

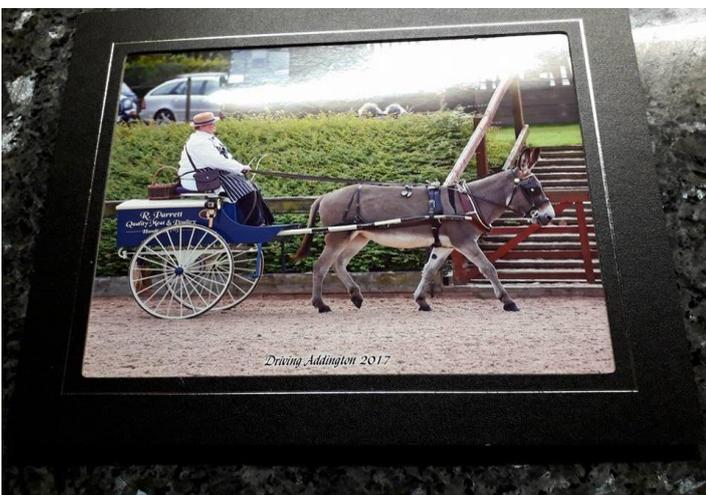
This year has been hectic in terms carriage driving, in which Lady Riki has excelled herself competing in 10 affiliated BDS events with our restored butchers cart, we started the year at the London Harness Horse Parade (held at Ardingly), we managed to gain an Osborne Qualifier for the 2 Wheel Light Trade Championship at BDS Addington (September), this is the first time Donkey has qualified for the Trade Championship, in the Semi Final at Addington we were placed 4th. We also won the Donkey & Mule Class at BDS Addington. The other main BDS event was held at Windsor, we were placed in the Donkey & Mule Class and paraded past the Royal Box.



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BDS Windsor



BDS Addington

We have completed the 10 required events (with the Butchers Cart) for the BDS Leaf Spring Award for traditional vehicles, this is the 2nd time Lady Riki has completed this award (2014 -

1911 Norfolk Cart), again this is a first for a donkey to complete the award twice with 2 very different carriages and possibly the only winner of the award in 2017 with a trade carriage (tbc).

Not only have we been in the show ring but we also completed the Worshipful Company of Cartmakers 500th Anniversary Parade held in Guildhall Square in the heart of London, this was the first time a donkey had been asked to be part of the parade. Yet again Lady Riki excelled herself not being concerned with emergency vehicle sirens and building site jackhammers.



We also competed at the Donkey Breed Society Supreme Championship Show in August, where we won both the Trade Vehicle class and Novice Driven Dressage, completed in the show drive meaning we were in the final 3 for the overall Supreme Driving Championship, although in the end we were not placed. The following day Lady Riki won the Pleasure Driving Class with a fellow donkey driver as whip (Jane Bramwell).



Butchers cart at DBS Championship Show

Although most people know me for carriage driving Lady Riki, I do still show my donkeys in hand although only a couple of shows this year, SEDS (South East Donkey Show at Guildford) & Romsey Show at the end of the season. Monsieur Gilbert gained a lot of confidence going to his first show without his mum, we were placed 2nd in the Mare class.



Gilbert at Romsey Show - looking huge for a yearling, he could mature to approx. 13hh

All the donkey's have now lost their summer coats, now covered in mud & spending more time in their yard munching their straw & hay at night, Lady Riki will now have the winter off & will resume driving again the Spring of 2018, as for the others they will also have the winter off with some coming back into work prior to the start of the new season.