East Region Report

The Eastern Region has had a fairly busy summer with events including training days in both Hertfordshire and Suffolk as well as a long rein/drive event earlier in the season in Cambridgeshire. These events have been well attended with members from across our large region as well as by those travelling across regional borders to attend!

The Gransden Show in Cambridgeshire on the 25th September will be attended by some DBS members and their donkeys with a stall as well as a demonstration in the main ring of the many activities we get up to with our donkeys.

The Eastern Region Autumn Donkey Show (ERADS) will also be taking place on the 2nd October at the Skylark garden centre at Wimblington near March, Cambridgeshire with in hand, driving, and novelty classes. This welcoming and friendly show will be sure to be an enjoyable day out.

We are hoping that our Eastern Region Christmas lunch will go ahead on Sunday 5th December at the Masonic Hall in Huntingdon, Cambs.

There seems to be a large portion of our eastern membership who are very new to donkeys and the society and are coming forward to our training days to “meet other owners” just as much as to learn what and how to do things with their donkeys. We hope to address this by holding informal and purely social events in the coming months and into 2022, with the aim of connecting owners and making a space to “talk donkey” without the structure of a training day.

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