REGIONAL REPORT FROM WALES FOR THE AGM 2016

Wales has had a quieter year due to various Strangles outbreaks. Being sensible and responsible we cancelled a number of events including our Webster walk. Thankfully by mid September the risk had subsided and Ffarmers, Llansawel and Llandefaelog shows went ahead with donkey classes.

Earlier in the year reintroduction of donkey classes at the Royal Welsh Spring Show was well met. Unfortunately a communication breakdown meant many potential entries did not know about the reintroduction until last minute. The show was obliging and accepted late entries. We hope to have a much stronger turnout for Spring 2017.

DBS members in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire have met socially every other month and good links and friendships have been formed.

Ruth Stronge our Area Rep in the north has been keeping events and get-togethers running in her area.

After 6 years as Regional Delegate it is now time for me to step down. I am pleased to be able to nominate Wendy Morris (current Area Rep) to take over as Regional Delegate for Wales. I know Wendy is keen and fresh and has some great ideas for the future.

I know we will all give Wendy our support as she settles into her new role. I am not disappearing as I will take on Wendy’s Area Representative role for Mid, West and South Wales.

May I take this opportunity to thank Welsh members and members of Council for their support and friendship during my time in office.

Many Thanks

Ann Slater

Retiring Regional Delegate for Wales