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## CAROLE'S COGITATIONS

Hopefully you will have all recovered from the excess of Christmas Pudding and life has returned to some sort of normality. Our own dogs enjoyed the long walks over the holiday period as Hubby and I decided to take a long walk down into the Milland Valley to Titty Hill on towards Wispers School and then back across the fields past Bowley Farm. Unfortunately, the track past the two cottages at Titty Hill was so muddy that it was impassable due to the motor bikes and off-rovers churning it into an absolute mess so that we had to climb up the side of the hill through all the shrubbery to get past. Hubby used to live in one of the cottages and he remembers that as a little lad walking to school it was always muddy due to the natural springs that feed the ponds down the track. Needless to say the Goldies thought they were in heaven, caked in thick mud - thank goodness they enjoy swimming. Down to the ponds we clambered where Larry, our one-year old Goldie, queried as to why I was asking him to get out of the pond, having only just sent him in! On the whole afternoon's walk we met only one other walker and he was from Stedham.

We enjoyed a match of Agility and Obedience against Billingshurst Dog Club. The Obedience was on the Sunday afternoon and our team consisted of Amanda Greenwood with Bobby and Becky Layphries with Poodie in Pre-Beginners. Then Caroline Hallam with Max, Pat Hawkins with both Tansy and Willow in Beginners and in Novice we had Ray Hardie with Kirby and me with Scully. We lost 18 to 23 points but I think the exer-



cise proved very successful and I was really proud of our team. I will organise a return match for the Autumn. Talking of matches - we are sending a team to Andover on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April but unfortunately I can't go so Ray Hardie will be our team leader. The Barbara Sykes course has been postponed until the weekend of 14th/15th October. Sorry about that! All

my fault as I've got to go into hospital for surgery but as soon as I've finalised the costings and venues, letters will be sent out to all those who were already booked on the course and further forms will be circulated later. Sarah Kinch organised a coach to Crufts for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March for which all places were booked. Perhaps one of the Club Members who went would write an article about the trip for our next newsletter? We would also like your feedback as to whether we run a trip next year?

The Canine Talks Evening was excellent and the raffle raised £71 for the Lowland

### Search Dogs.

Three of their handlers and dogs came to the talks and they enjoyed it immensely. Thanks to all who turned out on a filthy night! The evening ran slightly late

due to lots of questions and unfortunately Mary Peters of Forever Living Aloe Vera had to rush her talk but, bless her, she did say that for any queries we could 'phone her at home. Aloe Vera is excellent for so many ailments both human and animal. I use it as a First aid, for bathing the dogs, in their grub if they are off-colour, cleaning ears and teeth - you name it - I use it. What I like about

Aloe Vera is that you can also use it in conjunction with other treatments such as Bach Flower Remedies and homeopathy but always consult your vet if you are concerned about your pet's health. Vets are so much more amenable about complementary therapies these days.

If you have any suggestions as to what you would like organised at Club, please see one of the Committee. Don't forget that we have books and videos which you can borrow - these are in the cupboard in the small hall at Grayshott - if it's locked just ask a Committee member for the key.

The Obedience and Agility Shows are about to start in earnest so why not enter a class at our own Companion Dog Show on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club. You never know - you might get bitten

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# CAROLE'S COGITATIONS



“Our Open Agility Show on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Secrett's in Milford is in need of your help”

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by the bug! Our more experienced handlers are always willing to support and advise you and our only request is if you see us working our dogs getting

ready for the ring, please speak to us later.  
Our Open Agility Show on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Secrett's in Milford is in need of your help. It is the Club's show so if you could help, even for only an hour, please speak to the Agility Committee members or Beryl Greenslade on a Thursday at

Grayshott.  
Congratulations to C C Guard with her black Labrador Retriever, Bertie. She has qualified him Open TD (Tracking Dog) so he can now work Championship Ticket Stake in Working Trials. This is even more of an achievement as this is CC's 9<sup>th</sup> dog to qualify.  
Jackie Weaver, with Bertie's litter sister, Daisy, has won Open TD (Tracking Dog) Working Trials.

*Carole West*

## News From The Vineyard

Thanks Medoc for doing the last newsletter but really my front feet are never that bad that I can't speak for myself! The little black shrimp and her Mummy Merlot have both been busy picking-up on shoots but boy am I sick of hearing about it! How good they are at finding birds that the Labradors have missed, how fast they were, how high the birds flew, how they got the runners, and so it goes on but luckily I have ear flaps and just switch off. I can blow my own trumpet and say how good I've been on my usual Pets As Therapy visits - I've trained the chef at the day centre to bring me corned beef and at Christmas he brought out some turkey but the black dogs came with me so we had to share it. I've also been along with the Food Provider to some more of her PAT Chats and I obviously wow them with my good looks and big sorrowful eyes as we always come back with loads of money for the Charity and I try to hide the biscuit crumbs around my whiskers so the FP doesn't cut down my rations that night. Can I help it if these delightful people want to share their morsels with me? Oh I had such a larf the other day - the Old Geezer took Merlot down to the



pond whilst the FP took me and mydog, oops sorry Medoc, out for a stroll and when we got back the OG was soaking wet. It seems that he threw a dummy out

to the island for the big dog but the dummy got caught up in the willow and although she got hold of it when she tried to swim back it was still caught but she wouldn't let it go. He called and called, threw another dummy but no way was she leaving the original. She was treading water all the time - who's the dummy? The OG dashed back for the paddle boat - no good - it was padlocked. Dashed to find the owners - out. Dashed back again to the old little boat - no oars. Dashed

back to the house for the shed key to get a spade to use as a paddle. Did I mention, the dummy was still hanging on to the dummy in the water? The OG then paddled out to the doggy dummy using the makeshift paddle (wonder if he kept going round in circles?), rescued the dummy, got the dog dummy into the boat and paddled her back towards the shore but she was obviously feeling seasick and jumped into the water to swim the rest of the way. Meanwhile second dummy now lost! The FP sent Medoc for this but Merlot was having none of that and found it herself. Now you know why I just don't bother with this retrieving lark!

*Chablis*

**able footed, non-retrieving, non-swimming but beautiful Golden Retriever!**

## TALK TALK TALK

Just to prove that we dog owners can listen as well as talk, we held a Talks Evening at the Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club at which we heard some fascinating facts.

The weather was bad with snow and ice so we were pleased with the stalwarts who braved the elements and this included our speakers, none of whom let us down.

We started with **Liz Mould** and **Dave Griffiths**, Dog Wardens from the East Hampshire District Council who, having about thirty years experience between them, covered a myriad of legal topics including strays, dog fouling, dangerous dogs and noisy ones. We hope to see Liz again at our Kennel

Club Good Citizen Bronze tests and perhaps at the Companion Dog Show for Micro-chipping - all yet to be confirmed. This talk was followed by **Mark Scott** from the Amery Farm Veterinary Group who spoke eloquently on worming and vaccinations advising how necessary both were bearing in mind that some worms could affect people, especially the young and the old. Unfortunately, wormers don't last long so the recommendation now is to worm every three months - do give this some thought especially if you have young children around your dogs. Vaccinations cover a number of dog's diseases some of which can be fatal and can certainly be avoided if not wiped out completely. He advised that there is no logic in the theory that old dogs don't need these jabs - they do not build up a

natural immunity - in fact the opposite is true - old dogs become more vulnerable. More food for thought there. He covered the Pet Passport which appears to be more complicated than the media has led us to believe and the time span before permitted travel was definitely longer than I had imagined, being 6 months after the jabs - a throw back to the quarantine rules perhaps?. His leaflets are most informative and easy to read so hang on to them if you were there. The Amery practice has three branches and the Bordon one will be our on-call vet for the Com-

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panion Dog Show on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May - thanks for that Mark and Fred.

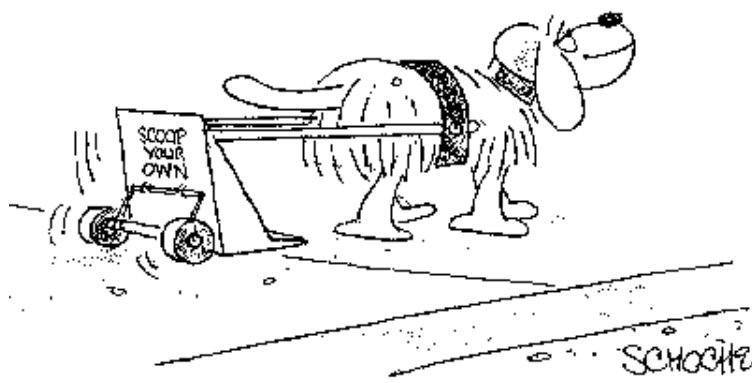
**Judy Stoker**, chiropractor extraordinaire, was up next clutching a very mobile dog's skeleton which she could twist all sorts of ways. Having been a teacher in a past life, she was well able to hold the floor, keep us amused and advise us on ways to ease discomforts not only on dogs but horses and people. Having had a dog treated by a McTimoney Chiropractor in the past, I know this system can be a great help. Our Flatcoated Retriever, Shiraz, had osteochondrosis of both front elbows and was quite stiff and lame at a young age. She needed only a few sessions, during one of which she embarrassed me totally by not only falling asleep but snoring loudly but she was so much better afterwards that I forgave her!

Heartfelt apologies to our last speaker, **Mary Peters**, as we were by now running late and we had not been aware that Mary was off to Bucharest at 5 o'clock the next morning. However, she found time to go through most if not all of her Forever Living Products based on Aloe Vera and I know some people took her catalogue. Should you want to contact Mary for advice or to buy these products, please give her a ring on 01189 287 686 or 0797 7921223.

The evening raised £71 in the raffle which went to our Charity of the Year, Lowland Search Dogs and the cash prize of £25 was won by one of their members who kindly attended with a couple of dogs - no fix here I'm assured.

Thanks to all our speakers, to Lowland Search Dogs and of course to Haslemere members who braved the elements to get to Bordon.

*Patricia Bland*



# Christmas Party

It Started as such a normal week.... Well no it didn't really. My owners had decorated the house with all sorts of glittery things I would just love to get at but how stupid of them to hang them from the ceiling I mean how am I suppose to get at them up there? And then they brought a tree inside and hung all sorts of things from it but warned me not to touch it, as if I would.....

It got around to Thursday evening and my owners came home from work as usual, I took them out for a walk as normal but when we returned it was not a quiet evening in as I was expecting but they started to get ready to go out, they even produced a scarf and hat for me to wear and they kept going on about Christmas whatever that is.....

The scarf was ok but there was no way I was going to wear that hat, red and fluffy with a white pom pom what do they think I am a poodle?

It was only a short journey in the car and we had arrived what my owners had called the Doggy Christmas Party. When we walked into the hall it was full of all of my friends from training class like Badger, Socks and even Cassie as well as lots of other dogs I had not yet met.

It was not like a normal class it was much more fun! We started with two rounds of musical mats, we sat and watched the first round as I was not sure what to do having never been to a party before, you had to walk around to music and when it stopped we had to get to a mat and sit or lay down on it and the last one to do this correctly was eliminated and then it started again until just 3 pairs were left and then the dogs were given a prize for doing so well.

Then it was my turn, my owner said he did not expect me to do very well as I had not been to dog training for

long but it looked easy and I was determined to show him I could do it. And boy did I do it! We made it all the way to the last 3 my mummy was so proud as I went back to our seats with my prize she was clapping and cheering so much. Next was a relay race where the owners had to wear a funny collar with bells on, and it was on their wrist not on their neck. We had to run from one end of the hall to the other stopping in the middle to sit in one hoop and the owners had to jump through the other hoop, this



was so funny to watch as nearly all the owners ended up tripping up on the hoop and when they got to the end they had to swap the collar to the next pair, gosh it was so fun I got to go twice as there was not enough teams to play and our team ended up winning again!

There was also a game where we had to run from one end of the hall to the other picking up chocolate drops on the way, but my owner was a bit slow at pointing them out to me as I had stood on one and did not notice I found it in the end, but ended up losing that game, but I still enjoyed playing.

Next up was the egg and spoon race, I'm not sure what an egg is but it was put on the spoon anyway. My owner had to play the game with me and hold the spoon as I couldn't quite hold

it in my paw. This was a relay race too and we had to run up the hall without dropping the egg. I did quite well, my owner nearly dropped it but managed to save it just in time. We didn't win that race my team wasn't quite quick enough but I enjoyed it all the same especially seeing my owner trying to catch the egg when it fell off the spoon!!

Once the games were over we were all taken out of the hall and I was put into the car, part of me was sad that it was over but I was very tired, my

owners returned to the hall apparently for some food and something called a raffle and quizzes I am not sure what they had to do but I bet they did not have as much fun as I did. They did not come out with any prizes or treats like I did so I don't think they could have been any good at any of it, well not as good as me anyway! Gosh did I sleep well that night, I dreamed all night of running about playing games.

Well I am not sure what all of this Christmas deal is all about but Wow I did enjoy the party and especially all of the treats I won although there aren't many left now! I do hope this Christmas thing comes around quite often I could get used to this, especially playing with all the things that my owners have put under that tree. They have even wrapped them up for me, It is such fun tearing it all off and then they wrap it up again. Wow I do love Christmas!!!

*Hubble*

## Future Fun

We gather that some of you have had the temerity of throwing away your December 2005 newsletter!!! This means you need reminding about some future events for you to join in on or to help at.

**April** will see us running the Kennel Club Good Citizen Bronze tests on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April but you need to book-in with Beryl Greenslade 01428 604479 prior to the event as places will be strictly limited so that we do not have the unfortunate delays we had last year.

We have our huge Open Agility Show on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Secretts in Milford and need your help both on that day and the day before to set it all up. No - you don't need to be an agility expert! We just need some willing hands. Just let any of the Committee members know that you are available to assist or contact Stuart Greenslade 01428 604479. We also run a Tom-bola stand in aid of our Charity of the Year, Lowland Search Dogs, so any prizes you can give would really boost the funds.

**May** has us running the Companion Dog Show again in aid of Lowland Search Dogs at the Bordon & Oak-

hanger Sports Club at which we will have Obedience Competitions, Show Classes - just like Crufts - well almost and some Novelty classes such as Prettiest Bitch, Best Mongrel and something for the children - why not try for Best Child Handler for those under 12 years old? Contact Carole West 01428 723572 or Sarah Kinch 01420 473673 for further details and a schedule of events. If you don't want to enter any of the events please do come along and help

For the Obedience folk - don't forget that there will be no class at Grayshott on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May as the hall is being used by others. Sorry about that - can't be helped but you can still practice at home!

**August** is when we will be going for the evening walk with pub supper - diary note for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - this is open to everyone - Obedience, Agility, Friends and Relatives!

**September** is not really so far away but please make another diary note for our Limited Agility Show on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September - yep - at Bordon & Oakhanger again!

## Billingshurst / Haslemere Agility Match 19<sup>th</sup> February 2006

Everyone was extremely pleased to hear of the proposed match with Billingshurst especially as it was catering for our beginners as well as competition standard, without the pressure. The classes were set for three standards, those who had never competed, handlers and dogs who had never won and an open class. What a joy to have email, it made the arrangements so easy, any queries promptly replied to by Pat and Graham Reynolds who expertly ran the morning without a hitch.

Ann Riches set three very fair courses, cleverly designed to involve the minimal alteration between classes, judging by KC rules which gave those who had never competed an insight as to what to expect. The atmosphere of the morning was very friendly with all cheering a good round, not necessarily clear and groaning for the unwitting mistakes. I was personally very pleased with how

our beginner handlers performed and what excellent contacts!

We look forward to being able to host a return match which we unfortunately have been unable to arrange so far.

*Caroline Hallam*

### Haslemere Team

Christine Gibson—Alfie,  
Brooke Baker – Snicker, Stella,  
Roxanne Cooke – Daisy  
Sara Valentine – Pepper  
Liz Pakenham-Walsh – Fizz  
Jenny – Whiz, Kipper  
Jacqui, Les – Belle, Bramble  
Becky Layphries – Blue, Poodie  
Kate Birch – Tiger  
Tina Coote – Sprite  
Emily Macpherson – Alfie  
Caroline Hallam – Tag, Max, Millie

## Doggy Heaven

*One day a Collie dies of natural causes and goes to Heaven.*

*There he meets the Lord himself.*

*The Lord says to the Collie, "You lived a good life."*

*"If there is any way I can make your stay in Heaven more comfortable, please let Me know."*

*The Collie thinks for a moment and says,*

*"Lord, all my life I have lived with a poor family and had to sleep on a hard wooden floor."*

*The Lord stops the Collie and says, "Say no more,"*

*and a wonderful fluffy pillow appears.*

*A few days later six cats are killed in a tragic house fire and go to Heaven.*

*Again the Lord is there to greet them with the same offer.*

*The cats answer, "All of our lives we have been chased. We have had to run from dogs every time we turn around. Running, running, running; we're tired of running."*

*"Do you think we could have roller skates?"*

*"That way we don't have to run anymore?"*

*The Lord says, "Say no more,"*

*and then fits each cat with beautiful new roller skates.*

*About a week later the Lord stops by to see the Collie.*

*He finds him in a deep sleep on the pillow.*

*The Lord gently wakes him and asks, "How are things since you arrived?"*

*The Collie does that ol' stretch, fore and aft,*

*yawns and replies, "It's wonderful here. Better than I could have ever expected."*

*Especially those 'Meals on Wheels' you've been sending by....*

*they are THEEEEEEEEE BEST!!!!"*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006

### April

Monday 3rd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre	Monday 26th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 6th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall	Thursday 29th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 10th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre		
Thursday 13th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall	Monday 3rd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
<b>Thursday 20th</b>	<b>Good Citizen Tests</b>	Thursday 6th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
<b>Friday 21st</b>	<b>Agility Show Setting up</b> Help required	Monday 10th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
<b>Saturday 22nd</b>	<b>Agility Show at Secretts Farm Milford</b>	Thursday 13th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 24th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre	Monday 17th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 27th	Start of new Obedience 7 Week Course	Thursday 20th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall

### May

<b>Monday 1st</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 24th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 4th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall	Thursday 27th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 8th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre	Monday 31st	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 11th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall	Thursday 3rd	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<b>Companion Dog Show</b>	Monday 7th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Monday 15th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre	<b>Thursday 10th</b>	<b>Dog Walk</b>
<b>Thursday 18th</b>	<b>No Obedience Training Hall in use</b>		
Monday 22nd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre	<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>Limited Agility Show Bordon</b>
Thursday 25th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall		
<b>Monday 29th</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>		

### June

Thursday 1st	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 5th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 8th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 12th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 15th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 19th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 22nd	Start of new Obedience 7 Week Course

### June

Monday 26th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 29th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall

### July

Monday 3rd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 6th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
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Monday 31st	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre

### August

Thursday 3rd	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 7th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre

### Dog Walk

### September

### Limited Agility Show Bordon

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.

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