have you had a look at the new website?
www.donkeybreedsociety.co.uk It has been
upgraded and should be easier to use.

On behalf of the SE region committee may I wish you
all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Barbara Roger

SOUTH EASTERN DONKEY SHOW

Merrist Wood College, Worplesdon,
Guildford. GU3 3PD

Bank Holiday Monday

6th May 2019

This is our 32nd year (although 31st Show due to one
being cancelled due to Foot and Mouth outbreak).
Throughout this time SEDS show has been "the star in the
crown" for our region. We have always had a very good
turnout, usually about 50 - 60 donkeys attending on the
day. The Show has been held at several different locations
over the years, but we have now settled at Merrist Wood
College which has every facility that we need - indoor
arena, parking, gallery for spectators, outdoor ring, P.A.
System, toilets, cafe, etc; which makes things a lot easier
for the Committee members especially as we are all getting
older. We no longer have the hard work of putting up
marquees, setting up show rings and someone having to
stay on site for security purposes the day/night
beforehand. However, as you can imagine, hiring Merrist
Wood is much more expensive. Therefore, to continue the
success of SEDS show, we urgently require Sponsorship
and rely heavily on the support of our valued competitors.

Please support our regions show either as an Exhibitor,
Sponsor or Volunteer. We need help both practically and
financially in order to keep this prestigious annual show
going.

We look forward to seeing you at the Show.

If you can offer any support, please contact: *Rosemary,
John, or Tracy Porter. Contact details above*

A MESSAGE FROM CORAL

I just wanted to inform everyone in the South East that our long-standing Kent representative and committee member has had to stand down from the committee and her duties due to just generally getting older and needing help with everyday things.

Anne McCaig has worked tirelessly for the Donkey Breed Society, especially the South East Region and all her driving related events.

She has given sound advice.... to donkey owners and drivers over many years, most of us have had a helping hand along the way from Anne on donkey care and all aspects of donkey driving. Always there to help the young or the old and having training days to help with harnessing up and getting the harness fitting correctly and then the essential driving skills.

Those who have had the pleasure to meet Anne know that not only is she a talented artist but an absolutely brilliant cook too. We have all enjoyed brilliant times at her home, Joy's Cottage, her garden open days and of course her famous Christmas party which was an event not to be missed.

Unfortunately Anne has trouble with her eyes and can't see very well. So she is now being cared for at a home in Kent which is soon to have to sanctuary donkeys moving in to the grounds there, which I am sure will give Anne a great deal of pleasure. If you have time please do get in touch and we will be able to give you the details of where Anne is now living so you could visit.

It would be nice if we could get a rota going so someone from the Donkey Breed Society visited her once a month, Carol Morse and I have recently been and she was very pleased to see us. So I am sure she will enjoy your company. If you are reading this Anne the South East Donkey Breed Society send their love. *Coral Weaver*

www.safehaven4donkeys.org

There will be a talk about the work done by this charity on
SATURDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

At John and Rosemary Porter's home

The Folly, 1 Folly Hill, Farnham, Surrey GU9 0AX
at 12 noon.

Followed by a demonstration of how to prepare your donkey for the show ring.

Please let Coral know if you are coming by 10th February



BEACH WALK AT BRACKLESHAM BAY APRIL 2019

Rosemary and I are arranging a beach walk at Bracklesham Bay for 2019. However, we need to liaise with the harbour authorities for suitable tide times etc. The walk will be approximately 1 1/2 - 2 hours and the venue is superb. There is car parking for trailers, a nice cafe/restaurant and toilets all on site. Post Code. PO20 8JS

Anybody who is interested in joining us for the walk, with or without a donkey, please do get in contact. We will then ensure we will keep you informed about the dates and times.

John and Rosemary Porter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 25 November	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 1st January	London New Year's Day Parade
Saturday 16th February	A Talk from Safe Haven 4 donkeys in the Holy Land and a demonstration of how to prepare your donkey for the showring.
Saturday 23rd March	Fire and Rescue visit.
Sat/Sun April 6th or 7th	Beach walk at Bracklesham Bay
Sunday 16 June	Longreining and walk in Pootings
Sunday 21 July	Barrel Racing at Shoreham (Kent)
August	DBS Championship Show
Sunday 8th September	Donkey Day Out at Tilford
Saturday 21 September	South East AGM
Sunday 20 October	Walk at Shoreham (Kent)

DONKEY SHOWS IN THE SOUTH EAST

South Eastern Donkey Show (SEDS) Monday 6th May

Surrey County Show* Monday 27th May

Cranleigh Show* Sunday 30th June

Chertsey Show* Sunday 11th August

Edenbridge and Oxted Show* Monday 26 August

Hopefully Ardingly Autumn Show in October*

Competitors and spectators are very welcome at all of these shows. * The Donkey Classes at these shows are within agricultural shows. They are all an excellent day out with the added attraction of donkeys.

JUNIOR MEMBERS



The Tinkerbell Trophy

For all ages up to 17 years old.

Please write or draw your favourite Sports and Games. Indoors or out. Eg. Hockey, Ludo.

Please post your entry to

Mrs Val Newton. Stable Court, Edenbridge,
Kent. TN8 5HN by 10th November please.

FIRE AND RESCUE

It is hoped that in March, the Fire and Rescue service will be talking about how they rescue animals, particularly equines, how we can keep our donkeys safe and what dangers we can look out for. A fascinating subject. We are not sure exactly where and when yet, but full details will be put onto the SE page of the DBS website and in the next Longears which will be out at the beginning of March.

