



The Donkey Breed Society

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Hello My Dears

The time has come! Go and find that donkey and brush out the winter coat. Unearth the bridles and harness and go to work with the saddle soap and conditioner. Polish the brass and wax the woodwork on those traps and carts. We have events to share and we look forward to welcoming the whole DBS(NI) family once more.

But first, check out this wonderful combo, skilfully driven by Jill Castles at the recent Whip and Collar show at the Meadows Equestrian Centre, Lurgan. I think you'll agree that Winter and Percy working in tandem are a fantastic sight. There was a good turnout of DBS(NI) members and a good time was had by all.

Our sincere thanks go to The Whip and Collar Driving Club for the invitation to their flagship show and to Eddie Brackenridge for the photograph.



Cultra 2021 — 7th & Sunday 8th August

Yes, we're back at what has come to feel like our spiritual home, for the Championship Show this year. There will be a full programme over two days including In-hand, driving and traditional classes. Of course it wouldn't be 'Cultra' without the Donkey Games, and this year you get a double helping with the games being held on both days.

Paddocks are available for donkeys and accommodation for members.

For more information see Facebook or contact any of the committee.



Please return your entries to:

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72 Station Road
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**Entries must be in by
Saturday 31st July**

Donkey Classes at Balmoral

Donkey Classes this year replace the Donkey Display that we have provided in previous years. There will be four in-hand classes and one driving class on Wednesday 22nd September



Further to our exciting news regarding The Royal Agricultural Show Balmoral, to celebrate the DBS NI Committee have allocated funding to support our members in attending these new showing classes. To this end we can announce that any current DBS member will be funded 50% of their entry fee for classes entered at Balmoral (excluding stabling).

Furthermore, we are delighted to announce at our Championship Show being held at its home The Cultra Folk Museum on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th August 1st and 2nd prize-winners in the in hand showing classes will receive full entry fees into corresponding Balmoral classes. Please see below the link for online entries for Balmoral.

<https://www.balmoralshow.co.uk/competitions/livestock-equine>

Entries close 28 July 2021

Proof of entry will be required, and you will receive your funding at Balmoral on the show day!

See you there!!

