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Exciting changes ahead for the WES Trail Award Scheme

Will this be your year to achieve your buckle?

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

The Scheme is very simple - any WES member who rides the trail, hacking out for pleasure or for endurance or Trec (training and schooling do NOT count) in a western saddle can record their hours and qualify for an award. The horse does not have to belong to the rider, but must be ridden in a western saddle and must be sound.

- 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 **Sarah Cameron, The Fox, High Street, Rampton, Cambridgeshire CB24 8QF**
- *To qualify for the beautiful 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 more details of the WES Trail Awards Scheme, please contact
Sarah Cameron or Jane Gibbs by email: westrailaward@yahoo.com

More details will be announced shortly

WES Merchandise

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

**TOTAL CLOTHING
SHOP**

WWW.totalclothingshop.co.uk/wes

WES Website

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

www.wes-uk.com



Society Information

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Treasurer:	Overseas the financial affairs of the society	Beverly Jeavons	bevjeavons@hotmail.co.uk
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Area rep. names are in **BOLD**, County rep. names are in *bold italic*

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Society Approved Judges

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

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

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

WES Judges Committee

The following Judges are members of the WES Judges Committee:

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



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The following is a list of WES Approved Instructors

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Advertising Rates

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

Rates for other items are as follows

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

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

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

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

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



From the Editor

*By
Chris Thompson*

This issue of WES News has finally been completed.

Having seen the reports of what many of the areas have achieved during shutdown, and other COVID limitations, I find myself impressed with what people have achieved under difficult circumstances. So well done everybody!!

COVID, and other events, have made me slightly more aware of my own mortality than I would normally be. One thing I would like to arrange, therefore, is that there is a smooth handover of the editorship of WES News should something happen to me, or should I not be able to continue, so I am looking for an assistant, or deputy, editor who could take over should the worst happen, and also assist me in the meantime. I prepare the magazine in Word and it is then converted to PDF before being sent to all members. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please contact me.

I am hoping to get another issue of WES News out before Christmas, so keep those articles, reports, etc. rolling in.

Let's hope that the autumn stays fine and sunny so we can enjoy our horses in the sun.

Happy trails everyone

Chairman's Report

*By
Ann Hughes*

What a strange couple of years we have all had, so grateful things are starting to get back to some sort of normal, we have at least been able to hold the National clinic and show this year, both being very well attended, with lots of smiley faces.

Earlier on this year Jim Lyner had to step down from his role on council due to ill health and David Hudspeth has stepped down from his role as Trail Co-ordinator, thank you both so much for all the hard work you put into your roles over the many years you dedicated to us, you will both be sadly missed. We also lost Louise Hunt, the youth officer, she kept us all going during 2020 with the virtual shows, again a sad loss.

Please remember that all council members and area reps do the jobs they do totally voluntarily, we can claim expenses, but most claim very little, with much coming out of our own pockets, we donate our time and energy because we love what WES stands for and believe that any horse, no matter what breed can achieve anything a quarter horse can. We may make mistakes, but when we do it is from trying to do the best we can in the only way we know how. We spend a lot of time and effort doing what we do, we do not ask for thanks, (but love it when we get it, makes all the hard work worthwhile), all we ask is that you attend as many of the events as you can, and, if you have a little time and energy, give us a helping hand.

Let us hope that 2022 brings with it health and happiness, and keeps our 4 legged friends sound and happy.

Area Coordinators Report

*By
John Ayles*

This is a heartfelt thank you to all the Area Reps who put so much work into their jobs regardless of Covid and I am sure all members will agree that they are a very important part of our society that makes it that successful.

All of you have managed to keep your area members connected one way or another.

It was great to see the members from Scotland competing at the National Show

It is sad to have to report the Ann Batley Area 13, Emma Hillier Area 3 and Angie Taylor Area 4 have resigned from the role as Area Reps.

Would like to say thank you for all your hard work you put in to make your area's successful.

We would like to welcome Sarah Seton-Smith as the new Area 13 Rep.

If anybody is interested in the Area 3 and 4 Reps position please contact me.

Looking forward to a great 2022 season.

Press and Public Relations

*By
Zoe Hughes*

After taking over the role on Council of Press and Public Relations in March 2021, I would like to thank every member who has given me a warm welcome.

I have spent my time so far making contacts within the equestrian press world, getting new banners designed and out to our area reps, and have sent out a couple of press releases to the equestrian press and the wider national, and local news mediums.

Western Horse UK are kindly publishing a Society News column for us in each edition now, along with any WES events that have been organised and approved by the deadline date for each edition.

If anyone has a story to tell, then please do let me know.

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Deadline for Next Issues

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

Issue 108 Friday 3rd December 2021

The Magazine will typically be published 1-2 weeks after this, depending on how quickly I get the report for the National show.

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

Finally, please do not wait until the last minute to send items to me. Receiving 8-10 Area Reports plus any articles on the final day runs the risk of something getting lost in the rush.

Cover Picture

Dan Gwalter and George at the National Show. The commentator called him D cup Dan.
Need I say more?

WES National Show 2021

*By
Ann Hughes*

We have to thank our hosts at Sovereign Quarter Horses for the success of our first show in two years, the amount of work David and Sarah put in to get things ready for us was immense and certainly added to the great atmosphere. It was cool and dusty, but no rain thank goodness, SQH probably need to charge us all for the amount of dust we all took home with us. The feedback has been tremendous and the smiles huge. Several competitors come down from Scotland, 11 hours to get there! They all deserved a medal, but they made their stay worthwhile by having a few days to chill out and practise the patterns before the show started.

It was great to have some youth there this year. We had arranged a clinic/lesson on the Thursday for youth members and we had four take advantage, two were quite used to shows and two were showing for the first time. It was arranged for 4pm, but Liv felt the two less experienced ones would benefit from a lesson with just the two of them, so she arranged a session in the morning for the two more experienced ones. Two very nervous Mums and their girls arrived on site during the afternoon, they soon got themselves organised and set off for the arena looking very tense, but Liv took them through the patterns which settled their nerves and they finished off with big smiles, feeling much more comfortable for what lay ahead over the next three days.

It was lovely to see a good few new faces this year, again some very worried looking competitors, but the camaraderie around the stables area was second to none, they all pulled together to buoy each other up, with the more experienced helping out the newbies. Thank you all for being so supportive to each other.

Classes were well attended, even some of the less popular ones had entries. All the competitors were very grateful for the feedback that Bob gave to each of them at the end of a class, the youth riders and the newbies said it helped them so much to progress.

We had several stores holders attending, including a new idea to have a second hand stall which was a great success, the number of spectators was also good, so I hope the stallholders had a good and profitable weekend.

A huge thanks must go to all our generous sponsors, we are very grateful for your support, we would be lost without you.

We could not hold the show at all without the show team, Mick Carder as secretary spends months getting things put together and setting up. David Lloyd and Matt Ayling as show managers, making sure that everyone is happy, Kathy Beare and Kaz Owens on the collecting ring, making sure it all flows smoothly, Tracy Haynes and her little helper presenting all the rosettes and trophy's, Yvonne Newbegin for organising the programs and manning the second hand stall, and of course, not forgetting our judge, Bob Mayhew, for the feedback as a judge and his scribe, Kim White.

Lastly a 'thank you' to the competitors for your guts and determination, you conquered your devils, and got stuck in, even though I know some of you were absolutely terrified. Well done all.

See you all again next year for our 30th year??

Photos from the show









Results from the Show

Place	Back #	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
Class 1: 13 & Under Trail - Shown: 2					
1	42	Fifty Shades Of Jay	Erica Davies	Sarah Davies	
2	390	Teddy Bear	Nancy Cook	Michelle Cook	
Class 3: Novice Rider Trail - Shown: 10					
1	399	Jays Whiskey Girl	Aylson Viller	Aylson Viller	
2	338	Whiz First Chex	Nicola Percy	Nicola Percy	Kilburn London
3	363	George	Camille Geisz	Camille Geisz	Newnham On Severn
4	358	IMA Sparklin Surprise	Nickey Smith	Nicky Smith	Melsonby
5	352	Hollywood Mojo	Beryl Wilson	Beryl Wilson	Wilburton Ely
6	340	Lou A Smokin	Liz Smith	Liz Smith	Wichford Ely
DQ	386	Tuff N Jay	Tara Jackson	Tara Jackson	



Place	Back #	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
DQ	395	Blazin Melody	Andrew Viller	Andrew Viller	
DQ	339	Wilden Sundance	Lara Mackendrick	Lara Mackendrick	Bognor Regis
DQ	341	Topekas Copper King	Lin Battson	Lin Battson	Wimbbourne
Class 4: Open Trail - Shown: 1					
1	396	Seren Jolly Profit	Frances Payne	Frances Payyne	
2	342	Smokin Red Dene	Sarah Hadley	Sarah Hadley	Wisbebech
3	391	Gregory Pep	Gill Parker	Gill Parker	Red Marley
5	389	Leaguerly Hot	Tanya Rowe	Tanya Rowe	
6	364	Smart Snippa Chicc	Vicky Easton	Vicky Easton	Stamford
7	388	Docs Baileys N Cream	Stephanie Goodacre	Stephanie Goodacre	
8	363	George	Camille Geisz	Camille Geisz	Newnham On Severn
9	352	Hollywood Mojo	Beryl Wilson	Beryl Wilson	Wilburton Ely
10	367	Jays Snip A Chic	Ginny Johnson & Janet Allen	Caroline Barker	Bridgewater
Class 5: Novice Horse Western Riding - Shown: 1					
1	388	Docs Baileys N Cream	Stephanie Goodacre	Stephanie Goodacre	
Class 6: 13 & Under Western Riding - Shown: 1					
1	390	Teddy Bear	Nancy Cook	Michelle Cook	
Class 8: Amateur Pleasure - Shown: 6					
2	396	Seren Jolly Profit	Frances Payne	Frances Payyne	
3	392	Cashmere Jack	Penny Connah	Penny Connah	Queensferry Flint
4	346	RQH Electric Tartan	Kim Briggs	Kim Briggs	
5	360	Blue	Mel Mason	Mel Mason	
6	398	Jack Te Higgins	Rebecca Holt	Rebecca Holt	
7	353	Bobby	Kirsty Cameron	Kirsty Cameron	Rampton Cambs.



Place	Back #	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
Class 9: Novice Rider Pleasure - Shown: 5					
1	372	Chamfron Paloma	Alison Cheetham	Alison Cheetham	Bucks
2	358	IMA Sparklin Surprise	Nickey Smith	Nicky Smith	Melsonby
3	385	Paddy	Mike O'Connor	Mike O'Connoor	
4	338	Whiz First Chex	Nicola Percy	Nicola Percy	Kilburn London
5	376	He's Got Strait Assets	Dan Gwalter	Dan Gwalter	
Class 10: Open Horsemanship - Shown: 3					
1	346	RQH Electric Tartan	Kim Briggs	Kim Briggs	
DQ	396	Seren Jolly Profit	Frances Payne	Frances Payyne	
DQ	364	Smart Snippa Chicc	Vicky Easton	Vicky Easton	Stamford
Class 11. Novice Horse Reining - Shown: 5					
1	367	Jays Snip A Chic	Ginny Johnson & Janet Allen	Caroline Barker	Bridgewater
2	363	George	Camille Geisz	Camille Geisz	Newnham On Severn
3	388	Docs Baileys N Cream	Stephanie Goodacre	Stephanie Goodacre	
4	375	Southern Sapphire	Adam Yates	Adam Yates	Wakefield
DQ	349	GI Mighty Snapper	Emma Chapman-Lonie	Emma Lonie	Bedale
Class 12: Amateur Ranch Horse - Shown: 13					
1	342	Smokin Red Dene	Sarah Hadley	Sarah Hadley	Wisbebech
2	364	Smart Snippa Chicc	Vicky Easton	Vicky Easton	Stamford
3	346	RQH Electric Tartan	Kim Briggs	Kim Briggs	
4	371	Dees Artful Fox	Joyce Markham	Joyce Markham	Oxford
5	398	Jack Te Higgins	Rebecca Holt	Rebecca Holt	
6	367	Jays Snip A Chic	Caroline Barker	Caroline Barker	Bridgewater
7	360	Blue	Mel Mason	Mel Mason	
8	353	Bobby	Kirsty Cameron	Kirsty Cameron	Rampton Cambs.
9	340	Lou A Smokin	Liz Smith	Liz Smith	Wichford Ely
10	381	Jays Tender Star	Alison Johnson	Alison Johnson	



Place	Back #	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
Class 13: Walk Jog Pleasure - Shown: 7					
1	385	Paddy	Mike O'Connor	Mike O'Connoor	
2	393	Zip Chip Invitation	Lilly Earles-Pollard	& Sarah Hood Of Double S	Cridlo
3	338	Whiz First Chex	Nicola Percy	Nicola Percy	Kilburn London
4	341	Topekas Copper King	Lin Battson	Lin Battson	Wimbbourne
5	395	Blazin Melody	Andrew Viller	Andrew Viller	
6	353	Bobby	Kirsty Cameron	Kirsty Cameron	Rampton Cambs.
7	376	He's Got Strait Assets	Dan Gwalter	Dan Gwalter	
Class 14: 13 & Under Horsemanship - Shown: 3					
1	42	Fifty Shades Of Jay	Erica Davies	Sarah Davies	
2	393	Zip Chip Invitation	Lilly Earles-Pollard	& Sarah Hood Of Double S	Cridlo
3	390	Teddy Bear	Nancy Cook	Michelle Cook	
Class 15: 14-18 Horsemanship - Shown: 1					
1	350	Corbally Currach	Scarlett Eyles	Melanie Eyles	
Class 16: Intermediate Horse Ranch Horse - Shown: 14					
1	351	Check N Tuff	Sandra Loder	Sandra Loder	Aberdeenshire
2	342	Smokin Red Dene	Sarah Hadley	Sarah Hadley	Wisbebech
3	389	Leaguerly Hot	Tanya Rowe	Tanya Rowe	
4	359	Doxford Chrissy	Seraya Sigsworth	Seraya Sigsworth	
5	398	Jack Te Higgins	Rebecca Holt	Rebecca Holt	
6	352	Hollywood Mojo	Beryl Wilson	Beryl Wilson	Wilburton Ely
7	349	GI Mighty Snapper	Emma Chapman-Lonie	Emma Lonie	Bedale
8	346	RQH Electric Tartan	Kim Briggs	Kim Briggs	
9	353	Bobby	Kirsty Cameron	Kirsty Cameron	Rampton Cambs.
10	381	Jays Tender Star	Alison Johnson	Alison Johnson	



Place	Back #	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
Class 17: Open Reining - Shown: 3					
1	347	GI Snap Shot	Deborah Langford	Deborah Langford	Dorset
2	367	Jays Snip A Chic	Ginny Johnson & Janet Allen	Caroline Barker	Bridgewater
3	373	Jays Benji San Badger	Adam Yates	Adam Yates	Wakefield
Class 18: Novice Horse Pleasure - Shown: 7					
1	369	Brave Willwin	Arlene Cluness	Arlene Cluness	Inverurie Aberdeen
2	351	Check N Tuff	Sandra Loder	Sandra Loder	Aberdeenshire
3	372	Chamfron Paloma	Alison Cheetham	Alison Cheetham	Bucks
4	392	Cashmere Jack	Penny Connah	Penny Connah	Queensferry Flint
5	363	George	Camille Geisz	Camille Geisz	Newnham On Severn
DQ	388	Docs Baileys N Cream	Stephanie Goodacre	Stephanie Goodacre	
DQ	338	Whiz First Chex	Nicola Percy	Nicola Percy	Kilburn London
Class 19: Freestyle Reining - Shown: 4					
1	367	Jays Snip A Chic	Ginny Johnson & Janet Allen	Caroline Barker	Bridgewater
2	358	IMA Sparklin Surprise	Nickey Smith	Nicky Smith	Melsonby
3	349	GI Mighty Snapper	Emma Chapman-Lonie	Emma Lonie	Bedale
4	359	Doxford Chrissy	Seraya Sigsworth	Seraya Sigsworth	
Class 20: Novice Rider Showmanship - Shown: 7					
1	368	Paintbox Ghost	Kayliegh Sowden	Kayliegh Sowden	
2	341	Topekas Copper King	Lin Battson	Lin Battson	Wimbbourne
3	387	Reminicing Cowgirl	Tara Jackson	Tara Jackson	
4	338	Whiz First Chex	Nicola Percy	Nicola Percy	Kilburn London
5	382	Play'n'Spark	Christie Webb	Christie Webb	
6	388	Docs Baileys N Cream	Stephanie Goodacre	Stephanie Goodacre	
7	354	Pinky Pony	Kirsty Cameron	Kirsty Cameron	Rampton Cambs.



Place	Back #	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
Class 21: Amateur Showmanship - Shown: 8					
1	398	Jack Te Higgins	Rebecca Holt	Rebecca Holt	
2	360	Blue	Mel Mason	Mel Mason	
3	346	RQH Electric Tartan	Kim Briggs	Kim Briggs	
4	368	Paintbox Ghost	Kayliegh Sowden	Kayliegh Sowden	
5	354	Pinky Pony	Kirsty Cameron	Kirsty Cameron	Rampton Cambs.
DQ	388	Docs Baileys N Cream	Stephanie Goodacre	Stephanie Goodacre	
DQ	396	Seren Jolly Profit	Frances Payne	Frances Payyne	
DQ	341	Topekas Copper King	Lin Battson	Lin Battson	Wimbbourne
Class 22: Open Showmanship - Shown: 5					
1	396	Seren Jolly Profit	Frances Payne	Frances Payyne	
2	368	Paintbox Ghost	Kayliegh Sowden	Kayliegh Sowden	
3	361	Whiz Me A Pepto	Holly Smithies	Pat Bontoft	
4	341	Topekas Copper King	Lin Battson	Lin Battson	Wimbbourne
5	362	Black Star	Joanne Smithies	Joanne Smithies	East Riding
Class 23: 13 & Under Youth Showmanship - Shown: 2					
1	42	Fifty Shades Of Jay	Erica Davies	Sarah Davies	
2	390	Teddy Bear	Nancy Cook	Michelle Cook	
Class 25: Intermediate Horse Pleasure - Shown: 4					
1	369	Brave Willwin	Arlene Cluness	Arlene Cluness	Inverurie Aberdeen
2	346	RQH Electric Tartan	Kim Briggs	Kim Briggs	
3	351	Check N Tuff	Sandra Loder	Sandra Loder	Aberdeenshire
4	392	Cashmere Jack	Penny Connah	Penny Connah	Queensferry Flint
Class 26: Prelim Pleasure - Shown: 1					
1	392	Cashmere Jack	Penny Connah	Penny Connah	Queensferry Flint



Place	Back #	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
Class 27: Open Ranch Horse - Shown: 11					
1	367	Jays Snip A Chic	Ginny Johnson & Janet Allen	Caroline Barker	Bridgewater
2	342	Smokin Red Dene	Sarah Hadley	Sarah Hadley	Wisbebech
3	364	Smart Snippa Chicc	Vicky Easton	Vicky Easton	Stamford
4	352	Hollywood Mojo	Beryl Wilson	Beryl Wilson	Wilburton Ely
5	361	Whiz Me A Pepto	Holly Smithies	Pat Bontoft	
6	340	Lou A Smokin	Liz Smith	Liz Smith	Wichford Ely
7	381	Jays Tender Star	Alison Johnson	Alison Johnson	
8	362	Black Star	Joanne Smithies	Joanne Smithies	East Riding
DQ	378	Mosly Bea Smart	Cezary Chwedorzewski	Magdalena Chwedorewska	
DQ	389	Leaguerly Hot	Tanya Rowe	Tanya Rowe	
Class 28: Amateur Horsemanship - Shown: 6					
1	360	Blue	Mel Mason	Mel Mason	
2	398	Jack Te Higgins	Rebecca Holt	Rebecca Holt	
3	346	RQH Electric Tartan	Kim Briggs	Kim Briggs	
4	396	Seren Jolly Profit	Frances Payne	Frances Payyne	
5	364	Smart Snippa Chicc	Vicky Easton	Vicky Easton	Stamford
6	377	Kings Golden Tinsel	Magdalena Chwedorewska	Magdalena Chwedorewska	
Class 29: Novice Horse Trail - Shown: 19					
1	363	George	Camille Geisz	Camille Geisz	Newnham On Severn
2	367	Jays Snip A Chic	Ginny Johnson & Janet Allen	Caroline Barker	Bridgewater
4	388	Docs Baileys N Cream	Stephanie Goodacre	Stephanie Goodacre	
5	360	Blue	Mel Mason	Mel Mason	
6	369	Brave Willwin	Arlene Cluness	Arlene Cluness	Inverurie Aberdeen
7	399	Jays Whiskey Girl	Aylson Viller	Aylson Viller	
8	359	Doxford Chrissy	Seraya Sigsworth	Seraya Sigsworth	
9	338	Whiz First Chex	Nicola Percy	Nicola Percy	Kilburn London
10	346	RQH Electric Tartan	Kim Briggs	Kim Briggs	



Place	Back #	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
Class 30: Intermediate Horse Trail - Shown: 7					
1	342	Smokin Red Dene	Sarah Hadley	Sarah Hadley	Wisbebech
2	351	Check N Tuff	Sandra Loder	Sandra Loder	Aberdeenshire
3	359	Doxford Chrissy	Seraya Sigsworth	Seraya Sigsworth	
5	389	Leaguerly Hot	Tanya Rowe	Tanya Rowe	
6	372	Chamfron Paloma	Alison Cheetham	Alison Cheetham	Bucks
DQ	388	Docs Baileys N Cream	Stephanie Goodacre	Stephanie Goodacre	
DQ	352	Hollywood Mojo	Beryl Wilson	Beryl Wilson	Wilburton Ely
Class 31: Little Britches Showmanship - Shown: 2					
1	117	Skeet N Quick	Alana Davies	Sarah Davies	
2	394	Smoking Money pit	Levi Sherwood	Nicky Sherwood	
Class 32: Little Britches Horsemanship - Shown: 3					
1	117	Skeet N Quick	Alana Davies	Sarah Davies	
2	394	Smoking Money pit	Levi Sherwood	Nicky Sherwood	
3	349	GI Mighty Snapper	Daniel Lonie	Emma Lonie	Bedale
Class 33: Little Britches Pleasure - Shown: 3					
1	117	Skeet N Quick	Alana Davies	Sarah Davies	
2	394	Smoking Money pit	Levi Sherwood	Nicky Sherwood	
3	349	GI Mighty Snapper	Daniel Lonie	Emma Lonie	Bedale
Class 34: Little Britches Trail - Shown: 3					
1	117	Skeet N Quick	Alana Davies	Sarah Davies	
2	349	GI Mighty Snapper	Daniel Lonie	Emma Lonie	Bedale
3	394	Smoking Money pit	Levi Sherwood	Nicky Sherwood	
Class 35: Championship Showmanship - Shown: 3					
1	396	Seren Jolly Profit	Frances Payne	Frances Payyne	
2	398	Jack Te Higgins	Rebecca Holt	Rebecca Holt	
3	341	Topekas Copper King	Lin Battson	Lin Battson	Wimbbourne



Place	Back #	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
Class 36: Championship Trail - Shown: 7					
1	391	Gregory Pep	Gill Parker	Gill Parker	Red Marley
2	360	Blue	Mel Mason	Mel Mason	
3	363	George	Camille Geisz	Camille Geisz	Newnham On Severn
5	364	Smart Snippa Chicc	Vicky Easton	Vicky Easton	Stamford
DQ	396	Seren Jolly Profit	Frances Payne	Frances Payyne	
DQ	389	Leaguerly Hot	Tanya Rowe	Tanya Rowe	
DQ	342	Smokin Red Dene	Sarah Hadley	Sarah Hadley	Wisbebech
Class 37: Championship Pleasure - Shown: 4					
2	396	Seren Jolly Profit	Frances Payne	Frances Payyne	
3	389	Leaguerly Hot	Tanya Rowe	Tanya Rowe	
4	392	Cashmere Jack	Penny Connah	Penny Connah	Queensferry Flint
5	364	Smart Snippa Chicc	Vicky Easton	Vicky Easton	Stamford
Class 38: Championship Reining - Shown: 3					
1	347	GI Snap Shot	Deborah Langford	Deborah Langford	Dorset
2	117	Skeet N Quick	Erica Davies	Sarah Davies	
3	373	Jays Benji San Badger	Adam Yates	Adam Yates	Wakefield
Class 39: Championship Horsemanship - Shown: 3					
1	360	Blue	Mel Mason	Mel Mason	
2	396	Seren Jolly Profit	Frances Payne	Frances Payyne	
DQ	364	Smart Snippa Chicc	Vicky Easton	Vicky Easton	Stamford
Class 41: Championship Ranch Horse - Shown: 6					
1	367	Jays Snip A Chic	Ginny Johnson & Janet Allen	Caroline Barker	Bridgewater
2	342	Smokin Red Dene	Sarah Hadley	Sarah Hadley	Wisbebech
3	352	Hollywood Mojo	Beryl Wilson	Beryl Wilson	Wilburton Ely
4	391	Gregory Pep	Gill Parker	Gill Parker	Red Marley
5	364	Smart Snippa Chicc	Vicky Easton	Vicky Easton	Stamford
6	340	Lou A Smokin	Liz Smith	Liz Smith	Wichford Ely



Place	Back #	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
Class 42: Charity Pleasure - Shown: 8					
1	389	Leaguerly Hot	Tanya Rowe	Tanya Rowe	
2	346	RQH Electric Tartan	Kim Briggs	Kim Briggs	
3	390	Teddy Bear	Nancy Cook	Michelle Cook	
4	376	He's Got Strait Assets	Dan Gwalter	Dan Gwalter	
5	368	Paintbox Ghost	Kayliegh Sowden	Kayliegh Sowden	
6	388	Docs Baileys N Cream	Stephanie Goodacre	Stephanie Goodacre	
7	353	Bobby	Kirsty Cameron	Kirsty Cameron	Rampton Cambs.
Class 43: Walk Jog Trail - Shown: 8					
1	344	League D Amour	Christine Taylor	Christine Taylor	Fording Bridge
2	339	Wilden Sundance	Lara Mackendrick	Lara Mackendrick	Bognor Regis
3	367	Jays Snip A Chic	Caroline Barker	Caroline Barker	Bridgewater
4	372	Chamfron Paloma	Alison Cheetham	Alison Cheetham	Bucks
5	338	Whiz First Chex	Nicola Percy	Nicola Percy	Kilburn London
DQ	384	Smarts Smokin Gun	Karen Langham	Karen Langham	
DQ	353	Bobby	Kirsty Cameron	Kirsty Cameron	Rampton Cambs.
DQ	341	Topekas Copper King	Lin Battson	Lin Battson	Wimborne
Class 44: Amateur Trail - Shown: 5					
1	396	Seren Jolly Profit	Frances Payne	Frances Payyne	
2	364	Smart Snippa Chicc	Vicky Easton	Vicky Easton	Stamford
3	398	Jack Te Higgins	Rebecca Holt	Rebecca Holt	
4	360	Blue	Mel Mason	Mel Mason	
DQ	391	Gregory Pep	Gill Parker	Gill Parker	Red Marley



Place	Back #	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
Class 45: Novice Rider Reining - Shown: 6					
1	367	Jays Snip A Chic	Caroline Barker	Caroline Barker	Bridgewater
2	359	Doxford Chrissy	Seraya Sigsworth	Seraya Sigsworth	
3	388	Docs Baileys N Cream	Stephanie Goodacre	Stephanie Goodacre	
4	358	IMA Sparklin Surprise	Nickey Smith	Nicky Smith	Melsonby
DQ	117	Skeet N Quick	Erica Davies	Sarah Davies	
DQ	353	Bobby	Kirsty Cameron	Kirsty Cameron	Rampton Cambs.
Class 46: Walk Jog Horsemanship - Shown: 10					
1	393	Zip Chip Invitation	Lilly Earles-Pollard	Sarah Hood Of Double S Cridlo	
2	367	Jays Snip A Chic	Caroline Barker	Caroline Barker	Bridgewater
3	338	Whiz First Chex	Nicola Percy	Nicola Percy	Kilburn London
4	341	Topekas Copper King	Lin Battson	Lin Battson	Wimburne
5	339	Wilden Sundance	Lara Mackendrick	Lara Mackendrick	Bognor Regis
6	385	Paddy	Mike O'Connor	Mike O'Connoor	
7	384	Smarts Smokin Gun	Karen Langham	Karen Langham	
8	353	Bobby	Kirsty Cameron	Kirsty Cameron	Rampton Cambs.
9	395	Blazin Melody	Andrew Viller	Andrew Viller	
DQ	376	He's Got Strait Assets	Dan Gwalter	Dan Gwalter	
Class 47: 13 & Under Pleasure - Shown: 2					
1	42	Fifty Shades Of Jay	Erica Davies	Sarah Davies	
2	390	Teddy Bear	Nancy Cook	Michelle Cook	
Class 48: 14-18 Pleasure - Shown: 1					
1	350	Corbally Currach	Scarlett Eyles	Melanie Eyles	



Place	Back #	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
Class 49: Novice Horse Ranch Horse - Shown: 15					
1	367	Jays Snip A Chic	Ginny Johnson & Janet Allen	Caroline Barker	Bridgewater
2	369	Brave Willwin	Arlene Cluness	Arlene Cluness	Inverurie Aberdeen
3	351	Check N Tuff	Sandra Loder	Sandra Loder	Aberdeenshire
4	352	Hollywood Mojo	Beryl Wilson	Beryl Wilson	Wilburton Ely
5	363	George	Camille Geisz	Camille Geisz	Newnham On Severn
6	381	Jays Tender Star	Alison Johnson	Alison Johnson	
7	101	MQH Milky Dun	David Deptford	David Deptford	
8	399	Jays Whiskey Girl	Aylson Viller	Aylson Viller	
9	377	Klins Golden Tinsel	Magdalena Chwedorewska	Magdalena Chwedorewska	
10	386	Tuff N Jay	Tara Jackson	Tara Jackson	
Class 50: Novice Rider Horsemanship - Shown: 6					
1	358	IMA Sparklin Surprise	Nickey Smith	Nicky Smith	Melsonby
2	359	Doxford Chrissy	Seraya Sigsworth	Seraya Sigsworth	
3	339	Wilden Sundance	Lara Mackendrick	Lara Mackendrick	Bognor Regis
4	385	Paddy	Mike O'Connor	Mike O'Connoor	
5	399	Jays Whiskey Girl	Aylson Viller	Aylson Viller	
6	384	Smarts Smokin Gun	Karen Langham	Karen Langham	
Class 51: Open Pleasure - Shown: 4					
Place	Back#	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
1	369	Brave Willwin	Arlene Cluness	Arlene Cluness	Inverurie Aberdeen
2	389	Leaguerly Hot	Tanya Rowe	Tanya Rowe	
3	342	Smokin Red Dene	Sarah Hadley	Sarah Hadley	Wisbech
5	364	Smart Snippa Chicc	Vicky Easton	Vicky Easton	Stamford



Place	Back #	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
Class 52: 13 & Under Reining - Shown: 3					
1	117	Skeet N Quick	Erica Davies	Sarah Davies	
2	42	Fifty Shades Of Jay	Erica Davies	Sarah Davies	
3	390	Teddy Bear	Nancy Cook	Michelle Cook	
Class 53: 13 & U Ranch Horse - Shown: 2					
1	42	Fifty Shades Of Jay	Erica Davies	Sarah Davies	
2	393	Zip Chip Invitation	Lilly Earles-Pollard	& Sarah Hood Of Double S Criollo	
Class 54: 14-18 Ranch Horse - Shown: 2					
1	361	Whiz Me A Pepto	Holly Smithies	Pat Bontoft	
2	350	Corbally Currach	Scarlett Eyles	Melanie Eyles	
Class 55: Novice Rider Ranch Horse - Shown: 8					
1	372	Chamfron Paloma	Alison Cheetham	Alison Cheetham	Bucks
2	399	Jays Whiskey Girl	Aylson Viller	Aylson Viller	
3	381	Jays Tender Star	Alison Johnson	Alison Johnson	
4	339	Wilden Sundance	Lara Mackendrick	Lara Mackendrick	Bognor Regis
5	386	Tuff N Jay	Tara Jackson	Tara Jackson	
6	352	Hollywood Mojo	Beryl Wilson	Beryl Wilson	Wilburton Ely
7	367	Jays Snip A Chic	Caroline Barker	Caroline Barker	Bridgewater
8	358	IMA Sparklin Surprise	Nicky Smith	Nicky Smith	Melsonby
Class 57: Novice Rider Western Riding - Shown: 2					
1	358	IMA Sparklin Surprise	Nicky Smith	Nicky Smith	Melsonby
DQ	359	Doxford Chrissy	Seraya Sigsworth	Seraya Sigsworth	
Class 60: Intermediate Horse Western Riding - Shown: 1					
1	359	Doxford Chrissy	Seraya Sigsworth	Seraya Sigsworth	



Place	Back #	Horse's Name	Rider's Name	Owner's Name	Owner's City
Class 61: Amateur Reining - Shown: 1					
1	347	GI Snap Shot	Deborah Langford	Deborah Langford	Dorset

National Clinic Report

By
Ann Hughes

At last, we managed to have the National clinic again, seems such a long time we have had to wait.

The clinic was a great success, was so good to see the tense nervous faces on the first day turn in to huge smiley faces as the days went on. Michael and David were superstars, teaching for 8 hours solid in the conditions we had was a superhuman feat and were very complimentary of the groups they had, a big 'thank you' to both, see you again next year??

We did have one accident, unfortunately before she had even started, a very painful wait for the ambulance, but so great to see the National Health Service at its best, the paramedics and ambulance crew were wonderful. We wish the lady in question the very best for her recovery.

A big 'well done' to Group A1, Michelle Cutting, Jane Gibbs, Bridget Spencer and Helen Glen on winning the 'most improved' group and to Andrew Viller for the 'most improved' overall individual.

Hope to see you all again next year.

WES Northern Camp - July 2021

*By
Roz Wilsher*

The camp at Bishop Burton was, I can safely say, a success, well attended and supported. The weather was good, we had an episode of 'Horses in the Mist' and a sauna session in one of the arenas but that didn't stop us. The horse section was well represented with a variety of breeds, abilities and ages, the rider section was made up of hardy souls who with differing experience and ability had an optimism that can't be faulted as to how their muscles were going to hold up for the weekend. (Monday morning? That's another story.) Shout out to the person who took two horses, dedication or what?



What can I say about the trainers.....well they were brilliant. I'm going to say that because I've had lessons from both of them and will likely be on the receiving end in the future so.... Lee Rutter and Michael Langford you caused several light bulb moments, were great confidence givers and gave excellent advice. There were some big smiles from the riders and sighs of relief from the horses as it all came together – 'We got this!!' There were so many notable moments, but I tell you what guys, you can come again.



There were first time 'bridgers' in the trail sessions - horses and riders, ballerina moments and huge smiles, first time loping and first time everything for some of the youngsters and they coped with it well. Each session had the right number of participants so that everyone got time with the trainers. It's a credit to all the riders who were mindful of others sharing the arenas.



It was good for people to get together again after all the disruption – I'm not going to mention the 'C' word – and what an amazing bunch of people. Lots of enthusiasm, support, laughter and catching up. New horses to see, new WES members, members from other areas, and a lot of positivity for the future.

Now I could do a list of all the people who made this weekend happen, who gave their free time and spent months before planning the whole thing with no certainty that it would go ahead. You know who you are and we know who you are. All your work was greatly appreciated, catering, event managing, health and safety, the evening food organiser, the financial wizard and the poo trailer fairy (guys, throw it to the back!!) the photographer. Plus, I don't want you being head-hunted by another area.



It was so good, some of us just didn't want to go home!

Note from Margaret Kemp, the Organiser

Many thanks to Roz Wilsher, who wrote the above report and to her husband Gary who took so many photos and very kindly passed them over to be distributed to the individuals concerned. Roz had to withdraw from Camp due to horse problem but was there every day to learn from watching the training sessions and to help where needed



We are very grateful to our treasurer Gerri for initial time spent with organising the event and to her son Harry, E R Yorks County Rep. for help during the Camp. They delivered shavings and sorted out the stable plan & Harry greeted & organised parking for all arrivals - checking passports & Equine health certificates. Saturday night was 'takeaways' and Harry, helped by fiancée Caitlin, dealt with the orders, having them delivered to his home, then transporting them to the College

We were fortunate once again in having the help of Jane Rigby(Walmsley) to look after our instructors, as she has done for a number of years. Many thanks to her for supplying and serving food for Lee & Michael's breakfast & lunches and all drinks during the Camp.

I Did a Thing

*By
Daniel Gwalter*

In the words of Jeremy Clarkson – “I did a thing”

1 year ago this weekend just gone, I decided that I wanted to learn to ride horses in the western style and use natural horsemanship techniques to become better connected to my horses.

To most that heard this, it appeared to be a big ask, however, my Wife (Nikki Gwalter) listened and supported me in the pursuit of this dream.

As 1 year has now passed, I thought it was about time I gave an update. This is a long post, so, if you do stick it out to the end, thank you, but, please remember, all of this happened in just one year.

So with a dream in my heart, I set about finding a western horse, a paint horse, one big enough for a 6'4 guy like me. I put out a plea on Facebook and a woman by the name of Tanya Rowe contacted me. The picture she sent me was of a seven-year-old American Paint horse standing 15.2 tall going by the name of George.

My heart sunk as I knew in an instant that he was the horse I was looking for, the one that I imagined when I thought about the old western movies of years gone by that my grandparents forced me to watch in order to keep me quiet!

Tanya agreed to let me be Georges's new owner and my journey began.

My journey was not straightforward, George soon taught me that trained horses and novice riders are a dangerous combination! In week one George got very frustrated with me and eventually threw me to the floor in the most undignified way!

Confidence shot to hell I started to question my choices. I contacted a local trainer (Fabi Jones) and worked with her to rebuild my confidence slowly and restart my journey.

Over the course of the year, I rode as often as I could and sought the help of a number of fantastic trainers and mentors. Each of these taught me something important and put me further along my journey.

My year closed out last weekend with my attendance at the WES National Show, not as a spectator, but, as a competitor! This for me was the pinnacle of a difficult, emotional, frustrating yet rewarding year and an achievement that I am personally very proud of.

So, in 2021



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- I joined the Western Equestrian Society (WES) and became their webmaster where I hope I will be able to assist in facilitating technology that brings a more useful, feature-rich website to our members
 - I won the WES Lockdown challenge for the most hours spent working with my horse
 - I attended 2 clinics (one with Michael Langford and another 3 day camp with David Deptford)
 - I placed 4th and 5th in Novice pleasure and Charity pleasure respectively at the WES Nationals

That said, my real achievements were not in ribbons, they were in the things that happened around the outside, the people I have met and the lessons I have learned.

In that respect, this note is a shout-out to all of you that have helped me out along the way.

- To those that have trained me (Nikki Gwalter, Fabi Jones, Michael Langford, David Deptford) you have worked with me to improve my posture, my riding style, my confidence, and the technical aspects of my riding
- To my WES Team – thank you for welcoming me into your world, teaching me the ropes, and allowing me to help shape the future of our society (a special thank you to Ann, Debbie, Matt, John and Yvonne for your specific support)
- To the WES Members that have become friends, thank you for your encouragement and constant support, I would not have got nearly this far without your help. (Special mention to Chi Mania, Andrew Viller, Nicola Percy, Vikki Holden, Jane Gibbs, Sarah Cameron, each of you at one point or another have done or said something that has picked me up and given me a boost when I needed it most)
- To the Western Community (Jen Sheerin, Bob Mayhew, David Lloyd, David Deptford, Liv Lockheed, Sarah Deptford, Lee Rutter, John McKnight) – your willingness to share your extensive wisdom has helped me out on numerous occasions, each of you is a testament to the inclusivity I have experienced in the western community and the passion you have for western riding and horses.

But above and beyond this all there are three people to whom I owe so much,

- **Nikki Gwalter** – Thank you, you have supported my crazy dream, lived in a tent with me, followed me around the country, taught me, consoled me, and driven me forward. You have picked up the slack when I was working or riding. You are an incredible person and someone I am lucky enough to call my wife. I hope I have made you a little proud. I love you with all my heart, always and forever.
- **George** - you have been my horse for 1 year. I started off fearing you, I learned to understand you, you are my best mate and my partner in this crazy journey. I hope I am less frustrating now than in the beginning and I promise I will be a better year on year.
- **Tanya Rowe** - you sold me your boy, you were heartbroken when he left your yard and came with me. I am in awe of the support and encouragement you provide on a daily basis and will always have nothing but respect for you and everything that you do.

So, there we go, 1 year! I wanted to learn to ride a horse. I ended up making hundreds of new friends, sharing many crazy memories, and learning something new on a daily basis.

So from me to anyone else watching in. It is never too late to pursue your dreams, it's never too late to try something new. Every great adventure begins with one small step.

For me, this adventure has just begun and as such, I look forward to next year and all of the ones after that.

Thank you for reading.



Take a Breath

by
Kayreen Jones

Well what can I say it has been a difficult year for us all! Restrictions and being told what we can and cannot do has affected us all.

This has ultimately impacted on what time we spent with our horses as well as whether we felt comfortable riding due to the pressure to reduce any strain on the NHS.

As a result, a lot of people have been under a lot of strain and some not seeing their horses for quite a while.

However, we have now come out from under the restrictions and starting to move forward. Where does that leave us? Personally, for me it meant a bit of heartache losing my Dad to Covid 19 after protecting all my residents in the care home I ran. So this year I made the decision to leave work and concentrate on my Western coaching and start my Dog walking business. I also decided to move my horses to a yard where I had an arena. So quite a lot of new starts on a personal level for me. How about you guys?

So sometimes we need to take that breathe, look deep and move on.

This applies to our horses also perhaps having some down time has allowed us to do a bit more studying, watching DVD's or goal planning for moving on and forward? I have taken the time to really look at what I want to do and what classes I am intending to compete in. I love trail and if one of my horses has the same passion that would be great. I also enjoy Ranch riding and Reining so am hoping to work towards that also.

There is a vast array of classes on offer at a western show so, to me, it makes sense to pick what you want to do and concentrate your training on that aspect of showing. We all want to support our show organisers and enter as many as possible but.... Try not to spread yourself too thinly!

We also want our horses to enjoy being out and about. So how do we make everything a positive experience for our horses also?

So, I start with looking objectively at what we have in front of us, age of our horse, what it is capable of (good points and bad) what we can develop and improve.

- Do we have the facilities and tools we need?
- If not, how can we make that happen?

As I have said before you need to set some small achievable targets and work towards them. If you work towards them and feel you are achieving, then you can make more goals and work towards them.

Now this is relevant to both us as well as our horses. A lot of us with more things to concentrate on both this and last year did mean less riding time, which in turn can impact on confidence levels, also for us (and our horses if we are not getting them out anywhere). We almost need to look at positive reinforcement for ourselves as well as our equines.

So how can we improve our confidence in order to enjoy our horses?

I have been using layering. My term really (not sure what the behavioural science term is) putting positive experience on top of positive experience and building up. A lot of our issues are in remembering

when things go wrong not when things go right! How many of us can recall a fall and how green the grass was, exactly what happened? We replay in our head like a video recording. We need to replace that with positive experiences. That does not need to be galloping off into the sunset, it can be getting your horse to the mount block, getting it to stand quietly and relaxed. Put your foot in the stirrup, you can do this as often as you want then step up into the saddle sit there quietly and get off and repeat. Now just to be clear the horse in its head is working! You are asking them to line up and stand, you are getting on and off. To the horse it is still doing a job and if your horse has issues standing still make this the small goal!

Once you are sitting and the first goal has been achieved then add in another a walk forward and walk around the arena and so on. Each time you add another layer you are reinforcing the positive experience. I keep horse diaries and add in each time I handle or train and make sure I put in how I felt and add all the positive experiences into it so when I look back you can see how far you have come. Keep moving that goal forwards if you need to pause at any time do so. Also do not feel under any pressure to do something you and your horse are not ready for. You are advocate for you and your horse. A good trainer or coach will try and push your confidence levels but also work within them so you end on a good note and work within your training plans for you and your horse.

This photograph was taken on a local beach. Kia had not been trailered since we moved yards and had never been at the beach. She coped well happy on the beach, taking in all the sights and sounds and was happy in the sea. So building on her confidence all the time all a positive experience for her.



It also helped me, she loaded, travelled was fine in hand, coped well so built up in my mind that nothing was going to happen so I relaxed then she relaxed more.

Now if I had put her saddle on and bridled her up and then tried to ride this may have not worked out quite so swimmingly!

The next photo shows me riding my highland mare (just back in work after a suspensory ligament injury and splint in her hock) you can tell how unsure I am riding her as I am tipping forward and tense through my body!

This was her first ride for almost 9 months. Now I sent her away and the people I sent her to helpfully sent me videos of her being ridden! Unfortunately the videos showed her bucking and rearing (she had developed the splint and was in pain but this had not been noticed) so what do you think was in my head?? I had watched the videos and this then reinforced any concerns about riding her. To be fair she had never done this with me (nor has she) but once something is in your head it is hard to remove!



Even more important to focus on the positive aspects of her behaviours and personality! The photo below also shows that if something had happened I am tipping so far forward that if she had done something I would have been off! She also is more likely to react to me because I am tense!

So after building up my confidence and hers (she needed to know I was not going to let her down!) fast forward to a couple of weeks later working in the arena and over some poles.

Both of us looking much more confident with each other. Yes I still have a long way to go losing your confidence in yourself and your abilities is easy getting it back not so! But we can do it take it in bite size pieces.



I am also obviously breathing in this photograph and not in the first!

So to summarise:

- Surround yourself with positive people.
- Don't be afraid to take it at your pace and your horse's pace if you feel it is a nope then say so when others may be pressuring you.
- Don't be afraid to try something new or take your horse somewhere just take your time and do what feels right.
- Work on SMART goals with your coach and revise them.
- Keep a record of all the positives!
- Visualise yourself doing the great pattern, getting on, hacking 10 yards up the road, it will get better!
- Lastly focus on moving forwards try not to do what we are all good at and focus on what ifs!!

Anyone struggling to get out of the black hole you may be in find someone to chat to they may just be able to reinforce the positive side! Oh and breathe!!!

I hope this has helped a bit!

Kayreen

A Letter To My Rookie Self

By
Warwick Schiller
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When I first began training horses I was hungry for ways to train more effectively, easily, and safely. Although I'm still on my quest to find better ways of training, there are some things that would have been nice to know when I was a rookie.

I wrote a Letter To My Rookie Self for an educational website called Horse Rookie, where I was to write all the things I wish I had known when I was first beginning my horse training journey. Here's what I wish my rookie self would have known:

1 Everything Your Horse Does Is Communication

Even though you might not realize it, your horse is always giving you information. If you want to be successful you have to be aware of your horse's mental and physical state at all times, not just when you are training. Most problems that you've encountered so far only occur because you're asking the right question, but at the wrong time. Being able to properly identify what your horse is ready for allows you to ask for things that give you the highest chance of success. If a horse isn't ready for something, you can fall back on something less challenging that you're sure they can do. Asking things of your horse at the wrong time erodes your horse's trust and confidence in you to make educated decisions. The difficult horse's you've trained are only difficult because they're confused about your ability to read situations.

Also, try to stay away from labelling a horse's behaviour as being good or bad, but instead think of it as the horse telling you how they feel about what's going on. Remove the judgement, anger, frustration, disappointment from the situation. It's okay if your horse isn't ready for the next thing, you have to be able to meet your horse wherever they are at the time.

2 Learn to Meditate

I know it sounds hokey, but this will be one of the most important things you'll ever do. Meditation doesn't always involve sitting cross-legged in a monastery, there are many ways you can practice aligning your mind and body. Small breathing exercises are simple ways you can reduce stress and anxiety.



If we're not fully present and aware with our equine partners we're not able to read and respond immediately to their body language, making it difficult to create effective communication.

3 Self Care Is Important

There will be trainers who tell you they work 7 days a week, and they may try to shame you into doing the same. Their constant activity is just a way for them to cover up some trauma that they have endured, and their 'devotion' is potentially an unhealthy balance between work and time spent with family and friends.

It's important to listen to yourself and take the time needed to prevent burn-out and fatigue. Find things that inspire and energize you, and make them a part of your daily routine. In order to show up for our horses, we have to show up for ourselves.

4 Emotions Are Worth Dealing With

You have a tendency to avoid difficult situations. When you're unable to fully process stress it becomes stored in your body. This happens because often it isn't socially acceptable/normal to deal with our emotions openly and honestly with ourselves and others.

Do not judge this automatic freeze (shut down) response too harshly, it has been your only option and your best friend when you were unable to use fight or flight. Work on facing your fears. Start small, the smaller the better, and work on this a lot. Start to get comfortable with being uncomfortable, and be courageous with your emotions. Challenge norms you have been surrounded with when it feels right.

5 Winning Stuff Is Really Not that Important

I know you think it is, but for most people it's about making themselves feel like they are enough. We've all seen the movie stars and successful businessmen who are unhappy. Even if you do not ever win anything, you ARE enough. The most important things in life are deep connections with ourselves, our animals, and the people we care about. Celebrate each and every success that brings you closer to where you want to be, but don't beat yourself up for not being there quite yet.

6 Everyone Is Dealing with Something, So Be Kind

Everyone's reactions are based on their previous life experiences, and many of them may have some trauma attached to them. Don't take people's outbursts personally. Empathy spreads like wildfire when given the chance. When someone acts out negatively, see where you can help them. This is another opportunity to be courageous. Even if you're unable to help, you can always look back on the situation and know that you made an effort. You also never know how impactful your kindness can be until you begin to use it often.

7 Don't Be Afraid to Ask Questions of "The Big Guys"

I know they intimidate the hell out of you, but they are all very open to helping. Just admit what you don't know, they will not judge you harshly. The more people you ask, the more coherent and concise of an answer you will be able to form for yourself. Everyone has their own best practices, oftentimes many simple exercises can make more technical movements easy.

8 Own Your Mistakes

This will be part of facing your fears. Be honest about mistakes you have made. People appreciate honesty more than they judge the mistake. Mistakes and missed opportunities are a part of horse training, being able to forgive yourself easily allows for you to focus your efforts on the things that are going right rather than the things that went wrong.

Thanks for sticking through and reading this. I think it's important to reflect on where you are and where you have been. Celebrate your successes and your accomplishments, no matter how small. And always look back on your rookie self with a smile.

Journey On!

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My thanks to Warwick for allowing me to use this article

COVID Activities

By

Claire Ritchie

Clair Ritchie in area 12 has been learning Garrocha and going bitless during COVID.

Editor's note: She sent me a nice video of it so I have captured a few frames. The last one looks like she is practicing for jousting







Barefoot Fashions

*By
Stephanie F Goodacre*

Gone are the woes of steel capped toes
shoes worn both night and day
no more nasty piercing nail holes

six weekly repairs that wear away
to a slippery slop, no more clippety clop
silver grey rim nailed firmly on

hot shod by the burly farrier lad
these foreign imports don't come cheap
prone to wearing thin, casting off.

Let's get back to nature - the real feel
of naked feet, carefree on the meadow
au-naturelle without restrictive steel.

Thoroughbreds may snort and stamp
say it's just a fad, hooves wear down
gravelly tarmac roads will see to that.

So, for the fashion-conscious hardy equine
here's the latest trend to roam the range
footwear for the barefoot believer

boots for hooves, is that so strange
best tried post pedicure, barefoot trim
concave sole, mustang roll, try them on-

easy-boots simply snug like a glove
lovingly fitted round the hoof

if the scooter boot suits, they'll look cute
brass buttoned, sling back open heels

for an all-round comfy velcro look
try cavallo treks with sporty socks

use renegades or fusion fashion
neoprene look or sandal dashing

or maybe this mare prefers Old Mac
the boots that clip on front and back
tightened with a wire strap

all for today's environmental horse
less heavy metal waste, less noise
barefoot or boot fit, a low impact choice.

Teenage Folly

*By
Stephanie F Goodacre*

Horse riding can be a dangerous sport
Exciting and fun is what I always thought
No worries or qualms about falling off
As a teenager I was fearless and tough.

I never did own my own little pony
But plenty of rides, the first one; Tony
A young green 12.2hh strawberry roan
His owner, a jockey, leg-up on and go.

Tony spooked and started to rear
so took him for walks to calm his fear
visited the farrier at the village forge
first time I saw a twitch on a horse.

Lady, Tarquin, Flicka and Winston
Two bus rides away, quite a distance
To muck out all four in exchange for hack
over the moors to Bradfield and back.

Once at a local cross-country show
Lady stopped short at the practice poles
Tumbled me off, as a teen I rolled
But my hand hit hard, shattering bones.

Then there's the time galloping Starlight
Over a field where we had no right
Passed by Tommy who kicked and bucked
broke my right leg as we overtook.

Several weeks spent in a hospital bed
Plaster right up to the top of my leg
At fifteen years old, quite an ordeal
adventures on hold until fully healed.

Enough to put me off riding for good
No way, a love of horses is in my blood.
Were your teenage years the same
Full of falling off and getting on again?

Area Round-up

Area 1

Grampian and Highlands

By

Kathy Briggs

Okay folks, I think I should rename this report " Area Scotland "..... because:

Three riders and their horses made the long journey south to the Nationals this year. Sandra and Arlene from Area 1 and Kim from Area 11, and oh boy, was it worth the hours on the road. The three horses, Lenny, William and the baby of the outfit Cody, all stepped up to the mark big time.

Now, I know that this next bit is going to seem like I'm bragging, but I am going to do it anyway.... Starting with the " baby " of the team,

Kim & Cody. 1st Open Horsemanship, 2nd Intermediate Horse Pleasure, 2nd Charity Pleasure. 3rd Amateur Ranch. 3rd Amateur Horsemanship . 3rd Amateur Showmanship . 4th Amateur Pleasure.

Arlene & William 1st Novice horse Pleasure . 1st Intermediate Pleasure. 1st Open Pleasure. 2nd Novice Ranch. 6th Novice Trail.

Sandra & Lenny..1st Intermediate Horse Ranch. 2nd Intermediate Horse Trail. 3rd Intermediate Horse Pleasure. 2nd Novice Horse Pleasure . 3rd Novice Horse Ranch . And then the cherry on the top.... Intermediate Horse Hi Points Champion.

I just wanted you to know what is possible with hard work, determination and patience, so if you never give up, and dream big and anything is possible.

I am so proud of these guys and their horses. They work their socks off and find the time to help and support others along the way. WES at its best.

Stay safe, and keep smiling

Area 2

Gwynedd, Clwyd, Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire

Area 3

Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire



Area 4

Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear

By

Angie Taylor

Area 4 held a clinic with Sandra Loder at the weekend, it was well attended, we had fabulous weather and great tuition. I highly recommend Sandra who travelled all the way down from Aberdeen to Northumberland. We would love to see her again.

I intend to stand down as Area Rep, although I will remain a member of WES, however I would really love to have someone in place as rep. Anyone interested please get in touch and I can give you an idea of what the role entails.

Area 5

*Lancashire, Merseyside, Yorkshire, Greater
Manchester*

By

Margaret Kemp

With Lockdown and Easter being so early the 3 day Camp at Bishop Burton was postponed to July & the previously booked show date of 16th May at Richmond E C became an enjoyable, well supported clinic with Lee Rutter thanks to organiser Nickey.

East Yorkshire has been fortunate to have had a full season of events thanks to Harry who has enthusiastically encouraged new members. Harry was also a key helper with the July 3 day Camp in Yorkshire and I am very grateful that he has agreed to take over the organising of the event next year, when once again it will be an Easter Camp running from 14th to the 16th April in 2022. At a recent excellent clinic Harry organised with Lee Rutter there was among the 16 participants two WES members who travelled 4 hours from Cumbria(Area 4)!!

The only Area show this year will be at Askham Bryan College near York on 26th September. There is some stabling available if anyone from a distance wishes to attend & would like to arrive the night before.

A Zoom meeting (thanks to WES Secretary Debbie Langford) with an open invitation to all Area members took place recently. This resulted in 10 folk taking part (with some apologies) and was a very valuable help to me as Area Representative in planning out dates for the Camp & Shows in 2022 and also a welcome opportunity for folks to discuss a few other issues. Concerns were discussed about the possibility that WES were planning further requirements onto who we can use to instruct at our training clinics. To attain higher standards in different more specialised aspects of horsemanship it was felt we need to be allowed to invite recommended trainers without imposing all WES requirements on them

We are fortunate in this Area in having Emma a WES approved instructor in North Yorkshire, who runs a full calendar of events at her equine training business near Bedale, which is a real bonus to western riders living in the vicinity as well as to all of Area 5. Also having Joanne. a UKCC western instructor based nearer to the East coast, meaning that with little travelling costs we can hold more reasonably priced clinics to the East of the Area.

Membership which had declined is now improving and further plans to help gain more members to the west of the Pennines in Lancashire were discussed and will go forward. The Zoom meeting concluded with the proposition that more of this type of Area meetings could be useful for organising clinics & shows – even just using the 45 min free Zoom that is available

Finally, a big thank you to the organisers of the WES National Show that many of our members attended and had a great time –see smiles & concentration on the pictures below.



Disappointedly ‘Covid isolating’ meant that I had to withdraw and missed all the fun and catch up with friends that is a part of the event. Hopefully compete next year - possibly back at Moreton Morell.



Area 6

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

Area 7

Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire.

*By
Vicky Easton*

Due to the restrictions of COVID Area 7 has not run any events this year

Area 8
Berkshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Surrey, Sussex
By
Jo Gallagher

What an amazing year we've had so far at Area 8, clinics, trail rides, a social event, and our ever popular Summer Camp.

I know that my two County Reps, Vicki Holden and Rebecca Bendall will be updating you with some of the other events that they have organised or taken part in over the last few months, so I will concentrate on the last clinic we held and our Summer Camp, and our recent Trail practice day.

The last clinic we held was a popular one with Michael Langford, we had twelve riders all keen to gain some knowledge and improve their riding skills.



We were able to hire a huge outdoor arena set within beautiful woodland, and were lucky that the sun shone for us. In our group we all practised paces that were relevant to the disciplines that we preferred, so those that enjoyed Western Pleasure were concentrating on getting a slow and collected jog, while those that preferred Ranch classes were concentrating on improving their extended jog.

In such a huge arena we all had plenty of space to practice and got loads of coaching and advice from Michael.

This leads me nicely on to our fantastic Summer Camp this year, where Michael Langford was also one of the clinicians. In 2019 when I ran my first camp there was a total of 16 riders, this year we had 23 riders and 5 non riders - amazing! it's an event that has been running annually for over 15 years and is as popular as ever.



We had riders with all levels of experience, from complete novices to seasoned competitors. Part of my remit is to try to split those 23 riders into groups where they will be with riders of similar ability or experience which can be tricky sometimes, but hopefully this year I got it right as I've had the most wonderful feedback from so many that took part.

It was lovely to see so many new faces, new members and riders new to Western, as well as friends and familiar faces.

On the Thursday evening after we had settled in the horses and had a nice meal in the new cafeteria, we all met in one of the common rooms and took part in a Quiz organised by Gill Raymond which was part horsey knowledge and part general knowledge. The winning team with the most correct answers got a nice box of choccies to share.

On the Friday afternoon after the clinics had finished, our other clinician Catherine Wright, organised some Showmanship practice and pointers.

Friday evening we had a raffle with loads of prizes, horse related as well as bottles of wine, chocolates, smellies and gifts. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the raffle it certainly went down well, and I think everyone came away with a prize or two!

Lots of people also brought items of tack and show clothing for sale which was much appreciated and a good opportunity for some to both buy and sell some much needed items.

Then on Saturday evening everyone was washing and brushing in preparation for our Practice Show on the Sunday which was judged by Michael Langford. We had a huge amount of interest and loads of entries for the show which consisted of 8 classes for all abilities.



As well as riders being able to take part in the training clinics there was plenty of opportunity to hack around the grounds and fields of the college after and in between training sessions, so it wasn't all work and no play for the horses.



Our most recent event was a Trail Practice day, again in the huge outdoor arena, and once more the sun shone on us.

We laid out plenty of obstacles for everyone to have a practice, with jog overs, lope overs, a gate, back through and a box. My horse and Becky Bendall's horse thought that jogging over 9 poles was too easy, so they decided to jog the first three and lope over the others! no mean feat, and they didn't touch one!

Our next event is a clinic with Lee Rutter, which will no doubt be very popular!

Happy Trails

East Sussex update

By

Vicki Holden

Well it's been a very busy spring and summer for our area with lots on.

Firstly the results of the Lockdown challenge were announced as follows:

Completed minimum of 25 hours:

Carolyn Howden, Sara Mckinnon-Snell, Emma Jane Turner

Completed 40 hours +:

Bev Jeavons, Audrey Bishop, Deb RJ , Vicki Holden

The overall winner with a staggering 62 hours was Dan Gwalter



After lockdown, once we were able to actually meet in person again, we arranged a group ride across the South Downs from Firle Beacon. We were so lucky with the weather and once our horses had calmed down (after being so excited to be out with friends again) we had a fantastic ride against the stunning backdrop.





In July we held a social event for our members and their families and friends at Laredo western town. We all dressed up in our best western attire and enjoyed a BBQ and some good ol' country music in a very authentic 1800's Western setting. A good time was had by all!



West Sussex Update

By

Rebecca Bendall

So here we are heading towards the darker evenings and I am reminiscing over the fun we have had this year. After all of the Covid restrictions of last year, we have managed to enjoy some great events this year with the ponios!

On the 27th of June Catherine Wright very kindly came down to give us some fantastic training. We were split in to two groups, both groups having a morning and an afternoon clinic. We warmed up our ponies and got to work on circles, poles and lots of show practice. We all had an excellent day with lots of laughs and learning. I think we all went home with very tired ponies and various things to practice and work on. Thanks, must also go to Penny who kindly allowed us to use her indoor arena and was of course a great host for the day.



After postponing due to weather, we finally got to do our Ditchling Beacon trail ride on the 22nd of August. Whilst a few people couldn't make it, 6 of us ventured out for a ride across the beautiful Sussex countryside. There were a few mishaps along the way including me losing my car key!! Luckily, I did find it in the sheep field thank goodness. Thank you, Vicki, for driving us through the field and Chris for helping me search. We stopped at the local coffee trailer for coffee and cake and finished up with a picnic and a good old chin wag. Thanks to my very good friends Mr and Mrs Lee who leant us a secure field for trailer parking. Lots of fun and laughter was had with great friends although we were exhausted after the 3-hour trek!!



Well that's all from me. I am very much looking forward to getting out some more with you lovely area 8ers, but am not looking forward to the dark cold winter nights!!

Area 9

Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk

By

Nicola Percy

Our area is geographically diverse as it covers Hertfordshire, Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk so it was with some trepidation that I looked into becoming area 9 rep this year.

However inspired by Jane & Sarah in area 10 and with some gentle encouragement from John Ayles I took the plunge.

Area 9 members were then bombarded with questionnaires, Facebook posts and emails.

The general consensus was 'we want to do something' but 'not too far away'. This left me scratching my head a little, so I was very happy that the Nationals this year were at Sovereign Quarter Horses as this is equidistant for most of us.

I got myself kitted out with WES branded gear and headed out to meet people in 'real life'. It was great to see Alison Johnson and Christie Webb showing their horses and to finally see Polly Baines face to

face. It was also my first time at a western show with my own horse so it was lovely that everyone was so encouraging.

Area 9 members did really well over the three days. Alison gained third in novice rider ranch riding and sixth in novice horse ranch riding in two packed classes. Christie got fifth in novice showmanship with her young horses in their first show. Winnie and I kept it together to get second in novice rider trail, fourth in novice rider pleasure and showmanship along with two thirds and a fifth for walk jog classes.

It was fabulous to meet all our western friends old and new over the bank holiday and I'm inspired to get things up and running for Area 9. Our membership is growing with an influx of new people thanks to the show so over the next few months I will be looking to organise a couple of clinics. Here's to a more normal but busier next year!

Nicola and Winnie



Alison Johnson and Amber



Christie Webb and Django

Area 10

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

Area 11

Borders, Central, Fife, Lothian, Tayside

By

Kayreen Jones

Well as with all areas it has been quite quiet up here in Area 11. Restrictions were slow to lift and confusion as to what we could and could not do did not help. Horse Scotland (our go to person for advice) were incredibly helpful throughout and as soon as we could coaching and events were able to start. Albeit with continuing confusion over what was an indoor and outdoor area! So here in Area 11 things have been slow to get going. I have now ran two play days and we have a third planned for 5.9.21. All are welcome to these and I don't really care what saddle you ride in or whether your horse is backed or not! Just come and play and have fun with like-minded individuals.

Here in the central belt a lot of my members have felt the results of covid restrictions quite keenly and most of us have been affected in one way or the other so a return to showing was generally felt to be not a good idea with no one in Area 11 wanting to take the gamble on a large show in September. So this is being planned for next year. Other areas in Scotland had riders keen to go but in the end we only had 6 committed riders not enough to have a business case for being able to afford and run the show.

Our membership has dropped slightly but I think this will pick up as things start to get back up and running. As always in the Areas we need input back to the area reps for ideas of things people want to do so please let me know if there is anything you want organised. Please remember though that we are, at the end of the day, also volunteers so if we make the effort to organise dates etc. to please try and attend!!

I am sure for most of us Covid restrictions have given us the time to regroup and look at what is actually important in our lives and adjust accordingly. It also gives us time to breathe and look at our and our horses training needs and requirements. So let's all push forwards, start planning for next year and move forwards and importantly have fun, make new friends and love life!



Kayreen Jones (Area 11 Rep)

Area 12

Dumfries & Galloway, Strathclyde

Area 13

Dorset and Hampshire

by

Anne Batley

I apologise for the lack of communication recently, due to Covid and other circumstance its been difficult to keep everything up and running as I would like. It has also given me a little time to think and consider if I still have the time at the moment to run the area with the amount of energy, commitment and enthusiasm I have in the past. It is with some regret therefore that I will be standing down as Area 13 rep as I feel I cannot at the moment give the commitment and time I have in the past and run the area to the standard that you and I would expect.

I volunteered as County Rep nearly 20 years ago after participating at the WES 3-day clinic and realised that this was something I would like to take further. Nothing was happening in the area and instructors seemed a long way away. Having talked with the 4 instructors at the clinic I decided the only thing to do was to bring them down to Dorset. At around the same time I meet Joyce Nutland and she suggested we used her facilities, and Wes Area 3 Dorset, becoming WES Area 13 was born!

That first year four 2 day clinics were organised one with each instructor from the clinic earlier in the year, Bob Mayhew, Bruce Lawrence, Scherie Dermody and Catherine Wright, then the fun began. The following year there was a clinic a month and through the winter we hired an indoor school (much cheaper in those days!) and ran something every 2 weeks.

Over the next 10 years or so this continued in some form or other. From Joyces we moved to Terry Coopers, then to Wye Oak. Practice shows were run and at least one show a year. I have to say these were the best times, I have made so many friends over the years and wouldn't change a thing. The support that has been given from everyone within the area, and many from outside the area is incredible, dates published in October for the following year, and all clinics would be full within 4 days, with waiting lists kept!! I can't say it's always been easy, and as the saying goes you can't always please everyone, all you can do is your best, and I like to feel that's what I have done?

I would highly recommend getting involved with WES and your area to everyone, it's the most incredible way to learn both inside and out of the show pen, meet incredible like-minded people and feel your playing your part in developing western within the UK, not to mention seeing everyone having fun and becoming more confident and competent from clinic to clinic / show to show.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those that have helped Area 13 become as successful as it has, I couldn't have done it without you, I apologise If I have missed anyone, always a risk when listing everyone, but I feel its important that everyone realises it's a team effort. Firstly Bob Mayhew, couldn't have done it with out you, Chrissie Mayhew for letting us invade Wye Oak on a regular basis, Joyce Nutland, Amanda Moore, Terry Cooper, Kim White, Jackie Palmer for the use of their facilities over the years. Scherie Dermody, Bruce Lawrence, Catherine Wright and any other instructors that have come down to the area including those guest/international instructors over the years. The many volunteers that have helped at shows and clinics – these events can't run without you, all of you that brought your beautiful horses and participated in the clinics and shows, the various sponsors over the years, but especially Keith/ZOK international who supported/sponsored us yearly for over 10 years and enabled the Wye Oak show to run. Last but not least for the encouragement from friends made, to



continue through thick and thin, and not forgetting and especially the 'New Forest Mob' you know who you are!!

I wish who ever takes over Area 13 all the best, they will be taking on a fantastic area with fantastic, enthusiastic people. I will continue to support WES as much as I can and plan to spend more time riding my own pony, hopefully the WES Nationals next year?!

Whoever takes over, remember they have volunteered, like me probably learning on the job, doing something they haven't done before, but wanting to give something back – so make sure you support them fully, they are doing it for you.

Anyone who feels they would like to take over the running of Area 13 and hopefully have as much fun and gain as much as I have from doing it, contact John Ayles (Area Reps Coordinator) on alberta.ayles@btinternet.com

Good Luck and best wishes and hope to see you all at clinics and shows, with my pony!

Anne
