REPORT FROM THE WEST REGION by Lucy Evans, Regional Delegate

As anther year starts we unfortunately are still in very uncertain times due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

As a one off we decided to send Christmas Cards out to all our members to try and lift their spirits for 2021.

We have received the following cancellations:

Countrytastic at Malvern Showground 8th April.

Most Easter Parades will be cancelled.

I have spoken to Malvern Showground who have confirmed The Royal Three Counties Show, will be going ahead over four days. Two days will be agricultural with very limited numbers of visitors. Two days Equine with no visitors. No Donkey Classes. Dates showing currently are for 3 days 18-20th June, we will keep you posted.

Malvern Autumn Show will be taking place 25 & 26th September.

Area Reps are trying to stay optimistic.

The Fab Farrier Awards have generated a lot of interest in our region. Our members have nominated 6 farriers which is great to hear. I have contacted Holme Lacey College who have confirmed Donkeys are on their syllabus for student farriers to work on. I have offered my Three donkeys to the college if required.

Equine Dentist will be visiting Claire Harpers home Worcestershire during May, they will give a presentation, lecture and demonstrations on donkey dentistry if required. Please contact me if interested lucy.evans@swissfish.co.uk 07786062719 evenings. Claire will also continue the Wednesday Donkey Days in account with Government Guidelines.

Judy Lane - Duntisbourne Abbots near Cirencester plans to hold the below events.

Saturday May 15th Webster Walk [in aid of the Flicka Foundation Donkey Sanctuary located near Truro Cornwall]

Saturday July 3rd Summer Lunch possible talk by local vet.

Saturday 12th September Autumn Ramble with Donkeys and Dogs, Harvest Lunch, with possible Bring and Buy in aid of the Flicka Foundation.

Members of DBS and non-members all welcome.

Sue & John Jones – Craswall near Hay on Wye hoping to hold a day The work of Farriers and Foot Health Date TBC.

Emma Hartshorne Afternoon tea with long ears her Donkeys and Rabbits Date TBC.

John and Judy Phillips - Bibury near Cirencester an afternoon in June with their miniature Donkeys, all visitors please bring along a cake to share out.

Lucy Evans Summer Lunch all food will be provided Date TBC.

Proposed visit to The Donkey Sanctuary Sidmouth.

The Newsletter will be sent out end March early April.

We have been asked if when there is a Zoom Session carried out please can this be sent out to all area reps, so all regions have the chance to participate.