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The Newsletter of the Eastern Region of the Donkey Breed Society

A really short one this time, AGM details, our calendar of events which is still a work in progress, but hopefully something to whet your appetite, plus info on Purple Poppies and how you can help.

DBS E-news

If you have given us an email address, you should be receiving the regular 'e-news'. The end of January edition will be highlighting our Eastern Region so quite a coup for us.

Purple poppies

As you should be aware, the Donkey Breed Society is in partnership with War Horse Memorial (the 'purple poppy people'). They raise funds through donations in exchange for enamel lapel badge purple poppies, to be worn in memory of animals that have lost their lives or suffered during war. Several members take a collecting box and some poppies, and pop them out at feed merchants, local shops etc. The public make donations and take a poppy. We retain 50% of donations and the remainder goes back to War Horse who then use it to support various charities such as World Horse Welfare, The Brooke – and us!

Could you take a box – or two? If so, and to find out more, please contact Joss.

Photo Show

Another really successful photo show was held at the end of the year. We will undoubtedly hold another so start taking some great photos of your donkeys. More info in the next newsletter. Beautiful 3 tier rosettes to 6th place.

Contact details – full details of how to contact the committee members are at the rear of this newsletter, so please do get in touch if you want to come along to anything or ask questions.

Calendar of events (still under development, so please contact the named individual to find out more)

When	What
2 nd Thurs of each month	Thursday club at Annette's nr Bury St Edmunds
Sunday 18 th Feb	Regional AGM. Via Zoom Carole is secretary
Saturday 24 th Feb	Animals in War Day Possible attendance at Jimmy the donkey's grave and memorial from WW1, Central Park, Peterborough – Liz main contact Possible local event (Colchester / Mersea, Essex) –Jude organising
Sunday 25 th Feb	Purple poppy walk or making poppies - Gate & West Farm, Lawshall, Buy St Edmunds. All welcome. Annette organising
Sunday 24 th March	Palm Sunday – lots of donkeys busy everywhere!
Fri 12 th April	Quiz night via Zoom, Rob organising
Weekend in April	Agility/ Spook busting with Amanda Banham, somewhere in Norfolk, possibility at World Horse Welfare – Liz organising
Sunday 12 th May	South Suffolk Show
Saturday 18 th May	Hadleigh Farmers Show
Sunday 19 th May	General training day – Long-reining, other activities as requested. Pavenham, Beds. Contact Tracey
Sat 25 th – Sun 26 th May	Herts County Day to be confirmed, but probably Sat. – show and poss stand

Wed 29 th – Thurs 30 th May	Suffolk County Show
Wed 26 th / Thurs 27 th June	Royal Norfolk Show
Sat 29 th June	Wisbech Rose Fair – Liz / Tom / Debs organising
Sun 30 th June	Sandringham Drive
Sat 13 th July	Tendring Show
Sat 27 th July	Heckington Show
Sat 17 th Aug	National Championship Show
August Bank Holiday?	Winslow Show (possibly have donkey classes or display / stand. Contact Tracey)
Sun 15 th Sept	Walk / long-rein / drive / ride, Blandings Farm Carriage Driving, near Newmarket, Cambs. Joss organising
Sat 21 st / Sun 22 nd Sept	Abbey Farm driving weekend (not DBS organised but please contact Carole)
Saturday 28 th Sept	Gransden Show, nr Sandy, Beds. DBS display and stand. Helpers and handlers wanted. Contact Carole
Saturday 5 th Oct	ERADS (Eastern Region Autumn Donkey Show). Skylark Garden Centre, Wimblington, March, Cambs. Contact Liz for more details
Friday 8 th to Sunday 10 th Nov	Your Horse Live! event at Stoneleigh, Warks. DBS attend and looking for helpers. Contact Carole
Sometime early Dec	Wreath making at Annette's
1 st Jan 2025	London New Year's Day Parade – advertised in Bray Talk, Carole main contact

Who's Who – please make contact if you need any help or have any ideas or suggestions.

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Notice of our Regional AGM

Our Regional AGM will be held at 11:00am on Sunday 18th Feb via Zoom. Please contact Carole if you would like a link to the meeting.

The agenda is below. Please note that we aim to keep the AGM to a short meeting. Matters can be raised in AOB but a vote cannot be taken on these. We will close the meeting when the agenda is completed and will then have an open discussion on other topics if required.

If you would like to submit an item to be considered for the AGM Agenda or the Open Discussion, please contact Carole who will forward them on to the Committee.

Minutes of the previous meeting are listed below.

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Election of officers
3. Minutes of previous Meeting
4. Matters arising from minutes
5. Chairman's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Secretary's Report
8. AOB
9. Date of next meeting
10. Close of AGM

Open discussion

NOTE – Election of officers has been moved to agenda item 2, to enable a new Chairman (and Regional Delegate) to be elected, and who can then run the meeting from that point on.

Minutes

Meeting held 11:00 Sunday 19th Feb 2023

At the Holiday Inn, Histon Cambs

Present: Committee members: Joss Goodchild, Diana Dunstan, John Dunstan, Annette Staveley, Carole Travell, Liz Wright

1. Apologies

Clare Winter-Bysouth, Maggie Taylor, Jude Pearce, Rob Sims, David Poole, Tom Bysouth.

2. Election of Officers.

Following the resignation of Tom Bysouth, a new Chairman and Regional Delegate were required.

Liz Wright volunteered to stand as Chair. Proposed by Carole Travell, seconded by Diana Dunstan. Unanimously approved. Liz took over chairing the meeting.

Joss Goodchild volunteered to stand as Regional Delegate. Proposed by Liz Wright, seconded by Carole Travell. Unanimously approved.

Carole to notify Carol Morse and request Council co-option for Joss.

ACTION – CAROLE

Carole was prepared to stand as Secretary, Proposed Diana, seconded Annette

Liz was also recognised as the Rights of Way officer and Health & Safety Officer.

Jude Pearce had become Essex East Area rep and therefore a member of the Regional Committee.

Tracey Robinson had applied to join the committee and was unanimously approved.

3. Minutes of previous AGM

These were agreed. Proposed :Liz, seconded Annette

4. Matters arising from minutes

4.1 The possibility of holding the AGM by Zoom again, for 2024 was discussed and will be decided in time for the AGM notice to go out in a newsletter.

4.2 It was reported that Joss had purchased a printer, as previously agreed, and that the most recent newsletters had been printed on it, where hard copy as needed. Joss pointed out that email is much cheaper, as a paper copy amounts to approx. £2. It was recognised that for some members paper will always be their preferred means of receiving the newsletter, but email should be encouraged wherever possible.

4.3 Publication dates for the newsletter were agreed as End of March (a short one), End of July and pre-Xmas.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was given by the previous Chair, Tom. A copy is included as Appendix A. Note that ERADS had taken place.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was given. A copy is included as Appendix B. Discussion was held as to whether we would claim our Capitation. The claim had not yet been submitted, but Joss will now take on this responsibility from Tom. The claim is overdue.

ACTION - JOSS

7. Secretary's Report

2 newsletters had been produced and distributed. No correspondence had been received.

8. AOB

Discussion was held on the funds held within the account for the East Anglian Donkey Show. This is not a matter for the DBS or this committee, however the 2 remaining EADS committee members are both on this committee (Annette and Dave). Although the matter is entirely up to Annette and Dave, it is felt that it would be appropriate for a donation to be made to the ERADS show, Annette and Dave to discuss,

9. Date of next meeting

The next AGM will be held Sunday 18th Feb, potentially by Zoom but to be tbd.

There being no further business, the AGM meeting was closed..

Appendix A

DBS Eastern Region Chairman's Report for the AGM

2022 saw our region return to pretty much normal after 2 years with different things cancelled, postponed or restricted in some way. Although unfortunately a couple of our usual events didn't take place due to other reasons including the London New Years Day Parade which was not attended by the DBS and the Eastern Region Autumn Donkey Show. The former was however replicated with many members creating their own more local parades and walks.

Many shows and more regular events took place and were well attended including the Gransden Show which had a DBS stall and demonstration where many members attended with their donkeys, showcasing the many things donkeys excel at.

Tom Bysouth – Ex Chairman
DBS Eastern Region

Appendix B
Treasurer's report – Regional AGM 19th Feb 2023

Society year 2022 (as reported to central DBS Treasurer)

	what	Paid in to / out of Bank	Bank balance	cash in hand	Total balance	
31/12/2021	Balance at 31-12-21		£1,930.37	£40.00	£1,970.37	statement
			£1,930.37	£40.00	£1,970.37	
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05/01/2022	Weigh tapes sales from Your Horse	£40.00	£1,970.37	£40.00	£2,010.37	
16/02/2022	Stamps for notif of AGM 2022 time change	-£11.88	£1,958.49	£40.00	£1,998.49	
17/02/2022	Total 50% poppies to go to centre then War Horse	-£107.16	£1,851.33	£40.00	£1,891.33	
14/03/2022	National capitation pyment	£228.00	£2,079.33	£40.00	£2,119.33	
19/04/2022	Weigh tape sale (annette)	£9.00	£2,088.33	£40.00	£2,128.33	
19/08/2022	Printer (Joss)	-£160.41	£1,927.92	£40.00	£1,967.92	
14/09/2022	Printer crtridges (Joss)	-£32.98	£1,894.94	£40.00	£1,934.94	
26/09/2022	Insurance for Gransden	-£25.00	£1,869.94	£40.00	£1,909.94	
29/09/2022	Donations from Gransden	£87.57	£1,957.51	£40.00	£1,997.51	
29/09/2022	Poppies (total) from Gransden - 4 poppies	£6.00	£1,963.51	£40.00	£2,003.51	
28/11/2022	Xmas cards (Joss)	£16.00	£1,979.51	£40.00	£2,019.51	
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	Owe centre for poppies	-£3.00	£1,976.51	£40.00	£2,016.51	
	<u>Donation back out to bits appeal</u>	<u>-£50.00</u>	<u>£1,926.51</u>	<u>£40.00</u>	<u>£1,966.51</u>	

Income - Capitation £228, Sales £65, Poppies (net) £3, Donations £87.57 – total £383.57

Expenditure – 50% of 2021 poppies (to War Horse) 107.16, Printer £160.41, Consumables / postage £44.86, Insurance (Gransden) £25 – total £337.57

Comment – there were 2 exceptional expenditure items in 2022, the 50% poppy donation and the printer purchase. The insurance cost of Gransden was outweighed by the donations.

David Poole, Treasurer, DBS Eastern Region