

Longears

Newsletter of the SOUTH EAST REGION of the
DONKEY BREED SOCIETY
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Our walk around Bewl Water in May

Welcome to this edition of Longears, the newsletter of the South East region of the Donkey Breed Society

MOCK SHOW DAY. SUNDAY 30TH JULY

10.30 am to 4pm

At Shoreham in Kent TN14 (not Sussex)

Do you want to show your donkey but are not confident and don't know where to start? Then this day is for you.

We will start off with a talk about showing and have a panel of people who will answer your questions.

Then we will have a practical session with your donkey(s)

We will walk through a mock show. Find out what to do and what the judge is looking for at each stage.

Lunch and Cake. Bring your own lunch. We will provide the cake!

2pm. 3 judged show classes. 1. Condition and turnout 2. Newcomers 3. Pet donkey.

Please email barbara24@fastmail.fm if you will be coming so we can give you the exact location.

SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

THE AGM OF THE DBS SOUTH EAST REGION
WILL BE HELD AT IDE HILL VILLAGE HALL TN14 6JG AT
2.30 FOR 3PM.

Your presence is really requested as your input into the future of the region is urgently required. We have vacancies on the committee for a treasurer and a newsletter editor. And you will read later on that we are looking for a new Area Representative. But you don't have to be on the committee to support well established events or bring new exciting events to the region.

But best of all, it is an opportunity to meet old friends and see members new to the region and the DBS.

If you are coming or sending apologies please let Coral Weaver know. Phone on 01293 885080 or email: southeastregion9@yahoo.com

CHERTSEY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION SHOW

Donkey Classes. Sunday 13th August.

5 Breed classes plus Condition and Turnout, Long Reining, Miniature Donkey and Pet Donkey

Judge: Mr Mark Kerr

Schedule on SE Page of DBS website

EDENBRIDGE AND OXTED AGRICULTURAL SHOW

www.edenbridge-show.co.uk

Donkey classes on Monday 28th August at 10am
Condition and turnout, Stallions and Geldings, Mares, Donkeys under 4 years, Pet Donkey.

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From Kim Weir. Area representative for Kent

A zoom meeting had been arranged for Southeast members at the end of February and there was a lot of enthusiasm that evening, from those that attended, and the outcome was to get together for a walk and picnic with their donkeys.

Bewl Water was the venue on Sunday 21st May. Twelve people, three donkeys and one mule. We may have been a small group but when we reached an open grassy area by the water where lots of families were, we suddenly became the centre of attention.....well not us, but the three donkeys and mule who all behaved impeccably as children wanted to stroke them and have their photos taken with them!

Afterwards we had a picnic by the trailers and were able to chat and catch up with old friends and meet new ones! Our next event will be on July 30th, a training day including how to get your donkey/ mule ready for a show, and then a 'mock' show afterwards.

From John and Rosemary Porter. Area representatives for Surrey

As we have advised previously, we intend to stand down as Area Reps for the South East Area as from this year's AGM. Unfortunately, we are no longer in a position to actively support events, due to the world changing since the Covid pandemic, both of us are suffering physical ill health, our age and not being able to cope with the digital progress that has been made over the past few years.

We will still be involved with our own donkeys and hope that the many friends we have made during the last 40 years will understand that there comes a time when we have to enjoy what time we have in a more uncomplicated way.

Kindest Regards

John and Rosemary

This is so sad, but such a brave and sensible decision to make. A big thank you to both of you, but not goodbye, we will be in touch! Barbara Roger.

From Tiggy Lavender. Area representative for Surrey

Hopefully we are now able to adopt the line of thought that Covid is behind us and we can be more inclined to mix with people.

With that in mind we in the South East Region are keen to get members out, with or without their donkeys, and are trying to organize events of interest.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new members and hope to have a chance to meet you soon.

The South Eastern Donkey Show was held at Ardingly, thanks to the South East Shire Horse Association, and although entries were not the best it proved to be a success.

Surrey County Show and Cranleigh have both ceased until further notice. A decision was made on 31st May that Chertsey will go ahead this year and Edenbridge and Oxted Show is having donkey classes. I would urge anyone who is contemplating showing their donkey to do it sooner rather than later.....we really need entries at the shows. If you think you don't have a show donkey then think again; there are some very good donkeys out there that their owners think of as "just family pets". If your donkey does not have the conformation to win a breed class then there is no reason why it cannot win a condition and turn out or pet donkey class. Pet donkey is designed specifically for the perfect pet regardless of shape or pedigree. If you are a little intrepid or have problems there will be help on hand.

Looking back there in excess of ten shows hosting donkey classes in the south east and this season we only have three.

Hopefully there will be alternative events of interest to members who don't wish to show their donkeys but to everyone I would say come and join us, you (and your donkeys) may well enjoy yourselves.

From Coral Weaver, Area representative for Sussex.

I have not received a report from Coral yet and I presume it's delayed in the post, but I cant wait any longer to send out this newsletter.

I know Coral is trying to arrange a long reining day which will be popular

As Chairman of the South East committee she is busy arranging our AGM which will be followed by a craft activity. Barbara

From Barbara Roger. Regional Delegate

Firstly I would like to encourage you to join our Face Book page. It is a good way to keep up to date on what is going on in our region.

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Please, please try to come to the AGM. It has been arranged in the centre of the region to reduce long journeys. If you cannot be there you can email me with any thoughts you have about the SE region and I will be happy to take them to the meeting.

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