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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](http://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

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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



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## From the Editor

Welcome to the 99<sup>th</sup> edition of the WES News.

When I started on this issue, I was worried that I would have much content but thanks to you, the members, I think we have got an interesting issue yet again. So a big **Thank You** to everyone who sent article and reports in.

**The next issue will be the 100<sup>th</sup> issue of WES News, so let's make it a really bumper issue.**

Can we have some articles on the early days of WES, and/or WES News, If anyone still has copies of early editions are there any articles in there that we could use?

But, we don't want to be only looking back we also need to look forward, so some articles on where WES is going and also how to attract new and younger members to the Society would also be welcome.

But please don't forget the regular show, etc. reports.

Whilst on the subject of shows, please don't forget to enter any shows, clinics, etc. as early as you can to help the organisers. If they don't have many entries a week or two before they may cancel the event.

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## Chairman's Comments

*By  
Ann Hughes*

I joined WES 13 years ago never dreaming that I would become the chairman, it wasn't even in my sights, but I am very proud to have the honour although not used to having to make speeches etc. so if I ramble on a bit please bear with me.

I can honestly say that I have enjoyed every moment I have spent learning and competing under the WES banner and hope to have a few more years doing so. The goals that Bob and his partners in crime set out to achieve by forming WES have certainly lived up to expectation and they should be very proud of that.

I hope to continue with the theme that WES is the place to go to learn 'Horsemanship', to learn what it is like to ride a horse that is supple and balanced and just a pleasure to ride and I hope that all our members feel the same way. Our Trainers have undergone some serious work to become WES trainers and are some of the best that we have in the UK.

We are going back to having a Judge from outside of the UK for the Nationals this year to make it the 'special' event of the year and hope that you will all come along and participate whether you are a complete novice or a seasoned campaigner, come and put all that training you have done at clinics to good use.

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## Secretary's Comments

*By  
Deborah Langford*

We have had a busy few months within the Western Equestrian Society. WES Camp 2019 being the biggest event that we have been working on. Camp was great fun and a really great start to the summer months. Thank you from myself to everyone who helped and supported each other over that weekend. It was a real team effort.

Its very exciting to see some new ideas coming to WES. I look forward to seeing how they are received by the members.

With the WES Nationals fast approaching we have a lot to do. Please send your entries in when you have 5 minutes so the show team are able to plan ahead.

See you all soon.



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## Deadline for next issues

Here are the submission dates for the next issues of the WES News:

Issue 100      Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
Issue 101      Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

The Magazine will typically be published 1-2 weeks after these dates.

Please do not feel you have to wait until the last minute to send items to me. If you have a report or an article, please feel free to send it in as soon as you have done it.

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## Formats for Submissions

*By  
Chris Thompson*

I have been asked about the formats article and images should be submitted as.

If you are writing an article, or a report then the easiest format, for me at least, is Word. However, submitting them as an email is also

OK, and may be easier for some people. So long as I can cut and paste it into the document template then it is OK.

When it comes to photos, and other graphics, my preferred format is JPG. Images in TIFF or PNG formats are also OK, although the file size is often greater than JPG. Please also send photos, etc. at the highest resolution you can

If you are sending adverts please send them either in Word or as a picture, so I can change their size if necessary to fit the available space.

It may sound counter intuitive as the magazine is published in PDF format, but if you send anything in PDF format it has to be converted into Word or a graphic before I can put it into the magazine, which takes extra time, and in the case of images can reduce the resolution.

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## Cover photo

Jane Gibbs and Shorty cooling off in the cross country course water jump at Moreton Morrel.

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## Award Pictures from the WES AGM



**David Brindley presenting the High Points Amateur Rider award to Ann Hughes. Also the picture is of the outgoing and incoming chairmen.**



**David Brindley presenting the High Points Open Rider award to Vicky Easton**



**David Brindley presenting the Reserve High Points Amateur Rider award to Val Burdge**



**David Brindley presenting the Reserve High Points Open Rider award to Val Burdge**



**David Brindley presenting the High Points Open Horse and reserve High Points Intermediate Horse awards to Vicky Easton for her Horse Snippa Chick**

## Lean on Me.....

*By  
Kayreen Jones*

Lean on me a well-known song which often resonates with a lot of people at one time in their life or another!

We all have friends, trainers, coaches and instructors and family that we lean on for help and support at one time or another. Sometimes it is for practical help and advice sometimes it is for emotional and psychological support when things do not always go to plan. Sometimes a practical lesson helps at other times it is a coffee and a bit of cake and chatting through and issue whether horse related or training related can help you see the way forward. Often sleeping on a problem can help you find a solution. No problem is ever unsurmountable and as I have said before sometimes you need to go back the way in order to progress forward.

How you approach the problem can define your ultimate outcome whether the problem is your horse or yourself or both!

As regular readers know I seem to collect horses! I love working with young horses doing the groundwork and giving them the tools to then have a good ridden life with someone else if they are not quite for me.

As work for me personally has become a bit more hectic and my children are now giving me gorgeous granddaughters! Three good grief; one of them surely must want to ride!! I have had to look at the horses I have and make a decision as to where I want to go and what I want to enjoy. I now have three horses one now ridden and two youngsters to bring on.

Just as I lean on my husband to get some help when I need it and my friends when I need a debrief or a kick up the bum!! Have we considered how much our horses lean on us to actually teach them what they need to know to be good upstanding equine partners in the human world?

We feed them, groom them do all the basic care but do we consider their mental and emotional wellbeing?

Every time we handle our horse we are teaching or unteaching them something. If we want them to walk behind us and then today we are in a hurry ignore them pulling in front of us we have just let them know it is okay for them to take charge. We have not been consistent. Now once or twice that may not matter but depending on your horses personality it may matter a lot.

Horses are expert in body language we are not experts in horse body language. If we were owners would not be in the road when a horse kicks out, or when it turns to bite.

Humans like to control the situation, horses are amenable creatures who do not wake up one day deciding to be a pain and not do what they are asked. Plenty of trainers will say they worked for 10 mins got what they were after and put their horse away or took it out for a ride and took the pressure off.

Think of a mare with her foal she is tolerant, is black and white, and teaches by example when the foal is confused or tired it goes back to Mum to lean on her for reassurance. This is the example that we must set for our horses.

My little highland filly Flora that I wrote about last time with the saddle pad on her head is now being taught long reining. Now I am aware we all do



different things as I have said before. I do not have an arena so I have to back my young horses in a way that suits me and suits how I feel they need to learn. She has been led out as a baby, taught to lead beside or behind me, stop when I stop back up when I ask and turn when I ask.

Now she is able to wear a surcingle or a saddle she is fine with either. Each step quietly added on to the last lesson. Just like you would do with a child. She is happy with her bridle on and being bitted. She still fusses a little when you ask for a turn but her mouth is wet and not strapped shut to let her find out where she is happiest carrying the bit.

Now three she is ready to be pushed a little further so today was the third time she has been long reined out on our farm tracks without a person leading her. When led with support she was taught the cue for right and left, whoa, back and stand as well as the go forward cues I will use when I start riding her so it is all in her memory bank and she can be sure those cues mean those cues and nothing else.



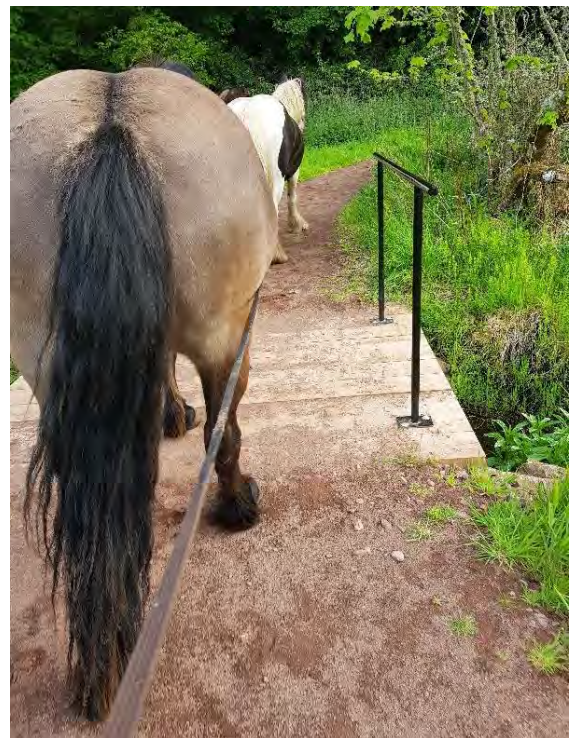
Yes, she is following the mare in front but this is a huge leap in trust for both of us as if she took off holding her would not be easy!

For me long reining teaches the horses to go forward and balance themselves up and down hills whilst working. They can figure out the cause and effect of the bit and right and left reins for turns without the

stress of a rider. The long reins encourage the horse forward and to learn to go out on its own (in its own head) yet start to develop the trust in the handler/rider behind it. Exactly what you want when you are riding.

What I like is it gives you the chance to find out what the horse will do when faced with an obstacle or concern when out working. Does it stand and watch, spin out and run, get worried and back up? These are all things that if it does on long reins it will do under saddle so you develop tools to understand how your horse will cope with uncertainty. Just as people do.

First time long reining over the wooden bridge on the trail, slight tension (you can see on her buttock muscles) but she went forward calmly.



As the horses grow in confidence you can feel the stride start to lengthen and you should get lots of sighing and snorts as they relax and sometimes some licking and chewing as they process.

It also gives you the opportunity to let them cope with other animals on the trail





which can happen in horses continually told what to do without them finding the right answer and being rewarded for it. Just like children it makes them more willing to search, find and process just what we want in a ridden horse. They lean on us in a metaphorical sense they look to us for rewarding the try, being consistent and black and white. Lack of direction on the ground leads to a lack of direction when ridden and the horse will rightly question you.

So, go and try something new or go and enhance your skills.

Asking for halt going into a backup. You can see her ears are focussed on me and wondering what is coming next. My reins are loose as I have just rewarded the stop.

and to use fixed obstacles such as trees to encourage bending and turning and getting the hindquarters working



It also helps to get them to start to think about disengaging their hind quarters. Which is your go to aid when you sit on them for the first time.

Every time you ask them a question and they come up with the right answer you are setting them up to succeed and not to fail. It makes them more willing to look for the right answer and to avoid being shut down



I have now put a little more pressure on and asked for a back. She is processing and has lifted her hind to start moving. Eventually we want a nice diagonal pair back up but this is a good start.





Lastly she has been rewarded with forward motion and she is relaxed and moving forward, she is also slightly on the turn round the corner so is more on the forehand than I would like but I am pleased with all the try and feeling confident that the next stage, backing, can follow shortly.



I will keep you posted on her progress! I hope this has been useful and long reins are also great if the weather is not great and you don't want to ride but you want to get out. You can also build on this to long reining on a circle to teach shoulder in/out, side pass, Travers as well as two three tracking. You can also do advanced long reining to teach flying changes! Whatever you do have fun!

## My First Year with WES

By  
By Jo Powell

As a child, I loved horses. I didn't dream of doing dressage or show jumping, but I loved to gallop my pony through the fields, up ... and down... hills, crossing the river and riding through the woods, like they did in the movies (well, almost)! My uncle turned up one day on his huge mare riding in a "**cowboy**" saddle. He let me have a try – wow! How lucky was I, riding in a "**cowboy**" saddle – just like in the movies (well, almost)!

Many years later along came Crackerjack. He was the most beautiful foal. My sister bred him and gave him to me when he was 17 months old.



I was extremely fortunate to meet my (now) good friend, Kris Coates, who helped me enormously. Kris rode in a **Western** saddle and had been an active member of WES for some years, competing with her ginger ninja, Saxon.

Gradually, with Kris's help, I moved through the groundwork with Jack and eventually backed him. However, it still took me another 12 years or so to actually try riding in a **Western** saddle ... just like in the movies (well, not really)!

Last May Kris suggested I try a clinic organised by the local WES group (area 4) with trainer Alan Payne. I loved it! The other participants and Angie Taylor (Area Rep) were all friendly and encouraging and the trainer was very complimentary about Jack.

Ten days later I joined WES.

The following month I took part in another clinic with my other horse, Jack's brother Skwert, and then in July, a Practice Day at which Angie took me through some simple patterns. I had never done anything like that before and I really enjoyed the challenge.

Each clinic gave me education and motivation to improve my western riding and by September I decided that Jack and I were ready to try a competition. Area 4 (Durham/Northumberland/Cumbria) is really quiet, but fortunately I live quite close to Area 5, which is very active, so I put an entry in for their show at Askham Bryan. Our first ever show!

I really didn't know what to expect or how Jack would behave. Kris came along to help out and advise – a second pair of hands and eyes is always useful.

Everyone was extremely welcoming and encouraging. Jack behaved well and we came away with a couple of rosettes (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) and more motivation to improve.

Another clinic in November, organised by Area 5, gave us practice with obstacles for trail riding and an introduction to barrel racing, which was great fun.

And then in January Area 5 announced their Easter Camp at Bishop Burton college near Beverley – should I give it a try? Again, all my new western friends were very encouraging, so Kris and I both decided to go. April was a long way off so there was plenty of time to prepare.

Unfortunately for Kris, just after we'd paid our fees she discovered that the college would not allow Saxon on their site due to an anomaly in his flu vaccinations 4 years ago and it was too late to restart in time for camp. The solution was to take Jack and Skwert ... double trouble!



Suddenly it was time to go. The weather was glorious. The organiser, Margaret Kemp, did a fantastic job of arranging all the riders into groups of 3 or 4 for the lessons and our trainer, Lee Rutter, really inspired us, setting varied and interesting challenges for each lesson. By the end of the third day, brains were fried ... humans and horses!

We headed home having had a wonderful time, made yet more new friends and having learned so much more horsemanship. Now I just needed to put it into practice ...

The next challenge was the Northern Counties Performance Show at Richmond on 20<sup>th</sup> May ... all I really wanted was for Jack and me to improve on the previous show - that would have made me very happy. I could never have imagined that we would come away with 10 rosettes, including 3 firsts, 2 seconds and 2 thirds. Such an improvement ... I was ecstatic.





What an end to our first year with WES.

It's been great to see improvement in both myself and my horses over the last year. I am so pleased to be part of such a friendly, encouraging and helpful society.

Thank you to all the members I have met so far for being so welcoming. I am looking forward to new challenges in the coming months – Trail Riding Award is next so hopefully I'll have a shiny new buckle to wear at future shows.

**Thank you WES!**

## Choosing the right trainer

*By  
Emma Bowyer*

There's a line I hear quite often that makes my heart sink, it's usually whilst standing in the queue at the garage waiting to pay for my fuel

"Ah Emma, so glad I ran into you, I'm having some issues with my horse, if (so and so) can't sort her out I'll give you a call"

The thought of working with her horse isn't what induces the sinking feeling, I love helping horses and humans get back on track to their happily ever afters.

It's the knowledge that if she had just called me first it would be a simple task, a minor adjustment in communication or even just a visit from the Chiropractor, and her horse would have been saved a lot of emotional and physical stress. But by the time

the owner calls and asks me to 'take a look', the horse has been to four other trainers who have all tried (and failed or she wouldn't be calling) to get 'Betsy' to stop bucking/rearing/bolting/napping/refusing jumps or whatever the issue is.

**So, what has dear Betsy learnt during this time?** What was probably a minor issue is now a really big deal, which is going to take way more time, effort and money for the owner to resolve, not to mention what her poor horse has been through.

**So, the reason she tried all those other trainers first?** Nine times out of ten I think it comes down to cost, and I totally get that, but in the long term letting cost affect her decision will likely mean she spends three times as much in both time and money!

I'm not saying that more expensive trainers are necessarily better, but cost should not be the deciding factor here.

I receive at least one email or phone call per week from a distraught owner who has sent her young horse away to be started and 4 weeks later her lovely innocent youngster has changed into a nervous/ defensive/ scared/ confused horse. This takes time and money to address and involves a lot of heartache for both horse and human

If you are sending a young horse away for starting but you have a small budget you are far better leaving him in the field for another year and saving up the money you need to send him to the very best trainer you can find.

Some people assume having a young horse will be a cheaper option than spending several thousand pounds on a more seasoned mount, I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news but unless you are an experienced, confident horse person able to start and produce a young horse yourself, the training costs are likely to exceed the purchase of a more experienced horse.

**So in a world where anyone can set up as a 'horse trainer' I'd like to give some pointers to help you make an informed choice on the right trainer for you and your horse AT THE START, hopefully saving you money and heartache and saving your horse undue stress and confusion.**

### First things first

Use the Internet, google 'horsemanship trainers in Devon/Hertfordshire/Scotland' (or wherever you live)



- Use local resources, check out riding club newsletters and tack/feed shop notice boards to research trainers in your area.
- Ask around for local opinion BUT keep in mind the old adage 'believe half of what you see and none of what you hear!'

There are some very good horsemen & women about, most of their work will come through word of mouth and they may not need to advertise so it could take a bit longer to track them down.

If there is a trainer that you have seen and like, but they are perhaps too far away, contact them and see if they could recommend anyone in your area.

Once you have found one or two you like the sound of research them further, who have they trained/worked with?

Check out their CV, check out the CV's of the people they have trained with.

#### **Ask questions:**

- How long have they been training horses?
- How many horses have they trained/started?
- Do they specialise in remedial horses (if you have a specific issue have they successfully rehabilitated any horses with similar issues to yours?)

Do they have a testimonial page on their website?

Ask for references from previous clients/their vet/farrier.

Are they still studying/improving/evolving?

**Genuine trainers will not be offended by you asking a million questions, they understand what a massive emotional and financial undertaking it is and would rather have clients that are well informed and have done their homework.**

Still like what you see?

#### **Go and watch them at work.**

I always go and spectate clinicians before I ride with them - I've saved a lot of money this way!

Some trainers will run regular clinics; usually these are open to spectators. Anyone worth their salt will have

no hesitation allowing you to visit their yard to watch them working.

If you are unsure what you are looking at watch the horse they are working with.

#### **If it doesn't look good, it probably isn't.**

Does the trainer use gadgets? If so ask why!

If, for example, he/she is riding in a martingale and says it's to stop the horse 'throwing its head' or riding in a noseband that holds the horses mouth closed because the horse 'evades the bit', or uses any form of restraining aids – side reins/draw reins/tie downs etc, walk away, this trainer does not have the depth of understanding you or your horse require.

#### **Ask questions as to what you are seeing; do they explain things in a way that makes sense to you?**

Take a look around the yard –

- Look beyond the first impressions (a smart yard is not necessarily a horse friendly yard and vice versa)
- Do the horses look relaxed and happy?
- Are they in good health?
- Do their feet look like they have regular attention?
- What is the daily routine, how much turnout do they receive?
- Does the horses' physical and emotional welfare take priority over everything else (i.e. speed of training)?

If you are sending your horse away, ask whether you are able to visit and watch/be involved in daily training sessions. I always insist the owner is involved as much as possible and then the horse has consistency when it returns home, plus it's usually us humans that need to adapt to find a change in the horse anyway. If you can't be involved due to work or time restraints ask the trainer if they would be happy to video sessions for you and try and go along to at least one or two a week.

**Be realistic in your expectations, the horse will always come back to the level of the rider, (no matter who has trained him!), so investing in training sessions for both of you would be a better long term investment.**

I personally think it is better to ride with someone who's at the top of their game less often than having weekly lessons with a mediocre instructor. I ride with



a couple of amazing horsemen once or twice a year, they are based in the USA so access and costs don't allow me more regular contact but the progress I make with them in just a few days is far greater than I have made with other instructors that I rode with for years! I leave their clinics with so much information I have more than enough to keep me busy for 12 months or more!

**Remember our horses are supposed to be FUN! Find a trainer that encourages you and leaves you feeling positive and excited about your horse and your future together.**

**If you are uncomfortable about something you see DON'T BE AFRAID TO SPEAK UP or remove your horse from their care, just because a person claims to be an expert does not mean they necessarily know what is best for your horse. YOU are his voice and he will thank you for it in the long term.**

I hope this is helpful to someone; there are plenty of 'experts' in the horse world, some are, some definitely aren't! So do your research, use your intuition and choose the person that has your horses' best interests at heart.

Have fun & stay safe



**Emma on her Appaloosa at a Joe Wolter clinic in the UK**



**Emma on her Appaloosa at a Joe Wolter clinic in the UK**



**Emma on her Appaloosa**



**Emma starting a young horse**

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*Details of Joe Wolters Clinics, etc. can be found at <http://www.joewolter.com>*

This article from Bill Tait is a reminder that we don't have to ride just in shows and arenas.

You could be out there in your Western Saddles heading towards your Western Trail Buckle.

## Reopening Cowl Dyke Wath

*by*  
Bill Tait

Cowl Dyke Wath (Cold Dike Wath on earlier maps) is a ford on the River Dove South of Kirkbymoorside.

The word Wath is of Norse origin and means ford, the word is found all over North Yorkshire.

Sadly this ford had become unsafe to use. Ryedale Bridleway group had been lobbying for years to have the ford reinstated. Eventually in September of 2018 the work was finally completed.

It was a long hard struggle to get this ancient ford reopened, but now horse riders can enjoy this route which links to a whole network of Bridleways.

Generous grants from the BHS paths for communities fund, the Ride Yorkshire Foundation, the Bridleways Trust, Ryedale BW group and individual donations (in total over £2000) were instrumental to the work eventually being done with NYCC rights of way dept. making up the difference.

As well as the ford being improved, so we're gates, with depth gauges placed at the ford.

Many thanks to everybody involved, in particular to the two landowners involved and to Ben Jackson (rights of way officer) for organising the work and ensuring the extra funding was provided.

On the Sunday the third of March a party of riders on a Ride Yorkshire guided ride used the ford to access the BWs in the Normanby area. Riders expressed their delight in being able to use the ancient ford.

A word of caution to riders using the ford, although the river bed is sound, please note the height of the river using the depth gauges, to see if it is safe to cross.



The footing in the ford had been checked before asking the horses to go through.

*Bill Tait is Chairman of Ryedale BW group and guide for the Ride Yorkshire Foundation.*

## Moreton Morrel Camp

*By*  
*Jane Gibbs*

I had a fantastic weekend at the WES Camp with Di Whelan's little paint Shorty (EP Sugar Babe) under the tuition of the lovely Emma Lonie.

Despite the extremely wild weather thanks to storm Hannah, little Shorty worked her socks off for me.

My 'gang' was fantastic (Lorraine O'Keefe and Tom, Helen Glen and Moose and Marianne Handy and Mille) and I am pleased to now call them all friends as we had such a laugh together with everyone supporting each other as I have come to expect from WES.





The food provided by Debbie Langford was incredible and a lovely social end to each day's activities as was the organisation of the whole weekend.

I finished Sunday off with a lovely hack out around the cross country course (no jumping) and a play in the water jump... just because you can.



Now, to practise for the Nationals... eek!

#### *Editor's Note:*

*As some readers may know my horse, Brego competed in affiliated one day events at the BE100 level before he retired due to an injury. For Jane's benefit the technique for a water jump is to go in slow (e.g. at the jog) and to come out fast (at the lope) as seen here.*



*Here Brego had gone over the jump behind them and they were going through the water to the next jump. He had probably already gone over 20 jumps by this stage.*

*To give you some idea of what is involved for the horse and rider in a One Day Event – they will first ride a dressage test, then jump a Showjumping round, with maybe 12-14 jumps, and then jump a cross country course. The show jumping and cross country are against the clock with an optimum time. It is not for the faint hearted or the unfit!!*

#### **Val Burdge** wrote about the camp:

This year's camp quite excelled itself, with the exception of the weather, but even that did not spoil a first class experience. Well done everyone. I had the added pleasure of delivering and returning Emma (Lonie) Thank you Emma for making our long journey much more pleasurable than it would have been had I been alone. Golani and I have much to work on.

#### **Linda Thompson** Wrote about the Camp

Just a note on the Wes Camp it was a great camp, Debbie did a great job pulling it together and the trainers amazing keeping everyone safe and I can tick off my bucket list of riding in storm Hannah, having gone from someone who doesn't even ride in a shower to riding in a storm.

Looking forward to next year



## Bishop Burton Camp

*April 2019*

*By*

*Janet Amir*

This was my second visit to Bishop Burton college for my first WES camp in 2019. We arrived to be greeted by a charming and very helpful Young man directing us to our stable and tack room, and sorting out keys for accommodation. It's so important to have this contact on arrival after a long journey, so our thanks for this excellent organisation and preparation. In fact this was a taste of how the whole camp progressed.

Training groups and schedules were displayed and Wally and I began our first session with Michael Langford who aptly planned out our groups objectives. The training was relevant, progressive and professional. Sadly Scherie was unavailable so Lee Rutter stood in. Feedback from his groups was excellent.

The arenas at Bishop Burton are fantastic. Two indoors, one international size and a huge outdoor, which was utilised by both groups due to the fabulous weather (and the loan of sun cream to the trainers)!! Emma Lonie prepared a Mexican banquet (chilli) for the first night which went down a treat, thanks Emma, and we all enjoyed a chance to catch up over a beer and discuss our objectives for the camp.

The pub outing on the second night was a treat and allowed us to celebrate Margaret Kemps birthday.

Lunches were provided from a local shop and again all organised by the team. We even had chance to do a bit of shopping as a 'bring unwanted items table' had been arranged and 'Hooves' bought a selection of goodies. I came home with two pairs of jeans and some spurs.

I cannot recommend this camp enough. Fabulous venue, trainers and organisation, put me down for next year.

Janet Amir and Wally

at 1pm & finishing Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm. Easter time generally works well as we only require 2 nights stabling and accommodation. We do make sure riders with a long way to travel home have an early slot on the Saturday afternoon. This plan works well, saving on cost and has the benefit of allowing folks to still have 2 days holiday & time with their families.

Despite some disappointment with 3 horses having to drop out due to invalid flue vaccination record plus 1 with injury, the Camp, due to reserves, still had 31 horse/rider combinations attending.

We were fortunate to have the excellent services of experienced instructors Michael Langford & Lee Rutter, who worked very conscientiously & hard with 8 group sessions of mixed ability riders.

Having experienced stable Managers Gerri & Harry was more important then ever this year as no horse was to be unloaded prior to its passport being checked, even though we had provided the College with the requested schedule of horses.

Gerri worked out a stable plan with horses in 2 different yards & a new job for Harry, who recently passed his trailer test was to collect as well as distribute shavings with the help of Sophia.

Harry also found time to help in many other ways during the three days, which I very much appreciated. Finally taking responsibility for checking the borrowed college tools were all there & seeing the stables were left as requested at the close of Camp Thankfully everyone did their part with cleaning out stables & sweeping the yard

I was extremely grateful that we again had the experienced help of Jane Walmsley for the day to day management of the event allowing me time to enjoy taking part with my horse. Jane very ably dealt with the instructors breakfasts/drinks/lunches, sorted sandwiches if required from the village shops & this year an extra job of cooking baked potatoes for the Thursday night meal in Canters, the kitchen & sitting area adjoining one of the indoor schools.

Thanks to Emma, who had the idea of a first night meal on site and who made the chilli and thanks to Gerri who brought the veggie version. We were grateful to Helen, Gerri, Su & Jim who provided desserts to complete what was an excellent social evening. Many other members also contributed to the enjoyment of the event by providing, tray bakes & cakes which we could all enjoy when visiting the kitchen for drinks during Camp. Friday evening was

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## WES Northern Camp 2019

*By*

**Margaret Kemp**

Following the pattern of many years the event was again held at Easter – starting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April



the usual meal at the village pub, convenient as it is within short walking distance from the College.

Finally, thanks to all the WES members from Area's 4, 5 & 7 who attended Camp, brought 'eats', cleaned up droppings & helped to make what many said the best Camp ever!

For sure the glorious April sunshine we were blessed with every day, helped and it was great to see so many smiling happy faces of friends old & new, enjoying relaxing & socialising as well as making the most of the opportunity of the excellent tuition with their horses.

#### WES Northern Camp - Vickie Lowry Riding Inde



WES Northern Camp - Lee Rutter Group



Wes Northern Camp with Michael Langdon



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## Cuteness Overload

*By  
Chris Thompson*

On 13<sup>th</sup> May Brego's girlfriend Pina gave birth to a filly foal called Colada or Kiki for short



Kiki looks just like Brego did at that age. She is now nearly a month old and is growing like a weed.

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## Area Round-up

### Area 1

*Grampian and Highlands*

*By*

*Kathy Briggs*

The life of an Area Rep is certainly NOT boring!

Due to a variety of circumstances, we are down to only five regular riders... But, what we lack in numbers, we more than make up for in enthusiasm!

The first clinic in March, was a bit of a financial eye-opener, and we have had to up the cost of lessons as a result. So.... I am going to be cheeky and wonder out loud if there could be any help from H.Q. towards travel cost for our Instructor??? (Okay, okay, stop screaming \_ or laughing hysterically at me!!)

Our second clinic was over Easter, but the travel costs made it impossible, so we had a Play Day instead ! With me as Ringmaster / " Judge " , Easter Eggs as prizes, a bunch of great riders and their long-suffering horses... no better way to spend the day ! ( Even the weather was on our side... always a bonus up here ! )

Our latest clinic took a different format, lessons on the Friday and Sunday, but on Saturday Bob ran a " What the Judge is Looking For " day.

Sandra had suggested this at our AGM, and what a great success! Everyone, including spectators learnt a great deal, and had a lot of fun doing the "Classes". Thank you, Bob, for your patience, enthusiasm and sense of humour... See you soon !

Keep smiling ,

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### Area 2

*Gwynedd, Clwyd, Cheshire, Shropshire,  
Staffordshire*

*By*

*Lesley and Michelle Surguy-Price*

We held our first show on the 19th of May at Trevor Hall, Llangollen by kind permission of Louise Parker. We had a couple of new members present and of course our main stays. Numbers weren't great through either horse or rider injuries etc. However, we can say it was a success, with much fun, great competitiveness and support to all.

David Hudspeth our judge for the day was very encouraging, giving great feedback and feed forward to improve riders' skills.

We had some unaffiliated classes in conjunction with Louise Parker, to see if we could attract more numbers and we did have a couple of extra entries. In this current economic climate, we need to try and boost numbers.

A big thank you as always to the ground crew who worked tirelessly to ensure the show ran smoothly.

Area 2 will be holding a show later on in the year if we have enough numbers. Enjoy the summer folks!

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### Area 3

*Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire*

*By*

*Sarah Hamlin*

A very successful playday was held for current and prospective members at The Crescent arena on 19<sup>th</sup> May, the session comprised of an assortment of trail obstacles with the addition of the noodle walk, see saw and the frozen pond (made from recyclable plastic) the aim of the session was for people to develop horse and rider confidence in a calm and relaxed atmosphere.

Lunch time saw the opportunity for a social gathering around the barbecue in the glorious Devon sunshine with the afternoon session giving riders the opportunity to run through a complete trail pattern.

The horses taking part ranged from 4 years old to 18+ years and for some this was their first attempt at trail.



We would like to thank Leigh and Paul Cheetham for the use of their excellent facilities at The Crescent, Devon and Paul Burrowson as chief Chef at the barbeque.

## Area 4

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

## Area 5

*Lancashire, Merseyside, Yorkshire, Greater  
Manchester*

*By*

*Christine Outram*

We held a practice show with Emma Chapman at Catterick Saddle Club on 12th May 2019

The sun shone and we had a good turnout for this despite the rounds of ill health causing difficulties for some of us.

Emma and Sandra did an impressive job of setting everything up and keeping things moving along.

Riders and horses had the chance to practice any of the disciplines before 19th May and we even had a Western Riding demo by Val Burdge following which Seraya Sigsworth was persuaded to give it a go and did extremely well with Issy in her new bosal.

Bill Tait had his second day back in the saddle following his hip operation and managed a whole morning riding – I suspect that was because he struggled to get off again!

Sarah Morton had a few issues but did very well including a 1st place.

Paddy with Mel Mellors on board did attempt some demolition work in his usual style but no lasting damage.

The new combination of Lynne Steel and Bean acquitted themselves very respectably in Bean's first WES practice show.

The last time I saw Fran Maxwell and Newberry Fran had to work extremely hard to get a canter but not today, such a massive improvement all round.

Di Nicholson and Ed were impeccably turned out as usual and, for such a big horse, he is so careful over poles.

The star of the show, however, was Faith with Figgy. Figgy is not the easiest of horses but Faith rode all day in all the classes and coped extremely well despite the odd occasion when



Figgy had her own ideas about where they were headed. One very talented young lady!  
The Northern Counties Show was held at Richmond Equestrian Centre

The first show of the year always seems to be fraught with difficulties in getting it organised and this year was no exception.

Blue Chip have withdrawn their sponsorship for the hi-points but, fortunately, Emma Chapman-Lonie managed to get hi-point sponsorship for this show from Millbry Hill Equestrian Stores, [www.millbryhill.co.uk](http://www.millbryhill.co.uk).

We also had a total of 7 riders withdraw just before the show for very justifiable reasons plus one no show.

I am pleased to say that, despite the gremlins, the show seemed to go very well and rider support was much better than I had expected. The judge, Lucy Adams, was very fair, ensuring everyone knew what was expected of them and giving her reasons if a decision wasn't quite clear.

Each time we go to this venue there have been improvements and this year was no exception. They even put the barrier up for us to cordon off the collecting area. 17th May 2020 is now booked with them.

Our next show is the 2 day show at Myerscough International Arena so make sure you get your entries in and book your buffet.

Can I ask organisers, volunteers, participants to consider writing something after the show for the next newsletter, please?

## Area 6

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

*By  
Mandy Hawkins*

**We have a change of date for our AREA 6 SHOW** it will now be held on Sunday 28th July at Valley View Ranch and Equestrian Centre, Ullingswick, Herefordshire. HR1 3JQ Judge

TBC. There will be a pre-show clinic the day before with Bruce Lawrence. If anyone wishes to sponsor our Area 6 Show please get in touch.

I have not organised many WES events in the area since my last report due to lambing season on the farm but I had a meeting with the members in the Wales area and we are planning to have some informal get togethers and social rides over the coming months.

Our Area 6 Camp is fast approaching (31<sup>st</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June), all rider spaces are booked but spectators are very welcome.

## Area 7

*Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire,  
Nottinghamshire.*

*By  
Vicky Easton*

Area 7 has been very busy this spring.....

We had a Showmanship/Horsemanship clinic with Alan Payne in March and are looking forward to another clinic with him, probably the end of July/ early August.

Mary Larcome came on the 14th April and did a general/Ranch horse clinic, it was enjoyed so much she's coming again on the 30th June to do another Ranch Horse clinic.

We has a Practice Show with 10 people entering, and if I say it myself "It was a roaring success!!" (Pictures enclosed)







and getting some tips from Trainer Susie Anderson. We had 9 riders, there would have been a couple more, but due to Flu regulations, two horses were unable to take part, sadly. Still all those that attended enjoyed the afternoon.

Our second event on 14th April, was a Pattern practice afternoon, again with trainer Susie Anderson, who helped riders negotiate some of the patterns which were being used in the Spring Wake Up Show at Bodiam on 27th April. We had an amazing 15 riders from all over the area, that came along and took advantage of the opportunity to ride some of the show patterns.

The weather has been a bit changeable, and my horses have worn all of the rugs in their expensive wardrobe ( heavy weight, rainsheet, fly rug and naked)!! within the space of a few days. Fortunately it stayed dry for both of our events so far, although we were lucky to have the use of the fabulous arena at Bodiam.

We were lucky enough to have 3 Youths attending which hopefully will give them the experience for forth coming events... certainly the WES Nationals... here's hoping!!

On June 2nd Sam Magdalana is running a "Fun" Day,... Mobile "Cow" chasing and roping!!

In early November Michael Langford is booked, this will be the first time he'll be doing a clinic for us.0

To all WES Members, have a great Summer season.

Our next event is a clinic with Tammy Greaves, which has been fully booked for some time, with 10 riders all looking forward to learning from Tammy.

There are still spaces available on the following clinics:

- 7th July at The Priory with Bob Mayhew,
- Kids Clinic in East Sussex with Susie Anderson on 23rd June,
- Alan Payne Clinic on 28th July, Tonbridge, Kent

This year Wes Area 8 sponsored WES members who entered the Garden of England Classes at the Spring Wake up show at Bodiam Arena.

We offered gorgeous Rosettes and sashes for the High Point Winners of the Walk Jog category, and The Open category.

## Area 8

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

*By  
Jo Gallagher*

It's been a busy few months in Area 8, with several new members and our first two ridden events.

Our first event took place on 31st March our "Back in The Saddle" afternoon, was designed to get members together, schooling their horses,



The winners were Yvonne Newbegin , Walk Jog High points, and Evelyn Dash , Open High points, both very worthy winners.

**Yvonne Newbegin** sent this lovely “Proud Mum” picture of her on The Greatest Smoke (aka Bubba) with the Walk Jog high points sash and rosette



Bubba is dressed for hunter under saddle, which is one of the four classes you do to win the hi point award. They are:

- Hunter under saddle,
- Trail,
- Horsemanship and
- Pleasure

Area 8 Youth member Sofia Alman being presented with the Youth All-around Champion award by Torsten Haier AQHA Judge at the Garden of England Show



Sofia was riding Chipadee Seti Gold,

## Area 11

*Borders, Central, Fife, Lothian, Tayside*  
By

*Kayreen Jones*

Well our year started well and we managed to have a couple of training days slotted in to the first couple of months. We are very lucky that the Oxenfoord livery yard are very accommodating for us and we have the advantage of it being an indoor arena which also helps when the weather is a tad unpredictable.

We had been a bit jinxed with our clinic bookings however and we had Scherie Dermody booked for early May but we changed this as Scherie could not make it due to personal circumstances. We then had David Grey booked but unfortunately David broke down en-route so he could not make it. David was gutted he could not make it up so we will re organise.

With a bit of last minute thinking on our feet we were able to sort something.

The Clinic gods were just not with us that weekend so a few of us met on the Saturday at Oxenfoord and used the arena and on Sunday we met and had a trail ride around Balgone.

The area numbers are rising so it is important for people to let me know what you want to have put on. We do need to run a show



managers training session so anyone interested can you please let me know and we will organise a venue and day?

It is really lovely to see Area 11 numbers on the rise but I am also aware that we do cover quite a large area so trying to put things on to suit everyone can be a hard act to perform. But please speak to me and we will try to accommodate all parts of the area.

Coming up we have a David Hudspeth Clinic on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June at Oxenfoord arena. The clinic price is £60 and this will be a ranch horse/trail clinic. Followed by an Area 11 show at Blackford Glen. This show will have all classes apart from reining and Western riding as the arena is not big enough.

I have emailed a schedule to all members and Scottish area reps but if I have missed you please let me know and I will get one to you. John can provide grazing/stabling over the weekend if you want to use him to stop on the Friday night to go to Oxenfoord on the Saturday as you will be going the opposite way to the Highland show traffic.

For our happy (or sometimes stressed) hackers! Remember the WES trail ride scheme, a one of payment and you log all your trail riding on a sheet gaining credit as you gain the mileage. There are also other on line challenges not with WES but you could run them hand in hand. (Your horse 1000 mile in a year challenge can be done in any saddle)

Bob Mayhew has also just had a clinic at Blackford Glen. He is regularly up at both Aberdeen (contact area rep Kathy Briggs) and at Blackford Glen (contact Rahel Vontobel). Bob will be returning to both areas in July if you would like a lesson or to spectate.

If anyone would like to have a go at Tilting on their western horses let me know and I will organise a have a go day for WES members at Elvingston stud. It is good fun and emphasises western training, one handed control, control of the gaits and stopping!

I love being involved with WES but it is also your club! Please feel free to put in articles

about your western journey, Horses or anything related. We are a friendly club and love reading about everyone's pathways to Western riding and horsemanship.



*Our intrepid trail riders!*

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## **Area 12**

*Dumfries & Galloway, Strathclyde*

*By*

*Patricia O'Reilly*

Area 12 had planned a pleasure ride in March but we had to call off due to adverse weather conditions.

However, we are currently having a western riding week at Lunga Stables, it has been very well attended by a lot of members, and we have not let the weather stop us from enjoying some lovely trail rides and time in the school.

It is safe to say everyone is enjoying their holiday

We have had to western instructors over from Canada to help us.

We hope to organise some play days and more clinics over the next few months.

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## **Area 13**

*Dorset and Hampshire*

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## Event Notifications



### THE NORTH WEST MICHAEL LANGFORD WESTERN CLINIC

Saturday 8th June 2019, 9am 'till 5pm

£55 each for 1 hour private lesson

£40 each for 1 hour group lesson (max 3 riders)

or £70 for 2 sessions. £5 extra for non WES members

### WORLD HORSE WELFARE INDOOR ARENA

PENNY FARM, PRESTON NEW RD, BLACKPOOL. FY4 5JS



  
MICHAEL  
LANGFORD  
TRAINING





## WES Northern Performance Show 2019

### July 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>



Join us for this fantastic, much loved show, judged by Maj-Britt Lemay (Spain) APHA, ApHC, AQHA, NRHA, NSBA, POA

Every level and discipline catered for plus walk jog classes.

Indoor barn permanent stabling within strolling distance of the arenas

80m x 30m beautiful international indoor arena with seated audience gallery

On site restaurant, accommodation, hook- up

Easy to get to whether travelling from the North or South via the M6.

Myerscough International Equine Arena. PR3 0RY



## WES AREA 13 CAMP

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019

WITH MICHAEL LANGFORD

£140 PER RIDER. PLACE SECURE ON RECEIPT OF £70 DEPOSIT

BUFFET LUNCH BOTH DAYS PLUS COWBOY BBQ SATURDAY EVENING!!

MONMOUTH ASH FARM, HORTON HEATH, WIMBORNE, BH21 7JS

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT

ANNE BATLEY - [A.BATLEY@NTLWORLD.COM](mailto:A.BATLEY@NTLWORLD.COM)



**Area 8  
Clinic with**

*Renowned Trainer*

**Bob Mayhew**

**At**

**Priory Equestrian,  
Frensham Road, Frensham,  
Farnham, Surrey, GU10 3DP**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019    10.00 – 4.30**

**2 Groups of 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour sessions**

**Morning and afternoon**

**WES Members £65 pp**

**Non WES Members £75 pp**

**Spectators £5 pp**





# **Performance Show**

**organised by Area 6**

**at Valley View Ranch, Ullingswick,  
Herefordshire, HR1 3JQ**

**Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**

***[This is a revised date]***

**Judge: David Lloyd**

**For more information and schedule  
contact Mandy**

**email: *wesarea6@gmail.com***

***or download from:***

***The Society Main website***

**Pre-show clinic with Bruce  
Lawrence on**

**Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Places to be booked direct with Valley View  
Ranch, 07791 323192**



# Western Equestrian Society

## 28th National Show 2019

SAVE THE DATES – FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> – SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019

TO INCLUDE: WES CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES AND LITTLE BRITCHES

AT: MORETON MORREL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Save the date – more info coming!

WESTERN EQUESTRIAN  
SOCIETY

## *We Need You!*

WES are seeking  
sponsorship for the 2019  
National Show at Moreton  
Morrell

Sponsorship starts from  
£25 for individual class or  
Our championship Class  
sponsorship £50

This includes recognition  
on the WES website &  
facebook page &  
advertisement at the show

If you are interested in  
Sponsorship at this event  
please email me  
[Louiseh2015@gmail.com](mailto:Louiseh2015@gmail.com)





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## Dates for your diary 2019

### June

#### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Michael Langford Clinic  
World Horse Welfare, Blackpool  
Contact Georgina O'Connor  
01254 233702 or 07787 15053  
[activepeopleandpets@gmail.com](mailto:activepeopleandpets@gmail.com)

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

WES Clinic with Tammy Greaves  
Southern Schoolmasters, Chiddingfold,  
Surrey GU8 4UP

### July

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

WES Northern Performance 2 Day Show  
Myerscough College  
Contact Georgina O'Connor  
01254 233702 or 07787 15053  
[activepeopleandpets@gmail.com](mailto:activepeopleandpets@gmail.com)

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

WES Clinic with Bob Mayhew  
The Priory Equestrian Centre Frensham,  
Farnham, Surrey, GU10 3DP

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July

WES Area 8 Trail Ride and BBQ,  
Seddlescombe

#### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July

Area 6 Pre Show Clinic with Bruce Lawrence  
Valley View Ranch, Ullingswick,  
Herefordshire, HR1 3JQ  
Contact: Valley View Ranch 07791 323192

#### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July

Area 5 Clinic with David Gray  
Wakefield RDA  
Contact Lesley Wilkinson-Lyner  
07980 880039  
[lesleyanwl@gmail.com](mailto:lesleyanwl@gmail.com)

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July

Area 6 Performance Show  
Valley View Ranch, Ullingswick,  
Herefordshire, HR1 3JQ  
For more information and schedule, contact  
Mandy Hawkins  
email: [wesarea6@gmail.com](mailto:wesarea6@gmail.com)

### August

#### Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup> – Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>

Area 8 Summer Camp, Plumpton

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Area 8 Summer Show, Plumpton

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August

WES national Show Moreton Morrel

### September

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019

Scottish Nationals Pre-Show Clinic at  
Highfield of Howe, Fife  
Contact Mrs Mac  
[aileent@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:aileent@globalnet.co.uk)

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

WES Scottish National Show at Highfield of  
Howe, Fife  
Contact Mrs Mac  
[aileent@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:aileent@globalnet.co.uk)

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

Yorkshire Western Performance Show  
Askham Bryan College  
Contact Christine Outram  
07974 962877  
[christineoutram1@icloud.com](mailto:christineoutram1@icloud.com)

### October

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October

WES Trail Clinic with David Lloyd  
Seddlescombe

### November

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

WES members Club day  
Bodiam International Arena

### December