Regional Delegates Report South East

As I write this, I can’t quite believe what strange times we all still find ourselves in. I would usually be able to report on our members show successes and their enjoyment at events that the region has hosted but unfortunately due the current situation none of this has been able to go ahead.

Thankfully most members have coped very well with the lockdown and have stayed well too.

It was great sadness to hear of the passing our current president Gill Shaw; such a delightful lady, determined, courageous until the end. Our sympathies went to her family, they got in touch with me to let me know that they as a family had promised to keep the donkeys at Vizor which would have pleased Gill immensely. This was shortly followed by the sad news of the loss of Paddy Clarke such a lovely lady always so welcoming and generous too with such a fantastic knowledge of the driven donkey.

Unfortunately, I also had the very sad news recently of the passing of one our South East members Anne Mccaig known to many and a close friend of Paddy’s too. Anne was another very talented lady in donkey driving, as well as cooking, entertaining, gardening and artwork to name a few. Everyone loved to receive her hand drawn and painted Christmas Cards every year. Anne was a member of our South East committee for many years. I am so glad that Carol Morse and I went to visit her at the care home where she was residing in her last months, she was pleased to see us and it had two donkeys there from the Donkey Sanctuary.

As a region we have put on a Quiz and I have been in contact with many members throughout lockdown helping to rehome donkeys and giving advice.

We were about to organise a beach walk, but this is now on hold along with everything else DBS due to the ever changing covid guidelines. However, we will organise and event of some kind as soon as we can and are able to.

Sending my best wishes to you.

Kind regards

Coral Weaver.