

DBS NORTHERN REGION - THE THURSDAY BULLETIN . . .

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Good morning!

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this week's Bulletin. It's a small but perfectly formed Bulletin this week and its main purpose is to remind everyone of the Northern Region's AGM that will take place on Zoom on Saturday 13th March (see below).

I do hope that the sun has been shining in your neck of the woods. Certainly our photographs this week show some lovely blue skies. Our 'pictures of the week' feature Pam Moon's adorable grandson Rueben and beautiful Booboo- thank you Pam for these lovely photos.

Hopefully it won't be too long now before we can all meet up again and enjoy some semblance of events enjoyed in past times. Which reminds me, not long now until the Spring edition of *Asspire* – we would love everyone to feature somewhere as hopefully this will herald the tentative beginnings of a new normal – and you can see a list of features that we're hoping to cover and that we would like you to contribute to, later on in this Bulletin. Importantly, the mag., will feature a list of (drum roll please!!) forthcoming events so, if you know of one, do let us know!

Don't forget to check out our **Safety Competition in this Bulletin** it's open to all ages and carries a very important message.

In the meantime, hope to 'see' you at the AGM!

Stay safe, we're nearly there, Sarah x

The Region's news, this Thursday . . .

Northern Region AGM - This time it will be done, as are so many other things these days, by Zoom. With the last Bulletin you received official notification that the Northern Region's AGM will take place on **Saturday 13th March at 11.00 am**. This will hopefully give you time to do any outside jobs prior to the meeting! **Please register your intent to attend by emailing me, Sarah, at northerndonks@gmail.com** . A Zoom invite will



then be sent to you nearer the time. **If there is anything that you would wish to raise at the AGM, kindly contact me by 3.30 pm on Friday 5th March.** Thank you!

Well done Georgia! DBS Student Member Georgia Davey has, despite lockdown, been awarded her Donkey First Aid and Silver DBS Awards. This is a huge achievement and has required detailed study and commitment. Assessment was carried out 'virtually'. We would like to congratulate Georgia and wish her every success for the future, she has been a dedicated member of the DBS for a long time, excelling in many associated disciplines and is a great role model for our Juniors.



Welcome to our new members . . . we are delighted to be joined by five new members in East and West Yorkshire, Tyne-and-Wear, Merseyside and Cheshire. A huge warm welcome to you from everyone in the Northern Region of the DBS.

What a huge region we cover! Incidentally, we only cover the north of Lincolnshire, but you can still see that we're a fair old size. Make sure you know who your Area Rep is (see list at the end of the Bulletin) and if you have friends or relatives in other parts of our region who aren't yet members, encourage them to join us! Better still, gift a membership on their

next birthday!! See the DBS website for membership details!

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Also in the news

Field signs could save your donkey's life . . . users of social media will recently have seen distressing photos of equines that have died needlessly due to being fed by the public and with an increase in folk taking exercise in the countryside, so too the terrible risk of losing our precious animals has increased. Signage is an incredibly positive and relatively inexpensive way forward and, after all, what price wouldn't you put on your animals' safety?



The British Horse Society's 'Be Horse Aware' campaign is extremely helpful and has free downloadable signs and if you visit their shop you will also find plastic signage with predrilled holes for easy display.

Perhaps we can create our own Donkey Aware posters and signs, for display in the Northern Region?






A NORTHERN REGION COMPETITION: If there are any members out there who have designed or who would like to design signage for donkey fields/paddocks, we would love to hear from you. This competition is open to all ages and there will be special certificates for all Junior entries. Send your designs to: northerndonks@gmail.com and your design could go into production, to raise awareness of Donkey Safety in the Northern Region. Entries close Friday 16th April.

Please note that entries cannot be returned and may, unless permission is refused, form part of a Donkey Safety Display at future events/shows. Thank you.

Asspire needs YOU!

In the current climate, where else can you give a few moments of your time to the Donkey Breed Society in the North?

By contributing to *Asspire*, our Seasonal magazine, by members, for members you will feel a great sense of satisfaction and camaraderie! Next edition is the Spring issue and this time, more than ever before we are looking forward to a brighter summer with our donkeys and our friends, old and new. We are sure you have lots to say! Please consider offering one or some of the following:

-  Pictures/photos – of your donks, someone else's donks, other animals
-  Stories – anecdotes, poetry, fiction, whatever takes your fancy!
-  Advice
-  Articles on a particular donkey related theme chosen by you!
-  Details (as far as is possible right now) of forthcoming events.

Juniors, Students, Families, indeed all our Members: how are you, what have you been up to and what are you looking forward to? We want to hear from you! Send all items to Sarah at: northerndonks@gmail.com by 7th April 2021.

Thank you.

Your pictures . . .



PICTURES OF THE WEEK!!

Rueben contemplating riding Booboo!



Rueben
riding Booboo!



Missy, Barney and Freddie Booth
breakfasting in the sunshine!

And of course, it's World Book Day today, so it is not surprising that some donkeys will enjoy being read to! Or that some little owners will want to sit down and have a good read! Barney and Missy were happy to take part in Holmes Chapel Primary's 'read to your pet' task! Happy World Book Day!



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

Area Rep – Lancashire – Pam Moon

Pam: 07842 535993 pam.moon@talktalk.net

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And finally,

**Stay safe everyone and thank you for supporting the Northern Region's
Thursday Bulletin!**



Kindly note that all views and comments contained in this Bulletin are those of individuals and not necessarily of the Donkey Breed Society. Thank you.