ACTIVE DONKEY AWARD

TWENTY GLORIOUS YEARS

Well, we’ve done it! In the TWENTIETH Year of the ADA Scheme we have finally reached that seemingly unattainable magic number of ONE HUNDRED successful participants. Not only reached but actually surpassed it with no fewer than ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR donkeys receiving their various awards today – including, of course, the special 20th anniversary rosette, a collector’s item if ever I saw one!

There have been highs and lows this year. Sadly we have lost several of our stalwarts although even most of those were able to remain quite active to the end. And hearteningly we have had 26 1st Yearers dipping their hooves into the world of the Active Donkey to swell the ranks of ADA’s redoubtable band.

Now, for those of you who like statistics (and ADA’s No 1 Dogsbody certainly does!) here are a few to ‘boggle your minds’. In the course of the 20 years the Scheme has been running:

255 donkeys have entered

1047 certificates have been awarded

141 3-year shields have been won

90 5-year rosettes have been presented

26 10-year engraved crystal blocks have been attained

3 donkeys have achieved their special personalised rosettes for having completed 15 (not necessarily consecutive) years in the Scheme

AND 15 donkeys (including the one whose name will be revealed later today) have had the honour of being presented with the ADA Cup

PHEW! If you’d like to get an idea of how all these wonderful donkeys (and their humans!) have gone about qualifying for their awards I hope you will find a moment during the day to visit the ADA display. You may find yourself so inspired that you will want to pick up an enrolment form for your own clever ‘long ears’.

Before I close I’m sure you will want to join with me in congratulating all those listed below who have brought so much donkey magic to so many people and been shining proof that our long-eared companions are very special creatures indeed:

First Year

Toby entered by Sophie Gray, Bluey entered by Mrs O Brown, Percy, Jake and Dec entered by Jill Castles, Cody entered by Mrs D. Dunstan, Shankydd and Joey entered by Wendy Gray, Freddy and Jamie entered by Hunting Hall Farm, Teddy and Neddy entered by Sue Jones, Heathylee Mandy and Wendann Rose entered by Larkrise Community Farm,

Tinkerbell and Tilly entered by Ms L. Otter, Sky entered by Ms A. Slater, Dwynwen, Jenny, Norman, Nutmeg, Walter and Winifred entered by Snowdonia Donkeys, Fingle entered by Nicki Wight, Stanley and Rodney entered by Briony Wild.

Second Year

Tinkerbell entered by Jill Housley, Paddy and Dougal entered by Fiona Melville, 'Enry 'Iggins entered by Mrs C Travell, Danceabray Harmony in the Breeze entered by Miss Jade Weaver, Nigel and Lottie entered by Judith Williams.

Third Year (Shields)

Peggy entered by Mrs S Bell, Puzzle entered by Mrs Sue Bowden, Daegan entered by Jane Brind, Prince George and Daisy entered by J Broadhurst, Sydney entered by Ms Sheena Mconnell-Ferrie, Wychbrook Just William entered by Mrs T. A. Morris, Cole and Danjoe entered by Sarah Pennell, Dougal entered by Allison Roberts, Molly entered by Snowdonia Donkeys.

Fourth Year

Edward entered by Jane Brind, Brian entered by Mrs D Dunstan, Bonnie entered by Miss Jessica Greenaway, Tizzy entered by Ms L. Otter. Pemby Eire and Truska Eire entered by John & Linda Paine, Hamish entered by Allison Roberts.

Fifth Year (Special Rosette)

Dolly entered by Jane Brind, Romance du Bocage entered by Mrs O Brown, Malcolm entered by Caroline&Rebecca Giles-Lee, Buffalo and Solomon entered by Jane Lewis, Finbar and Seamus entered by Lorna Shannon, Dan[]ceabray Whispa on the Wind, Perehill Be Mine and East Lodge Ollie entered by Miss Jade Weaver, Teddy entered by Miss Opal Weaver, Oliver and Patrick entered by Briony Wild.

Sixth Year

Alfie entered by Mrs S Bell, Oakley entered by Miss Opal Weaver, Cedric of Bradwell and Isaac of Blakes Wood entered by Briony Wild.

Seventh Year

Dusky and Shadow entered by Mrs Janice Brown, Rupert entered by Miss Jade Weaver.

Eighth Year

Bluey entered by Mrs Sheila Bell, Wyeknot Inkspots Too entered by Mrs J Brown, Poppy entered by Mrs Cheryl Browning, Apsley Solace and Trinitas Forzanda entered by Mrs D Dunstan.

Ninth Year

Amadea entered by Mrs Sheila Bell, Colin entered by Mrs O Brown, Duke entered by Mrs Rhonda Fry, Cracker, Holly, Mr Jingles and Nollaig entered by Caroline&Rebecca Giles-Lee, Scarlet entered by Miss Opal Weaver.

Tenth Year (Crystal Block)

Freddy of Annat Walls entered by Roger & Ann Marie Harrison,

Cariad Bach, Enoch, Jasper and Polo entered by Ms A. Slater.

Eleventh Year

Peter entered by Mrs Sheila Bell. Wyeknot Lousille entered by Mrs J Brown, Amos entered by Mrs D. Dunstan, Denis of Kinedale entered by Robert & Tristan Wallace, Perehill Echo entered by Miss Jade Weaver , Daisy entered by Ms E. Wright.

Twelfth Year

Annabel entered by Miss C Browning, Trinitas Tintinnabula entered by Mrs C Travell, Perehill Sir Bart entered by Miss Jade Weaver, Violet entered by Miss Opal Weaver.

Fourteenth Year

Irish Coffee and Jackador William entered by Miss Opal Weaver.

Fifteenth Year

Westra Stella entered by Mrs S Bell, Perehill Snowie entered by Miss Jade Weaver.

Eighteenth Year

Son of Jacob entered by Vivienne, Mark Carleton-Andrews in Memory of Sarah.

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