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Newsletter of the SOUTH EAST REGION of the
DONKEY BREED SOCIETY
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THE SOUTH EAST REGION IS ALIVE AND KICKING!

After two years of cancellations, disappointments and frustrations your regional committee has met and has definite news of events and adventures for you and your donkeys.

But we need your help and enthusiasm.

ON THURSDAY 26TH MAY AT 7PM

there will be a meeting, by Zoom, to which all members in the South East are invited.

You will be able to meet your Area Representative, hear more about our plans for the rest of the year and tell us more about what you would like the DBS to do for you. You will also be able to ask any questions you have.

We promise, you will not have to sign up for anything on the day, but hopefully you may be inspired to share your talents with us. For example, you will see that we have a vacancy for a Treasurer and Secretary on the committee and this might be something you would be able to help with. We are really looking forward to meeting our members in the South East, albeit on a screen this time, but hopefully in person later in the year.

EAST GRINSTEAD LIONS CLUB ARE HOLDING A DONKEY DERBY ON SUNDAY 24TH JULY.

The event will be held on Sunday 24th July on the King George's Field, Moat Road RH19 3LN. Admission is FREE. The event opens at Midday and runs until 5pm. There will be 7 races from 1.00pm

More details about the Donkey Derby on www.eastgrinsteadlions.co.uk. Look at fundraising pages

This is not run by the DBS, BUT we will have a stall there to tell the public more about donkeys and promote the DBS. If you live nearby it is a really good fun day out. Why not come and introduce yourself to us. We would love to meet you and talk donkey.

More details about the DBS involvement from Gloria Newstead or Barbara Roger

Donkey shows in the South East

There will be donkey classes at Edenbridge and Oxted Show on 28/29 August Look at their website for more details. www.edenbridge-show.co.uk

There will be [Donkey Classes at Chertsey Show on 14th August](#). There will be Condition and Turnout and breed classes. Schedules will be posted on the DBS Facebook page and the DBS website soon or are available from barbara24@fastmail.fm

We have provisionally arranged a

[Farrier foot trimming talk and demonstration by Richard Wiggins](#)

[to take place on Sunday 14th August, 11am - 4pm at The Folly, 1 Folly Hill, Farnham, GU9 0AX with refreshments and lunch provided.](#)

Richard will demonstrate and give a talk whilst trimming our donkeys feet and hopefully timing will allow some social interaction and a catch up.

Please contact Rosemary and John on 01252 714242 to advise if you wish to attend this event (to give an indication on numbers).

Our neighbouring regions, the South and the East, are always happy to welcome you to any of their events.

Look on the regional pages at www.donkeybreedsociety.co.uk

PAST CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear All,

Due to personal circumstances and after some consideration and thought. I have decided to make the decision to stand down as South East Region Chairperson.

I have spoken to Gloria Newstead who as you all know is Vice Chair of the South East Region and she is happy to accept the position of South East Region Chairperson if committee are in approval.

I am happy to remain on committee and be Vice Chairperson to assist Gloria in her new role. *

I would like to thank everyone on the committee for their help and hard work over the many years that I have been chairperson it's team work that have made it so successful . This keeps everything in order and going forward to the future and of course our love of donkeys.

Kind Regards *Coral Weaver*

*These positions will be finalised at the 2022 SE Region AGM. Meanwhile Gloria is doing the Chairperson job, and Coral is Vice Chairperson.

PRESENT CHAIRMANS REPORT

Dear Members

I hope you are all keeping well during these difficult times.

Just a little information about myself. I have been a member of the Donkey Breed Society since 2014. (A new member really!) I have Miniature Donkeys, which most certainly can be a challenge at times.

During the past couple of years it has not been possible in the South East, to host any events or attend any shows, but we are hoping that we can now move forward and arrange events for everyone to attend in 2022/2023. Covid still remains with us, and I truly believe that we are learning to live with it.

I would like to say a massive thank you to Coral Weaver for all the work that she has done, and still does for the Donkey Breed Society. Coral is an encyclopaedia when it comes to donkeys and will always be on hand to help. I would also like to say a big thank you to Tracy Porter who has not only been our Minutes Secretary but Treasurer as well. We welcome any new ideas or suggestions that we can bring into our region. Look forward to hearing from you all soon.

Gloria Newstead

REPORTS FROM YOUR AREA REPRESENTATIVE

SURREY. From Rosemary and John Porter

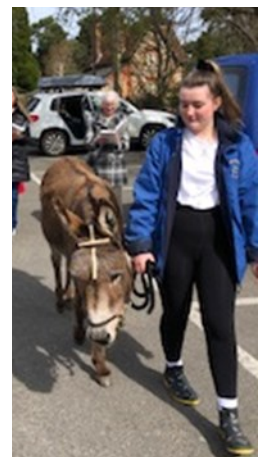
The sad news first. We lost two of our donkeys at the beginning of the pandemic, but were very lucky to take on Rolo and Trixie from Vicky Roberts - they have settled in very well. Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to take them out anywhere or the trailer that we purchased - which has only left the yard for a service check

In August, with great sadness, we lost Adrian, our youngest son, aged 53 after suffering a long and debilitating illness which was complicated by melanoma. Fortunately he passed away peacefully at home with his beloved pets at his side. Until his disabilities got progressively worse, Adrian would often accompany us to donkey shows, London New Years' Parade etc and always enjoyed the company of other members etc

On the brighter side, we did manage to attend two churches on Psalm Sunday with the help from family. We were only able to take 2 donkeys as Andrew was able to tow the trailer with his car as myself and my car were unavailable. Firstly, Rosemary, Tracy and Charlotte took the donkeys, Rosie and Anna, to St Andrews Church in Farnham. They congregated, at the Vicarage, with a large number of the public and then led the parade along Church Street, into the churchyard and up to the memorial garden where they re-enacted the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem and sang hymns. They then led the congregation into the church for the morning service. All went very well, particularly as the re-enactment was a new arrangement from previous years and Rosie took everything in her stride especially as she was not used to attending this service as she usually attends the Spire Church Palm Sunday Service with Andrew and she had not been out anywhere since the pandemic.

They then attended St Marks Church, our local village church in Hale. Arriving at the church, Anna decided that she would rather stay on the trailer, so as time was short, Rosie put herself forward and was more than happy to step in. She happily led the congregation, clergy and musicians along Alma Way, through Tesco's car park and back through the churchyard and then she loaded back into the trailer.

We look forward to welcoming you all to The Folly on 14th August to meet and watch our farrier, Richard Wiggins at work.



SURREY From Tiggy Lavender

My report will contain very little as my donkeys have been "moth-balled" and I have been keeping a low profile since the start of Covid. I was planning to take donkeys to Edenbridge and Oxted show last year and they cancelled the classes the week before the show so that didn't happen.

Hopefully 2022 will prove to be the start of better times when people will be prepared to venture out with or without donkeys.

If you have any weeds now would be a good time to get rid of them as they will soon grow like mad once the rain comes. Ragwort, although not very palatable, is easiest to control at the rosette stage and Hemlock will look very appealing if there is a shortage of grass and can prove to be deadly.

Look forward to seeing everyone out and about.

KENT from Kim Weir

Hello everyone. I have been trying so hard to arrange a meeting for us with an Equine Dentist, but so far I have not been able to fix a date that is suitable for us all. However if you have any ideas for events or gatherings in our area please get in touch with me. 07759 617696 and if I cant help I will probably know someone who can.

Cati (pronounced Cartie)

Sadly, the last of my beautiful Andalucian Donkey's was put to sleep on April 5th aged 26 years.

Cati travelled over from Spain with eleven horses.

On arrival at Stable Court she calmly walked down the ramp to be greeted by her old friend Maximillian (another Andalucian donkey we had brought over previously).

They have all been a part of our family for a long time and she will be sorely missed.

Val Newton

TO JOIN IN THE ZOOM MEETING ON THURSDAY 26TH MAY AT 7PM

Please email me at barbara24@fastmail.fm

And I will send you the joining information. I would really like to see you there!

Thank you. *Barbara Roger*

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