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**Merry Christmas
and
a Happy New Year**



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WES Trail Riding Award Scheme

The Trail Riding Award' Scheme is open to members of the Society only. The Scheme is very simple – any WES member who hacks out for pleasure, trec or endurance (training and schooling do NOT count) in a western saddle can record their hours and qualify for an award.

The horse does not have to belong to the rider but must be ridden in a western saddle and must be sound and fit.

The scheme is subject to a once only payment of £40.

Participants can download a Log Sheet or an excel spreadsheet to record their hours spent hacking.

Stories, achievements and photos can be posted to the Western Equestrian Society Facebook page and your WES Area Facebook page.

Records must be submitted to the Society by email (westrailaward@yahoo.com) on or before 1st February on an annual basis to verify claim.

Subject to ratification* the following awards will be made:

- 50 hours members will receive a certificate
- 100 hours - quality SOS Saddle tag,
- 250 hours - special rosette
- 500 hours – inscribed silver belt buckle supplied by Montana Silversmiths

WES Merchandise

**For a wide range of
clothing with the WES
embroidered logo
please visit the
**TOTAL CLOTHING
SHOP****

WWW.totalclothingshop.co.uk/wes

WES Website

**Please visit the New
Updated WES website
for information on the
Society, details of
shows clinics, etc.**

www.wes-uk.com



Society Information

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The following is a list of members holding WES judging cards.

(Prob. = Newly approved judges who are required to stand alongside existing judges for at least one show before accepting a judges appointment).

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NB. (Bob also holds NRHA.DE, and judge emeritus for AQHA, APHA, NCHA & NRHA)

WES Judges Committee

The following Judges are members of the WES Judges Committee:

Mick Carder (chair),
Bob Mayhew,
David Lloyd,
Scherie Dermody



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The following is a list of WES Approved Instructors

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Advertising Rates

Advertising for WES approved events is free, as are “For Sale” and “Wanted” small ads posted by members

Rates for other items are as follows

Full page (Nominal A4 portrait) £50
Half page (Nominal A5 landscape) £30
Quarter page (Nominal A6 portrait) £20

WES Members receive a £5.00 discount on the above rates.

These rates are per issue, and advertisements should be relevant to Western Riding or horses, e.g. clothing or tack.

Advertising copy should either be in Word or JPG format. It should be sent to the editor WES News. email: cpa.thompson@btconnect.com

Payment should be made by BACS. Once an advertisement has been accepted, advertisers will receive account details and the reference number to be used to identify their payment.

From the Editor

By
Chris Thompson

What a year this has been, we definitely don't want another like it.

As I am writing this, the Omicron variant of covid is starting to ramp up, and it seems the vaccines may not be as effective against it. Certainly, we all need a booster dose. So please if you have not already done so get your booster dose.

There is also the question of whether our horses can catch COVID from us. The jury is still out on this one. There are some indications that they can and some that they cannot. So it is important to stay healthy and to wash your hands before and after seeing your horse.

So I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

Chairman's Report

By
Ann Hughes

As this year has gone on we have been subjected to some great highs and lows, lockdowns were the lows, although I have to say my routine changed very little, and highs, which gave us our freedom again and it also gave us the chance to make last minute plans for the national clinic and show.

My year was devastated by the loss of Chime, who many of you will have known, she was such a character and gave me her very best, even though she had PSSM 1, she always tried her hardest to please. I now have one of her cousins, which is in foal to Chimes half-brother, fingers crossed that all goes well in February.

2022 will see WES into its 37th year, the years have seen many changes in the fight to keep up with the times. Social media has probably brought about the biggest change, allowing for both discussions and announcements to be widely published quickly. Probably the biggest change for council was the use of Zoom for the council meetings, it has saved on both time and money, no more having to waste a whole day.

There has been a lack of shows over the past few years, partly due to all the lockdowns, but mainly because the reps are finding it very hard to find affordable venues at which to hold shows. So we are looking at awarding points to WES members who compete at shows holding unaffiliated classes with disciplines that comply with the WES rule book, both Bodium and Oakridge hold events that come under this remit. It will hopefully encourage more people to show, be able to hone their skills, which then means we can bring back the qualifications back for the championship classes at the Nationals again, making them the special classes they once were.

There was a vote at the AGM this year for next year's meeting to be held again via Zoom, all details will go out to all members early in the New Year.

We have nearly reached the end of 2021, so that just leaves me to wish you all, on behalf of council, a very happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, with any luck this year we should all be able to get together with family and friends to celebrate properly.

Area Coordinators Report

*By
John Ayles*

Big thank you to Area 1, 4 & 13 Reps that have supported WES and their Areas over the years and have moved on to pastures new

Welcome to the new reps in those Areas but we are still looking for a new Rep in Area 3.

Also, thanks to all the Reps for all the hard work that is carried out behind the scenes that keep their Area's active.

Will be chasing you all in the new year for your Bank Statement's / update's of County Reps / Agenda items for the Area Reps meeting (more info to follow)

Merry Xmas and see you all in the New Year

Youth Officer's Report

*By
Annelie Matts.*

Horses have always been a huge part of my life, they have brought me so much enjoyment and purpose and I really couldn't imagine my life without them.

I studied at Bishop Burton College and left with a Business Management Degree and my BHSAL. I spent a lot of time gaining experience on different training yards in Scotland, England and Ireland before starting my own training/rehabilitation yard on my family farm in the North of Scotland.

Of all the horses I have worked with, there was one horse that changed me and made me realise how little I knew about training horses!! He was the best teacher I could ever have had and I feel very fortunate to have met him. It was this change that drew me to the western world.

I now live in South Lincolnshire with my husband and little girl (2.5 years) where I run a training/rehabilitation yard. I absolutely love my job; it really doesn't feel like work when I get to spend my days with these amazing animals.

I have a retired eventing mare and my wonderful Highland Forbes, who I now share with my little girl. We are looking forward to getting more involved in the Western Community and it is through this that led me to volunteer as WES Youth Officer. I want to help the young ones learn, appreciate these wonderful animals, and of course have lots of fun along the way.

Deadline for Next Issue

Here is the submission date for the next issue of the WES News:

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The Magazine will typically be published 1-2 weeks after this



Please submit your reports, articles, etc. in Word or as an email, with pictures and Graphics as JPG files. If you are sending in an advertisement, please send it as Word or a graphic so it can be resized as necessary to fit the available space.

Finally, please do not wait until the last minute to send items to me. Receiving 8-10 Area Reports plus any articles on the final day runs the risk of something getting lost in the rush. If you can trickle feed them to me it would help

Cover Picture

Brego and the Snow Pony by Verity Thompson

Trust, fitness and wet saddle pads

By
Jane Gibbs

My WES Trail Award journey began back in 2014 when I took on riding Di Whelan's Palomino QH, Woody. I had sadly lost my cob after 11 years of predominantly pleasure riding and low grade endurance rides.



Jane and Woody all at sea

I quickly joined WES and was delighted to see an award for Trail riding... just up my street. I had ridden Western 38 years ago with Tubby Cousins, a Western legend in the Cambridgeshire area, and found myself happily taking my place in Woody's saddle. I was lucky to attend several clinics and shows where I always took time for a gentle hack out (we particularly enjoyed exploring the water jump at the cross country course at Morton Morrell) as well as the Area 10 Annual camps in the forest and on the beach.

Sadly, Woody developed Cushings disease and we lost him to colic.



Jane on Shorty

I then started riding Di's little Paint mare, Shorty, and soon had her enjoying the trails as much as Woody and I had. We had to be creative, zig zagging in the fields on the farm, to boost our hours as the hacking was rather limited from the yard. We also checked out the cross country course at Morton Morrell, had a holiday in the Cotswolds and attended a couple of Area 10 Annual camps, but Shorty wasn't as keen on the beach sadly, the waves were without doubt going to kill us both and Shorty would not be tempted to risk entry to the sea! Together we clocked up the hours and it was on Shorty I completed my 250 hours and received my wonderful buckle in March 2019.



Jane and Lily on a dyke

During the first Covid lockdown, when I had to step away from Shorty as Di was isolating, my husband surprised me by buying me my young Highland mare, Lily. Of course, it is Western all the way for us and Lily and I have now completed the award at 500 hours.

We love our trail riding in company or alone and we are very lucky to have miles of byways and off road options straight from the yard. Lily is proving to be brave and independent out on the trail and I'm enjoying my versatile, 4x4 companion.

Remember no hour in the saddle is wasted, but out on the trail with your best friend for company it's about the trust, the fitness and wet saddle pads!!

Laredo Western Town needs your help!

*By
Vicki Holden*

Laredo Western Town in Fawkham, Kent was founded in 1971 by John Truder and a group of keen western enthusiasts. John had been around horses since he was a young boy and owned and bred them for years on his small holding.

Laredo Western club was formed shortly after and has grown into a real-life, authentic western town. Due to its authenticity and fantastic backdrop Area 8 organised a social event for our members at the town in the summer. It was extremely kind and generous of Jolene (John's daughter) to open up her home to us and let us experience it for ourselves as they do not normally open to members of the public, just film and TV crews as it is regularly used as a film location.

Tragically, on 18th November, an accidental fire ripped through the town destroying many of the buildings and items inside that had been collected for over 30 years. Jolene and all the members of the western club, and anyone who has had the privilege to visit, were devastated. A lot of blood, sweat and tears had been put into building the town over the years to make it the fantastic place it was to bring the spirit of the true west alive and, having visited myself, I can honestly say it did just that!

So, as fellow western enthusiasts, Laredo and WES are asking for your help to help them get back on their feet again. They have set up a fundraising page which you can visit and donate at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/laredo-western-town-fawkham> or, alternatively, contact Jo Gallagher (Area 8 rep) at paul.joanne.gallagher@btinternet.com who has a few of our 2022 calendars remaining (just £10 including P&P). Photos of which were taken at Laredo by Cheryl Foreman. All proceeds from sales will be donated to the fund.

We really hope you can help as we would love for Laredo to be rebuilt even bigger and better than it already was so we can visit once again.

Thanks for reading



The Twelve Days of Christmas a year with WES Area 8

*By
Jo Gallagher*

- On the first day of Christmas my WES Rep gave to me
A Summer Training Camp
- On the second day of Christmas my WES Rep gave to me
Two Photo competitions
- On the third day of Christmas my WES Rep gave to me
Three social days
- On the fourth day of Christmas my WES Rep gave to me
Four org'nised Trail rides
- On the Fifth day of Christmas my WES Rep gave to me
FIVE !!!! Traaaaaaiinning Clinics !
- On the sixth day of Christmas my WES Rep gave to me
Six lope overs
- On the Seventh day of Christmas my WES Rep gave to me
Seven side passes
- On the Eight day of Christmas my WES Rep gave to me
Eight Jog transitions
- On the ninth day of Christmas my WES Rep gave to me
Nine Lope departures
- On the tenth day of Christmas my Wes Rep gave to me
Ten members laughing
- On the eleventh day of Christmas my WES Rep gave to me
Eleven members learning
- On the twelfth day of Christmas my WES Rep gave to me
Twelve questions answered

Kathy's Rant

*By
Kathy Briggs*

We are all trying to get sorted after Storm Arwen..... If you see the odd shed roof flying past your door, please grab it, it might be one of ours, or a neighbour`s !!!!

Having neither power nor water for days on end (some of us aren`t back on yet!) soon wears thin. (power goes off, pump stops.... water stays in well!)



Hey Ho!

And some eejit in a nice warm office somewhere wants us all to go electric??? Ha f-in` Ha !

Thank heavens for our log burners and 4x4`s if we need to get across muddy fields to get water from the burn for our livestock.....

But at least our 100yr old plus fir tree that came down, missing the house, missing destroying the septic tank (now, that really would`ve had me swearing ...) but wiping out the fence and electric circuit to the fields.... will keep us in firewood for a long time to come (once it has dried out !!!)

Editor's Note:

Kathy sent me this shortly after Storm Arwen. Even though I am a Sassenach I emphasise with her comments about people in offices wanting us to get rid of our wood burners, gas hobs and 4x4s, etc.. Not going to happen!!

Towing with Electric vehicles

*by
Chris Thompson*

Of late I have been wondering about electric vehicles, and how practical they are for riders who need to tow a trailer. Maybe Kathy's rant above got me going, I don't know

At present I drive a diesel 4x4, and tow with it. So, I looked into my crystal ball to see how life would be if we have to get a electric 4x4

The first thing to consider is the specification for said 4x4. It would probably look something like this:

Four wheel drive	
Real World Range	300 miles
Towing Capacity	2500 to 3000kgs
Wading Depth	600 mm

Such a vehicle does not exist as yet, but in 10 years' time maybe, who knows. Let's assume that it will and you can afford it!!

Now, you want to take your horse to a show about 80 miles away. The round trip is about 160 miles, and there are unlikely to be any charging facilities at the show site. However, this is within the vehicles range. So, no problem

Right?

Wrong.

Towing a horse trailer, you will be lucky to get 150 miles range. Still, you should still be OK as you can top up the vehicle's charge on the way home.

So, you pull into the local charging station on the way back to top up your battery. The charging bays are not designed for vehicles with a trailer. The posted recommended procedure, for caravanners, is to unhitch your caravan, charge your car, and reconnect your caravan. But, you should not disconnect a horse trailer with the horse(s) in it. So, you have to unload the horses, disconnect the trailer and recharge your vehicle, reconnect the trailer and reload the horses.



Is that practical or safe? I don't think so.

So, plan B? leave the trailer connected and manoeuvre your car and trailer so it can be recharged. You'll be blocking other charging bays or the roadway. Will not make you popular with other e-car users, but needs must!!

So, what is the answer if we need to stop using petrol or diesel powered vehicles? Well, I think it will be Hydrogen powered vehicles. Either using hydrogen fuel cells or burning hydrogen in an engine instead of petrol or diesel.

On reviewing the situation, I think I will stick with my diesel powered 4x4. If I need to, I can refuel it without the trailer blocking other pumps for long, and be on my way.

Area Round-up

Area 1

Grampian and Highlands

By

Sandra Ioder

At the time of writing we have cancelled our Area 1 AGM because of Storm Arwen.

Thankfully everyone, and their animals, are safe and sound but some are still without power after 6 days. There will be a lot of clearing up to do for some time to come following the extensive damage caused by the gale force winds.

Our AGM is rescheduled for the 11th December and we are looking forward to discussing events for next year. We have already scheduled in 3 training weekends with Bob Mayhew in April, June and August.

Finally, a huge thank you to Kathy Briggs for all her hard work organising everything as Area 1 Rep over the past few years.'

I think we are all looking forward to 2022.

Area 2

Gwynedd, Clwyd, Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire

Area 3

Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire

Area 4

Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear

Area 5

Lancashire, Merseyside, Yorkshire, Greater

Manchester

By

Margaret Kemp

Following a season of well filled clinics, it was time to put practice into action in the show arena and what a great atmosphere there was at the first show since Autumn 2019!

The event held at Askham Bryan College attracted 22 horse rider combinations, who were scrutinised & judged by Scherie Dermody, ably assisted by her friend and regular 'writer', Ann. Very many thanks to 'new' day secretary Lesley who quickly mastered the job, regular commentator Jane and a very



efficient team of stewards and 'arena' folk, who kept the show moving along smoothly. I really did appreciate the time and effort the volunteers put into the day – smiling & reassuring competitors – especially several first timers as we had many entries in the walk jog classes

We are very fortunate in this Area having 3 County Reps to organise events and are indebted to Nickey, Lesley and Harry for doing a great job. Thanks also to treasurer Gerri, who efficiently deals with the finances for Camp, shows & all other events. Providing professional annual accounts is a bonus, thanks to her accountant husband lending a hand at year end!

Starting with the January 2021 Annual meeting, when we were forced by Covid to make use of 'WES' Zoom we have found it useful on other occasions - thanks to WES National secretary Debbie for setting it up. It has been beneficial to be able to communicate with County Reps treasurer & members with the planning of events, without time & travel costs. However, we are hopeful in January 2022 we will enjoy an 'in person' annual meeting followed by (optional) lunch.

Bishop Burton College is again the venue for the Northern WES Easter Camp from 1.30pm 14th April – 5pm Sat 16 April.

After many years as organiser, I was delighted when Harry Scargill volunteered to take on the role. He gained a good insight into it last year when he very ably managed 'on site' allowing me to participate. We welcome members from other Areas to again join this Northern Camp as the venue has plenty of regular stabling & student accommodation. Light indoor arenas plus 'Canterers', an area of café seating for socialising and a working kitchen for our use.

Year end thanks must also go to the WES National team who not only run the National Camp & Shows for our enjoyment but work all year round on our behalf.

Finally we hope you all have a happy time at Christmas and send you Very best Wishes for Good Health and Happiness in 2022, with plenty of WES socialising fun events for you and your horse to enjoy.

Askham Bryan Show Results 2021

Position	Rider name	Horse Name
Class 1 - Novice Rider Showmanship (4)		
1	Faith Harnett	Figgy
2	Su McAlpin	A Pro but Shy
3	Caitlin Dewing	llane Bobby
4	Jo Bate	Jake
Class 2 - Open Showmanship (3)		
1	Joanne Smithies	Black Star
2	Emma Chapman-Loney	G I Mighty Snipper
3	Caitlin Dewing	llane Bobby
Class 3 - Walk Jog Trail (9)		
1	Su McAlpin	A Pro but Shy
2	Sarah Morton	Zan Diamond Cherokee
3	Dawn Brown	Doxford Chrissy
4	Sheila Fox	Jinger



Position	Rider name	Horse Name
5	Melanie Mellor	Paddy Skye
Class 4 - Novice Rider Trail(5)		
1	Di Nicholson	Springwell Snow
2	Bill Tait	Amigo
Class 5 - Youth Trail (0)		
Class 6 - Novice Horse Trail (5)		
1	Jo Midgeley	Colin
2	Geraldine Scargill	Benjie
3	Di Nicholson	Springwell Snow
4	Bill Tait	Amigo
5	Adam Yates	Southern Sapphire
Class 7 - Open Trail (2)		
1	Jo Midgeley	Colin
2	Bill Tait	Amigo
Class 8 - Walk Jog Horsemanship (8)		
1	Su McAlpin	A Pro but Shy
2	Dawn Brown	Doxford Chrissy
3	Di Nicholson	Springwell Snow
4	Sarah Morton	Zan Diamond Cherokee
5	Faith Harnett	Figgy
6	Frances Maaxwell	Speedy
Class 9 - Novice Rider Horsemanship (6)		
1	Su McAlpin	A Pro but Shy
2	Nickey Smith	A Sparklin Suprise
3	Caitlin Dewing	llane Bobby
4	Sarah Thomason	Horizon
5	Geraldine Scargill	Benjie
Class 10 - Youth Horsemanship (0)		
Class 11 - Open Horsemanship (3)		
1	Joe Midgley	Unzip my Vest Slowly
2	Jo Smithies	Black Star
3	Emma Chapman Loney	GI Mighty Snipper
Class 12 - Novice Rider Western Riding (3)		
1	Seraya Sigsworth	Doxford Chrissy
2	Su McAlpin	A Pro but Shy
3	Nickey Smith	I'm a Sparklin Suprise
Class 13 - Novice Horse Western Riding (3)		
1	Seraya Sigsworth	Doxford Chrissy



Position	Rider name	Horse Name
2	Harry Scargill	Illane Bobby
3	Jo Smithies	Black Star
Class 15 - Novice Horse Reining (1)		
1	Emma Chapman-Loney	GI Mightly Snapper
Class 16 - Open Reining (1)		
1	Emma Chapman-Loney	GI Mightly Snapper
Class 17 - Walk Jog Pleasure (7)		
1	Su McAlpine	A Pro but Shy
2	Caitlin Dewing	llane Bobby
3	Dawn Brown	Doxford Chrissy
4	Sheila Fox	Jinger
5	Francis Maxwell	Speedy
6	Faith Harnett	Figgy
Class 18 - Novice Rider Pleasure (3)		
1	Su McAlpin	A Pro but Shy
2	Geraldine Scargill	Benjie
3	Bill Tait	Amigo
Class 20 - Novice Horse Pleasure (3)		
1	Su McAlpin	A Pro but Shy
2	Geraldine Scargill	Benjie
3	Bill Tait	Amigo
Class 21 - Open Pleasure (0)		
Class 22 - Nov Rider Ranch Riding (2)		
1	Di Nicholson	Springwell Snow
Class 23 - Novice Horse Ranch Riding (5)		
1	Joanne Smithies	Black Star
2	Geraldine Scargill	Benjie
3	Emma Chapman Loney	GI Mightly Snapper
4	Di Nicholson	Springwell Snow
5	Bill Tait	Amigo
Class 24 - Open Ranch Rider (2)		
1	Joanne Smithies	Black Star
2	Emma Chapman Loney	GI Mightly Snapper



Area 6

*Avon, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Dyfed, Glamorgan, Gloucestershire, Gwent, Herefordshire,
Pembrokeshire, Powys, Worcestershire*

*By
Mandy Hawkins*

Apologies for the lack of reports from Area 6 in the previous editions of WES News but I have struggled to find the time to write them with everything else going on.

We have had a few events in the area over the summer months including a Wes Area 6 Camp in May with 30 riders and 2 instructors Bruce Lawrence and Bob Mayhew. The weather was a bit challenging for those trying to pitch a tent on the first evening but on the whole the weather behaved for the rest of the weekend, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

In June we had a practice show on the back of the UKPHA camp. In August we had a pre show clinic with Bruce Lawrence and a Show judged by Scherie Dermody (results attached). I would like to thank all the members for supporting the events, especially Bruce, Tina and the whole team at Valley View Ranch for their hospitality and allowing us to use their facilities.

We are starting to plan for 2022 and have set a date for the Summer Camp (15th to 17th July) bookings will start to be taken early in the New Year. The first 15 people to book and pay deposits will get a place and after that we will have a waiting list. If you want to be guaranteed a space then please book early, if we have enough on the waiting list we will look at the possibility of a second instructor.

I hope to have further dates booked very soon and will update members by email and on the Facebook groups.

In the meantime, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



WES AREA 6 SHOW RESULTS 2021
JUDGE SCHERIE DERMODY

Position	Rider name	Horse Name
OPEN SHOWMANSHIP (2 ENTRIES)		
1 st	Claire Law	Peppy's April Anson
2 nd	Victoria Perkins-Campbell	Fanad High Tide
NOVICE RIDER REINING (10 ENTRIES)		
1 st	Claire Law	Peppy's April Anson
2 nd	Colin Parsons	Steady N Fast
3 rd	Erica Davies	Fifty Shades of Jay
4 th	Liz Schaad	Smoking wr Cowboy
5 th	Ros Madden	Snappy Spark
6 th	Julie Key	Seren Firefly
7 th	Jaki Goldstone-Potts	Heza Tyree n Pep
8 th	Rebecca Sidwell	Ima Midnight Gamble
WALK JOG TRAIL (6 ENTRIES)		
1 st	Claire Law	Peppy's April Anson
2 nd	Victoria Perkins-Campbell	Fanad High Tide
3 rd	Camilla Mascall	Goldies Star
NOVICE RIDER TRAIL (3 ENTRIES)		
1 st	Rebecca Sidwell	Ima Midnight Gamble
2 nd	Lee Parsons	Skipalena
OPEN TRAIL (2 ENTRIES)		
1 st	Rebecca Sidwell	Ima Midnight Gamble
NOVICE HORSE REINING (6 ENTRIES)		
1 st	Ros Madden	Snappy Spark
2 nd	Ally Brimble	Mister Smart Dual
3 rd	Helen Smitham	Mister Smart Dancer
4 th	Jaki Goldstone-Potts	Heza Tyree N Pep
5 th	Julie Key	Seren Firefly
6 th	Colin Parsons	Steady N Fast
WALK JOG PLEASURE (3 ENTRIES)		
1 st	Camilla Mascall	Goldies Star
2 nd	Lee Parsons	Skipalena
3 rd	Victoria Perkins-Campbell	Fanad High Tide
NOVICE RIDER PLEASURE (4 ENTRIES)		
1 st	Erica Davies	Fifty Shades of Jay
2 nd	Lee Parsons	Skipalena
3 rd	Victoria Perkins-Campbell	Fanad High Tide
4 th	Camilla Mascall	Goldies Star



Area 7

Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire.

By

Vicky Easton

To all Area 7 members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Let us all hope 2022 is a better year for everyone and Shows and Clinics are not interrupted due to Covid!!

I have booked Area 7's first Clinic on Saturday 23rd April at Sovereign, David will be instructing, no set format as yet.... suggestion please! We will have places for 12 people, early booking recommended, more information to follow.

Again.... Merry Christmas!!

Area 8

Berkshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Surrey, Sussex

By

Jo Gallagher

End of Year Round Up 2021

Hello everyone,

I think it has been a very eventful year, with lots of events to suit everyone.

With the late Autumn sunshine we have had recently, I hope you are all being able to make the most of it and get out and enjoy your horses, before the cold, wet and dark days come.

Just to remind everyone that there are still a few Western themed calendars available, which make great Christmas presents for horse lovers and Western fans alike.

If you would like a copy please send a payment of £10 (inc P+P) to Acc 25021524 54-21-25



There is also our WES regalia shop where you can purchase various items of WES branded clothing

<https://www.teamequestrianshop.co.uk/western-equestrian-society-area-8?fbclid=IwAR0bmGXsnewWC7IU-mnNd-NuQWY-2NrsEjjZWvkRSgRFVYjdpSwrBbrhaPw>

Also, a great idea for a Christmas present for any WES members.



Don't forget our Festive organised Trail ride is on 18th December, you may ride the route with your horse, or you can walk it , with or without your dog, or you could just join the riders afterwards for some mince pies, mulled wine, and other festive goodies.

Over Nov/Dec I will be running a photo competition, judged by Tammy Greaves, to keep you all going over the winter months, there will be lots of categories, something for everyone...with prizes in each class up to 3rd place, so please join in and have some fun.

Vicki Holden is also going to be running another challenge type of virtual event throughout January, so watch the WES Facebook group for more info on both of these .

I am hoping to be able to get a few dates in the calendar for 2022 very soon , please bear with me while I confirm dates and get venues organised.

Thank you to everyone who took part in events this year, your support is very much appreciated, and if you have any ideas or questions regarding events for next year, please do get in touch.

Happy Trails

East Sussex update

*By
Vicki Holden*

My first (proper) year as an area rep

After seemingly falling into the role of area rep for East Sussex back in July 2020 after some encouragement from Jo (area 8 rep) and completing the show managers course, I didn't really know what to expect.

After a bit of a non-start with the dreaded C word putting a dampener on our fun and the events that were planned, I have since thoroughly enjoyed being part of the team and a very active area with enthusiastic and supportive members.

Being an area rep has enabled me to combine my passion for western riding with my enjoyment of organising events and being part of an such an encouraging team means any and all ideas that members have are a possibility which we will endeavour to make happen if there is enough interest.

I love the variety of activities we have put on together over the last year including clinics, trail rides, a self-help trail day, a camp with a show and social events.

Once we realised COVID was sticking around for longer than we'd like we decided not to let it stop us and ran an online photography competition and a lockdown challenge to try and motivate members and give them something to focus on, both of which were very well received.

One of my personal highlights of the year was our social event at Laredo western town. It was such an authentic venue and was great to see everyone in their western attire having a good time together.



Another reason I love being part of area 8 is how supportive and encouraging everyone is of each other. There were a few members who took part in the Halloween show at Bodiam recently and many other members came along to cheer them on which was so nice to see.

I am very much looking forward to our Christmas trail ride and to continuing my role in 2022.

Area 9

Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk

Area 10

Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire., Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands

By

Jane Gibbs

The annual Area 10 camp was back in Thetford Forest for 2021, but at a new venue at the beautiful Little Lodge in the forest. The owners gave us a stunning tree lined field next to the river and away from the main camp site. Perfect.

As everyone arrived and set up their electric corals and settled their horses in, we gathered for a chat before tacking up and heading out into the forest. It was a bit over exciting for Lily and she was steaming ahead into the trees and it was a bit unnerving as I'd not had her quite so forward going before. She's usually very steady and can be more than a little stubborn - typical adolescent Highland - so it was very out of character.

We all wandered back to camp and, after sorting the horses with fly rugs (down side to being near the river but we had been warned and advised to bring rugs) and food, attention turned to our tea. We all gathered around our van to enjoy Sarah's delicious Cowboy Five Bean Stew and a few beers. So lovely to see everyone again.

A relatively early night and up bright and early for a long ride out. Everyone rode out in pairs or as a three and thankfully Lily had settled down and I had an amazing ride with Julia and Ronnie and Beverley and Rupert. The forest was beautiful, and we enjoyed the cool under the trees, exploring the obstacles of the cross country course, the wandering routes along the river and a sneaky visit to the wedding venue before taking the horses into the river for a cool down and a shower courtesy of Rupert.

Crikey it was hot and after lunch several of us took the opportunity to take a swim in the river. It was crystal clear and we enjoyed the banter with the passing paddle boarders and canoes.

There is no end to the crazy experience of an Area 10 camp as almost everyone joined in Sarah's yoga lesson. How lucky are we to have a yoga teacher at camp!!

Lou and Cat arrived for a camp visit just in time to take part in the camp fish and chips. The evening was a lovely, chilled affair with storytelling and catching up and tales of adventures from over the year. Lots to catch up on as many of us hadn't seen each other for a long time.





Area 11

Borders, Central, Fife, Lothian, Tayside

By

Kayreen Jones

Well as I write we are all gearing up in some way or another for the end of the year and festivities, as well as hopefully seeing our friends and family. We still live in uncertain times but generally I see people starting to pick themselves back up and carry on trying to get back to normal as much as they can do.

Here in Area 11 it has been a bit of a flat year still. We have had a couple of our localised play days, at Oxenfoord near Pathhead which were well attended. But persuading members to come out has been a hard one with ongoing restrictions and the Lothians/Central area being badly affected by Covid rules and people not necessarily following the guidelines re localised exercise meant a lot of our regular haunts were not conducive to getting out for group rides.

As things eased our small group, who are not a WES group but full of WES members and non-members had started up their clinics again near Kinross. This is really helpful as we are split in two with the Forth and travelling between and trying to include everyone is often hard. Meaning not everyone can get to everything. These meetings have been well received and attended thanks to Fiona Whitehead and Susan Thomson for keeping them going and Carol Magee for organising clinics.

Shows this year were not really on the cards for us. After asking all current WES members in Scotland we came up with 6 riders willing to show. The show outlay far exceeded what we would bring in and there was really no business case at all to allow the annual end of year show to go ahead. However looking forward to 2022 we are already in discussion with Area 12 and Area 1 to try and ensure things do not clash and to try and get some shows planned for next year.

Now I am well aware that shows are not what everyone wants to be doing so please at your AGMS can you communicate what you do want to your reps? It really helps to plan events and sometimes things will clash as there are only so many weekends in a year and people do have (well apparently normal people!!) other things in their lives apart from their horses.

I would like to personally thank Tenika Whytock and Kim Collier for keeping me relatively sane this year when things were changing on a daily basis regarding what we could and could not do and especially when I was canvassing members and becoming a tad despondent! I am hoping that 2022 will be filled with good hacks, lots of laughs nice get togethers and some shows where we enjoy our horses and meet our friends!

So from Area 11 and myself I am wishing everyone a safe, happy and restful end to the year before we all start again in 2022!

Best wishes and happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

Area 12

Dumfries & Galloway, Strathclyde



Area 13
Dorset and Hampshire
by
Sarah Seton Smith

Hello 🤝 Area 13 members.

Just a few words to introduce myself as your new area co-ordinator, my name is Sarah, you can contact me directly on 07973 442134.

As you know Anne Bately has stepped down after a commendable period of time, I shall endeavour to continue with her commitment to you, organising events that I hope will be of interest in Hampshire and Dorset. I do have some new venues that I am in the process of booking offering a variety of clinics and fun events. Dates will be sent out via email with regular updates on the Area 13 Facebook page .

With the festive season upon us, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year 🍷🥂🎉 it's going to be a good one!



WES EVENTS



WES Northern Easter Camp 2022

at

Bishop Burton College near Beverley, E Yorks HU17 8QG

From 1.30pm Thursday 14th April,

through Good Friday to 5pm Saturday 16th April 2022

Please Contact Harry Scargill on

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