

**Annual Letter from Jackie Squance, Chairman of the  
Judges, Demonstrators, Speakers and Education Committee**

May I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy 2023 from us all on the JDS&E.  
We are.....Claire Bryant – Demonstrators Rep., Jane Rickard – Education Rep.,  
Alison Gillot – Workshops Rep., Sue Slark – Financial Advisor, Diane Melton – JDS&E  
Secretary, Kathryn Austin – newly appointed Vice Chairman in readiness for my retirement in  
November, Margaret Trepant [Ex Officio] and myself – Jackie Squance, Chairman and Judges Rep.

2022 was a busy year for us in an effort to replace the wheels after such a long  
covid layoff. Our year kicked off with a workshop run by the ever popular Graham King.  
In February we ran a Judges Refresher Day which many of our Surrey Judges attended and was  
overseen by Valerie Best. This proved not only very enjoyable but also very fruitful with three of  
our Area Judges being encouraged to take their National Tests. I am delighted to report that  
all three passed, so huge congratulations to them, not to mention it being quite a feather in Surrey's  
cap. We should like to begin training for any potential Area Judges, but cannot proceed without  
more candidates. If you would be interested in becoming an Area Judge please do contact me.

In May an evening was held for Chairmen and Programme Secretaries, a must particularly for  
anyone new to either of these roles. The evening was conducted by Chris Brown and Claire Bryant.

In August we held just the one Barbara Newell Workshop due to lack of numbers. The day was  
thoroughly enjoyed with the participants receiving help and advice from our experienced  
JDS&E Judges. Many entered the Area Show as a result. Also a workshop for the more experienced  
Competitor was held in July which again was well attended.

Claire has been busy mentoring and giving advice to both Demonstrators and Clubs and particularly  
where Demonstrations have been cancelled at very short notice. Claire is hoping to organise a  
Demonstrators Refresher Day in the coming year and also a taster day for any would be  
Demonstrators, assuming there is enough interest.

With all levels having been taught and overseen by Jane, Margaret and Sue, they are now  
satisfactorily completed.

There is to be a Workshop, ably organised by Alison, in March. This is with Angela Turner  
and has proved very popular. Alison is also working on a Christmas themed Workshop for later  
in the year.

We shall continue our bi monthly meetings. We shall be working with Linda, our Media Officer,  
to ensure that the Area Lists are up to date. We hope that you will enjoy our programme  
for 2023.

And so, on behalf of all the Team, may I again wish you all a Very Happy, Healthy and Safe 2023.

Jackie Squance - Chairman Surrey Area JDS&E.

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