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Gilbert Jordan will be sadly missed

In October we heard the sad news of Gilbert's passing. He was a keen showman, attending both affiliated and non-affiliated shows alike. Many of you would have known Gilbert and his lovely mare Pam and will join with us in sending our sympathy and good wishes to his family.

The rain fell on Parkgate

Some hardy folk turned out for the return of the Parkgate Donkey Day in September. The rain was relentless but we completed all our classes. David McMullan and Donnie lifted the Championship with Jill Castles' Percy in reserve. Many thanks to Harry Crawford for judging.



Who was training who?

A big thank you goes to Mr Declan Feeney for hosting a training day at Seaforde. Participants learnt about long reining and harness fitting amongst other things.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is to be held on Saturday 4th March 2023 at a venue to be confirmed.

This is always a great event where we are able to celebrate the achievements and contributions made by members through the year.

This year we will be saying goodbye to Mr Steven Cherry who is stepping down from his role as our representative on the Donkey Breed Society Council. This role has involved him in travelling to England for meetings and we are very grateful for the excellent way in which he has made our voices heard across the water.

Harvest Day, Ulster Folk Museum, Cultra

We had beautiful weather for the Harvest Day at the museum. A fantastic display of vehicles and implements greeted the visitors on the green below Tea Lane....and in the lanes donkeys with creels and carts of all sizes ferried the apples back from the orchard.



It was great to see new members joining in and in particular, so many juniors.



Happy Christmas!



Many of you have been out and about in the run up to Christmas and there have been sightings of festive donkeys across the region. Here are Sparkles the Elf and Dolly helping Santa out in Raffrey Church and these cheeky guys at Bleary Primary School.



And finally....

The whole committee join in wishing all our members a happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all out and about with your donkeys in 2023