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WES TRAIL AWARD SCHEME

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

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

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



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

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

WES MERCHANDISE

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

WWW.totalclothingshop.co.uk/wes

WES WEBSITE

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

www.wes-uk.com



Society Information

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Area and County Representatives

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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David Lloyd (Hampshire) Tel: 01252 875896

Bob Mayhew (Hampshire) Tel: 07818 445562,

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

Tanya Rowe (Norfolk) 07786 968517

WES Judges Committee

The following Judges are members of the WES Judges Committee:

Mick Carder (chair),

Bob Mayhew,

David Lloyd,

Scherie Dermody

From the Editor

Welcome to the 98th edition of the WES News.

When I started putting this issue of the WES News together, I was worried that it would be a very thin issue as there is not much going on in the WES universe during the winter months. However, with all the changes going on in WES I was wrong, and glad to be so.

The chairman, David Brindley, is standing down, so a new chairman must be elected at the AGM

Several other positions are currently vacant and have people willing to stand for them.

At the AGM also, those people who were co-opted into positions will need to be confirmed, as they are all willing to continue in their position.

In addition, several Areas and Counties have new area or county representatives.

The AGM looks to be quite busy and also important to the future of WES so I would urge you to attend if you possibly can. I know that for many it is a longer journey to the Midlands. However, if you could car share that may help defray the cost, and also help with the driving.

The equine flu epidemic appears to be rumbling on, at the time of writing, so I have included the WES policy in this newsletter for the benefit of anyone who hasn't seen it on the website. It is important to maintain your horses flu jabs, so please ensure that you get them done in time. I suspect that many vets will be the same as mine who is very busy at this time doing booster shots as well as the normal veterinary items. Luckily for me, and the vet, my horse, Brego, is completely oblivious to someone sticking needles in him.

With spring fast approaching, there will be more WES activities going on so I'm looking forward to receiving your reports for events, etc., for the next issue.

Retiring Chairman's Valedictory Comments

By

David Brindley

I've been involved in WES since around 1988. I wasn't one of the original group but joined after acquiring my Welsh Cob Tab. Shortly after joining I became Rep for Area 2 and at that time that meant you were on WES Council – and I was asked to be WES Secretary. Bill Sheppard was chair and Bill brought in the changes that formed the structure we have today.

Previously Council was the Area Reps – each were then allocated a job. It was a system that became untenable as most Reps wanted to concentrate on running their Areas. Council meeting often didn't have a quorum and the status quo could not continue.

Bill brought in the new structure where Council became separate and in fact became a management team with members being voted to take a specific post leaving the Area Reps free to run their areas.

I stepped down from Council for a while but then re-joined as Press and Publicity until 2007 when I took on the role of Chairman.

Since that time, I've tried to ensure that the Society has been run in as fair and open way as possible. Before then rules for Judges and Instructors were not written down and seemed to change frequently so the first task were clear and concise rules for both so there was no ambiguity.

We have also had to content with increasing legal pressures such as Discrimination, Child Protection and the dreaded Health & Safety. We've done this in a manner as to not be too onerous but meet the requirements to protect the Society and the membership and meet the requirements of our insurer. Some think we have taken it too far and anything should go but I feel we've the right balance bearing in mind the diversity of the membership the locations and the number of events the Society runs.

The big change since by Chairmanship has been the growth in Social Media. Now everyone has



an opinion and often statements are often made with no knowledge or forethought by people who lack understanding of the subject. It's also surprising how many comments we get about changing rules to reflect an individual's circumstances.

My term is ending after 11 years – not the longest – David Lloyd did 13 years which does question as to whether there should be fixed terms for officers – but then most of the Council have served long periods so without potential replacements that won't work. It is however time for new blood. My circumstances have changed so I can't devote the time needed to the role which I why I'm stepping down.

In the 11 years of service there have been lots of individuals who have helped and supported the Society. There are too many to name, most are still on Council, but some who are not deserve a mention including Ursula Holiday who was Secretary and Show Secretary in the initial period of my term, and also people like Margaret Kemp who has been involved in the Society forever.

There have been some huge highs – The Pink Pleasure probably the best and these offset the lows which included the loss of my two horses. I have no regrets and can honestly say it's been a pleasure to serve.

Secretary's Comments

By
Deborah Langford

It has been a year now since I took on the role of WES Secretary. I wanted to help the association and bring new ideas to the table.

Being new to the council was a scary thought at first, everyone on the council have years of experience and so much knowledge. I didn't need to worry. They all welcomed me to the first council meeting with a Starbucks and a smile. I was able to input and my points were received gratefully.

There are some great things happening within WES and some exciting times ahead. I took on the organisation of the WES 3 day Camp at Moreton Morrell this year. The response was overwhelming from members. I can't wait to see you all at camp. There is still a lot to organise for the event but it will be well worth it!

My knowledge of the secretarial role within WES is still ongoing. I'm convinced one person can never know it all, I'm trying hard to make sure I know as much as possible to help everyone as quickly as possible.

I have had a lot of help from my family and close friends taking on the role. As soon as I said what I was up to, they all wanted to get involved. I appreciate their input so much. Their help with, marketing tools, spread sheets, paperwork, throwing ideas around over dinner etc. is a massive help and gives this role a whole new outlook on 'team work'

I'm looking forward to another year within my role and helping to progress with WES.

Deadline for next issues

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

Issue 99	Friday 31 st May
Issue 100	Friday 30 th August
Issue 101	Friday 29 th 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.

Cover photo

First Dream Catcher aka Teddy



Notice of Annual General Meeting and Proposed Agenda

17th March 2019

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Western Equestrian Society will be held on Sunday, March 17th 2019 at the Holiday Inn Coventry, Hinkley Road, Coventry. CV2 2HP (junction 2 on the M6) commencing at 2pm.

A copy of the agenda, together with a draft of the Society accounts are attached.

Anyone who has any items they would like to be included on the agenda should submit them to the WES Secretary, Monmouth Ash Farm, Horton Heath, Wimborne Dorset, BH21 7JS no later than the 17th of February 2019.

Members should also note that the following Council roles become eligible for election at this meeting.

Chairman

The position of Chairman will become vacant at this AGM.

Secretary

Debbie Langford has been co-opted into this role. Debbie is prepared to continue and her position needs to be ratified.

Area Coordinator

John Ayles has been co-opted into this role. John is prepared to continue and his position needs to be ratified.

Note although these roles have been co-opted for now the positions are open to anyone within WES who may wish to stand.

In addition the following roles which are non-voting are available:-

Judges and Instructors Secretary

Webmaster

Welfare Officer

Brief details of the roles are given below. If anyone wishes to stand for any of the above positions they should submit a brief CV stating the role for which they wish to stand to:

WES Secretary, Monmouth Ash Farm, Horton Heath, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 7JS by 17th February 2019.

Proposed Agenda

1. Chairman's opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last meeting
4. Matters arising
5. Chairman's report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Election of Officers
 - **Chairman**
 - **Secretary**
 - **Area Coordinator**
 - **Judges and Instructors Secretary**
 - **Webmaster**
 - **Welfare Officer**
8. Selection of Charity Class for WES Nationals
9. Agenda items submitted by the membership
10. Open forum
11. Date of next meeting.

Break

Presentation of Medals

Job Descriptions for Vacant Posts

Chairman

The chairman's overall responsibility is to lead the society council and the Society to enable it to fulfil its purpose and to act as both spokesperson and figurehead as appropriate as well as there is an effective relationship between the Council and both membership and other officers of the Society

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

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

Society Secretary

The secretary manages the processes that ensure the Council complies with the Society Constitution and is responsible for organising the annual general meeting and council meetings taking minutes and ensuring all information is circulated to relevant parties.

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

- organising, preparing agendas for and taking minutes of council meetings and annual general meetings (AGMs);
- dealing with correspondence, collating information and writing reports, ensuring decisions made are communicated to the relevant officers;
- contributing to meeting discussions as and when required

- developing and overseeing the systems that ensure the Society complies with all applicable rules, in addition to its legal and statutory requirements.

Area Coordinator

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

Judges & Instructors Committee Secretary

- organising, preparing agendas for and taking minutes of meetings
- dealing with correspondence, collating information and writing reports, ensuring decisions made are communicated to the relevant officers;
- contributing to meeting discussions as and when required
- developing and overseeing the systems that ensure the Society complies with all applicable codes, in addition to its legal and statutory requirements.
- Maintain the Judges and Instructors database..
- Enter details of new Judges and Instructors members.
- Provide current Judges and Instructors to each Council Meeting.

Webmaster

- Maintain a website that provides useful information for both current and potential members
- Ensure website is updated regularly, particularly the Events Calendar and Contact details
- Answer or forward enquiries received via the website
- Liaise with current Web providers Function 28 in respect of improvements and other requirements
- Maintain the mailings lists in accordance with GDPR
- Promote advertising spaces and liaise with current and potential advertisers
- Maintain and monitor Facebook pages

Welfare Officer

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

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

WES central account balance

as of
31st December 2018

Accounts	Statement Balance
Bank Account	£8,702.57
Total in Bank	£8,702.57

WES Income and Expenditure Summary

as of
31st December 218

Item	Income	Expenditure	Balance
National Show	£7,454.80	£9,004.25	(£1,549.45)
Goods for Sale			£0.00
Instructors Assessment			£0.00
Insurance	£182.56	£1,378.31	(£1,195.75)
Judges Seminar			£0.00
Membership	£11,198.74	£120.00	£11,078.74
Moreton Morrell 3 day clinic	£2,226.06	£3,470.00	(£1,243.94)
Show Affiliation			
Publicity			£0.00
Postage		£196.26	(£196.26)
Rosettes			£0.00
Show Managers Seminar			£0.00
Subscriptions			£0.00
Stationery			£0.00
Trail Award		£500.00	(£500.00)
Travel and Subsistence			£0.00
Trophies		£349.28	(£349.28)
WES News	£264.00	£1,321.00	(£1,057.00)
Unpaid Cheques			£0.00
Youth Fund		£25.00	(£25.00)
Website		£420.00	(£420.00)
Paypal Fees			£0.00
Free Judge		£192.00	(£192.00)
AGM		£862.50	(£862.50)



Item	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Northern Clinic			£0.00
wes area 9	£747.06		£747.06
Council Meetings		£1,805.76	(£1,805.76)
Instructors Committee			£0.00
Area Reps		£300.00	(£300.00)
Miscellaneous		£175.51	(£175.51)
Deposits Morton Morrell	£2,294.40		£2,294.40
Totals	£24,367.62	£20,119.87	£4,247.75

Nick Verstage – Treasurer.

Members:

Val Burdge,
Margaret Kemp,
Christine Outram,
Gerri Scargill,
David Lloyd,
Chris Thompson,
Evelyn Dash,
Gill Parker,
Stephanie Goodacre,
Lesley Wilkinson-Lyner,
Johanna Cotton-Brindley,
Fiona Thompson.
Vicky Easton,
Jane Gibbs,
Sarah Cameron,

Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting

**Holiday Inn Coventry, Hinckley Road, Coventry.
CV2 2HP**

Saturday 17th March 2018.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

David Brindley thanked everyone present for making the effort to attend. David also thanked fellow Council members, Area Reps and a significant number of volunteers for help throughout 2017. Although the AGM is to reflect on 2017 which had been a very challenging year over which we had still run over 100 events but had lost over 100 members. There was then a significant discussion over what could be the issues without any real conclusion.,

2. Apologies for Absence

Bob & Chrissie Mayhew, Jessica Burdge Lesley and Michelle Surguy-Price. Lynne Stanley, Jonathan Merritt, Steve and Wendy Scott, John & Abby Ayles, Helena M Ryan, Tina Wells, Toni Britton, Mandy Hawkins, Emma Chapman.

Those Attending:

Council Members:

David Brindley - Chairman,
Ann Hughes – Membership Secretary,
Mick Carder – Show Co-Ordinator,
Jim Lyner - Publicity Officer,

3. Minutes of last Meeting

No corrections or amendments – Proposed by Johanna Cotton-Brindley, seconded by Fiona Thompson.

All were in favour that the minutes are an accurate record of the last AGM.

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

5. Chairman's report

WES continues to struggle with declining membership numbers – common to a lot of organisations, not only western. WES are still trying to combat this but Western is more accessible that it's been for a long time and the growth of clubs across the UK is having an impact.

The WES website has been revamped and council are looking at how we can better communicate with members

6. Treasurer's Report

Nick reported that there had been some expenses during 2017 which had reduced the bank balance such as the website. The Nationals made a loss as did the Judges Seminar. Council has reduced it's expenses by holding meetings within the Lounge area of the Holiday Inn rather than hiring a room and we have made the decision to stop producing WES News in a printed format due to the increasing costs of postage and printing



especially as there was little engagement with the magazine by the membership.

Gerri Scagill proposed that the accounts be accepted, Seconded by Ann Hughes

Roger Wells proposed that WES will continue with the system of two scrutineers rather than auditors. Seconded by Gerri Scagill

7. Election of Officers

Stephanie Goodacre and Sarah Cameron had both volunteered to stand for Council. Stephanie is to take the role of Area Coordinator and Sarah Youth Officer. Mick Carder will continue as Show Coordinator until end of December 2018.

Voted for on block. Proposed Val Burdge. Seconded Gerri Scagill - carried

Vacancies on Council - No one came forward.

8. Selection of Charity Class for WES Nationals

At the 2017 meeting Members agreed that Horseback UK was also a charity they would wish to support and therefore this will be the chosen charity for 2018. Jim Lyner suggested approaching them to bring some horses to the nationals in 2018, with there being so much time to plan.

9. Agenda Items submitted by the membership

None received.

10. Open Forum

- Chris Thompson volunteered to produce an electronic version of WES News
- David Brindley thanked all members for attending the AGM.

11. Date of next meeting

March 2019 - to be confirmed.

CVs for people who are applying for positions within WES

NB The following CVs are the ones that have been sent for inclusion in WES News. Other CVs and Candidates may be available!!

Chairman

Ann Hughes,

A brief C.V.

I am 70 years young and owned, trained and ridden horses since the age of 9 years.

I have two adult children, 7 dogs, 5 cats, a paint mare and a quarter horse.

Have good organisational skills, proven over a number of years in my job. I became a kitchen designer 32 years ago. During my time as a designer I need to have quite a close relationship with the customer and also organise the whole job from ordering product to project managing the works required, builders, electricians, plumbers and the like. So I believe I have the people skills to handle the liaising side of being a chairperson.

I am a good listener and always try to see things from every point of view, I hope that means I would be very approachable and keep the 'family' feel that is so strong with-in WES.

My brief history.

I was given a private school education up until the age of 16, when to everyone's horror decided I was going to work with horses and was not going to stay on and get any formal qualifications.

I had ridden from the age of 9 and had the opportunity to ride for one of the leading show pony producers of the time, plus having my own pony and being on many pony club and riding club teams, so decided that horses were the life for me. After leaving school I had some intensive training with a leading German trainer, obtained my BHSAI certificate and then moved on being a groom, which gave me the opportunity to travel with the BSJA teams and see a good part of Europe in the process.

In 2005 I was lucky enough to win a holiday to Canada and took a friend with me that was desperate to try riding 'western', we booked a 3hour ride, but were more than disappointed as it turned into a 3 hour sightseeing walk. Not happy with that experience we



decided to book a holiday the following year on a working ranch, that was it, I never wanted to go back to English riding.

My introduction to WES was a clinic with Lucy Adams that I did with my coloured cob, it really impressed me and after talking to David Hudspeth extolling the virtues of WES joined in 2006, I bought a quarter horse yearling a couple of years later and because I cannot afford trainers backed her and brought her on myself, thanks to WES clinics and all the fabulous trainers they have available I ended up with a fabulous little mare. I think many WES members know the pair of us as she is such a stand out mare in one way or another.

I joined council in 2011 and became the membership secretary. WES to me is such a great society, there is a real sense of belonging. The fact that anyone on any type of horse can be a member and learn from some of the leading trainers in the country, gives a huge sense of pride in your achievements. Some look down their noses at WES but I believe that it is the best platform to learn about western riding and make friends with likeminded people, the area reps are vital to making WES the society it is and work so hard to make things happen their local areas.

Webmaster

Dawn Lewry

I would like to be considered for the position of the WES Webmaster. Please see below my CV which explains why I feel I would be suitable for the position.

Thank you for your consideration.
Dawn Lewry

- 13 years working IT, working my way up from help desk to middle management
- 6 years working in a legal compliance role, specialising in Data Privacy (I am a qualified data protection practitioner) but also covering subjects such as information security, anti money laundering, bribery and corruption etc.
- My job includes responsibility for ensuring my company's internal website pages (intranet) for compliance are easy to navigate and kept up to date.
- I am also responsible for writing my company's internal and external facing privacy policies.
- I Would like to give something back to the society which has given so much to me over the years and I feel the skills and knowledge I have transfer to this position quite well.

- In this digital age, societies expectations and certainly that of the younger generation (which we need to attract if we want to ensure the society's future) is to have information available at their fingertips instantly. Whilst I can't promise instant updates, I strongly believe in the need for our public facing shop window to be regularly maintained so that it is always accurate and up to date, and able to meet the needs of our current members and help attract new ones.

Welfare Officer

Louise Hunt

I would like to put my name forward for the position of Welfare Officer, as I am aware this position is currently unfilled, and I think I can make a positive improvement in this area.

I am fully aware of all of the rules & regulations adhered to Animal Welfare, and am in the process of signing up to a diploma in Equine Animal Welfare. I truly believe that EVERY horse should be treated humanely and with respect at ALL TIMES no matter what level of competitor, competition or horse owner.

I would very much like to be considered greatly for this role, as I am passionate about Horses being treated fairly, compassionately, and humanely.

If the role could be split into a Welfare officer for the South, and another for the North I think this would benefit the entire position because although I will be attending most shows / clinics in the south, the North will be harder for me or anyone to attend with any regularity, and to fulfil the role fully I think this would benefit the whole society.

If this is not possible relevant 'incident report' sheets would need to be filled out for cases of welfare issues to be dealt with and investigated and appropriate penalty issued, of which I am fully aware of the procedure which follows.

As stated above I am currently in the process of undertaking a Diploma in Equine Animal Welfare, and am keen to attend relevant meetings and liaise with council regarding these issues.

A little about my experience.

For as long as I can remember from my childhood years I have been involved with and competed horses, my experience covers Event horses, retraining race horses, happy hackers and many others inbetween.... all that is until I discovered my new love in life,



Western riding! For the past 3 years I have volunteered at Fallowbrook Western Riding Club,

I was responsible for the website and ensured this was kept up to date and visually appealing. I also took on the role of membership secretary, Hi Point admin, preparing agendas, clinic bookings and more. I ran the Youth memberships for FWRC and was responsible for creating their Youth Club which now has over 25 members.

I have organised many western riding youth events and have a passion for making Western gain an even greater profile within the mainstream equestrian world in the UK. Of course for horses to be well looked after and treated fairly. I feel I have a lot I can bring to WES.

I consider myself a firm, measured and fair, a calm individual who is very approachable, which I consider vital for this role.

Credentials

UK Coaching

Inspiring Positive Behaviour in Sport

Sports Coaching and Psychology Level 1

Working with Young People in Sport

Learning to Learn - Reflection

Safeguarding & protecting children

Coaching children - the next generation

DBS checked

Qualified First Aider

It is crucial for all members to be vigilant and follow recommended guidelines on how to detect and prevent the spread of this infectious disease.

Look out for signs of disease which can include high temperature, cough, snotty nose, enlarged glands (under the lower jaw), swollen or sore eyes, depression, loss of appetite and swelling in the lower legs.

If you see any of these signs, isolate the horse and call your vet immediately. **DO NOT** attend WES events if your horse shows any of these signs!

It is essential that any horses showing signs of possible equine flu, or horses that might have been in contact with possibly infected horses, do not travel to competitions or other events where there will be groups of horses. If your horse has been in contact with an infected horse we suggest that you should take immediate veterinary advice.

If your horse is currently vaccinated, but it has been longer than 6 months since the last vaccination, we recommend that you discuss a booster that is effective against this strain of flu with your vet.

The BEF also has guidance on its website regarding equine infectious diseases and is urging owners to take the necessary precautions to avoid their horses becoming infected

WES Statement on Equine Influenza

In light of the current situation with Equine Influenza and requests from Area Reps and Members for guidance. The Society has taken veterinary advice and referred to guidelines published by the BEF.

The Society's current position is that it is not necessary to cancel any of our WES events at this time, but we need to be sensible and vigilant. WES will therefore require all horses attending WES approved events to provide evidence that all flu vaccinations are fully up to date.

If your horse is currently vaccinated, we recommend a booster if it has been longer than 6 months since your horse's last vaccination.

First Dream Catcher aka Teddy

By
Joanne Gallaher

When my old Appy mare reached the age of 20, I decided to look around for another horse to take over from her when she retired (or so I thought) .. I am of course still riding her at age 32, but that's another story!

When I first saw Teddy, he had been rounded up off the Dorset moors with his dam, and corralled in a pen for me to look at. He had had very little human handling and was only a couple of months old. I was first attracted to his breeding, being a Great Grandson of Dream finder, and a Great, Great Grandson of First Draft.

We collected him two months later, having been taught to lead and tie at just four months; we loaded him into our trailer and took him home. He was a late foal, being born in June, so at four months of age he had grown a thick woolly chocolate coat, and had already been christened Teddy by his breeder.

He was naturally suspicious of people, but we gradually gained his trust and started to do simple groundwork exercises with him and worked through the Parelli 7 games with him. He was very smart and was loading at 6 months, and was ponied out from our senior QH mare Peppy, taking everything in his stride.



Backing was not an issue, he was not really phased by anything, and now his schooling and training could start in earnest. We introduced him to Trail obstacles, and began working on the process of exaggerating his western paces, although also being descended from a great Pleasure horse Zippo Pine Bar, he was already "slow legged".

My husband Paul had in the meantime bought himself another Quarter Horse, Twister, as Peppy had sadly been diagnosed with navicular. Unfortunately, Twister then went lame, and it was discovered he had bone cysts in both stifles, and was put on box rest and recovery for 12 months after undergoing surgery to remove them. This left Paul without a horse to ride, and I had in the meantime imported for myself an Appaloosa mare (Machos Taunee Star, aka Toadie) from the USA, as I did not feel ready to take Teddy on at this stage.

Paul started to increase the level of difficulty in Teddy's training, and being quite competitive wanted him to perform. Teddy being Teddy, rather than choose the easy option he started to become inconsistent in his performance, and unreliable at shows, he was easily distracted and if you lost his mind you had no chance in getting anything of any quality from him.

After a particularly disappointing performance at a show, Paul decided to give up on showing him and he pretty much retired to being a field ornament at the grand old age of 10!

When I suddenly lost Toad in a freak stable accident in November 2016, I was totally devastated. I knew in my heart that I could never replace her, as I believed no horse would ever compare for me. However, I decided that rather than try to replace her I would try to bring Teddy back into work.

Well after losing my confidence with him all those years ago I decided to send him to my Trainer Susie Anderson to bring him back into work, and get him fit, after what had essentially been almost four years off.

I went to see his progress every week, and after watching Susie ride him, I was happy to get on and have a lesson. It took some getting used to after riding tall and elegant Toad to riding small and compact Teddy, but with memories of past fears in my head, at least I was closer to the ground if I was going to part Company suddenly!

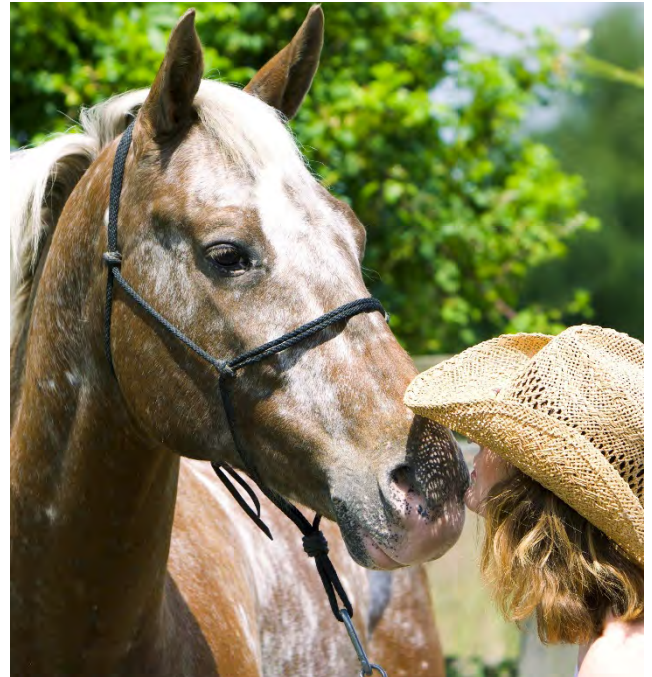
It has been a very challenging journey for us, and at times I nearly gave up altogether, having received some traumatic news about a close friend and colleague that resulted in us having to close our business of 15 years. I wasn't sure whether I could take Teddy on, and even considered selling him and buying something "easier".

Over the next 12 months I had various schooling issues with him, not going forward, breaking gait, bucking, baulking, and basically not trying. However, I refused to give up, and knowing that there was nothing physically wrong with him, I was determined that this talented little horse would be my next competition horse whatever happened!

Last year at the 2018 Spring Wake Up show, he surprised me by not putting a foot wrong. He was calm, quiet and listening to me during every class. I was super proud of him, and actually ended up winning the Walk Jog High Point Trophy sponsored by WES Area 8. Something that I was extremely proud to win, in our first proper showing season together.

It amazes me that I have owned this little horse for 15 years now and yet our partnership is only just beginning to blossom, I guess I had always loved him, stuck up for him, defended him and praised him when others had given up on him, and he had gained a reputation on the show circuit for being a “difficult horse”.

He has taught me so much, and I’m so glad I got to know him properly.





Area Round-up

Area Co-ordinators Comments

By John Ayles

I am looking forward to meeting all the area reps at the AGM, there is a lot to discuss so it should be a good meeting.

Many thanks to all the Area Representatives past and present for all their hard work over the last year, and for supporting me with all my emails and request for information.

Area 1

Grampian and Highlands

By

Victoria MacLachlan

Retiring Area Representative

2018 was a good year for Area 1 with regular training from Bob Mayhew and visiting clinician Dagmar Zenker.

Members attended competitions in Scotland and England bringing home some great results.

Most members have enjoyed a short winter break and have begun training again for the upcoming season in this unusually mild weather!

This year we are again lucky to have Bob Mayhew joining us for monthly clinics from March to October.

Finally, a big thank you to Kathy Briggs who has taken over the role of area 1 rep, and I wish to thank all Area 1 members for their support during my time as rep.

Kathy Briggs

*the new Area 1 Representative
writes*

For their sins, Area 1 now has me as their Area Rep....

I am a Yorkshire lass, born and bred, but have lived in the N.E. of Scotland for nigh on 40 years, and loved every minute!

My involvement with Western Riding all started when we went to an Open Day at a local Quarter horse Stud and Training yard over 20 years ago.

That saw my daughter hooked, and I followed not long after...

My lovely mare Pye had been with me just 2 weeks when she was diagnosed with advanced Ragwort poisoning, and a stress-free life was essential.... So I took her for a trial lesson, and the rest is history!!

My partner-in-crime now is a 14.3hh black cob called Jack. He has had a lot of health issues over the years, so my riding has become more "miss" than "hit", but when we do get to play, I don't know who enjoys it more, me or him!!

As for our aspirations for 2019.... Apart from wanting to boost our funds, and membership, (any ideas gratefully received....) Having fun and enjoying our horses has to be way up on the list! To that end, we have clinics with the wonderful Mr Mayhew.... Saddle fitting with Lesley from Hooves, organised by Sandra Loder, and there are many other ideas brewing, but you'll just have to wait to see what we get up to!!

Keep smiling,

Area 2

*Gwynedd, Clwyd, Cheshire, Shropshire,
Staffordshire*

By

Lesley and Michelle Surguy-Price

The AGM was held in December and plans were made for this year including two shows. The first show is on 19th of May at Trevor Hall, Llangollen and another is planned for October (date to be arranged). However, we hope to run a practice show in March following a clinic. The practice show is an attempt to attract our new members to Area 2 to participate and possible non-members to the discipline.

The first planned clinic of the year was kindly taken over by Trevor Hall as we did not have enough WES members available to attend to



make it viable. Michael Langford clinics are to be held at Trevor Hall throughout the year which WES members are welcome to participate in.

David Brindley has stepped down as the treasurer for Area 2 and we thank him for all his contributions. A possible new treasurer is considering taking on the role, and we also have a new joint rep for the Area (Lesley Surguy-Price).

We do appreciate everybody who gives up their time for the benefit of WES AREA 2 Members especially the hard working Fiona Weatherston for the upkeep of the website and flow of information.

If any of our Area 2 members have any suggestions for any events please do get in touch.

Results from the annual awards
Well done everybody

Hi point trophy	Penny Connah
Open rider	Michelle Surguy-Price
Amatuer	Michelle Surguy-Price
Novice rider	Lesley Surguy-Price
Noice horse	Cashmere Jack & Penny Connah
Youth trophy	
HI point mare	Fiona Wetherspoon
Most improved rider	Pete Connah

Area 3

Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire

Area 3 has seen a steady decline in members over the past few years, with just under 50% not renewing their membership in 2018.

Possible causes could be, busy lifestyles, financial, increased traffic, particularly during the holiday periods, or that maybe WES has become the creator of it's own demise, by developing the interest in Western riding to such an extent, that for many who started out

with their assorted breeds of horses have now decided to move up a level and buy a quarter horse or paint etc this in turn has led to specialist horse society's being set up who have seen ever increasing numbers of members join. Maybe this cycle of events will continue with new members joining WES then after a few years move on to breed specific groups or disciplines.

Area 3 like many of the other areas is geographically challenged with members having to travel long distances to attend events as there are not enough people in their locality to organise events specifically for them. Maybe now is the time to look at how the Areas are organised and consider regrouping and for Area 3 to have a rethink about what it is about "the focus at all of our events is to have fun and enjoy our horses and each other's company in a very relaxed and informal atmosphere. That goes for officials and competitors alike" a quote taken from the WES website.

With that in mind maybe the way forward for our Area is to focus on generating the next generation of WES members, by getting people together and building on the social side, and hopefully numbers will start to increase and the number and types of events we can offer will also increase.

Pam organised a very successful barbecue last year in Somerset to bring members together and show them one of the venues that we have been offered the use of, our Cornish County Rep Lyndsey has also been busy organising a clinic on the Cornwall/Devon border at the end of last year, and hopes to arrange some more this year.

Area 4

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

*By
Angie Taylor*

Area 4 AGM and general get together was held in February and attended by members and non-members. We had a lovely evening with good food and discussion. Hopefully we will have attracted a couple of new members.



Trail riding is very popular among members, so we have decided to have an award for Area 4 members only. (Hours could be used toward the National Trail Riding Award as well.) Several members have offered to lead rides in their areas, so we will see some different countryside. It may be that some of these rides could be combined with a camp.

In the meantime, our next event will be a Fun Day at Armonside Farm, Blackhall Mill on Sunday 31st March. Member Clive Johnson has kindly offered to bring along some of his equipment and practice patterns will also be available, with help for those who are new to Western.

We also hope to have a clinic with a trainer in April, details not decided at time of writing. Anyone interested in any of the above, please contact me, Angie Taylor, at

wesarea4@gmail.com

or you can always contact me on messenger.

Area 5

Lancashire, Merseyside, Yorkshire, Greater Manchester

By

Christine Outram

We had a reasonable turnout for the AGM and some very constructive discussion.

The Very Late Christmas Dinner will be held at The Bridge Inn, Walshford on 09 March 2019 at a cost per person of £30. We have two rooms booked side by side, one for the Carvery and one for the line dancing so no pressure if you don't want to join in the dancing but we do have a Champion line dancer for the evening to teach us how to sidepass, spin, change leads etc. Bring family and friends along with you and let's show WES Area 5 is the place to be.

Competition Time

We need to do some serious advertising of WES events and WES in general.

The first thing we need is a poster we can use for our shows and events. So all those talented folks out there, we need your help.

You don't need to be a WES member to enter just submit your poster to me and win a year's membership. The winning poster will be announced at our dinner on 09 March 2019.

First Aid list

All our ridden events need to have at least one certified first aider on the ground at all times otherwise we cannot run the event. This doesn't necessarily mean the first aider cannot ride if there are a few at the event and at least one is on the ground at any time. Would anyone having a first aid certificate who would be prepared to help cover our events, please let me know? If there are folks out there who would like to do a first aid course, we could arrange one at advantageous rates. Again, please let me know.

Events

The Area 5 Events list is included in the events section

If you know anyone who may be interested in riding western style why not take them along with you to the WES days Margaret has organised at Thornton House Farm. It's an informal, relaxed and helpful day for members and non-members alike.

It is looking very much like Lucy Adams will be the judge at the Richmond Show in May; just need to finalise the details. Emma Chapman-Lonie will be at Catterick on 12th May 2019 for the practice show so a good time to run through any last-minute questions or try out any new tack.

Lesley has organised 3 clinics at Wakefield RDA. If you haven't already been, I can thoroughly recommend the venue for riders and for spectators. We do, however, need a volunteer first aider for these clinics. She Writes:

We have persuaded David Gray to be our trainer on some of this years' clinics. I have had extensive knowledge of his teaching and training methods and can only give him praise, he has an amazing connection with horses and gets the best out of the most nervous of riders, whilst having the skills to teach at a more advanced level.

David has worked, trained and ridden with Tim McQuay, Stefano Calcagnini, Marco Formentini, Mike McEntire in the USA and Bob Mayhew in the UK. Check out his website if you are interested in more information

<https://www.davidgraveequinetraining.co.uk>

He is a former WES Judge and was previously on the WES instructors list he is a multi-discipline winning rider at WES, AQHA, NRHA and BR whilst his own speciality is reining, he teaches all western disciplines, (as well as English) and rode for GB in 2005 at FEI level.



Suzanne Davis on Marazarli

Area 6

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

By

Mandy Hawkins

This is my first report as your new Area 6 rep having taken over from Roger Wells on the 1st January 2019.

I would like to thank Roger for all the work he has put in over the past 2 and a bit years, I certainly have a hard act to follow.

We are holding our area AGM on 3rd March at the regular venue of the Talbot at Knightwick and I will arrange a meeting in Wales after this to report to the members who are to far away to attend.

A date has been set for our Summer Camp. After a very successful event last year with excellent tuition and hospitality we will be returning to Valley View Ranch and Equestrian Centre, Ullingswick, Herefordshire on 31/05/19 to 02/06/19 and the instructor will be Bruce Lawrence.

Currently all the rider spaces are taken but I am keeping a reserve list so if anyone is interested please contact me on wesarea6@gmail.com and I can add you to the list.

Another date for your diaries is for the Area 6 show on Sunday 30th June at Valley View Ranch and Equestrian Centre there will be a pre-show clinic the day before with Bruce. We will be looking for some sponsorship for the show so if anyone has any contacts let me know.

Area 6 is a very large area geographically so if anyone has any ideas of events they would like in the area please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mandy Hawkins

lewisandhawkins@btinternet.com

Area 7

Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire.

By

Vicky Easton

Area 7 held its AGM at 2.00 on the 24th Feb, at The Plough, Cropwell Butler NG12 3AB.

They held a Rider Balance Clinic on Sunday 10th Feb at Sarah Hoods Yard Clinician is Claire LLewelyn.

10th March clinic with Alan Payne, and also a clinic with Mary Larcome on the 14th March.

Both clinics will be at Sarah Hoods yard at Medbourne.

Other clinics are in the pipeline but nothing booked as yet.

The biggest disappointment for Area 7 last year was the cancellation of the Summer Show due to lack of. Vicky is loath to try and arrange another for this year, as it takes a lot of work and effort to arrange and we have so many Western things going on around here with both Oakridge and Sovereign!!

One a brighter not, Clinics are always well attended.

Area 8

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

*By
Jo Gallagher*

Well I am now in my third month of being the Area 8 Rep, and am so far enjoying the role, and am so pleased with the support that I have received from members.

We started off the year with a meet up in January, of members from Kent and Sussex at a 50's style Diner.



Everyone seemed to have a good time chatting and enjoying the varied food on offer from Porridge, to Burgers and Ice cream sundaes to Full English Breakfast! We will certainly think about organising another meet up there later in the year.

I am lucky to have two County Reps helping me to cover such a large area, and the Berkshire County Rep Helen Collins has already organised a tempting Sunday Lunch meet up for

later this month, for members in the Berks and Surrey area. Vicky Burger, my County Rep for Sussex, is already looking into suitable venues in the area, and details for arranging a South Downs Ride.

On Sunday 3rd Feb we had our AGM, at a village Hall in the centre of the area. I was pleased to see 15 members attending from all over Area 8. It was a chilly day, and we broke up the formalities part way through to have a welcome hot drink and a cake! then it was back to the serious stuff!, where I was able to discuss in detail the events that I have in place already for this coming year, and ideas for additional future events from members. Many thanks to all the members that attended the meeting, and special thanks to Lesley Jones for taking the minutes for me at short notice, fantastic job!.. and to John and Abby Ayles for their continued support.

Looking forward to our first event next month which has already proved popular and has many bookings!



Abby Ayles and Love a Little Wizard (Dobby)
GOE WES Novice High Point Winner



John and Heirs and Graces (Gracie) GOE WES Open High Point Winner



Abby Ayles and Love a Little Wizard (Dobby) first WES Show at Old Mill Swanley



John and Heirs and Graces (Gracie) GOE First show



John and Abby Ayles

*Helen Collins
the new Berkshire County Representative
writes*

Howdy y'all

In February this year, I was delighted to take the reins as volunteer County Representative for Berkshire (WES Area 8).

As a WES member of three years, and a follower for many more, some of you may know me from volunteering at the WES Nationals, or as a spectator or volunteer at one of Area 13's events, or more recently through Area 8's AGM and Berkshire/ Surrey Social.

A bit about me...

A former English rider from a young age, for many years I'd been passionate about paint horses and western riding, however opportunities to access western riding as a non-horse owner were few and far between back then, more so than today.

Some years later in 2004, on a trip to Canada, I experienced my first western trail ride on a grey Arab mare called Nicky.

Since then I have created many more great memories, met many new friends, and been on many more trail rides along the way, at The White Stallion, Tanque Verde and Tombstone Monument Ranches in the US, and here in the UK.

Whilst I have many memorable western riding experiences, some of my most memorable include:

- a mule ride into the depths of the awe-inspiring Bryce Canyon;
- having my photo taken on a horse I'd just met, adjacent to a substantial drop off at John Ford Point looking across the spectacular Monument Valley;
- on my 40th birthday loping into The White Stallion Ranch's huge arena carrying the Union Jack flag, in front of an audience of guests on a horse I'd not ridden previously with a brief on what to do 2 minutes before;



- and riding in my first WES show (Area 13) as a competitor at Burley Villa.



Home for me is in Berkshire where I live with my husband and our cat, and where I run my career coaching business.

I'm still to fulfil a life-long dream of horse ownership. Until then, I am fortunate to be able to access western riding/tuition with Tammy Greaves in The New Forest, and to get even more involved in WES where I can.

My hopes as Berkshire County Representative...

In my capacity as County Representative, representing Berkshire members, I recognise that there has been limited opportunities for Berkshire western enthusiasts (members and non-members) to access WES activities in the Berkshire, and Surrey counties of Area 8.

It is my hope therefore to bring more opportunities for members in Berkshire to access WES activities here and/or support Jo Gallagher, the Area 8 Representative in organising more events in neighbouring Surrey.

It is also my hope to engage interest in western, WES and WES events in the wider riding community locally in view of enabling more events to be held in Berkshire in the future.



Progress so far...

With the above in mind, since taking on this voluntary role, I have organised a successful combined social for Berkshire and Surrey, at which we had a very nice Sunday lunch at the Golden Retriever in Bracknell.



At the Area 8 AGM I invited members to share further ideas for activities, clinicians and venues across Area 8. I am pleased to say that some suggestions are already progressing forward.

I have been exploring venues in Berkshire, and likewise in Surrey (supporting Jo Gallagher in the absence of a County Representative for Surrey), which led to the booking of Priory Equestrian's arena in Frensham for Bob Mayhew's WES clinic on the 7th July.

I have begun to reach out to non-WES riding communities locally in view of gauging further interest in holding WES events here in the future. I have so far received encouraging responses but acknowledge a lot more work needs to be done here.

I also achieved WES Show Manager certification.

How you can help and thank you...

If you feel you can input into any of the above or assist further with activities in Berkshire (or

Surrey) please do contact me via haylett42@hotmail.com or Facebook PM.

In the meantime, I would like to say a huge thank you to members, volunteers and even non-members for all of your support to date and I look forward to representing Berkshire and supporting you here further moving forward.

Happy Trails folks.

Area 9

Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk

Area 10

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

Area 11

Borders, Central, Fife, Lothian, Tayside

Area 12

Dumfries & Galloway, Strathclyde

Area 13

Dorset and Hampshire

It was necessary to cancel the 16th February Clinic with Bob Mayhew at Braishfield Equestrian as they, quite rightly, said that all horses must have been vaccinated within the last 6 months and not in the last week due to the recent equine flu scare.

Unfortunately, only two of the horses fell into this category so I felt it was best to cancel until the 23rd March clinic.

Event Notifications

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

3 Day National Camp

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

At Moreton Morrell College, Warwickshire

Instructors - Scherie Dermody and Michael Langford

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

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

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

Save the date – more info coming soon!

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





WES NORTHERN EASTER CAMP 2019

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

at

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

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

Instructors: Scherie Dermody & Michael Langford

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

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

Member fee £210: Non Members £240

For further details & to reserve your place

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

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



Area 8 Clinic with

Renowned Trainer

Bob Mayhew

At

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

Sunday 7th July 2019 10.00 - 4.30

2 Groups of 1 ½ hour sessions Morning and afternoon

WES Members £65 pp

Non WES Members £75 pp

Spectators £5 pp

**Contact John Ayles for a booking form
at**

alberta.ayles@btinternet.com



Dates for your diary 2019

March

Saturday 9th March

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

Sunday 17th March

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

Saturday 23rd March

Area 5 Practice Day
World Horse Welfare, Blackpool
Contact Georgina O'Connor
01254 233702 or 07787 15053
activepeopleandpets@gmail.com

Sunday 24th March

Area 5 WES Days
Thornton Hall Farm
Contact Margaret Kemp
Mekemp.wes@gmail.co.uk

Sunday 31st March

Area 8 "Back in the Saddle" Club Day with
Coach Susie Anderson, Bodiam International
Arena, Bodiam, East Sussex TN32 5UJ.

April

Sunday April 14th

Area 8 Pattern Practice afternoon with Susie
Anderson, Bodiam International Arena,
Bodiam, East Sussex TN32 5UJ

Thursday 18th – Saturday 20th April

Area 5 Bishop Burton Training Camp Bishop
Burton Equine College
Contact Margaret Kemp
Mekemp.wes@gmail.co.uk

Friday 26th – Sunday 28th April

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

Saturday April 27th

Area 8 Spring Wake Up Show,
Bodiam International Arena,
Bodiam, East Sussex TN32 5UJ

May

Sunday 12th May

Area 5 Practice Show
Catterick Saddle Club
Contact Christine Outram
07974 962877
christineoutram1@icloud.com

Sunday 19th May

Northern Counties Performance Show
Richmond Equestrian Centre
Richmond, N. Yorkshire
Contact Christine Outram
07974 962877
christineoutram1@icloud.com

June

Saturday 8th June

Michael Langford Clinic
World Horse Welfare, Blackpool
Contact Georgina O'Connor
01254 233702 or 07787 15053
activepeopleandpets@gmail.com

Sunday 9th June

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

July

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th July

WES Northern Performance 2 Day Show
Myerscough College
Contact Georgina O'Connor
01254 233702 or 07787 15053
activepeopleandpets@gmail.com

Sunday 7th July

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

Sunday 14th July

WES Area 8 Trail Ride and BBQ,
Seddlescombe

August

Thursday August 8th – Saturday August 10th

Area 8 Summer Camp, Plumpton

Sunday 11th August 2019

Area 8 Summer Show, Plumpton

Friday 23rd to Sunday 26th August

WES national Show Moreton Morrell

September

Saturday 21st September 2019

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



Sunday 22nd September 2019

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

Sunday 22nd September 2019

Yorkshire Western Performance Show
Askham Bryan College
Contact Christine Outram
07974 962877
christineoutram1@icloud.com

October

Sunday 13th October
WES Trail Clinic with David Lloyd
Seddlescombe

November

Sunday 3rd November

WES members Club day
Bodiam International Arena

December