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CAROLE'S CHIT CHAT

Another new year, a year older and no wiser. Well at least I'm honest.

Happy New Year to you all and Good Luck in your Doggy Activities.

Thank you all for coming to the various activities that your Club held in 2007, it was quite a busy year. The Barn dance was great fun and thoroughly enjoyed by those that attended. Now I know which of you do not know which is left and which is right, some folks got in a real muddle, I won't embarrass anyone by name. There was a lot of laughter and it wasn't all caused by the drink. The raffle raised £100 for the Canine Partners, our charity for 2008. A huge thank you must go to Anthony and Vicky for the superb food and cake, to Norman and Pat for the raffle and Penny and Sarah who helped me set the hall up during the afternoon, well done everyone.

The Christmas party sounded great fun, being well supported. We had a bonus in that Ray Hardie and Joy Venturi-Rose played live music for us, thank you Ray for arranging that. Patricia Bland and her team of merry helpers organised the games, Beryl Greenslade ran the quiz (from her chair). Penny Peters did a sterling job with the photo competition. What some wonderful photos, some of you are real budding

David Baileys. Anthony Haigh sorted out the food you all bought in, so A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE.

Sorry If I was a bit unsocial to anyone but I was feeling a bit green around the gills, having just had surgery.

Did any of you watch a program on BBC1 on 7th Janu-



ary called elephant diaries? It was on for the week but that was the 1st episode. It's all about orphan elephants in Kenya, and how the keepers are with them 24 hours a day, they even sleep in the stable with them and cover them with a blanket as some of these babies are so traumatised from seeing their mothers killed by poachers. A tiny dehydrated baby was brought to the safari park and it was hours from death, the

immediate problem was to get some fluid into it, then it was airlifted to the orphanage in Nairobi, run by a lady called Daphne. She has devoted her life to the rescue of these superb intelligent creatures, as soon as babe was in a stable it was given RESCUE REMEDY and water. The following morning the baby was on its feet albeit a bit wobbly but he was alive.

He turned out to be blind in one eye and the sight in the other eye was of concern to the vet.

I also watched a programme on Shaun Ellis the WOLF MAN, and his extraordinary relationship with the wolf pack in Devon, and another excellent documentary was about a chap in Africa who is ALFA in a pack of Hyena, and a pride of Lions. The body language and the way it talks to the animals was wonderful to watch. He knew how close the mother of a new litter of hyena pups would

allow him, the first day she actually gave him a pup to hold, but a few days later she would only allow him within feet of her shed door. Her space was not to be invaded and although she didn't chase him, the language said that's far enough.

We should be more aware of our dogs body language, and inter act with it.

Please keep an eye on the

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Crufts 2008

Good luck to the following:

Jan Kiley with Kerry, in Special pre Beginner stakes

Gina Pink with Tapper in Heelwork to Music

Neville Uden and Robbie in the Channel Isles team

Kim Innes Day

There are still some places available please see page 5

CAROLE'S CHIT CHAT (continued)

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club diary that is on the last page of this newsletter, also check the notice boards at agility and at club.

We have a Kim Innes training day on the 3rd February at BOSC, Bordon and there are handler places available, email me or telephone for details. This is an ideal opportunity to learn from a top ticket handler without having to travel a distance.

I am in the process of making arrangements for our Companion Dog Show which will be at Bordon on the 18th May. There will be the usual breed classes, novelty, and the 4 obedience classes. Canine Partners will be there and giving demonstrations through the afternoon. What I would like to do is to get the FORMATION to MUSIC display team up and running so that our first demonstration will be at this show. We have a few interested people, but I need more handlers. Your dogs must be of a reliable nature and up to Silver Kennel Club standard; you will need to be committed to

rehearsals, especially nearer the date, some of which will be at a weekend. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE COME TO CLUB ON THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY AT 8PM. This is not a rehearsal just a chat in the kitchen to explain what I have in mind, and then we will have a selection evening to be arranged.

For those interested in Border Collies have a browse of Barbara Sykes's new charity, called Freedom of Spirit Trust for Border Collies. The web site is now up and running.

Glancing through the Kennel Club dog owners group newsletter it is worrying to see so many councils that have consultations running on dog fouling, beach exclusions, restricting dogs from certain areas and also limiting the number of dogs a person can walk. This is where the Kennel Club can put pressure on the council. For example - the Isle of Wight council tried to ban dogs from all children's play areas, OKAY, but no dogs

within 10 metres of that play area, that's a bit tough on Mum's collecting the kiddies from school and going to the park on the way home with the dog. They also wanted to increase the months on the dog ban on the beaches. The council have backed down on the 10 metre ban and the extra time on the beach ban. Other councils have implemented leads on in parks and restricted the number of dogs, some say 3 dogs others 4. but the London Borough of Kensington, at this moment in time, is 2 dogs but they have agreed for a new consultation to lift that from 2 to 6.

Unfortunately it's the MINORITY THAT HAS CAUSED THE MAJORITY A PROBLEM. On that note please clean up behind your dogs but don't leave it hanging on a tree, (as was the case in a local, popular walking area last year) or just throw the plastic bag full of s--- on the ground. TAKE IT HOME if there is no bin in the area.

Carole

Kennel Club Good Citizens Award

Bronze 29th November 2007 Examiner Carole West

Tessa Driscoll with Bramley
Pam Kerr with Tess
Sue Monks with Harry
Gina Pink (guest trainer) with Busy

Kathryn Souster with Lottie
Gillain Winter with Milly
Vivien Bown with Sasha

Well done to you all.

HEELWORK-TO-MUSIC

With some trepidation I decided to take one of my Labrador Retrievers, Barney, who is now six years old, to the Gina Pinks Seminar on Heelwork-To-Music. Barney enjoyed his day but was hopeless - not much bend in him! However, the way Gina was telling us what to do and showing us the end result with her lovely dog, Tapper, was very informative. As a gun-dog person, I was truly



amazed at the amount of titbits that you have to use - Barney loved that bit! I thoroughly enjoyed my day and was totally exhausted at the end of it. Thanks very much to Carole for arranging the day.

Liz Barnes

Haslemere and District Dog Training Christmas Party

As a family this was our very first dog training Christmas party and it proved to be a very enjoyable evening for both dogs and owners - if not a little unusual. Tango really enjoyed himself and his team won the "fastest dogs in socks race". The "eat the sausage on a plate race" was another firm favourite. This was one race we definitely lost, mainly as like the majority of participants the plate had to be checked just in case there was another tasty morsel somewhere.

My advice for the folding newspaper game for next year is either borrow a shiatsu or teach your dog to sit on your shoulders, which, as we saw, is possible. Great flare and panache was demonstrated by all and the dogs were wonderfully obedient. We all now have a year to perfect our techniques and training so that at next year's party we will be ready for almost anything. For someone new to the club this was an excellent way to get to



know some other members. Our team made a creditable effort at the quiz and I even won a raffle prize from the raffle for Canine Partners. Further funds were raised from the photographic competition and there were some really beautiful pictures of our canine friends. Excellent musical accompaniment was provided by one of our trainers, Ray Hardie, and Joy Venturi-Rose. A festive feast was enjoyed as we all brought a plate of "human" treats to share. My thanks to Patricia and the rest of the team for all the efforts during the term and for making the Christmas party such and enjoy-

able evening.

Romey Christie

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

What a rush! Trying to organise the competition in a matter of two weeks. Well done to everyone who gave in all those lovely pictures. I was getting desperate but we did it. Nearly 70 photos! Wow! The judge certainly had her hands full. She found it very difficult to select winners from all your photos as they were all so good. Congratulations to those who did win and a big 'thank-you' to all who contributed. We raised £65 for our Charity of the Year - Canine Partners.

Penny Peters

PS we are still owed £2.50 - please make sure you pay over your money to Penny, a member of the Committee or your trainer. Thank-you Penny and Judge for running this in time for our Christmas Party.

AGILITY UPDATE

2008 has got off to a good start for Agility. The classes are full and we have a healthy waiting list! Looking back at 2007, everyone at all levels has improved. New members have progressed from absolute beginners to competent handlers and longer-standing members have continued to advance (despite often feeling frustrated)! and meet new challenges. Some have had their first taste of competition (in the pouring rain)! and hopefully will try again this season. For the competing members there has been laughter and tears - rosettes, trophies and disasters! Tina, Becky, Nicky and myself have got prizes, league awards and won out of our various grades. We all have 'baby' dogs waiting in the wings so fingers and paws crossed for 2008. This year's Open Show will be missed by many from both inside and outside the Club but look forward to the Limited Show



planned for September. It should give us all something to aim towards (with hopefully some new club competitors) and inspire us to work together within the Agility group to organise a fantastic show in 2009.

A special mention should be made to Casca - Nicky's star agility beardie. At Christmas, Casca had a near-fatal accident whilst being exercised. Despite the odds, he has recovered from serious injury and infection and we look forward to him regaining full fitness and getting back to what he loves in the agility ring.

Claine Saxton

More Puppies, More Partnerships

This has been a ground-breaking year for the Charity. At the time of writing our trainers are busy placing our 23rd, 24th and 25th dogs of the year, making a total of 25 partnerships so far in 2007 – that's 25 more people's lives changed; and a record for Canine Partners.

Immense progress has been made in the Puppy Department ready for further expansion next year. Over the course of the last 12 months we have doubled our numbers of puppies and now have 60 pups to choose from in order to meet next year's challenging target of 40 placements.

These are exciting times, as we effectively triple our numbers of placements over a five year period (our aspiration is to be placing 60 dogs a year by 2010).

This year has also seen significant developments of our work. On the geographical front, we have now started to offer the same service to people with disabilities in Scotland as we do to people in England and Wales. We have also changed the way we do things and have become much more flexible in the way we deliver our services, tailor-making each dog for its chosen human partner.



During 2007 we have set up a national network of Occupational Therapists who work alongside our existing network of After-care Assistants in order to help us deliver our services around the regions of the UK. We are proud to have added East Scotland, Cheshire and Isle of Wight to our established network of Puppy Satellites, currently comprising Southampton, East Sussex, Hull, Bedford and, of course, Heyshott.

We have achieved much in 2007 but have much more to do in 2008 and 2009. Immediate aims include the setting-up of further Puppy Satellites, certainly in Essex, and possibly also in

regions such as West Scotland, West Midlands and South-West England. Above all we must change another 40 people's lives next year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Andy Cook

Director of Operations, the trainers and Canine Partners in the making.

Canine Partners Information Days

In 2007 nearly 2000 people attended our Information Sessions held at Heyshott. These sessions are free and include a brief presentation followed by a short film, a demonstration of dogs in advanced and intermediate training and concludes with a short talk by one of our Partnerships.

We would be delighted to welcome you to the Centre this year.

If you or your group would like to attend any of the following sessions, please contact Jane Bryant on 01730 716013 to check availability and book yourself in.

This year's sessions will run on the following dates:-

- Wednesday 19th March
- Tuesday 27th May
- Wednesday 28th May
- Thursday 19th June
- Friday 20th June
- Wednesday 2nd July
- Thursday 18th September
- Friday 10th October
- Wednesday 5th November

RAISINS & GRAPES

Did you know that these are poisonous to dogs? Unfortunately, not many people do know this. I did but have recently read two articles advising about this so it must be a problem about which I thought it best to warn you all. As few as **SEVEN** raisins or grapes could be toxic to your pet and yet many people give these as treats. Please stop now if you are one of those owners. These innocent looking fruits can cause vomiting, diarrhoea and shaking and possible renal failure - leading to death and a very painful death at that - or you would elect to put your pet to sleep. Stick to carrots! You may remember that you were

warned about the dangers of chocolate in a previous newsletter but did you also know that daffodil bulbs are poisonous to our canine companions - watch out when doing your planting for these very pretty Spring flowers and don't leave your pain killers lying about as Ibuprofen can make your dogs very ill.

Patricia Bland

PLAN AHEAD

Get your diaries ready and note what we have planned for you:

Sunday 3rd February Kim Innes will once again be showing you how to have a really good Obedience dog and this is not just for competition people as her tips are useful for everyone. Previous participants have gained a great deal from the day and as we only have three places left as we go to press you need to contact Carole West on 01428 723572 or email carols.west@virgin.net to get further information or book your place. The day will be held at the Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club starting at 9.00am and finishing at 4.30pm. Tea and coffee will be provided but bring your own mug and your own lunch. Cost? £32.50 per handler + dog and £15 for spectators - you can learn a lot from just watching.

Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th March Not exactly run by us but this is when Crufts will be on at the NEC, Birmingham and we have three people competing to whom we send our very special good luck wishes: Jan Kiley, Neville Uden and Gina Pink. We are not running a coach this year as we did not have enough support last year so lost money on it but if you make your way there you are sure to have a really good day - lots to see, lots to learn about and lots to buy! Check out the Kennel Club website www.crufts.org.uk to find out what's on each day.

Thursday 3rd April We will be running a Kennel Club Good Citizen Bronze test this evening at Grayshott Village Hall. Anyone interested in taking this should add their names to the list on the desk or contact Beryl Greenslade 01428 604479. As you probably are aware, we have been advised by the Kennel Club that only people ready to take this test should do so, so don't be offended if we suggest you wait until the next one. Better to be sure you will succeed than go home unhappy!

Sunday 18th May Last year we ran a Companion Dog Show on the wettest Sunday imaginable and despite the horrendous weather, it was a successful day much enjoyed by all. We plan to run another one but watch our notice boards and website www.hddtc.co.uk for further details. The Show will be at the Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club and will comprise the following Classes: Pedigree Breed, Novelty, Competition Obedience at different levels and will also run a Kennel Club Good Citizen Bronze test. We need helpers - yes you can still compete - please don't leave it all to the committee and your trainers to run the show. Contact any of the committee, your trainer or Carole West for further information and to volunteer your services.

News From The Vineyard

I think I was overlooked in the last newsletter but I'm back now! My arthritic front feet and stiff back legs have been causing me a bit of bother. My food looks and tastes different and there have been mutterings from the Food Provider about *this had better work 'cos it's costing an arm and a leg'* and I think it has worked because I can move easier but occasionally forget myself and jump over the big log in the woods in front of our cottage which apparently is their bench mark of how I am. The little black monster, Syrah, just sails over it along with her mother and grandmother - such show-offs these Flatcoats.

Syrah gets dragged out every week to gundog training which gives me a couple of hours of quiet time and goes out on her own with the Old Geezer nearly every day which again is bliss. Actually, she's not a bad little monster and we do have a few rough and tumbles together but the FP gets a bit prissy if I've just been groomed - so it takes her nearly an hour - can I help it if blonde hair shows the dirt? I'm back on Pets As Therapy duty but did have to share the limelight over Christmas as Syrah came with me and shared the fuss and even worse - shared the bikkies! She says she's going to be a PAT Dog soon so I've been explaining what she has to do and how to look sweet to gain maximum treats and oohs and aahs.

Beware of the Dog:

Upon entering a small country store, a stranger noticed a sign saying **DANGER! BEWARE OF DOG!** posted on the glass door. Inside a harmless old hound dog was asleep on the floor besides the cash register.

He asked the store manager, "Is that the dog folks are supposed to beware of?"

"Yep, that's him," he replied. The amused stranger inquired, "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

The owner responded, "Because, before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

If you fancy being a PAT Dog get your FP to look at www.petsastherapy.org or contact my FP, Patricia on 01428 683640. I see we are due to give some more talks on the PAT charity soon - great as I get more sweeties, more cuddles and a chance to have a kip away from the big black dogs!

I think the OG and FP are losing the plot a bit - we went to West Wittering the other day for a frolic on the beach. The wind was so strong that the dummies they threw into the sea hardly got there and the sea was thrashing about in the shallows so much that the Flatcoats couldn't swim. Me? I just paddled and nicked a dummy and took it a long way up the beach when no-one was watching. Luckily, they saw sense before too long and we went inland for a walk - in the pouring rain which stopped just as we returned to the car. Did I say they saw sense? Perhaps not. Must dash now - got to oversee the dinner preparation as I think I'm still getting short rations!

Chablis - ace retriever, super swimmer and expert treat eater



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Sunday 3rd	Kim Innes Day at Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club
Monday 4th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 7th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 11th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 14th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 18th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 21st	No Training Hall in use
Monday 25th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 28th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall

MARCH

Monday 3rd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 6th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
6th to 9th	Crufts at NEC
Monday 10th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 13th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 17th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 20th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 24th	Easter Monday No Training
Thursday 27th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 31st	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre

APRIL

Thursday 3rd	Good Citizen Bronze Test at Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 7th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 10th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 14th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 17th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 21st	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 24th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 28th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre

MAY

Thursday 1st	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 5th	Bank Holiday No Training
Thursday 8th	No Training Hall in use
Monday 12th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 15th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Sunday 18th	Companion Dog Show at Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club