



# The Donkey Breed Society

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*Hello my dears. Autumn is upon us but before you resign yourself to the fireside check out these upcoming events. Yes! Events! We are going to be able to meet up in person with our beloved long-ears.*

## Dr Yvonne Canavan retires

Dr Yvonne Canavan, our longstanding Chair has announced her retirement from the post. Yvonne originally took on the role at the very start of the DBS as an autonomous region in Northern Ireland, but was a member long before that. A regular competitor at local and national level has seen Yvonne lift many a championship and Supreme Champion trophy. Her love for and knowledge of donkeys is probably unrivalled in this country. She has introduced us to the foreign breeds and her collection of vintage vehicles has graced many a Balmoral display.

We wish her well and look forward to giving her a good send off at the AGM



Many of our members are entered in the donkey showing classes which take place on Wednesday 22nd September. I'm sure they would appreciate your support so if

you are attending the show on Wednesday swing by and give them your best.

We wish everyone the very best of luck for this event and I look forward to sending you pictures and results in the next issue of the Newsletter.

## Fun Event—Sunday 24th October

We have been invited by Mr John McDermott of Portview Farm, Carrickfergus to use his facilities for a social event with our donkeys. This will probably take the form of a walk, ride or drive, along with some agility and other activities. All welcome, with or without donkeys.

More details to follow.

## Regional Delegate

It hardly seems ten minutes since Stephen took up the role of Regional Delegate but his tenure is now coming to an end. For the past six years he has travelled to England to attend meetings and has consistently put forward our issues on our behalf and reported back to us in a timely fashion.

It is now time to ask for expressions of interest from anyone who would be able to take this role over. Contact me [ljshannon25@gmail.com](mailto:ljshannon25@gmail.com)

## Cultra Harvest Day—September

On Saturday 25th September we have been invited to give a display at the Folk Museum's annual harvest day. We will have a static display in front of Tea Lane and hopefully some donkey games later on. Declan Feeney will be roaming the lanes with Camilla and his jaunting car. Contact me for more information.



## Claiming the Date-Saturday 20th November

Our AGM will take a less formal turn this year as we gather in Ann Brown's shed in Saintfield for a supper and music.

Members only for the AGM but friends and family welcome to the social event.

More details to follow.

## Your Committee



### **Sinead Doran**

Sinead has stepped up to Acting Chair and retains her responsibility for our Junior Members

### **Ann Brown**

Ann has taken a well earned break from the role of secretary but remains our go-to person as Area Representative



### **Lorna Shannon**

Lorna has become Secretary and continues as editor of the Newsletter. Contact her on 07811 114356 or [ljshannon25@gmail.com](mailto:ljshannon25@gmail.com)



### **Ashley Brown**

Ashley is our money person and continues in her role of Treasurer.



### **Lesley McKeag**

A new-ish member of the committee, Lesley has become our Show Secretary



### **Declan Feeney**

Declan has taken on the new role of Logistics Manager, a role he has been fulfilling in an unofficial capacity for some time



### **Last but not least ... Stephen Cherry, Regional Representative**

Stephen has looked after our interests at a national level for six years now and is due to step down this year.



### **Contact Us**

For more details or to submit events and news items please email Lorna Shannon at [ljshannon25@gmail.com](mailto:ljshannon25@gmail.com)