**Donkey Breed Society**

Newsletter for the Southern Region

Spring 2022

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Welcome to the Spring edition of the DBS Southern Region newsletter and a big welcome to any new members that have joined us.

Our events last year were much enjoyed by those that attended and the zoom quiz earlier this year was a great success and so lovely to see members from the Channel Isles able to participate in an event and we discovered that the there was an older donkey than that recorded in the Guiness book of records on Sark that has quite a story associated with it!

Our thoughts are with Clare Humphries and her family at the moment following the sad loss of their dad, Ray Humphries, a great supporter of all our donkey events. Clare writes:

“I would like to take a moment to let you all know that my Dad Ray Humphries passed away on the 18th of February aged 88. Although Ray was not a member of the Society he thoroughly enjoyed attending events from walks and fun-days. His particular favourites were show days where he could sit and watch the competition from the comfort of his shooting stick or chair alongside the trailer and the chance to catch up with familiar faces. I would like to thank you all for making Dad feel welcome over the years and taking to time to have a good natter with him. He will be very much missed by all including the donkeys who knew he always had a sweet in his pocket.”

**Events 2022**

We are pleased to be able to offer a wide range of events this year across the Region and we’d love to see you. There’s no need to bring your donkey to any of the events, just come along and get to know a few faces and talk donkey.

There is an outline plan for the events at the RDA in Salisbury, but if there is anything that you would particularly like to cover then please let me know as I’m sure we will be able to incorporate that into the time we have. It’s a lovely venue and we have use of the whole facility so let’s use it as much as we can.

**Awards**

The DBS offer many different Awards, details can be found on the Donkey Breed Society Website so would anyone be interested in an Award training day? We have some space in the calendar so I’m sure we can fit something in.

Are you doing the Active Donkey Award with your donkey? If you take your donkey to any of the events, then remember to include that event as part of your active donkey award activity submission, although being an active donkey can also include things you do with your donkey at home. Want to know more? Have a look on the Donkey Breed Society Website or in Bray Talk for more information

**Catch up Lunch**

Our first event this year is on Sunday 20th March and is a catch-up Lunch at the Rainbow on the Lake, meeting at 12.30 for a 1.00pm lunch. Food includes a range of pub food as well as Sunday roast. Please let Trudy Affleck know by 12th March if you intend on coming along.

**Zoom Quiz**

Following the success of the zoom donkey quiz there will be another quiz later this year on 26th November. If you want to discover some little-known facts and some more familiar facts about donkeys, then please join us for this event. Its just for fun, not a competition and there will be something new to learn!

**Calpurnia Cup**

A child riding a donkey

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In 2021, Vinnie Baute received the cup for his lovely manner with the donkeys that he rides, for having a big smile when people talk to him and always thanking his donkey when he gets back from the ride and then going to the back door for a ginger biscuit along with the donkey!

Do you know a junior member that could be eligible for the cup this year? The cup is awarded at the Southern Region AGM so you have until beginning of November to work with your junior member and your donkeys and to make your nomination.

If you have any items that you want included in the Spring Newsletter, please send them to Trudy Affleck by the end of February 2022.

Best wishes from us all

*Trudy, Clare, Maureen, Jackie, Hannah, Lucie, Judith and Dizzie*

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