

DONKEY BREED SOCIETY

Scottish Region



Spring /Summer Edition 2019

A warm welcome from the "new" Chairman

Here I am back in the Scottish chair for another session. The DBS is here for its members. If there is anything you would like to take part in or to organise yourself, with or without the donkeys get in touch. I don't know if you don't tell me.



Alison Robertson, in her capacity as Secretary/Treasurer of DBS(S) has put together a diary of events for 2019. I hope everyone will be able to go along to some of them. Remember, folk work hard to put on events and there is nothing worse than nobody turning up. One or two more are still in the planning stage so watch out for more information.

I hope I can get out and about to meet as many DBS(S) members this spring/summer. If you are ever in my area, please pop in. The kettle is always on.

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Elma Cunningham

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A blast from the past in the Evening Express! Mary Sivewright winning the Aberdeen Spring Show in 1979 with Mikado - a lovely stamp of a donkey, beautifully presented.

Ian Thomson's donkey, Arthur in the seasonal fancy dress parade at Barstobrick Equestrian Centre.



The Rosemary Cameron Trophy

A new trophy for meritorious contribution to DBS(S)

Donkey Breed Society (Scotland) is privileged to become the recipient of a new trophy, not for showing, but for the person or donkey who has gone that extra mile on behalf of the Scottish Region.

This trophy has kindly been donated by Henny and Geraldine Cameron, daughters of the late Rosemary Cameron, who established the famous Grafton Donkey Stud in 1969.

Until relatively recently, the trophy was awarded to the champion donkey at the Thame Show. This show is no longer in existence and the trophy disappeared for several years. More recently, after much detective work, this lovely trophy was tracked down by the Scottish Region and returned to its original benefactors, the family of Rosemary Cameron.

Following discussions last year, Henny and Geraldine decided that they would like the trophy to go to Scotland

The trophy will be awarded annually subject to suitable nominations – to be considered by the DBS(S) Committee/ or selected members thereof.



To be considered for the Trophy a person (DBS Scottish member), group or their donkey(s) must have made a significant contribution towards raising the profile of the Society or Donkeys in general, thereby supporting the aims and objectives of DBS – to have acted as an ambassador for donkeys in this respect. This could include a wide range of activity, (excluding competitive breed showing classes), for example: taking part in religious processions or services e.g. Christmas, Psalm Sunday etc., hosting or taking part in charity events, visiting the elderly, ill, schools, fund-raising, delivering donkey-related educational seminars – or just generally going that extra mile to raise public awareness of what an intelligent and versatile animal The Donkey is.

It is our chance to say thank you to these unsung heroes for all that they do for donkeys, often around the clock and in challenging circumstances.

It is early days yet and the trophy requires some work to mount it onto a new base. The Cameron family think it would be a fitting tribute for it to be renamed after their mother, Rosemary.

DBS(S) committee are extremely proud to have this lovely trophy in Scotland and would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the Cameron family.

In a letter from Henny she says, "I think it would be a fitting tribute to our mother, Rosemary Cameron for it to be presented, on an annual basis, to an individual who has done the most to promote the ownership of donkeys, their welfare, encouragement/support of others – especially juniors, or the use of riding/driving for the disabled. These were all things that our mother was passionate about."

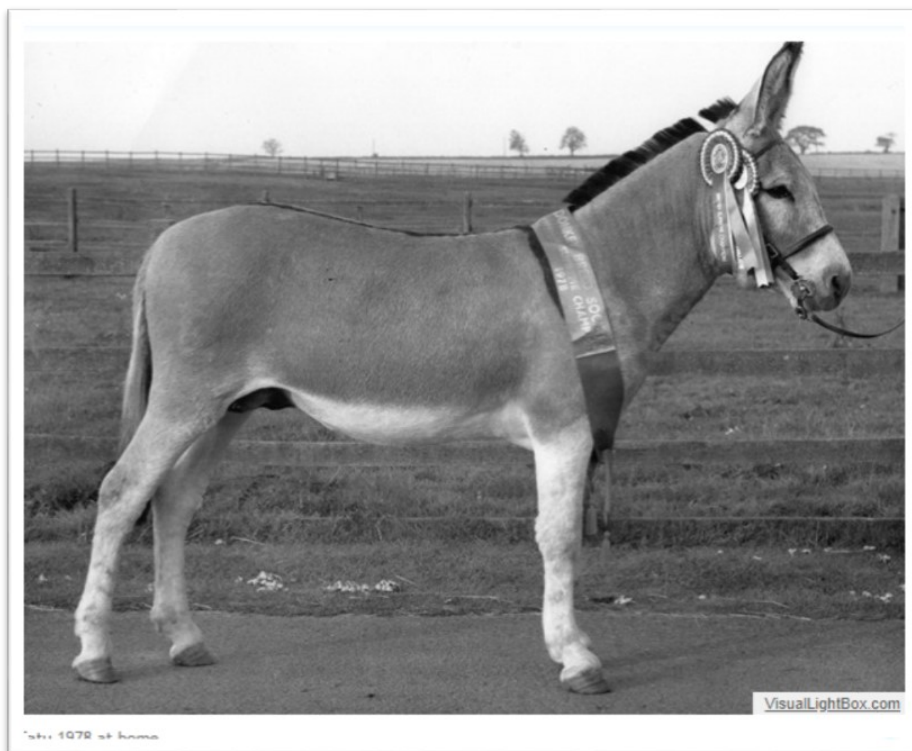
The Grafton Donkey Stud: Mrs Rosemary Cameron

The Grafton Donkey Stud was founded in 1969 by Rosemary Cameron. She made a very wise purchase of a 6 month colt, Tatu of Grafton. A stunning donkey, he won over 45 championships, and was retired from the show ring when he won the Donkey Breed Society Supreme Champion in 1978.

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Rosemary won the Supreme Championship a further two times with own bred donkeys, in 1997 with Grafton Fleurette and in 2000 with Grafton Francesca.

Rosemary Cameron showed donkeys from 1969 through to 2001. At her first show, Meldreth, she was thrilled to win a fifth place, little knowing that over the next 30 years she would win 174 championships and 124 reserve championships. It was not just her amazing stallions that won, Rosemary had twenty three different champion and reserve champion donkeys.



She was an area welfare rep for the DBS and the Donkey Sanctuary and sat on the Equine Welfare Trust for many years.

She was always happy to host junior days (for the Pony Club as well as the DBS) and was Founder Member/Chair of the Buckingham RDA for 25 years.

Photo of her beautiful stallion Tatu.



Article: New End-of-Life Advisory Service

A new equine end-of-life advisory service has launched in Scotland. The Equine End of Life Service is designed to help horse, pony and donkey owners with end-of-life decision making and the practicality of dealing with it.

It provides a list of experienced euthanasia and collection professionals licensed and used by National Fallen Stock Company (NFSCo).

A website provides a postcode-based quote generator, whilst staff are available to speak to on a help-line.

“End-of-life decision-making for any equine or pet owner is an emotional and challenging one, and we hope this simple and straightforward information service and facility will help,” said NFSCo Chairman Michael Seals.

The website, equine-endoflife.co.uk, will be piloted in Scotland first.



Incorporating

The Scottish Donkey Show 2019

On 3rd AUGUST 2019

SOUTH INCH , PERTH, PH2 8BU

Invite you to bring your donkeys to exhibit at the show

Judge, Mr. Rob Sims

Classes for Standards, Miniatures and Newcomers

Schedules online early May

www.perthshow.co.uk



DONKEY ACTIVITIES

Message from Diana Milligan:- "The spring weather is here and I am delighted to be able to invite you all to my home for our first activity this year which is a walk together. Do hope you can join us and come with or without donkeys."

RSVP Diana Milligan DBS Area Rep.

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Message from Alison Robertson, DBSS Hon Secretary:-

I know I seem to go on about shows a lot and that is not everyone's bag so by area the following ideas are being pursued:

- ♦ Lothian & Borders plan a beach walk at Yellowcraig in April contact krobertson@btconnect.com
- ♦ Dumfries & Galloway plan a fun day with donkeys: walk, activities, long reining contact kmec@hotmail.co.uk
- ♦ Aberdeenshire Sunday, April 14 donkey walk at Kincardine O'Neil contact Diana Milligan didomilligan@gmail.com
- ♦ Central Scotland plan a Feet & Farrier seminar and further Proficiency Testing contact yieldshields@aol.com

Remember the DBS Active Donkey Award, which is designed to encourage members to get out and about and enjoy having fun with donkeys. To qualify for an Award, a donkey has to complete eight different activities in the course of a year. These activities can be absolutely anything, except for competitive breed showing classes. If you want to join in any of the events please be in touch. If you are organising something locally with your donkeys and friends please let everyone know. The photos from your activities can be put up on the Scottish Facebook page, contact scottishdonkeys@gmail.com, or to publish on the DBS website, contact webdonkey@donkeybreedsociety.co.uk

Useful contacts to keep an eye for information and forthcoming events:

Donkey Breed Society website <https://www.donkeybreedsociety.co.uk>

DBSS Facebook page <https://en-gb.facebook.com/pg/scottishdonkeyshow>

I hope this is going to be a great season in Scotland with our donkeys. They love to get out and about and meet people, they attract attention like magnets. We are a relatively small band and we are very spread out across Scotland. I know it is impossible for everyone to meet up at all the events but try to get out in your own area with your donkeys and if you want help to organise or promote anything you are doing please ask and help will be at hand. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Donkey Breed Society Scotland
Diary Dates 2019**

- Sunday 7 April Driving Extravaganza, BDS, Morris Equestrian, Fenwick, KA3 6AY
Donkey, mule driving & longreining classes
kendallyoung99@ymail.com
- Friday 10 May Ayr Show, Ayr Racecourse, KA8 0HA
Driving class
lorrainern@ayrcountyshow.co.uk
www.ayrcountyshow.co.uk
- Saturday 18 May Fife Show, Kinloss, Cupar, KY15 4PE
Driving class
fifeshow01@gmail.com
www.fifeshow.com
- Sunday 2 June Grass Sickness Show, Bogles Field, Blairgowrie, PH10 6QU
In hand, miniature, handy donkey & driving classes
joudney@yahoo.co.uk
www.scottishgrasssicknessshow.moonfruit.com
- Saturday 15 June Alyth Show, Bogles Field, Blairgowrie, PH10 6QU
In hand classes
secretary@alythshow.co.uk
www.alythshow.co.uk
- Saturday 15 June Cumberland Show, East Park, Brisco, Carlisle, CA4 0RB
In hand classes
horsesecretary@cumberlandshow.co.uk
www.cumberlandshow.co.uk
- Saturday 22 June Royal Highland Show
In hand & BDS driving classes
livestock@rhass.org.uk
www.royalhighlandshow.org.uk
- Saturday 20 July Fenwick Show
In hand classes
martha.speirs@yahoo.com
www.fenwickagriculturalshow.webs.com
- Saturday 27 July Border Union Show, Springwood Park, Kelso
In hand classes
enquiries@buas.org
www.buas.org
BDS driving classes apply to claire.armet@scotnet.co.uk
- Wed 7 August Wigtown Show, Bladnoch Park, DG8 9AB
secretary@wigtownshow.org.uk
www.wigtownshow.org.uk
- Saturday 3 August Perth Show, incorporating Scottish Donkey Show, South Inch, Perth, PH2 8BU
In hand & BDS driving classes
secretary@perthshow.co.uk
www.perthshow.co.uk

Diary Dates cont.

- Sunday 4 August Turriff Show
In hand classes
helen@turriffshow.org
www.turriffshow.org
- Sunday 12 August Keith Show
In hand classes
info@keithshow.org.uk
www.keithshow.org.uk
- Saturday 17 August Peebles Show
In hand & BDS driving classes
secretary@peebles-show.co.uk
www.peebles-show.co.uk
- Monday 26 August Glendale Show, Wooler
In hand & novelty classes - miniature donkeys only
info@glendaleshow.com
www.glendaleshow.com
- Sunday 20 October DBSS Annual Regional Meeting, 11am tbc
- Saturday 16 November DBS AGM, Marwell, Winchester, Hampshire
- For the Drivers -** Arena Challenge Events
June 2, July 7 Chariots of Fire of Equestrian Centre, Lockerbie, DG11 2LL
Aug 18, Sept 8 enquiries@chariots.org.uk, www.chariots.org.uk

This list is believed to be correct at time of writing. It may be updated from time to time during the season. Please notify events for publication to Alison Robertson krobertson@btconnect.com 07860 342404

Members attending events at other members' premises do so at their own risk and when attending shows or events with donkeys must carry Personal Liability Insurance documentation. Insurance is included in BHS Gold membership or (for drivers) through BDS membership.



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Contacts

If you would like advice or help about any aspect of donkey care, please feel free to contact your local Donkey Breed Society Area Representative. They are experienced donkey people from a variety of backgrounds including showing, breeding and welfare.

Visit us on the web at
www.donkeybreedsociety.co.uk

