

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

Firstly may I wish you all a belated Happy New Year.

This is usually the time when I can regale you all with news of everything that we have been up to this year and boast of how busy we have been. Sadly, for obvious reasons I am unable to write too much today.

My wonderful Committee of Jane Rickard [Education], Claire Bryant [Demonstrators], Sue Slark [Workshops], Laura Hawken [Treasurer], Diane Melton [Secretary]. Margaret Trepant [Ex Officio] and myself [Judges Rep, Speakers contact and Chairman] have however not exactly been idle.

Claire has been kept busy on the Demonstrators' front mentoring and giving much needed advice where necessary with many on line demonstrations having taken place through lockdown. I know that once we are all out of the woods Claire is keen to organise a Demonstrators' Taster Day.

Jane, Sue and Margaret have all still been overseeing and running Levels 2, 3 and 4 throughout the year through zoom. I understand we are the ONLY Area organising all three levels! Jane has also attended a virtual Education Reps days at HQ.

Judges have not been so busy with an understandable complete lack of shows. However the Chairman's Challenge which aired in December and is running once a month through the year has allowed a few to hone their skills. Please do enter, don't disappoint the Judges! I am ever hopeful that again, once out of the woods, we will arrange the much delayed Judges Refresher Day and if there is enough interest we may consider embarking on an Area Judges Training course on 2022.

I understand that Speakers have also been able to show their talents by virtue of Zoom. Thank heavens for this technical age we live in...love it or hate it.

Sue has had to put all of our Workshops on hold for the time being until the future becomes clearer.

Needless to say things don't stand still for either Laura as Treasurer or Diane as Secretary. They are both so much appreciated for their vast input.

We have all still been attending our bi monthly Meetings on Zoom in order to keep everything going and report to our Officers and all of you at the virtual Council Meetings.

So there we have it, a brief resume of life on the JDSE during lockdown. Never boring nor dull....always something for us to get our teeth into.

I suspect that once back in harness we shall probably be rushed off our feet to make up for lost time.

In the meantime on behalf of the gang.....Jane, Sue, Claire, Laura, Margaret, Diane and myself.....may I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and, most of all, Safe 2021.

Jackie Squance

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