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## CAROLE'S CHIT CHAT

Sitting upstairs working on the computer it is hard to remember when the sun shone for more than 10 minutes, when the dogs were last dry and the kitchen floor didn't look like the local common. Goldies love this wet weather it means they can't be told off for walking through the muddiest puddle they can find but then off course the sand dries and ends up on my floor, and boy do I hate a dirty kitchen floor. It's one of my pet hates, - when the children were small it was always get those wellies off at the door not in my kitchen!

As some of you know, I have recently been on holiday in the Orkneys, visiting friends we haven't seen for 20 years. We stayed in one of their homes which they have totally renovated, called the Kilnmans Cottage. They also own the Mill which they bought with no roof on and have restored that into a beautiful home and Kilnmans Cottage was the original home for the man who kept the kiln stoked and burning for drying the cereals in the mill, hence the name.

They have won 3 awards for the restoration work on both places. The car we borrowed runs on chip fat oil, and they also have a licence to produce liquid fertilizer from seaweed which is harvested out in the bay. Very enterprising and of course good for the local economy, as they employ locals to help.

The island of Westray which is where they live is tiny with a population of 600, the school takes pupils from infants to 16 and our friend who is deputy head has 8 in his class.

Cars and houses are left unlocked and everybody talks to everybody. The beaches are beautiful and the



*Our Chairman seems relaxed at the Agility Show. What was in those cups?*

fish and chips are to die for. Yes we did have sunshine but we also had fog, but what a fantastic holiday, just walking, chilling out, bird watching, etc. We did a gannet count for the RSPB, 120 nesting pairs compared to 40 last year, We went out on a boat trip to the Naup, which are sheer cliffs and the skipper had been asked to do the count if he could get close enough to the cliffs, because the sea swell doesn't allow them to get close very often but we were lucky, there was only a gentle swell, so we got right against the cliffs. There is nothing between the Naup and Nova Scotia so apparently when it's rough

boulders get thrown by the sea up onto the top of the cliffs by the lighthouse. We also saw puffins which are comical little birds, but the one thing I would love to have seen was the pod of killer whales which had been around a few days before we got there. Never mind, there is always next time, I'm not leaving it another 20 years before I see them again.

Back to dog club. The Club has been around for 40 years, so we are holding some celebrations. The dog walk and bbq at the Rising Sun Millland on the 26th July, see you all there I hope. A Barn Dance on the 23rd November at the BOSCA [now we will see who doesn't know their left from their right,]

It's great fun if you haven't been to one before, so give it a go and order your tickets from either Anthony Haigh on 01420 487454

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Thank you to everyone who helped at the Agility Show especially to Becky and Stuart who gave up so much of their time, not to mention the effort of organizing it. The profit was £2,583. We have to rely on other agility clubs' help when it comes to running a show of that size, as our agility section is fairly small with only a handful of handlers who compete, so a big thank-you has to go to so many people for making it a success.

Thank you to everyone who

turned out in awful weather, rain, and thunder to help with the Companion Dog Show. Surprisingly the profit from that show was £50 for our charity.

On Thursday evenings our classes are very well attended and we have a waiting list, as we get very few drop outs, so we must be doing something right as they say. The instructors really don't like more than 10 in a class, but this particular session we have many more than that so all instructors have an assistant with them. For those of you who are off on holiday in the next few weeks, for those of you who like myself are now praying for some warm dry weather to get the hay crop in—good luck, have a restful August and see you all in September. Please do not forget to tell Beryl whether you in booking in for September or not we need to know.

*Carole*

# Companion Dog Show

On a very wet day in May we bravely set out to run our Companion Dog Show in aid of The Blue Cross. Feeling like the Michelin man, dressed in my wet weather gear usually reserved for picking-up on winter shoots, I waddled across the field at the Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club to assist in putting out more equipment and join the other stalwart helpers in wondering if anyone would bother turning out in this horrendous weather. Judges and other stewards arrived and wonder of wonder so did competitors! Clutching soggy pieces of paper and escorting even soggier dogs, they bravely entered into the spirit of things and took their dogs through their paces at the various Obedience classes expertly run by judges: Carole West for Starters, Sandy Elliston for Improvers, Penny Peters at Intermediate and Chris Turner sorted out the Advanced level. Jo Hewison gamely sorted out the different varieties in the Pedigree classes and thanks to vet Alan Wight for deciding the so many different dogs in so many different classes all under the Novelty umbrella - and boy did we need a real umbrella! Later on we had some thunder and lightning which unfortunately always upsets some of the dogs but for those who braved all these elements the sun shone - well do they do say that the sun shines on the righteous. I was the Examiner for the Kennel Club Good Citizen Bronze level and passed a few but yet again the ID tag caused a few to be *Not Ready* before we even began. I stress this point again and again - this tag is LAW. Under the Control of Dogs Act 1992 it stipulates that the ID tag must have the owner's name and address. Everyone did actually enjoy themselves and thanks to all who entered the competitions and who bought raffle prizes and tickets we raised £50 for The Blue Cross. This will be added to other sums raised during the year and will be sent to them after our AGM - that's on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October just to give you prior warning.

**Patricia Bland**

*Thanks to Norman Pettet for the photographs on pages 1, 2, and the Agility show on page 5. Norman has taken numerous photos of the Companion Dog Show and the Agility Show and I will eventually get these onto our web site.*



*Best in Show Portia with Terri Woodcock and Judge Jo Hewison*

## **PEDIGREE CLASSES:**

### **Any Variety Puppy**

1st Webley - Gordon Setter - Mrs A Sprake

### **AV Sporting**

1st Webley - Gordon Setter - Mrs A Sprake

### **AV Non-Sporting**

1st Turbo - Boxer - Alan Elis  
3rd Alfie - St Poodle - Christine Gibson\*  
4th Basil - Shetland Sheepdog - Anne Colles\*

### **AV Open**

1st Portia - Portuguese Water Dog - Terri Woodcock

### **Best in Show**

1st Portia - Portuguese Water Dog - Terri Woodcock  
Reserve: Webley - Gordon Setter - Mrs A Sprake

## **NOVELTY CLASSES:**

### **Young Dogs**

1st Tia - Shih Tzu - Mrs A Sprake

### **Handsome Dog**

1st Diezel - Great Dane - Amy Ayres

## **RESULTS**

### **Prettiest Bitch**

1st Amber - Amber - Jessica Perry  
2nd Milly - Border Collie - Caroline Hallam\*

### **Best Rescue**

1st Sooty - Paterdale x - Iris Whitfield

### **Veteran**

1st Wellington - Labrador - Karen Thackeray  
3rd Taggie - Border Collie - Caroline Hallam\*

### **Child Handler**

1st Daughter of Claire Saxton\*  
3rd Max - Border Collie - Daughter of Amanda Pollock\*

### **Waggiest Tail**

1st No 92 no details  
2nd T-Bag - Sarah Dancock\*

### **Best Cross Breed/Mongrel**

1st Gini - Lurcher - Adrian Chaney

### **Brace**

1st Webley /? - Gordon Setter - Mrs A Sprake

## **OBEDIENCE**

### **Starters**

1st Millie - Caroline Hallam\*  
2nd Alfie - Christine Gibson\*  
4th Taggie - Caroline Hallam\*

### **Improvers**

1st Moss - Tina Gould\*  
6th Kirby - Ray Hardie\*

### **Intermediates**

1st Dirko - Pat Scragg  
3rd Bella - Sarah Kinch\*

### **Advanced**

1st Caleb - Pat Scragg

\* Haslemere Club members

## **GET YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**

**In order to save on postage we would like to send future editions of the Club's newsletters by email in pdf format. All those that would like to receive their newsletter in this format please email as detailed below. THANKS**

## VETERINARY ADVICE

Summer is now with us (although we don't seem to have seen much sun recently!) and there are a few things that as dog owners we need to think about.

Grass seeds from meadow grasses are a big problem for many dogs; these can work their way into ears, paws and other areas, so check your dog's coat, paws and ears after walks through grassy areas.

Another problem lurking in long grass is ticks, which are being a particular problem this year. Ticks are blood sucking parasites and bury their mouthparts into the skin, becoming firmly attached in the process. As they fill up with blood from the dog their body expands. They are a nuisance for two reasons – they can

cause abscesses where they attach and they can transmit serious blood borne diseases such as Lyme disease. Ticks can be prevented and treated with products available from your vet, where you can also purchase a tick remover to safely remove all parts of the tick.

Bee stings can be a problem at this time of year. Inquisitive dogs may be stung while nosing at bees, and as with humans prompt attention may be necessary as some dogs are allergic to bee stings. The same applies to snake bites – these are usually painful and cause severe swelling – keep your dog as quiet as possible and take him or her straight to the vet, phoning ahead to warn them that you are on your way.

Avoid exercising your dog in the heat of the day – in very warm weather you are best to walk your dogs early in the morning and in the cool of the evening. Make sure that your dog has fresh water available at all times, and consider trimming coats on long haired dogs. Lastly, just a quick reminder that dogs and hot cars do not mix!

Mark Scott, MRCVS  
Amery Veterinary Group  
Alton, Bordon and Grayshott

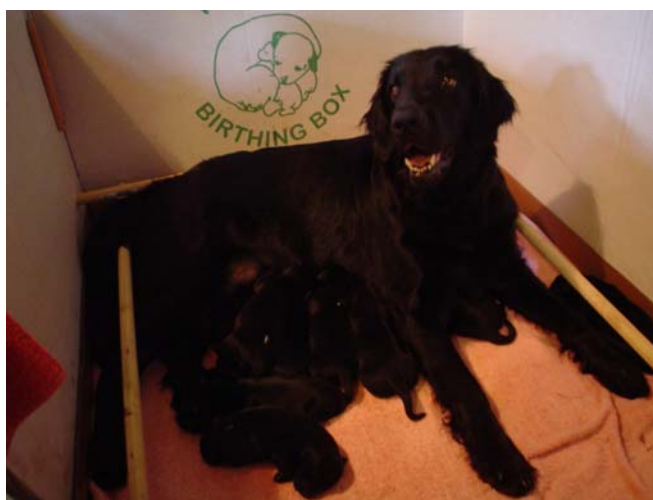
## News From The Vineyard

Oh no - they've done it again! Lots of little black moles have arrived to annoy me and this time there's even more! Apparently my friend, Medoc - you know the one that always seems to be winning trophies and showing off about them - well she had a litter of ten yes that's right ten Flatcoat puppies and would be you believe it nine of them are boys. The Old Geezer wanted a girl so he's keeping Syrah but the rest of the gang will go off to new homes in the middle of August so peace will once again reign here. Not all of the boys have yet got homes to go to, so if you would like a black Flatcoated Retriever, please do give the Food Provider or the Old Geezer a call 'cos I'm

not sure I could cope with too many of them here. Last time, the little b..s chased me around the garden and as you know, my legs are not what they were so I'm keeping well clear this time.

In view of the pups and my duff legs, I

don't think we will be able to go on the walk on 26<sup>th</sup> July but I might send the FP so that she can bring home a doggy bag of left-overs from the BBQ that Anthony



is also arranging. Not sure if the FP can cope with the quiz without me, after all I'm obviously extremely clever - how many other Golden Retrievers do you know that can use a computer?

I must be very tasty as I get more ticks

than the other dogs, despite being Frontlined and I really don't like it when the FP goes digging into my long fur to find them. Reminds me of the monkeys I sometimes watch on TV. Still I gather that the ticks can cause some very bad diseases to both us and our human friends so I put up with the grooming.

We got rained off at a Pets As Therapy event - obviously not such strong willed folk as the Haslemere people who donned wellies and plastic macs and had a good time at the Companion Dog Show. I would have come but didn't want to wipe the floor and take away all the prizes, especially the Prettiest Bitch!

Enjoy the Summer - hope it stops raining soon.

Love *Chablis*

It would be great if this newsletter could be produced quarterly giving all Club Members details on what has happened and what will be happening but for this to happen I do need articles and, if at all possible, pictures. So if you or your dog has done something noteworthy, be it a grand achievement or something funny please let me know. I can accept pictures and articles by email or post.

I can be contacted as follows:

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## All Kinds of Dogs

All Kinds of dogs-  
Which kind is best?  
The big buff one  
With the neat white vest?

The very small one  
With the quick, sharp bark?  
The princely one  
That you see in the park?

Or the funny little old  
Waggly one?  
All kinds of kinds,  
and all kinds of fun?

All kinds of dogs,  
And of all the rest,  
The kind you have  
Is the kind that's best!

## Dog Days

Most of the year  
My Puppy's tail  
Keeps beating like a drum.  
But in the summer,  
When the hot  
And sultry Dog Days come,  
He likes to go  
To some dark place  
(like underneath my bed)  
And wag his little panting tongue  
To keep him cool, instead.

*Thanks to Vicky Haigh for the poems.*

## GOOD CITIZENS

**Bronze 26th April 2007 Judge Liz Mould**

The passes were as follows:

Sue Thornton with Ella  
Sally Cartwright with Barney  
Sam Woods with Teddy  
Pam Kerr with Harley  
Jenny McFarlane with Flora  
Sarah O'Grady with Maisie  
Janice Davis with Sam  
Edward Watt with Rolo  
Clive Barter with Sally  
Della Plant with Pippa

**Silver 31st May 2007 Judge Julia Harboard**

Annabelle Armstrong with JD  
Barbara Lidgley with Keira  
Gill Dymond with Rowan  
Rosie Dymond with Willow  
Jan Kiley with Campbell  
Jan Kiley with Kerry  
Sue Thornton with Cyd

Well done to everybody who took part.

## LOWLAND SEARCH DOGS



*This article appeared on the Lowland Search Dogs (Sussex) web site last October.*

What a wonderful group of people. What an association it has been. We were invited to dog shows not just as guests but VIP's. The hospitality was of the warmest kind. Every event they held, every talk, almost anything they could think of was there to raise money for Lowland Search Dogs (Sussex).

And raise it they did.

When they presented the cheque to our Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer at their AGM it was for a staggering £1654.

A big thank you goes to Carole West who suggested us to the Dog Club as a possible nomination.

And for the generosity of Haslemere and District Dog Training Club who were so kind to us.

The money these kind people raised will go towards the completion of the Group's I.C.U. (Incident Control Unit)

This vehicle is an important addition to the Group's assets, as it will help us during searches for missing and vulnerable people by providing a much needed base

of operation out in the field and during training exercises.

As a Group we hope to continue a long association with these wonderful people.

***For those of you who would like to find out more about Lowland Search Dogs there web site address is:  
[www.lsdogs-sx-org.uk](http://www.lsdogs-sx-org.uk)***

*It is also very pleasing when Charities that we support are so grateful. It certainly makes it all worthwhile and hopefully we will maintain the connection.*

## Past and Present

You may wonder why your past chairman Neville Uden and present chairman were dressed in cowboy outfits riding hobby horses. Neville asked me to judge the Jersey 3 day show at Easter and I was told to bring a cowboy outfit for a wild west evening. Somebody had brought with them the hobby horses so Neville and I decided to rustle them for the fancy dress competition, all good fun, we weren't lynched as we went on to play silly games such as lasso the bollards, hobby horse jumping, throw a wellie.

This 3 day show organized by Neville's partner Janet, Neville and the committee of the Jersey Junior Handlers, is superb and I would recommend a holiday on the lovely Island and enter the show which combines a Companion Dog Show on the Thursday evening, then the agility,



obedience and showing on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and is judged on the handler's handling skills not the dog's ability. The venue is superb, the natives friendly and the gang from Wales that go every year are great fun. I was lucky enough to stay with Neville, Janet and Stuart [Janet's son] in their new home and we all got along fine. Everyone mucks in and helps, the Kitchen gang are superb, the evenings' entertainments are fun and then you finish off with the gala dinner/disco on the Sunday evening. I spent 5 days with Neville and I have to say it is exhausting but great fun. Do you remember the word SUNSHINE, it seems like ages ago since we saw the sun, but it Shone on us in Jersey at Easter time.

*Carole West*

## THE AGILITY SHOW AT SECRETT'S



*Can I open my eyes yet?*

The day started very early. Some helpers had to be at the ground by 6.30 am. to help direct the competitors where to park their cars.

In previous years only Large dogs competed. This year the show was opened to Mini and Medium size dogs as well as Large and as there wasn't another show in the vicinity, cars kept coming and coming! When no further cars could be squeezed in, the show began.

The Tombola this year was in aid of The Blue Cross and a representative from the Charity came to set up a

stand and to distribute leaflets. He was also able to watch the competition as it was the first time he had attended an Agility Show.

Thanks go to Pat and Norman Pettet for running the Tombola, which made a profit for the charity.

The day was deemed to be a great success, partly helped by the weather and more importantly by the good organization of Stuart Greenslade, the Show Manager and Becky Layphries, the Show Secretary.



*I must remember to tread on the yellow bit.*



*Am I as bendy as a Collie?*

If you didn't go—why not? You missed a great day out and actually we needed all the help we could get—perhaps you will lend a hand next year? No agility experience required—just you and your willingness to 'muck in'.

*Judy Steel*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY

Monday 2nd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 5th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 9th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 12th	<b>Inter Club Match Grayshott Village Hall</b>
Monday 16th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 19th	<b>Good Citizen Gold 7.30 pm Grayshott Village Hall &amp; Recreation Ground</b>
Monday 23rd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 26th	<b>Walk and Pub Barbeque—Rising Sun, Milland—contact Anthony Haigh</b>
Monday 30th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre

### AUGUST

#### **NO TRAINING DURING MONTH**

Thursday 23rd	Kim Innes Training Day Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club Please contact Carole West for details.
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### SEPTEMBER

Monday 3rd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 6th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
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	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 27th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall

### OCTOBER

Monday 1st	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 4th	<b>Good Citizen Silver 7.30 Grayshott Village Hall</b>
Monday 8th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 11th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 15th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 18th	<b>Club AGM at Grayshott Village Hall</b>
Monday 22nd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 25th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 29th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre

### NOVEMBER

Sunday 11th	<b>Heelwork to Music with Gina Pink at Bordon &amp; Oakhanger Sports Club Please contact Carole West for details.</b>
Friday 23rd November	<b>Barn Dance at Bordon &amp; Oakhanger Sports Club Please contact Anthony Haigh for details &amp; Tickets.</b>