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Merry Christmas
and
a Happy New Year



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WES TRAIL AWARD SCHEME

The Society's Trail Riding Award Scheme is open only to members of the Society

The Scheme is very simple - any WES member who hacks out for pleasure (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.

- The scheme is subject to a once only payment of £40.
- Participants can download a log sheet from the **WES web site** (www.wes-uk.com) on which to record their hours spent hacking. If you do not have access to the internet forms can be obtained from **David Hudspeth, Old Police House, 14 John's Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts., NG12 2GW**
- Subject to ratification* the following awards will be made:
 - **75 hours:** Commemorative certificate.
 - **150 hours:** Commemorative certificate.
 - **250 hours:** A certificate plus an inscribed silver belt buckle* supplied by Montana Silversmiths, subsidised by £50.00 from WES funds, the price to be confirmed at the time of purchase.
 - **500 hours:** Certificate plus option to purchase trail award merchandise embroidered with the Trail Award Logo obtainable from WES Merchandising.
 - **1,000 hours:** Option to purchase a Trail Award Jacket, embroidered with the Trail Award Logo, obtainable from WES Merchandising, together with 1 year's free membership of the Society.



** To qualify for the silver belt buckle and other benefits claimants must have maintained continuous membership of the society since joining the scheme. In the event of membership lapsing for any period the claimant's participation in the Trail Riding Scheme will be deemed void. Rider records must be submitted to the Society on an annual basis when requested. Clothing supplied will vary depending upon the fashion as the time of request.*

For details of the WES Trail Awards Scheme, please contact David Hudspeth, Old Police House, 14 John's Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts., NG122GW

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 WES
website for
information on the
Society, details of
shows clinics, etc.

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Society Information

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WES Judges Committee

The following Judges are members of the WES Judges Committee:

Mick Carder (chair),

Bob Mayhew,

David Lloyd,

Scherie Dermody

From the Editor

Welcome to the 3rd electronic issue of WES News. I hope there is something for everyone within its electronic pages.

As you will see from the Chairman's Comments, and other articles in this issue there is a concern over the future of WES.

Membership seems to be declining, and the Wes National Show was nearly cancelled due to lack of entries, although the number of entries picked up towards the show.

Other shows and activities have been cancelled over the past year due to lack of entries. One cannot help but wonder whether the people who didn't enter in time were then bemoaning the lack of the show.

There are some ideas within the magazine on how to encourage people to enter for shows, and other activities in good time. If this doesn't happen, then there is a danger that more shows could be lost.

There are several new Area Representatives, and other officials; and some of the existing long serving officials have said they plan to stand down during 2019. Because of this, I have reprinted the job descriptions that appeared in the WES News of June 2013. I appreciate that some of these descriptions may be a bit out of date, and it may be useful to update them after the AGM. Certainly, the WES editors job description is based on the paper version of WES, and does need updating.

With Christmas and the New Year fast approaching it is time to think of New Year resolutions. Mine as regards WES are as follows:

- attend the AGM on 17th of March
- enter any WES shows clinics as early as possible
- try and get the next issue of WES News out on 1st March 2019 so that it can

contain the meeting notice as well as the usual contents.

What will your resolutions be?

But it's not all doom and gloom, the spring clinic at Moreton Morell is now fully booked, there is a new honorary life member (Congratulations Mrs Mac).

On another cheery note, there are not many WES members in Berkshire, however WES a new member has joined from Berkshire Berkshire, they keep their horse at the same yard where I keep Brego. So now the yard has to Western riders. It will be nice to have some Western company when riding

In conclusion, I should like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and injury free 2019.

Chairman's Comments

As this year draws to a close we can look at what has been a frustrating year for WES.

Membership has fallen but we are still running as many events. Some areas are faring better and increasing members but others are not doing so well.

It's clear we need to do things differently – the response to the Spring Clinic at Moreton Morell has shown that things can be improved. Turning the clinic into a camp with some social activities has resulted in the event being fully booked before Christmas when in previous years we've not published details until after Christmas is a good indicator as to what can be achieved.

We need to know what you want. The AGM has been set for 17th March so please try to attend and put your ideas forward



New Honary Life Member

An Announcement from the council

WES Council is very pleased to announce that at the Council meeting on Sunday 28th October we agree to bestow Honorary Life Membership to Scottish member Aileen McCandlish, affectionately known to everyone as Mrs Mac. Aileen has served the Society for many years in a number of roles and WES is pleased to be able to recognise her contribution.

Mrs Mac's reaction was

"I am at a loss to say anything which is unlike me as it came as a pleasant surprise and I wish to thank everyone who was involved in giving me life membership. I never for one minute thought about this as I just enjoy doing everything for WES that riders and members get the most out of it and enjoy it. Thanks everyone again. Still lost for words !!!"

Deadline for next issue

The deadline for submission for the next issue of WES News will be Thursday, 28 February 2019

However, please don't wait until the last minute to get your submissions in as I would like to get this issue out before the AGM on Sunday 17th of March.

So if you are having an event between now and the end of February, why not send in a report whilst it is still fresh in your mind

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www.sketchy.org.uk
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Where have all the Cowboys Gone?

By
David Brindley

Just where is Western Riding going? I've been involved with the sport now for nearly 30 years and to be honest it hasn't really progressed.

Yes, we have more competitors participating at an International level but I'm prepared to bet that the actual number of riders involved in the sport overall isn't much higher than when I became involved all those years ago – and I have to ask why?

WES have over 2000 followers on Facebook yet our membership has fallen to just over 400.

Even at our peak we only ever hit just under 1000 members and never did reach that magic number.

One of the reasons for the fall is cost – many western riders were members of all the Western Associations WES, AQHA, APHAUK, UKPHA and British Reining but as these organisations have become more active, riders have dropped out of some organisations to reduce expense, but that's not the complete answer.

I joined WES back in 1989/90 just after I'd bought my Welsh Cob. If I wanted to do Western I had two options WES or WHA. The WHA was very games orientated and most of the people I was getting to know were WES so it was the WES route we went.

Back in the days when I started fuel was £1.50 a gallon for Diesel and it was cheaper than petrol.

However very little happened by way of events and the whole calendar comprised a handful of dates - a clinic at Solihull then shows at Solihull, Sovereign, The Avenue and that was about it. There was also the American All Breeds which was an independent show and then the Breed show for those with quarter horses but not much else.

Over time this has grown. WES runs over 100 events a year via the Area Reps and then we have The National Clinic at Moreton Morrell and the National show.

In addition we now have far more Quarter Horse Shows, a trend that was started by Brian Carter and the

East Coast Circuit and the Reining competitions run by British Reining.

Another reason for the decline is cited as the activities held at the three big venues. Oakridge, Sovereign and Bodiam and the growth of smaller Western Riding Clubs, but to some extent this has been the case in the past.

There has always been pockets of activity based around venues and trainers – Both the Avenue and Wye Oak with Bob, Sovereign with David were areas of high activity. Since huge investments have been made by individuals to provide good quality facilities and these venues are being run as businesses and have to attract riders to survive. This should be good for the sport and make it more accessible – but is it? Numbers may have grown locally but participation in the sport nationally still doesn't seem to be growing and I don't think participation in these events is growing much either. All have included WES classes onto their show bills but have suffered from a lack of entries.

For the past 2 years we've been opening the facilities on our farm to Western riders – regular clinics charged at cost and member's days that were at a nominal fee to boost area funds but the take up has been poor. Area activities all over the country are being cancelled or being run at a loss. We are 120 miles from Oakridge, 150 miles from Sovereign and 230 miles from Bodiam so they shouldn't impact on our area's activities, besides one of the reasons stated in the recent Facebook post for not being a member was the cost of travelling.

So what is happening and why isn't the sport growing?

Access to activities despite what people say is greater than ever before, there are more trainers including the hordes of 'Natural Horsemen'; tack and equipment is readily available via several suppliers and indeed the internet; and the availability of suitable horses is better – although having taken a Welsh Cob from nothing to a high point horse does prove that you can ride western with any breed.

A lot of the riders I started with are still competing 30 years later and they will continue to compete. I've also seen a lot come and go, but I see very few new faces these days and I wonder why?

There has been a lot said about horse owners who don't ride – the new not riding fraternity who groom and pat their pony but never got on – is this a reason?



We've very few younger riders these days and even fewer younger people who are prepared to help. The age group of the organisers and committees/councils of most organisations is ageing.

We live in an age of instant gratification. People want things easy and don't want to put any effort into anything.

Western riding is a difficult discipline to do correctly and no amount of dumbing down classes for walk jog and in hand will change that. The easy come easy go brigade will enter those classes and as soon as they stop getting placed stop coming because it's too hard to progress to the 'proper' classes.

There's also an added issue of all the armchair experts on social media who know everything without the experience of anything and who post comments without any thought because they are too lazy or ignorant of the issues they are commenting on. It's easy to criticise but it's not so easy to actually do something constructive.

Without new blood and support organisations and certainly WES will wither and eventually die. That would be a tragedy as most people who ride western in the UK started with WES and have subsequently moved on. Without the grass roots the knock effect will be that the other organisations will also suffer as there'll be no progression.

This trend does not appear to be the sole problem of western either.

At one time our local riding clubs were balloting out competitors due to over subscription of events, now events are being cancelled through lack of support.

Attendance at other breed shows has also fallen – The Northern Appaloosa show was very poorly attended and I'm advised that even the Arab regional shows are struggling.

So where do we go? While there is still a hard core of interested members we'll continue to organise our sport as best we can because we enjoy what we do and the thanks we get after running an event from the people who actually support it makes it all worthwhile.

This year's National Show, although poorly supported, was a success and those who attended really had a good week-end. The next Moreton Morell Clinic is already fully booked with a waiting list, so interest is still there.

You only get out of any organisation what you put in. WES exists to promote Western Riding so get involved.

**This year's AGM is on 17th March at 2 pm.
Come along and have your say.**

Thoughts on Encouraging Earlier Entries for Shows

By
Christine Outram

My thoughts on encouraging earlier entries for shows below.

As everyone who has ever organised a show knows, it's scary waiting for entries. You've found the venue, the date, the judge, the patterns, got approval and committed the money. Fingers crossed nothing unforeseen happens, no bad weather and enough volunteers come along to make everything run smoothly. Let the sleepless nights begin!

At this point I have to say we are incredibly lucky in area 5. We are rarely short of volunteers and often have the same folks in the same role show after show. The headache of getting the right number of rosettes on time is taken care of by Lynne Steel, something I am extremely grateful for. So a big thank you from me to all our very able volunteers

Understandably, competitors don't like to commit too early. Horses can go lame, life can get in the way and fees are non-returnable without an appropriate vet or doctor's certificate.

To try to alleviate the possible financial risk, we will refund any fees up to and including the closing date for entries with no questions asked. After that date, we use our judgement.

We also ask that competitors enter all the classes they are likely to do but send payment for just one class with entry. Entries are easier to scrub than to add. We also ask that they keep their competition number for each show. Payment is accepted by cash, cheque or online. Competitors have enough to worry about so entry forms have all the classes listed so competitors just have to tick off the ones they want.



Entry forms, disclaimers and patterns are all sent out as soon as we can preferably by email. We try to accept entries in almost any form if it means another competitor.

We still have late entries but there is a surcharge for entries after the closing date. It's not perfect and never will be but we do seem to be getting entries in better.

Should WES Newsletter be restricted to WES members?

By
Christine Outram

I think there is a case for restricting all of our newsletters to members only. There is very little riders can't get the benefit of outside of WES.

We allow non-members to attend our events, except shows. We allow them access to our Facebook pages and all the information there.

Apart from shows and meetings what does WES offer specifically for members? Not a lot.

Editor's Note:

The Distribution of WES News is primarily to WES Members, as it is an "opt in" distribution list that developed by members asking to be on it, either directly or via their Area Reps. Similarly, to download it from the website you have to sign in. Although there is no control on the subsequent re-distribution of the PDF copies by members, this is not currently seen as a problem, as it could help encourage people to join WES. Maybe this could be discussed at the AGM.

WES Job Descriptions

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in WES news dated June 2013. As several WES positions may be coming vacant in 2019, or have been filled by new volunteers, it seemed appropriate to repeat it here. I have corrected one or two typos and tried to make the formatting consistent, other than that is as it appeared. I think that the descriptions may well need updating so this could be a discussion point for the AGM

Volunteers Working For You

The role of the management council is:

Overall to

- lead
- direct
- ensure

Vision and leadership

Develop/ approve long-term strategic plans and monitors progress in implementing the strategic plan.

Accountability and legal liability

Monitor the activities of the organisation and ensure that activities support the organisation's overall purpose/ aims.

Keeping it legal

Ensure compliance with all relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

Financial management

Ensure adequate financial resources are sought/secured; ensure money and property is properly managed, prepare funding applications as agreed with Management Committee.

Managing staff and volunteers

Ensure appropriate organisational policies and procedures are in place

Basically, the role of the Management Council in broad terms, is to lead, direct, and ensure the organisation operates effectively

The officers

Chairman:

The chairman's overall responsibility is to lead the council and the Society to enable it to fulfil its purpose and to act as both spokesperson and

figurehead as appropriate as well as ensuring there is an effective relationship between the council, membership and other officers of the Society

The role can be varied and will depend on the amount of time the volunteer has to devote to the activities, however, as an overview the role includes:

- Plan and prepare council meetings and the AGM with others as appropriate.
- To ensure the Society meets the objectives of the Constitution and abides by the Rulebook
- Chair committee meetings, ensuring:
 - A balance is struck between time-keeping and space for discussions.
 - Business is dealt with and decisions made.
 - Decisions, actions and deliberations are adequately minuted.
 - The implementation of decisions is clearly assigned and monitored
 - Liaise with both Judges' and instructors' Committee Chairs as appropriate.
- Ensure adequate support and supervision arrangements are made for any volunteers directly managed or reporting to the council.

Society Secretary:

The secretary is the first point of contact for enquiries to the Society and also manages the processes that ensure the council complies with the Society Constitution and is responsible for organising the annual general meeting and council meetings, taking minutes and ensuring all information is circulated to relevant parties.

The role can be varied and will depend on the amount of time the volunteer has to devote to the activities, however, as an overview the role includes:

- Organising, preparing agendas for and taking minutes of council meetings and annual general meetings.
- Dealing with correspondence, collating information and writing reports, ensuring decisions made are communicated to the relevant officers.

- Contributing to meeting discussions as and when required.
- Developing and overseeing the systems that ensure the Society complies with all applicable codes, in addition to its legal and statutory requirements.

Treasurer:

The treasurer oversees the financial affairs of the Society and ensures they are legal, constitutional and within accepted accounting practice, ensures proper records are kept and that effective financial procedures are in place.

- Monitor and report on the financial health of the Society.
- Oversee the production of necessary financial reports/ returns, accounts and audits.
- Liaise with relevant council members and/or volunteers to ensure the financial viability of the organisation.
- Make fellow council members aware of their financial obligations and take a lead in interpreting financial data to them.
- Regularly report the financial position at council meetings
- Oversee the production of an annual budget and propose its adoption at the last meeting of the previous financial year.
- Ensure proper records are kept and that effective financial procedures and controls are in place, i.e.:
 - Cheque signatories
 - Expense payments
 - Others as appropriate
- Appraising the financial viability of plans, proposals and feasibility studies for society activities.
- Lead on appointing and liaising with auditors or an independent examiner.

Membership Secretary:

The Membership Secretary's duties are:

- Maintaining the membership database.
- Enter details of new members.
- Update membership details upon payment of annual fees, or when advised of change of address, etc.
- Provide current membership figures to each council meeting.



- Advise council meeting of those members who have not renewed their membership, particularly those holding positions of instructors and Judges.
- Prepare and print off renewal and overdue letters.
- Immediately prior to the quarterly magazine prepare and print off address labels for WES News.
- Prepare membership cards for new members and those renewing their membership.
- Prepare and circulate monthly membership lists for council and Area Reps.
- Retain the computer used for the membership database.

Area Coordinator:

The Area Coordinators duties are to:

- Maintain an up to date record of:
 - Area Representatives, including contact details and term of office.
 - County Representatives, including contact details and Term of Office.
 - Area bank account signatories.
 - WES banners held by Areas.
- Organise election/re-appointment of Area Representatives in accordance with the Constitution
- Develop and maintain written guidance for Area Representatives that is fully consistent with the Constitution and, where appropriate, provide induction training for incoming Area Representatives.
- Act as liaison between Council and Area Representatives, and specifically with the Society's Treasurer regarding receipt of Annual Accounts from each Area.
- Act as the first point of contact for Area Representatives and provide advice and support as and when required.
- Take a leading role in arranging the annual Area Representative's meeting.
- Attend and provide reports to council meetings (at least 3 a year).
- Attend and provide an end of year report to the Annual General Meeting.

Show Coordinator:

The Show Coordinator records all activities organised by the Society – council and Area

Representatives to ensure the requirements of the Society insurance are covered, in particular:-

- To approve all applications in respect of Approved, Affiliated or Appendix shows and clinics.
- To administer the subsidised Judge scheme.
- To maintain the points database of all horses and riders.
- To receive results from all Approved, Affiliated or Appendix shows and enter the results onto the points database.
- To administer the year end awards including retrieving previously awarded trophies.

Health & Safety Officer:

The health and safety officer offers expert knowledge and skills in order to generate and promote a positive health and safety culture. This represents a key role in helping to control occupational risk.

- Make changes to the Society and Policies practices that are safe and comply with legislation.
- Prepare health and safety strategies and developing Society policy.
- Carry out risk assessments and consider how risks could be reduced.
- Outline safe operational procedures which identify and take account of all relevant hazards.
- Assist in in-house training with show managers about health and safety issues and risks.
- Keep records of incidents and accidents and produce statistics for council.
- Keep up to date with new legislation and maintain a working knowledge of all Health and Safety Executive (HSE) legislation and any developments that affect the Society.

Press and Public Relations Officer:

Press and Public relations is about managing reputation. To promote the Society in all areas of the media and to liaise with Area Representatives in respect of publishing their activities. To manage an advertising budget and seek editorial content within publications in association with advertising.

The role can be varied and will depend on the amount of time the volunteer has to devote to the activities, however, as an overview the role includes:



- planning, developing and implementing a PR strategy for the Society;
- liaising with both council and Area Reps;
- liaising with and answering enquiries from media, individuals and other organisations, often via telephone and email;
- researching, writing and distributing press releases to targeted media;
- collating and analysing media coverage;
- preparing and supervising the production of publicity brochures;
- devising and coordinating photo opportunities;
- organising events including press conferences, exhibitions, open days and press tours;
- Liaising with the webmaster in maintaining and updating information on the Society's website;
- sourcing and managing speaking and sponsorship opportunities;
- managing the PR aspect of a potential crisis situation.

Youth Officer:

The Youth Officer's duties are to promote both the membership of Youth within the Society and to organise Youth activities for Society members

- To promote and increase the number of Youth riders within the Society.
- To organise clinics specifically for youth riders within the Society.
- To liaise with other organisations to the benefit of Youth riders within the Society.
- To manage and account for the Youth budget.

Non-voting Members of Council

WES News Editor:

The responsibility of the editor is to source items of interest to members in keeping with the original ideals of the Society.

- Encourage WES instructors to send in training articles for publication.
- Gain permission from other publications in order to reproduce articles which have a copyright.
- Actively search for new advertisers in order to offset production costs.

- Encourage all members to submit interesting articles for publication.
- Publish information provided by council including a precis of meetings.

Merchandise:

- To maintain a stock of merchandise for the Society.
- To advise on sales.
- To recommend new lines where appropriate.
- To be accountable for the WES Merchandise.

Webmaster:

- Maintain a website that provides useful information for both current and potential members
- Ensure website is updated regularly, particularly the Events Calendar and Contact details
- Check classified advert listings regularly (at least twice a week) to authorise newly input free adverts for members only
- Answer or forward enquiries received via the website
- Arrange monthly payment of WESH Hosting fee
- Monitor usage and bandwidth stats to ensure website is running as economically as possible
- Promote advertising spaces and liaise with current and potential advertisers

Trail Award Administrator

- To administer the trail award scheme on behalf of council.
- To provide reports both to council and WES News in respect of awards being achieved by members entered on the scheme.
- To promote the scheme both within the Society and elsewhere.

Judges' & Instructors' Committee Secretary

The role includes:

- Organising, preparing agendas for and taking minutes of meetings;
- Deal with correspondence, collating information and writing reports, ensuring decisions made are communicated to the relevant officers;

- Contributing to meeting discussions as and when required
- Developing and overseeing the systems that ensure the Society complies with all applicable codes, in addition to its legal and statutory requirements.
- Maintain the Judge and Instructor databases.
- Enter details of new Judges and Instructors members.
- Provide a list current Judges and Instructors to council meetings.

Welfare Officer:

The overall aim of the Welfare Adviser role is to provide assurance to members, via council, that the Society's Statement of Position on Animal Welfare is adhered to. Key activities to be undertaken are as follows:

- Develop and maintain the Council's Policy and Procedures relating to animal welfare, specifically to clarify respective roles, responsibilities and methods of reporting and feedback.
- Raise stakeholders' awareness and understanding on issues of animal welfare, and educate them regarding their role and responsibilities as responsible members of the Society.
- Provide a point of contact for all matters relating to animal welfare issues arising from the council's statement.
- Maintain a central record of incidents reported and make recommendations to Council regarding appropriate action to be taken in all cases.
- Liaise with other equestrian organisations and represent the Society on all matters of animal welfare.
- Attend council meetings if required.
- Deliver an annual report to members, via council.

Other Officers**Chair of Judges**

- Plan and prepare Judges' meetings.
- Ensure the Society meets the objectives of the Constitution and abides by the Rulebook
- Liaise with the Society Chairman in respect of recommendations.
- Chair committee meetings ensuring:

- A balance is struck between time-keeping and space for discussions.
- Business is dealt with and decisions made.
- Decisions, actions, and deliberations are adequately minuted.
- The implementation of decisions is clearly assigned and monitored.

Chair of instructors

- Plan and prepare instructors' meetings.
- Ensure the Society meets the objectives of the Constitution and abides by the Rulebook
- Liaise with the Society Chairman in respect of recommendations.
- Chair committee meetings ensuring:
 - A balance is struck between time-keeping and space for discussions.
 - Business is dealt with and decisions made.
 - Decisions, actions and deliberations are adequately minuted.
 - The implementation of decisions is clearly assigned and monitored.

Area representatives:

An area representative should be elected by the membership of the area for a maximum period of two years after which they shall stand down and may offer themselves for re-election. The area representative will be sent an up-to-date members list for their area each month from the membership secretary. This will help the representative welcome new members, identify any non-renewing members, and facilitate a mailing list to mail a regular newsletter for the area membership.

They are responsible in each area for:

Promoting the Society

- Organising and coordinating activities for members
- Acting as a liaison between the area membership and the Council
- Enforcing the Society's health and safety policy
- Overseeing the area funds or liaising with the area treasurer where there is one appointed.

Representatives must organise an area AGM where voting in new representatives for the end

of term positions, i.e. treasurer, county reps. or area reps. can be performed along with discussing the year's activities.

The accounts for the area should be presented to the members at the area AGM and then published in the area newsletter and a copy sent to the Society's Treasurer.

The names of the Area account signatories must be given to the Area Co-ordinator.

Although not mandatory, the Area Representative is encouraged to form a sub-committee from the members in their area to help with the accounts and organising events etc.

Area shows must be run in accordance with the handbook from the Show Management Seminar.

Area clinics should be run in accordance with the guidelines in the Society handbook from the Show Management Seminar. Again, anyone organising a clinic should notify the area representative, to the Show Co-ordinator, for approval. Once obtained it can then be publicised on the Society website, magazine and in the area newsletter, and the organisers covered by the Society's insurance.

County Representatives:

County representatives should be elected for a maximum period of two years by members residing in the same county, after which period they shall stand down but may offer themselves for re-election.

Here We Go Again

By
Kayreen Jones

This is my first article for the new on line Wes Newsletter so thank you for all who have said they enjoyed them and wanted me to carry on writing!

It is always difficult to think of new things to write and after attending the WES judges seminar last year some people said to me that the basics are what it is all about.

Indeed if you pick up any book on Western riding the basics all seem to be what we teach and are taught and

indeed at every lesson (whether taking it or riding in it) we have to resort back to!!

How often do we end up refining direct or indirect bend, backups moving the hips or moving the shoulders before doing anything else more jazzy!

However..... Remember that what we as western riders do is considered quite advanced by English riders so be proud.

As I have said in previous articles sometimes you need to assess where you are (in life as well as in your training) and decide on your way forward.

My much loved Highland mare has voted with her feet and I have decided that she has gone as high as I can physically (for her) take her.

Yes she can do what I am asking but not with the enthusiasm she should have for the job in hand. Sooo I am starting all over again and the next articles will include musings about my 5 year old just coming into competition and my two youngsters a two year old Highland and a yearling I do not yet have!! As Well as my little 6 year old Coblet. Something for everyone!!

What I find interesting is the different breeds and body types and what some find easy others find hard especially at different ages and stages.

Today we will look at Flora my two year old Highland and Sioux my 5 year old Appaloosa x Dales.

Flora's tale to date!.....

I bought Flora as an unseen yearling! (I do not advise this but I know we all do it!!) I fell in love with her photo..... No laughing please! I mean how could I resist this.....



Since she has been with me we have had a good few ups and downs. Literally and metaphorically!

Anyone who has ridden or worked with Highland ponies will know how strong they can be and how opinionated they can also be.

Yes they are fabulous ponies but jiminy peeps!! First step I thought I would teach her to lead, stop and back up. Simple! Erm no not in the programme. She had no respect for space, if you moved her out of your space she would take offence and swing her hips (and legs around) if you led her she would straighten her neck and depart the vicinity rather quickly. She then decided a good game was not being caught at all nor allow you to put the head collar on.

Now those who know me know I have had a few highlands as well as bred them. However this was not my foal that I bred so I had to start right at the beginning. I have really had to prove myself to her and her to me. Last summer I worked on clicker training (Highlands's loooove food) I used a cone clicked when she touched it and treated her.

When I said I could not head collar her I meant go anywhere near her with one and she was off! So I had to work on touching her with the head collar, working up to touching her nose and then getting her to drop her nose into the head collar taking each step bit by bit an only ensuring that I only rewarded the positive and stopped before it went wrong.

By week three I was able to get her to drop her nose in and fasten it over her head.

If I tried to touch her with the rope anywhere that was enough for her to run.

She is strong!

I have no access to an arena or a roundpen that would mean loading her to travel and I felt that to do that would push her too far and she would lose faith in me.

I felt that it was important to take it step by step.

Bit by bit in rain and wind we worked away 5 or ten minutes a night.

The huge achievement was leading her out for a walk around two miles round the estate with my dog and we came back alive!!



Over the winter she stayed with the herd but this summer we had a bit of a breakthrough. I am not in favour of working Native youngsters too hard they need time to grow and think! But as she had chased a dog she was in a separate field my other mare went in with her alongside a friends two Arabs.

I was doing rope work and circling with my older mare. Flora stood and watched the Arabs decided it was a bit scary. Flora seemed to realise the rope was not going to hurt her as it had not hurt her friend.

Strange? Unexplained?

I do not know and do not purport to know what they think but for a horse that would not let me near her back or sides with a rope we have taken a leap forward and she accepts the rope over her back, hocks and under her belly. This filly was spooky!

Last month we have now been able to work on biting and letting her feel the bit in with a little lateral feel and have the saddle pad on and off. I have managed to teach her to think about the mount block and standing beside it and putting my leg over her back. Such a huge step forward but mentally she has been ready to accept it.



Sioux:

Sioux is my home bred filly who is now five. Last year I sent her away to get some more work on her after she was backed by myself but when she came back she had grown again and was a bit uneven so I turned her away over the winter.

This year I brought her back into work and took her to Western Week at Ardfert Argyll. So the two of us could get a bit more it also meant that I was riding every day for 7 days and four hours a day!

Patience and perseverance paid off and we played with sacks dragging them along the ground as well as the Garroche pole and we competed in the end of week show which was a very proud moment.



Sioux at the Caledonian show (thanks to Lesley Deutsch for the photo)

However, to conclude:

We need to remember that they are horses and not machines and sometimes in a young horses training we need to back off a bit. as I had to do with Flora and perhaps just because they are doing well in the show pen like Sioux it does not make them big brave horses out hacking! As I found out when we went past the wind sock the other day I could feel her becoming more and more anxious about it so I decided rather than her cope with me worrying about the wind sock also I would get off let her process and then walk on a bit stand her at a suitable place and get back on again which is what we did.

There is nothing wrong in going back in your training to fill a hole and then move forward again.

It becomes a win win for both of us. Never be afraid to go with your gut instinct there are times you can push through a problem but if you feel something is not going to end well go back to something that is easier and your horse and you can succeed at before trying again build your confidence and that of your horse in steps rather than the two of you overface each other.

Do not be afraid to stand your ground with others if you feel you or your horse are getting close to "losing" it! Take a breath finish on a good note and try again tomorrow.



And they say we are only hacking! Lol. Really pushing her out her comfort zone.

Hopefully by the next time I write I will have Flora long reining and Sioux out hacking more confidently! Happy trails no matter how you do them.

From Race Horse to Western Horse

By
Emma Chapman-Lonie

The RoR (Retraining of Racehorses) hosted the first Showcase of its kind at Aintree International Arena, Aintree Racecourse. The day consisted of displays and demonstrations from a range of professionals with their ex racehorses.

I was asked if I would demonstrate Western Riding on my ex racehorse Midnight Robbery.

Midnight is a 5year old gelding, he came out of racing in June 2017 when he came to me, from Bryan Smart Racing. He started his western training shortly after and took to it like a duck to water.

When he first arrived he was a little stiff and as expected was very good at going in a straight line, the idea of bending and moving off my leg was a little alien to him.

But with time and patience and slowly working and creating more bend and flexibility, he started to look more and more like a western horse.

We introduced him to trail obstacles which he seemed to really enjoy, using his brain to work a problem out himself and proving to be very careful over poles, but brave and trusting over a variety of obstacles.

He competed in his first wes Show in September 2017 and then again this season.

When asked to display at the showcase I was actually 5 months pregnant, so was a little concerned at the timing as it would be just over a month after my due date! But a true testament to Midnights nature, I continued to ride throughout, even if it was fairly sedate!

Baby arrived in October and after a two week break I was back in the saddle and preparing to show off western to the best of my ability.

We arrived at Aintree on Friday afternoon, allowing plenty of time to have a ride in the arena. The atmosphere of the racecourse brought back memories for Midnight and he was a little excited walking down to the arena, but after 5 minutes of our usual warm up routine he was back to normal. I must say we did get some lovely comments from some of the fellow riders also warming up, especially on the length of my reins!

Saturday morning came round very quickly and the showcase got underway, meanwhile in the stable yard I was midway through banding Midnights mane and putting the final sparkle and shine to him.

Our demo was at 2.20 and as I made my way down to the arena, down the horse walk and underneath the grandstands, the butterflies were fluttering in my stomach.

He warmed up like a dream and we walked between the stands and into the centre of the arena. We seemed very small in that big arena but after a slight hitch with the microphone he began to dazzle the crowds with his suppleness and effortless performance of all the western gaits. We then showed a selection of western trail obstacles and demonstrated the manoeuvrability and trust required during these disciplines. The 40 minute demo flew by and I couldn't fault Midnights performance.

We then made way for our question and answer session, however we didn't make it all the way to the

designated spot as were inundated with questions and compliments as we left the arena. Some excellent questions and genuine amazement at the quiet and relaxed natures of the horse and the responsiveness and willingness of the demonstration changed a few minds about Western riding.

I thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and hope to be asked to attend next year.

But for now there are lots of plans in the pipeline to get more horses and riders taking part in western riding, especially ex racehorses with the help and support of RoR.



A nomination from Area 11

By
Rosie Wylie

As 2018 draws to a close it feels like it has been a great year for western riding in our area, and wider Scotland. Although we don't have many, our shows had strong numbers and more importantly there were smiles all round – lots of laughs and support for each other. Established and new teachers worked hard to help both people and horses and facilities once again gave a warm welcome to international clinicians. Thanks to our treasured UK trainers traveling up and down the country we had consistent and progressive training weekends to choose from nearly every month of the year.

Everyone who has done something to give us riders an opportunity for learning and fun needs thanked, but what has really stood out to me is the tireless work of our Area Rep, Kayreen Jones. Despite work, family, a herd of horses and being a WES instructor she is always planning something that will be an interesting activity, boost membership (which is very healthy this year) and our area funds.

Kayreen is addicted to helping others, either encouraging new riders or supporting those who have been around for a while. She competes but is also on the show team and is often the first to offer a loan of equipment. The other side of her trailer is almost always occupied by another horse getting a lift.

Something to really celebrate and aspire to as a rep is her value of an inclusive approach. This endorses what WES stands for as a society and has ensured that our area is open and welcoming to non western riders. She flies the flag for western at non-western events and at our trail training days english and western ride side by side on a diversity of breeds. I have no doubt that next season some of the shiny black saddles will be swapped for one with a horn...

Often the dedication and energy of volunteers can go un-thanked, so on behalf of Area 11, thank you Kayreen, you're fab!

If there were annual awards for our WES reps then Kayreen would be getting my vote for dedication, encouraging inclusion and going that extra mile.



Kayreen flying the flag for Western Riding at the Scottish Tilting Riding Club



Dawn Berndt as Jack Sparrow

The Garden of England Show

By
Joanne Gallagher

The garden of England Show was well attended by WES members.

The following photos were from the fancy dress section,



Linda Courtney as Cruella



Oscar Alman as Robin Hood



From the Western Dressage Arena

By
Wendy Scott

Watching quite a lot of the WDAA World Show dressage streamed live from Oklahoma some of the tests were fairly good particularly at the higher levels, although one did start to get a somewhat disquieting feeling that in many cases you were witnessing English dressage in Western tack and attire, which is not what Western Dressage is all about or what WDUK promotes and arguably incorrect.

Two competitors we saw stood out as being pretty good. One was a lady riding an immaculately turned out traditional gypsy cob, whose smooth, polished test was lovely to see, and the other a gent riding a grey was everything WD should look like. Although his test was far from perfect, his quiet, calm, imperceptible aids were a joy to watch and his horse's paces were so smooth and truly Western ridden in the correct 'forward' manner, with true harmony between horse and rider. The only thing which marred enjoyment of their performances was a bad bout of internet buffering !

In the UK at Valley View Ranch and Equestrian Centre, Ullingswick, Herefordshire on November 25th Bruce Lawrence hosted their first Western Dressage competition, featuring four WDUK tests which all attracted first-time competitors (both horses and riders), and Bruce was delighted by the number of Western entries (more than the English classes which followed) and lucky with the weather – bright but chilly !

Steve and I went to support and spectate and were very inspired and impressed by the performances we saw, especially considering that they were mostly 'first-timers'. Everybody seemed to enjoy the experience and Hollie Wells as the youngest competitor overcame her initial nerves to produce some very creditable scores ! Results as follows:

WDUK Intro 1 (Walk & Jog)

1. Julie Magnus-Hannaford on Glo Whiz-It
2. Lee Parsons on Skipalena
3. Steph Nestorow on Breeze
4. Hollie Wells on Dude

WDUK Basic 2 (W/J/L: WES old Prelim Pleasure)

1. Camille Geisz on George
2. Hollie Wells on Dude
3. Lee Parsons on Skipalena

4. Steph Nestorow on Breeze

WDUK Intro 4 (Walk & Jog)

1. Lee Parsons on Skipalena
2. Julie Magnus-Hannaford on Glo Whiz-It
3. Steph Nestorow on Breeze
4. Hollie Wells on Dude
5. Joan Warren-Hayes on Ishy

WDUK Medium 2 (Walk/Jog/Lope)

1. Camille Geisz on George

Our thanks to Bruce for helping to spread the word and promote Western Dressage and to those we spoke to who were already gearing up for another one soon and ready to encourage their friends to come along as well!

Wendy Scott,
Western Dressage UK

WES Scottish National Show

By
Aileen McCandlish (Mrs Mac)
(Wes Area12 REP & Show Manager)

The 2018 WES Scottish National Show was held at Highfield of Howe, Giffordtown, Fife On Sunday 23rd September 2018 at 8.30 o'clock

The Judge was David Hudspeth from Nottinghamshire, England

The Show was once again held at Highfield of Howe as the premises are very much liked. The weather also favoured us and although it was sunny it had a chill to it.

We had three Non-Wes Riders who came to the Show namely to compete in the Heather Classes but they decided to become members instead and compete in other classes. Numbers competing this year were up with 31 +3 new members (34). We also had more entries in many classes as well. The New Secretary this year was Kathy Briggs and did an extremely good job for the first time as Secretary. We also had Kim Briggs helping on & off as Arena Steward when not competing.

The Arena team putting up the Trail was John Roy, John Fyfe, Richard Allan & Bob Mayhew. Bob Mayhew also judged the Prelim Pleasure in the



Collecting Ring while another class was being held in the main arena.

The Hi-Points Winners were :-

Novice Rider Hi-Points –Heather Ronaldson with MH Little Surprise

Novice Horse HI-Points and Native Pony Hi-Points –Shuna Mardon with Gaia

Amateur Hi- Points – Karen Holliday with Diamond Showdown

Open Hi- Points- Jill Roberts with CB Smokey Gold Rush

New Trophy this Year – Walk/Jog Hi-Points – Joanna Thomson with Glen Bruar Summer Thyme

Thanks go to everyone who made the Show a success:

All the Team, The Competitors & The Spectators.

Thanks to Highfield of Howe for the use of their Premises.

Many Thanks go to All Sponsors along with Class Numbers they Sponsored

CLASS 1 (A. McCandlish Wholesale Confectioner) Amateur Showmanship

1. Diamond Sundown with Karen Holliday
2. CB Smokey Gold Rush with Jill Roberts
3. RQH Electric Tartan with Kim Briggs
4. Wonder Who She Whiz with Iain Loder

CLASS 2 (Christina Rickerby) Open Showmanship

1. CB Smokey Gold Rush with Jill Roberts
2. RQH Electric Tartan with Kim Briggs
3. Garrabeg Lil LaKota Sioux with Kayreen Jones
4. Diamond Sundown with Karen Holliday
5. Wonder Who She Whiz with Iain Loder

CLASS 3 (Zoe Hall, Forever Living Aloe Vera) In Hand Trail

1. RQH Electric Tartan with Kim Briggs

CLASS 4 (Sheila Wood in Memoriam) Walk/Jog Trail

1. Joanna Thomson on Glen Bruar Summer Thyme
2. Shuna Mardon on Gaia
3. Sandra Loder on Check N Tuff
4. Heather Ronaldson on MH Little Surprise
5. Julia Crook on Norseman

CLASS 5 (Riona Quarter Horses) Novice Rider Trail

1. Heather Ronaldson on MH Little Surprise
2. Joanna Thomson on Glen Bruar Summer Thyme
3. Tenika Whytock on Boss
4. Shuna Mardon on Gaia
5. Fiona Whitehead on Wildcard

CLASS 6 (A. Gough IT Consultant) (Trophy Wendy Renton) Novice Horse Trail

1. Shuna Mardon on Gaia
2. Heather Ronaldson on MH Little Surprise
3. Rosie Wylie on Snake River Colonel
4. Fiona Spittal on STTS Ima Chic Player
5. Sandra Loder on Check N Tuff
6. Julia Crook on Norseman
7. Joanna Thomson on Glen Bruar Summer Thyme
8. Arlene Cluness on Smarts A Little Hot
9. Kayreen Jones on Garrabeg Lil LaKota Sioux

CLASS 7 (Sandra Loder) Amateur Trail

1. Heather Ronaldson on MH Little Surprise
2. Julia Crook on Norseman
3. Fiona Spittal on STTS Ima Chic Player

CLASS 8 (Fiona Spittal) Open Trail

1. Shuna Mardon on Gaia
2. Iain Loder on Wonder Who She Whiz
3. Heather Ronaldson on MH Little Surprise

CLASS 9 (Garrabeg Western Horsemanship) Heather Trail

1. Joanna Thomson on Glen Bruar Summer Thyme
2. Seonaid Docherty on Bonnie Sioux

CLASS 10 Prelim Pleasure

1. Sandra Loder on Check N Tuff
2. Julia Crook on Norseman
3. Irene Fazakerley on Forrest Pebbles
4. Tenika Whytock on Boss
5. Fiona Spittal on STTS Ima Chic Player
6. Kayreen Jones on Garrabeg Lil LoKota Sioux
7. Rosie Wylie on Snake River Colonel

CLASS 11 (A McCandlish Agricultural Services Ltd) Walk/Jog Pleasure

- 1st Heather Ronaldson on MH Little Surprise
- 2nd Joanna Thomson on Glen Bruar Summer Thyme
- 3rd Kayreen Jones on Garrabeg Lil LaKota Sioux
- 4th Patricia O'Mitchell on Ruberslaw Perfect Sue
- 5th Katrina Tebbutt on Muffin
- 6th Tenika Whytock on Boss
- 7th Rosie Wylie on Snake River Colonel



CLASS 12 (Riona Quarter Horses) Novice Rider Pleasure

1. Julia Crooks on Norseman
2. Heather Ronaldson on MH Little Surprise

CLASS 13 (Colin Thomson) Novice Horse Pleasure

1. Arlene Cluness on Smarts A Little Hot
2. Sandra Loder on Check N Tuff
3. Irene Fazakerley on Forrest Pebbles
4. Julia Crook on Norseman
5. Shuna Mardon on Gaia
6. Heather Ronaldson on MH Little Surprise

CLASS 14 (A McCandlish Equestrian Centre)
NO ENTRIES

CLASS 15 (Sandra Loder) Open Pleasure

1. Iain Loder on Wonder Who She Whiz
2. Shuna Mardon on Gaia

CLASS 16 (Garrabeg Western Horsemanship) Heather Pleasure
NO ENTRIES

CLASS 17 (Ally Mac Mechanical Services Ltd) Walk/Jog Horsemanship

1. Shuna Mardon on Gaia
2. Joanna Thomson on Glen Bruar Summer Thyme
3. Rosie Wylie on Snake River Colonel
4. Heather Ronaldson on MH Little Surprise
5. Irene Fazakerley on Forrest Pebbles
6. Fiona Whitehead on Wildcard
7. Tenika Whytock on Boss
8. Kayreen Jones on Garrabeg Lil LaKota Sioux
9. Katrina Tebbutt on Muffin

CLASS 18 (Riona Quarter Horses) Novice Rider Horsemanship

1. Heather Ronaldson on MH Little Surprise
2. Rosie Wylie on Snake River Colonel
3. Irene Fazakerley on Forrest Pebbles
4. Julia Crook on Norseman
5. Fiona Whitehead on Wildcard
6. Tenika Whytock on Boss

CLASS 19 (Lesley Deutsch Equine Services) Amateur Horsemanship

1. Jill Roberts on CB Smokey Gold Rush

CLASS 20 (Fiona Spittal) Open Horsemanship

1. Kim Briggs on Norseman
2. Shuna Mardon on Gaia
3. Jill Roberts on CB Smokey Gold Rush

CLASS 21 Heather Horsemanship
NO ENTRIES

CLASS 22 (Paracord Survival Crafts) Novice Rider Ranch Riding

1. Heather Ronaldson on MH Little Surprise
2. Joanna Thomson on Glen Bruar Summer Thyme
3. Fiona Whitehead on Wildcard
4. Tenika Whytock on Boss

CLASS 23 (Riona Quarter Horses) Novice Horse Ranch Riding

1. Shuna Mardon on Gaia
2. Heather Ronaldson on MH Little Surprise
3. Fiona Spittal on STTS Ima Chic Player
4. Rosie Wylie on Snake River Colonel
5. Jill Roberts on CB Smokey Gold Rush
6. Joanna Thomson on Glen Bruar Summer Thyme

CLASS 24 (Lisa Cleeton Equine Shiatsu & Massage) Amateur Ranch Riding

1. Jill Roberts on CB Smokey Gold Rush

CLASS 25 (Jacqueline Cook Maloney Shiatsu Practitioner) Open Ranch Riding

1. Shuna Mardon on Gaia
2. Jill Roberts on CB Smokey Gold Rush
3. Kim Briggs on Norseman

CLASS 26 Heather Ranch Riding
NO ENTRIES

CLASS 27 (A McCandlish Taxi Hires) Novice Rider Reining

1. Tenika Whytock on Boss

CLASSES 28(Trophy Wendy Renton) & 29 Amateur & Open Reining
NO ENTRIES

CLASS 30 Open Reining

1. Patricia O'Michael on Cody Chic Olena Whiz
2. Jill Roberts on CB Smokey Gold rush

CLASS 31 (Lunga Riding Stables) Freestyle Reining

1. Patricia o'Micheal on Cody Chic Olena Whiz
2. Irene Fazakerley on Forrest Pebbles
3. Tenika Whytock on Boss

Thank you everyone again for their support.

The Next WES Scottish National Show will be held at Highfield of Howe, Fife on Saturday 21st September 2019 for Clinics & the Show on Sunday 22nd

September 2019 at 8.30 o'clock. Judge still to be decided and there will be a notification at a later date along with New Schedule

Some Seasonal Pictures

Courtesy of

Christine Outram



Lynne Steel and Indy



Glen - Emma Chapman-Lonie's husband





Area Round-up

Area Co-ordinators Comments

By John Ayles

I have been in the job a couple months now.

Attending council meetings has been a real eye opener for me and, I suspect, a bit of a shock for the rest of WES council.

I am working towards getting us all back on track and singing from the same hymn sheet, and will always be available to help and advise

Area 1

Grampian and Highlands

Area 2

Gwynedd, Clwyd, Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire

We have had two Area 2 shows this year and whilst numbers haven't been great our new venue, Trevor Hall, Llangollen by kind permission of Louise Parker has proved successful for the numbers.

Good fun was had at the shows and for those that had attended the Michael Langford clinics that we have held this year they were an opportunity to try out the skills we had been working on.

A big thank you to David Hudspeth who judged our first show and then John and Jackie Dodds, who were both quite poorly yet still came down and judged for us at our second show.

Thanks must also go to the volunteers as without them we wouldn't be able to run anything!

The clinics have been held on a regular basis over the year with a few stalwart members attending where possible and they also attracted local non western riders due to the efforts of Jo and David Brindley at Top Farm where all but one of the clinics have been held. It has been a

struggle attracting people to attend yet those that did attend were all extremely complimentary of Michael's training.

We have also had one of our former youth members, Olivia Plumb, compete in USA as part of the AQHA's Youth Team where the team did exceptionally well coming in eighth overall. Olivia, gained her own Bronze medal in reining. Well done Olivia.

We already have clinics booked in with Michael Langford next year with another one before Christmas.

For those that have been able to attend the clinics I think we all agree that having the consistency of a trainer on a regular basis has enabled us all to progress in our riding skills. Having targets to aim for and then an opportunity to revisit and check them out with your trainer has been really motivating.

Thank you Michael even if some of us don't know our left rein from our right.... We hope we don't drive you too mad!

Finally, a big thank you to all of our members old and new and we look forward to seeing you at clinics, shows and anything else that we are able to put on. Keep checking out the website for news and events.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

Michelle

Area 3

Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire

Editor's Note:

Area 3 has 2 new representatives, Sarah Hamlin and Pam Pursley who have taken over from Nick and Nikki Verstage. I should like to wish them the best of luck with this. Sarah has provided the following For the Area 3 Roundup

Hello Area 3,

Let me start with an introduction,

My name is Sarah Hamlin and along with Pam Pursley will be taking over the role as Area 3 rep, and sharing the responsibilities.

Pam lives in Somerset and has been a member of WES for about 6 years and has a Quantock Pony called Max.



Over the years Pam has been an active member of Area 3, attending clinics and helping out at shows.

Recently Pam organised a social event for Somerset members to get to know others from their area, this was well attended and she has plans for more in the future

I have been a member of WES for 8 years and in the past regularly attended clinics across the counties and taking part in shows, the last few years has seen family life take over and I have not been able to take part as much as I would have liked.

I also live in Somerset although the opposite end of the county to Pam with my Highland pony called Ziggy and am looking forward to getting back out there with him in 2019.



We would like to thank the outgoing rep Nick Verstage and partner Nikki for their commitment over the last few years and for their support and guidance as we take over from them, we wish them all the very best for the future.

We hope to have in place shortly a range of events to suit all interests and would welcome any suggestions and ideas for locations for events across the counties.

Look forward to seeing you all in 2019.
Sarah and Pam.

Area 4

*Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham.
Northumberland, Tyne & Wear*

Area 5

*Lancashire, Merseyside, Yorkshire, Greater
Manchester*

On 11th November we had a clinic at Catterick Saddle Club. We observed the respectful 2 minutes silence and even the horses stood quietly. The morning session was trail/spooky obstacles with as much as we could manage to try to give the horses new experiences.

Mel's 5 year old was absolutely incredible, nothing fazed him to the point where he quietly killed the gnome all in a day's work.

In the afternoon the National Barrel Horse Association hosted a training session. Contrary to what seems to be popular belief this was not a couple of hours of cowboy, in the worst sense, flat out riding.

The riders were taught were to slow, were to aim for and everything was done in walk and trot with lots of stopping to prevent the horses from anticipating too much. Not everyone did had a go in lope at the end of the day but everyone definitely did have a good, fun time.



Area 6

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

Area 7

*Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire,
Nottinghamshire.*

Vicky Easton Writes

This is my first year as Area Rep. and can I thank everyone who has made my job a lot easier....

Sarah Hood for the use of her facilities and her ability to make everyone feel welcome. She makes life easy by supplying a day stable, putting on a fab spread at lunchtime.... nothings to much trouble... even puts up with me "flapping"!

Also a A big Thank you to the following people:

David Deptford for the 2 clinics he took that everyone enjoyed.

David Hudspeth for the Practice Show Clinic at Sarah's and the Adventure Trail Clinic, also for his help during the year.

Becky Lee and Oakridge for adding WES Classes to their summer show, when I had to cancel Markfield Show.....even though we only had 2 people entered in the classes, myself and Steph Goodacre.

To every member of Area 7 that has competed or taken part in clinics. Thank You for your support!

There will be a few of us joining Area 10 at Davids Xmas Dinner, thank you for that Area 10.

Next year hopefully the area will go forward with clinics and hopefully a summer show, fingers crossed.... any offers of an arena for the show around Nottingham please contact me.

Area 7 will be having their AGM in January. Please contact me for further details.

Can I wish all Area 7 members a Very Happy Christmas and a Successful and Injury free New Year!

Area 8

*Berkshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Surrey,
Sussex*

Editor's note

Jo Gallagher has recently taken over as Area Rep for area 8. I should like to wish her all the best in this role.

She writes as follows:

I have recently been appointed the new Rep for WES Area 8, which is one of the largest areas, taking in Kent, East Sussex, Surrey and Berkshire.

I've been a member of WES for almost 20 years. and during that time many members have asked me to be the new Rep but it is a role that

I have steered away from due to work commitments. Due to an expected change in circumstances I now have more time to commit to the role, although most days I wonder where the time goes!

I rode English for most of my life, switching to Western in 1999 when we bought our first Western trained Horse. Since then I am best known for my love of the Appaloosa breed, having owned and competed on three of them. Most recently with my newly resurrected partnership with my blanket spot gelding, Teddy.

Since then, both myself and my husband Paul have been passionate about WES and Western Riding, and we have both competed in WES classes, and taken part in many organised WES events over the years.

Some of you may have had lessons or clinics with Paul, who was a UKCC and WES Approved Coach for many years.

Over the years I have been fortunate enough to have met and worked with many fantastic WES coaches and trainers, and it's through working with these trainers that I have strived to be a better Western rider and competitor.

However, I realise that for some of you, showing is not your priority, and so it is important as your new Area 8 Rep that there is a full calendar of events throughout the year with a wide range of activities to suit everyone, and I also actively encourage your input and suggestions.

WES is an "all breed" society, and you will be welcome whatever type of Equine you ride or own, and whatever your ability.

I look forward to meeting as many members as possible old and new at our AGM planned for early next year.



Joanne Gallaher riding First Dream Catcher AKA Teddy



Joanne Gallaher showing off the plaque she won at the spring Bodiam Show

Area 9

Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk

Area 10

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

Area 11

Borders, Central, Fife, Lothian, Tayside

Kayreen Jones writes

Well what a successful year Wes Area 11 has had! After our AGM we have had good interaction from members as well as a lot of fun! We had a number of member get togethers working through patterns for shows as well as just meeting to ride and practice.



Area 13

Dorset and Hampshire

Anne Batley writes

As I write this, I'm just finalising details for Area 13's last clinic of 2018. We have continued to run a monthly clinic throughout the autumn and although only a few riders, we have had great fun. Having a 3-hour session with 6ish riders has certainly allowed for some individual tuition and group work and over the year I have certainly seen steady improvement in both horse and rider – which is what it is all about.

Unfortunately, the venue we have been using over the last 2 years has informed me that they will be closing, so it looks as if I'm going to be spending a few weekends again going around the countryside looking at various indoor schools

- How much will they charge?
- Is there enough parking space?
- Do they have safe viewing areas?
- School surface?
- Easy access?
- A kettle??

All questions that need asking and answering before any decisions are made. Last time this took 2 whole weekends, I have a few ideas so watch this space,

I have provisional dates for next year, just need a venue now!!

I am hoping to organise a couple of 2-day clinics next year and possibly a practice show. Can I ask if you want a show next year – don't know where we could hold it yet and as there was little interest this year thought I'd ask before I put the time in organising, so let me know if you are seriously interested in a show running in our area sometime during 2019 and I'll see what I can do.

Can I take this opportunity to wish everyone in WES and especially Area 13 a super Christmas and thank you all for your continued support over 2018. Look out for dates of clinics and activities in Area 13 for 2019 – hope to see you all there.

We had a clinic in May with Scherie Dermody which was well attended and we used two venues which seems to work well giving people options. Scherie worked us all hard and left us with homework.

In April we had an Easter egg treasure hunt which was fun all riders got an Easter bunny and we had hot tea and coffee and bacon rolls!

In May some Area 11 members made it to Richmond in Yorkshire for Area 5 show. Really lovely show, nice venue and lovely people. Well worth the trip!

In June we had the Caledonian show which although not a Wes event gave us all patterns to work towards and a show to go to.

We have continued to try and meet up regularly and in October and November we had two open trail practice days which were well attended by both members and non members and I think we have encouraged a couple to become members. Afterwards we had our social lunch and nibbles table.

Our AGM this year is on 16 December 2018 at Blackford Glen courtesy of John Fyfe and we are currently planning our Area 11 events.

Thank you all for all your help this year as well as support it is greatly appreciated. Our membership is growing again which is fantastic and we are enjoying our horses. What is there not to be excited about!!

Area 11 members I could not do it without you. Happy trails!
Kayreen

Area 12

Dumfries & Galloway, Strathclyde

Editor's Note: Although Mrs Mac reports that there has been no activity in her area during this period she has certainly been busy in other places, running shows, etc.



Bob Mayhew showing us how to fly a broom



Audrey Bishop on Chevy



Area 13 members taking notes



Dawn Lewry



Anne-Marie Underwood on Connor

Event Notifications

WESTERN EQUESTRIAN SOCIETY (WES) INVITES YOU TO...

3 Day National Camp

Save the dates – Fri 26th – Sun 28th April 2019

At Moreton Morrell College, Warwickshire

Instructors - Scherie Dermody and Michael Langford

Friday night – Mexican night (prize for the best dressed Mexican!) / Saturday night – Cowboy BBQ

Open to all abilities. Small groups selected with similar abilities aimed at building confidence and knowledge. All disciplines of western riding covered.

Don't miss the opportunity for some fun and learning.

Save the date – more info coming soon!

CONTACT DEBBIE LANGFORD TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS: DEBBIEFLAY@HOTMAIL.CO.UK





WES NORTHERN EASTER CAMP 2019

A Great Opportunity for new as well as the more advanced western riders for learning & socialising. Non-WES members also welcome

at

Bishop Burton College, Nr Beverley, East Yorkshire HU17 8QG

Where we have use of 2 indoor schools adjacent to stabling & parking with electric hook ups if required, also on-site accommodation available

Instructors: Scherie Dermody & Michael Langford

Starts 1pm Thursday 18th April, 19th April (Good Friday)
to 5pm Saturday 20th April 2018

Social eating on site (Thurs) & at the Altisadora (Fri) - walking distance.
Canter's kitchen & dining area at end of arena available all camp

Member fee £210: Non Members £240

For further details & to reserve your place

Contact Margaret Kemp mekemp.wes@gmail.com 01759 318227

Booking forms & further information will be sent out early January 2019



Dates for your diary 2019

January

Sunday 20th January 2019

WES Area 5 AGM Cleckheaton Golf Club
Contact Christine Outram at
christineoutram1@icloud.com

Saturday 26th January 2019

WES Days Thornton Hall Farm
Contact Margaret Kemp
Mekemp.wes@gmail.co.uk

February

Sunday 24th January 2019

WES Days Thornton Hall Farm
Contact Margaret Kemp
Mekemp.wes@gmail.co.uk

March

Saturday 9th March

Area 5 Late Christmas Dinner/dance The
Bridge Hotel Walshford
Contact Christine Outram
christineoutram1@icloud.com

Sunday 17th March

WES AGM starting at 2pm. Venue Holiday
Inn, Hinkley Road, Coventry CV2 2HP

Sunday 24th March 2019

WES Days Thornton Hall Farm
Contact Margaret Kemp
Mekemp.wes@gmail.co.uk

Sunday March 31st 2019:

WES Members Club Day with Coach Susie
Anderson, Bodiam International Arena,
Bodiam, East Sussex TN32 5UJ.

April

Sunday April 14th 2019

Pattern Practice afternoon with Susie
Anderson, Bodiam International Arena,
Bodiam, East Sussex TN32 5UJ

Thursday 18th – Saturday 20th April

Bishop Burton Training Camp Bishop Burton
Equine College
Contact Margaret Kemp
Mekemp.wes@gmail.co.uk

26th - 28th April 2019

WES 3 day Clinic at Moreton Morrell
Contact david.brindley@cipfa.org
For further details

Saturday April 27th 2019

Spring Wake Up Show , Bodiam International
Arena, Bodiam, East Sussex TN32 5UJ

May

Sunday 19th May

Northern Counties Performance Show
Richmond Equestrian Centre
Contact Christine Outram at
christineoutram1@icloud.com

June

July

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th July

WES Northern Performance 2 Day Show
Myerscough College
Contact Georgina O'Connor
activepeopleandpets@gmail.com

August

Thursday August 8th – Saturday August 10th

Area 8 Summer Camp, Plumpton

Sunday August 11th

Area 8 Summer Show, Plumpton

Friday 23rd to Sunday 26th August

WES national Show details to follow

September

Saturday 21st September 2019

Scottish Nationals Pre Show Clinic at
Highfield of Howe, Fife
Contact Mrs Mac
aileent@globalnet.co.uk

Sunday 22nd September 2019

WES Scottish National Show at Highfield of
Howe, Fife
Contact Mrs Mac
aileent@globalnet.co.uk

Sunday 22nd September 2019

Yorkshire Western Performance
Show Askham Bryan College
Contact Christine Outram
christineoutram1@icloud.com

October

November

December