

## Region 9 (South East) report for 2023.

We are gradually coming back to life after hibernating during the pandemic.

April saw the return of the South Eastern Donkey Show (SEDS). A lovely day incorporated into the Heavy Horse Show. A superb venue. Numbers were low, but very encouraging.

Your committee met in May and made plans for future events. A group of enthusiasts from Kent walked around (well, by the side of) Bewl Water and new friendships were made. They also met up again in July for a Mock Show Day

August was Show month. Competitors from the southeast attended Chertsey Show and Edenbridge and Oxted Show.

We also held our AGM in August. We elected Jim Weir as the new Treasurer for the region. We also thanked Tracy Porter for all the work she has done as treasurer for many years. A magnificent job!

We also acknowledged the amazing job done by John and Rosemary Porter as Area Representatives for Surrey for many years. They have decided to step down due to age and mobility problems. Thank you both so much. We will always remember the wonderful Donkey Day Out event at The Rural Life Museum with pride.

Later this month there will be a talk "Insight to Saddlery" followed by a Christmassy Cream Tea and a chance for loads of donkey chatter at Underriver in Kent. All invited. Details on DBS website.

All the events mentioned above were available for all members of the Southeast region to attend. Few did, and mostly the same people. We desperately need new committee members. Older people for their experience and knowledge, younger people for their enthusiasm and new 'thinking out of the box' ideas and people with technology and media skills. Could this be you?

Many thanks to our long standing and loyal Area Representatives Tiggy Lavender, Kim Weir and Coral Weaver.

Barbara Roger

Regional Delegate