

DBS NORTHERN REGION - THE THURSDAY BULLETIN . . .

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Issue 2



Good morning, I hope this second Bulletin finds you and yours well. It really is such a worrying time and for those of you in the thick of it, our thoughts are with you and we are so proud of you. For those with family on the front line, as I know some of you have, we send special thoughts; feel so proud of your loved ones, we certainly appreciate them hugely. Know that *you* have our support and know that you can ring any of us, your reps, me, Liz or any of your friends in the Region and we are right here for you. And, as Rosemary Clark mentioned in an email to me the other day, and I often quote: 'donkeys are great listeners' – indeed they are!

Thank you for making this Bulletin happen – apologies to those who suffer a little light leg-pulling, but we know you have a brilliant sense of humour! Thank you for your lovely emails and for your super pictures – keep them coming! And finally, to Carole who sent us the beautiful poem at the end of this Bulletin, thank you.

Stay safe this Easter everyone, take care, Sarah x

The Region's news, this Thursday . . .

Check out this link!

This is a brilliant share from Don Ross, inspired! It's how to make a 'Rein Board'! https://youtu.be/EdSY2H_M5nc

Now Don tells me that he has made something similar and you might wish to, too. Stick with the slow start, or if you're like me and impatient to see what the finished thing looks like, whizz to the end first and then go back to the start when you're ready. Remember, as Don rightly says, 'you can always improvise'.

I throw down the challenge of making one of these to Ally and Gray Sargeant, in Cheshire as Gray looked as if he was enjoying our attempts at 'reining' at the last Training Day! (See pics right and next page!)





I'm not sure if Ally was quite so keen – dropping off on the job here Ally despite Olwen's brilliant tuition – what happened next with that wooden spoon?!

[How we love these random photos!! SB]

And now it's time to say hello to *your* gorgeous donks . . .



These lovely donkeys belong to Sarah Tickle, and Daisy (right), along with left and right) Blossom, Cuddles and adorable and clearly have heads for



Standing, they are: their friends (above Tulip. They are heights (top right)!!



This pretty trio belongs to Sue Stead. Sue says: '[the picture left shows] a gateway tidy, the second is down the field. We also have two horses and a dog so are kept busy at the moment in these difficult times. We are very lucky to have a four-acre field with stables and an arena. We live in North Nottinghamshire, both retired and come into that over 70's bracket so trying to look after ourselves and our animals. Stay safe. Sue Stead'.

A big thank you to Sarah and Sue for sharing their lovely pictures. Don't forget to send pics of your donkeys to northerndonks@gmail.com , we really do appreciate seeing them and it really brightens up our weeks.

Hello Juniors!!

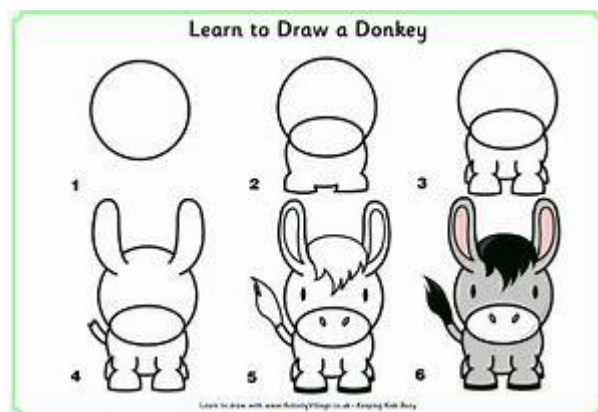


How to draw a donkey . . .

This activity is not just for juniors, anyone can have a go. I think this is a useful place to start. Look carefully to check out the use of the big oval, circle and the distances between various points. You can bring in the bits that personalise a particular donkey later. Give it a go and enjoy the

flow! Alternatively, go for a cute, comic effect!

Why not get super creative and try collages, fabrics, recycled 3-D modelling, modern art . . . there is no end to how creative I am sure you can be!! Send pics of your artwork to northerndonks@gmail.com.



Ring up a Rep!! Your Reps are here for advice/support/a friendly chat:

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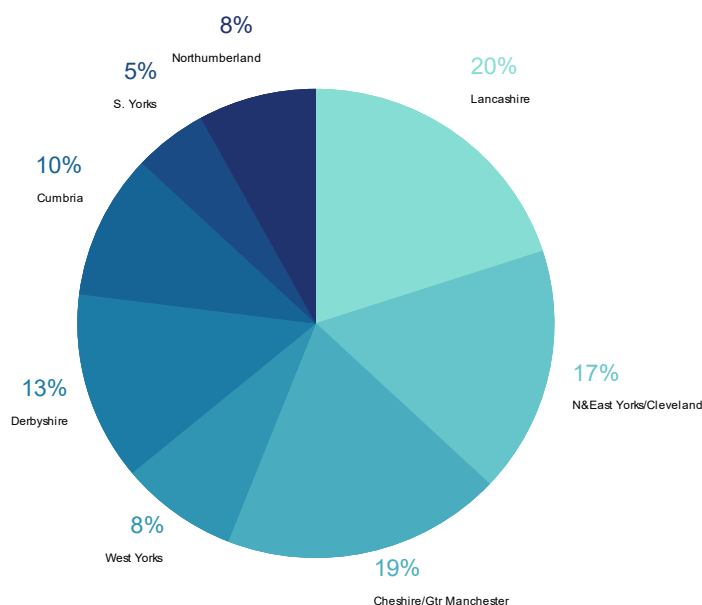
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Did you know . . . ?

We need to talk about membership! Collectively, we must set ourselves a challenge! We are always wanting to increase our membership – so, do you know anyone who has donkeys, or is just crazy about them, who is not yet a member? If so, can you persuade them to join us? It would be totally brilliant if we could increase our membership this year. We have lots of members in our Region, and I thought you might be interested to see how the membership is distributed (based on last year's membership):

Northern Region Membership



A reminder of what it costs:

Adult Membership (AA) £25.00; Student Membership (SA) £15.00; Junior Membership (JA) £10.00; Family Annual Membership (FA) £50.00 ; Joint Adult Membership (JAA) £40.00 ; Adult Four Year Membership (AFY 4 year member must be a taxpayer and complete a gift aid declaration - see above) £80.00 ; Joint Adult Four Year Membership (JAFY 4 year member must be a taxpayer and complete a gift aid declaration - see above) £130.

How to join up is very simple and all can be accessed via the DBS website:

<https://www.donkeybreedsociety.co.uk/membership/>

So, why join? Just think of all the events that you used to be able to go to and will do again! Here are just a few more reasons from the national website:

- You will be part of a friendly and like-minded community who will share your enthusiasm for donkeys, whether you have your own donkey or just relish the joy they bring
- As a member you will receive:
 - Reduced rates for new [passports](#)
 - Our annual colour magazine – ‘The Donkey’
 - Our national newsletter issued three times a year – ‘Bray Talk’
 - Local newsletters at least twice a year (*ahem, 4 or 5 in our Region!!*)
- Members may apply for information [leaflets](#) free of charge, eg driving your donkey, showing your donkey, riding your donkey, etc
- Members are entitled to receive DBS special rosettes at shows, for taking part in [events](#), etc
- Members may take part in DBS Proficiency Awards which reward by gaining invaluable knowledge and experience, and are honoured with rosettes and badges
- Members of all ages can take part in organised activities from coffee mornings and picnics to donkey walks and drives
- We offer encouragement and assistance.
- Our membership year runs from 1 February to 31 January (anyone joining after 1 November will have an extra 3 months membership free) i.e. join between 1 November 2019 and 31 January 2020 and membership runs through until 31 January 2021).



What's not to get excited about?! What a fantastic present for someone – just a thought!!

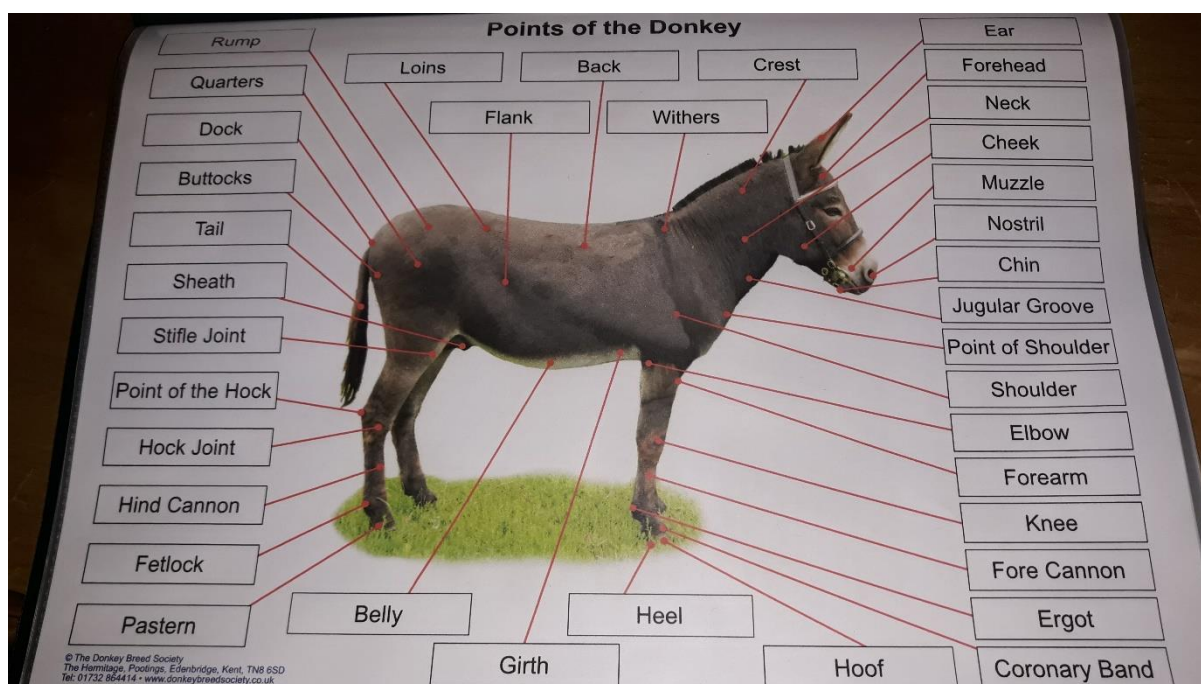
More than anything, I hope the DBS will go from strength to strength and flourish and grow for many, many years to come and we can ensure that this happens by taking every opportunity to encourage people to join the fold; if we don't, they won't. **While things are quiet, have a think about who you are going to introduce to the DBS Northern Region and then give them a hearty nudge!**

Puzzles Puzzles Puzzles Puzzles Puzzles Puzzles Puzzles Puzzles

Solution to Northern Scramble 2:

TRSERQU – quarters; KDCO – dock; INLSO – loins; LKANF – flank; RSEIWH – withers;
ARUJLUG EOGROV – jugular groove; MLZUEZ – muzzle; FILEST JNTIO – stifle joint; PINOT FO
CKOH – point of hock; GHTRI – girth; POITN OF OHDSUERL – point of shoulder; REOF
ONCNNA – fore cannon; ESNRPTA – pastern; ORGET – ergot; SNRAPET – pastern;
RCYORNOA BNDA – coronary band; OELBW – elbow; TCERS – crest.

Your second task – once you had unscrambled the words, was to print off a picture of a donkey and apply the unscrambled words to the correct parts!! Those of us working towards our Bronze Awards, no doubt relished it as great revision!! I have yet to receive copies of your efforts, so I am attaching one I had the good fortune to come across a while back!! You can increase the % size of this page to get a good look.



And a further reminder about the Bronze Award: don't forget Brown Road Group, we are going to rock this as we all get up at the next AGM, holding our certificates aloft!! We throw down the challenge to other areas within the Region . . . how many of you could be swatting up, right this minute for your Award? The Bronze is attainable guys – ring Olwen, **01457 762336** to find out more and check out the Awards section of the National DBS website.

Today's puzzle (I like to think of this as further revision for the Bronze Awards!) :

Northern Wordsearch 2

B	B	P	U	H	O	U	H	Y	P	Y	D	W	L	D	B	Z
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B	J	G	N	O	N	N	A	C	E	R	O	F	L	A	N	K

crest
ergot
point of shoulder
stifle joint
withers
dock

elbow
pastern
girth
muzzle
flank
quarters

coronary band
fore cannon
point of hock
jugular groove
loins

Next time, there will be more puzzles, more news, more pics and hopefully lots more contributions from *you*!! Don't forget to get in touch, northerndonks@gmail.com – what have you and yours been up to?

And finally . . .

Grateful thanks to Carole Aconley for sending us this beautiful poem that is so very apt for this Bulletin.

The Poet Thinks About The Donkey

On the outskirts of Jerusalem
the donkey waited.
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,
he stood and waited.

How horses, turned out into the meadow,
leap with delight!
How doves, released from their cages,
clatter away, splashed with sunlight.

But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.
Then he let himself be led away.
Then he let the stranger mount.

Never had he seen such crowds!
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.
Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.

I hope, finally, he felt brave.
I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him, as he lifted one dusty hoof
and stepped, as he had to, forward.

Mary Oliver from her book *Thirst*.



Stay safe everyone.