

CAROLE'S CHIT CHAT

Congratulations to: Victoria and Anthony Haigh on the safe arrival of their baby daughter, Phillipa Jasmine; to Gill Dymond and her Golden Retriever Rowan for winning her gamekeepers' class, Any Other Variety Retriever, Working Gundog, at Crufts; to Jan Kiley and Kerry for coming 7th out of 20 in the Special Beginners class at Crufts and to our Team, in the 3 way match between Andover and Billingshurst, who won with quite a good lead, well done to everyone.

Any body who mentions yet again that it hasn't been too bad a winter does so at their peril. There have been so many horrible bugs out there and nasty parasites, fleas, lice and ticks have not gone away this winter, it's not been cold enough. Yes, I know that you will say the fleas are always around, what with central heating and wall to wall carpets, but people have said they just can't get rid of the blooming things, they use Frontline and the little blighters are there again in a few days or weeks. Ticks haven't died off - they are on the move still. There has been kennel cough and a nasty tummy bug hanging around. In the humans we have had colds flu, and tummy bugs, and in some cases you think you've got rid of it and a few weeks later back it comes in force. Folks are getting secondary problems such as pleurisy,

pneumonia. The warm damp weather has been a breeding ground for illness so my Echinacea has been in use this winter, especially when hubby went down with man flu, and the nurses at work were all getting various bugs, so far touch wood, I have escaped. I can't afford to be sick with all my horses, goats and sheep. Talking of goats one of my goats gave birth to quads, unfortunately only one was alive, but all is well, and the sheep are birthing in dribs and drabs, the ram obviously took a rest in between matings, back in the Autumn.

Crufts 2007- Special pre-beginners class. Jan and I went up to Birmingham on the Friday as we had to be in the NEC at 7.30am for the briefing on the Saturday morning. We stayed in an old rectory b&b where the couple made us so welcome and even went to the fish and chip shop for us, so armed with a bottle of white wine, fish and chips on a tray lazily on our beds we watched Friday's Crufts on the television. One of the Breed Junior

Handlers from the Isle of Wight I know well and is a friend of my granddaughter's, she had quite a long interview with her dogs, lovely to see her on the tele. The alarm woke us at 5.45am, and bless her Kerry was still asleep by our beds. At the NEC we found the benches near to the Kennel Club stands and Neville and



Janet were already there. After meeting the judges and stewards the round was walked and the judge handed out a folder to each competitor explaining what he was looking for in each exercise. This was a super gesture and

was very helpful. Jan was running 18th so quite a long wait for her, after the parade, which I watched closely as we still weren't sure that Kerry was sound enough to work the round after her back injury but she seemed OK, so it was decided that along with lots of Rescue Remedy for the handler and dog, they would strut their stuff, after all if one handler could work his dog with a broken foot using a crutch, Jan had to give it a go. In retrospect the draw did not suit Kerry as I think she stiff-

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ened up slightly by the time she went into the ring, which was incredibly noisy by this time, but with Jan's calm handling [yes I know your knees were knocking Jan] she completed the round with a score of 4 3/4 . Brilliant. I have never seen so many people at Crufts and to be quite honest it was uncomfortable, because at times you could not move. Just think what those dogs must have felt like and what they were hearing, so much noise and clattering.

Gina Pink who is a guest trainer for us, won her Heelwork to Music class, which we didn't see because you couldn't get to the main ring for people. Well done Gina. Did anyone manage to watch the Golden Retriever display team who march to music, well worth watching, about 30 goldies all in time to the music, yes I know I'm biased!

Please read the notice boards at Agility and on Thursdays as club events will be pub-

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MY FIRST SHOOT BY RAYLEAS CLEVER CLOGS (Larry)

The morning was just like any other when the boss has to go to work on an early shift, up before its light, quick Weetabix and milk and into the new car to go to see the other animals the boss has to feed. Only when we had fed the horses checked the sheep, fed the goats and turned out the jersey heifer, it was back home and instead of me going back into the house with the other dogs I had to stay in the car, funny I thought. Off to meet a man called a gamekeeper, he smelt funny, and wore strange clothes, the boss was talking to another gamekeeper and he wanted me to jump up into his 4x4 but there were 2 other dogs in there and I didn't know them, in the end he picked me up and pushed me in with the dogs, but they were friendly and girls so I was alright. We drove all through woods and over a very bumpy field. Then I had to get out and go with the boss and all these people and dogs to another field where I was put on my lead, just as well because suddenly there was lots of shooting it was terrifying. I would have run away but mother held me tight and gave me some titbits

she always carries in her pocket, birds were landing at our feet and some of them were trying to run away, but I gather they had been shot, but not very well. I heard the gamekeeper tell my mum to let me off the lead and she told me to hold this funny feathered thing, but



lots of praise for bringing it back to her so I guess I got it right, and I was allowed to pick up a few more. Back to the 4x4 with the girl dogs, I felt proud of myself and a few whispers in the back of the car from the girls reassured me. We did 2 more drives before a lunch break and I was again allowed to collect the birds but I didn't like one called a pigeon its feathers

in the past I've been told off for chasing them, what is a chap supposed to do? Can she not make up her mind?

I was given

came out in my mouth and I spat him out, horrible. After lunch where the humans did a lot of nattering and laughing I was loaded into the 4x4, but I jumped in by myself, cause I'm getting the hang of this now and I quite like the girl dogs. We did 2 more drives both out in the open in front of this very posh house and I was allowed to pick up whatever my gun shot, I enjoyed that and mum was pleased although once I heard her whistle me but I was still trying to find a runner, so I didn't answer her, The whistle got stronger so I thought I'd better put in an appearance and then lo and behold the runner ran right under my nose, but don't tell mum cause she thought I'd found it all by myself, now you know why my original mum in France called me Clever Clogs. When I got home I told the other home dogs about my day but do you know that Rookie he told me not to get too big for my boots, who does he think he is, boss dog! I wasn't called Rayleas Clever Clogs for nothing.

Larry

MATCH FEVER

Well the dreaded day has come - the really scary day - the day of the interclub match between Billingshurst, Andover and Haslemere.

Lots of new faces and well behaved dogs and lots of noise until we start sharply at 1.30pm - then you could hear a pin drop! Pre-pre-beginners underway - well behaved - so quiet with just the applause between each round. Our representatives were *Sylvia Gamble* with Hungarian Vizla Buddy who came 2nd, *Sarah Perryman* with Cocker Spaniel Merry who was 4th and *Gill Dymond* with Golden Retriever Rowan who was 7th. Then next up were Pre-beginners which included me, *Gaye Wells* with my Cocker Spaniel Dash and we came an amazing 1st, *Jan Kiley* with Golden Retriever Campbell who was 2nd and *Sue Thornton*

with Brittany Spaniel Cyd who was 8th. Our turn had come all too soon and when someone said "it's supposed to be fun", I realised it was - great fun. The Steward tells you exactly what to do, so it's not too difficult - just listen carefully. So on with the dogs who know what they are doing - if they can keep their handlers under control - this was the Beginners' class and comprised *Jan Kiley* with another Golden Retriever Kerry and she was 1st (see also how well she did at Crufts), *Pat Hawkins* with Greyhound Tansy who was 4th and *Sue* popped up again with Cyd and came in 6th place. The overall score was: Haslemere the winners with 55 followed by Andover with 45 and Billingshurst with 35. Didn't we do well! Carole, the Judge and the Steward man-

aged to fit all this into about 2.5 hours before we all enjoyed a jolly good tea and lots of chatter. Why don't YOU have a go?

Gaye Wells

Editor's Note: Keep an eye out for the next match which will be advertised in the newsletter, on the notice board (*you do look at that don't you?*) and on the signing-in desk where there will also be a form for you to put forward your name - also you can tell your class trainer if you would like to be included in the team. We don't like to coerce people into competing but if you don't tell us we don't know you are interested!

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

Although neutering is done routinely, spaying in particular is a major surgical procedure and many owners are concerned as to whether or not they should make the decision to have this done. During the time bitches are in season, usually about 3-4 weeks twice a year, they are very attractive to male dogs and it can be difficult to keep them away from roving males! Spaying involves the surgical removal of the ovaries and uterus, and once spayed your bitch won't come into season again, and the chance of phantom pregnancies will disappear. The operation also removes the possibility of

life threatening uterine infections (pyometras) and reduces the risk of developing potentially fatal mammary tumours later in life. She will of course be able to enjoy her usual walks all year round, and won't miss out on any training sessions or shows!

Un-neutered male dogs will often try to escape to get to local bitches in season, leaving them vulnerable to injury or loss. In general, neutered males are far less likely to stray, and neutering eliminates the possibility of testicular cancer. Neutered males are much less likely to develop tumours around the anus or prostate

gland problems. Castration can also help with excessive sexual drive and together with appropriate training may help with certain behavioural problems.

If you would like any further information on neutering your dog, please contact your veterinary surgeon; he or she can assess your dog on an individual basis and discuss with you the relative advantages and disadvantages for your pet.

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CRUFTS 10 MARCH 2007

Early start this morning as we had to get up at 4.30am to make sure we arrived at the village hall before 6am. The coach was on time and so were most people. Our driver, Andrew, agreed to wait until 6.10 and then we made the decision to leave although one person was missing. The journey went well and traffic was light arriving at the NEC at about 8.30. But it took a few minutes getting into the car park. We were parked close enough to be able to walk under the bridge to the entrance. This was when I, and others, were disgusted to find dog mess on the pavements where people hadn't cleared it up and people had walked in it - not a good first impression or what I expected to find.

As we entered, the first hall, there were dogs everywhere getting ready to be judged. We stood and watched for a while - I'm glad I am not a judge as they all looked the same to me. After this we made our way to the arena where the obedience competition was taking place. This was very impressive - sorry Carole you may have to put up with Connie and me for a long time or kick us out in



Jan Kiley with Kerry

frustration!

We then went and watched the rescue dogs agility - the dogs were really enjoying themselves as well as their handlers. Next up was the heelwork to music, all very clever stuff and Gina was officiating. Next was retail therapy (Norm, my husband, hates shopping). Whilst browsing we found Jan's dog Kerry with her son - it appears Jan was doing some retail therapy herself !! After walking our feet off we went back to the main arena and sat down again. We watched an agility competition - the dogs have so much fun doing it and couldn't wait for their turn to come round. Flyball was next, if you blinked you missed it but again a good time was had by dogs as well as the handlers.

All too soon we had to return to the bus for 6.30pm and we arrived back at the village hall at 8.45pm. It was a long tiring day at Crufts but we really enjoyed it and hopefully there is a return trip next year.

Pat Pettet

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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BITS & PIECES

There was a little note at the end of the last newsletter but I think your eyes must have glazed over by the time you got there as we have had little response! So here goes again -

NEWSLETTER to save money, paper and therefore trees can we please send this newsletter to you by email? Many of you have an email address but it's difficult to read it from your membership forms so if you get this newsletter by snail mail and would be happy to get it by email (and by the way you would receive it much quicker) then please email the newsletter editor on r.pendrill@btconnect.com - that way we know we have your correct address.

ARTICLES I'm sure you have some amusing anecdote about your dog - they are, after all, very special animals. Perhaps you entered a competition with them - could have been really hard but you were placed? Could have been a fun one like the waggiest tail? Perhaps you have done some puppy walking for Guide Dogs or Canine Partners? Whatever it was, let the world know - well the Haslemere District anyway.

BOOKS & VIDEOS

Old stagers will know that we have a library of books and videos that you can borrow but the newcomers may not be aware of this so see Pat Pettet if you'd like to know what we have and what you can borrow. Details of these are also on the Club's website on www.hddtc.co.uk then go to Members Page and click on Videos & Books.

QUALIFIED FIRST AIDER

Is this you? We would be very grateful if you would let us know if you are a Qualified First Aider and would be willing to attend our various events. No - we are not expecting trouble but it would be so reassuring to have someone there who can do more than just put a sticky plaster on a cut thumb!

THE FUTURE'S BRIGHT - THE FUTURE'S EXCITING

We have a number of events coming in the future, some of which you may know about if you are involved but for those of you with your heads in the sand and also for those we don't see too often, let me elucidate!

APRIL 27th and 28th is our Open Agility Show for which we need helpers on the Friday afternoon to set it all up - you know, jumps and hoops and things. Then on the big day itself we need people who do not need to be Agility experts - just willing to turn their hand at anything. Give Stuart Greenslade a call on 01428 604479 or Becky Layphries on 01428 661477. The Tombola will raise funds for our Charity of the Year

which is The Blue Cross so we need people to help Pat Pettet (01420 488702) on this and, of course, lots of prizes please. **MAY** brings us not one, not two but **THREE** events - the Kennel Club Good Citizen

Dog Scheme Bronze level is on Thursday 3rd so make sure you get your name down if you want to do this and the Silver level is on Thursday 17th - you have to have passed Bronze to enter this one. Donations on these evenings will go to The Blue Cross.

Squeezed in-between these two is our Companion Dog Show, again in aid of The Blue Cross, and this will be on Sunday 13th May at the Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club starting at mid-day. Speak to Carole West 01428 723572 if you can lend a hand for this day but why not enter? It's a Fun Day so you don't have to be too serious about trying a bit of Showing in the Pedigree Classes or having a bash in the Novelty Classes such as Prettiest Bitch, Most Handsome Dog, Best Crossbreed and other easy peasy sections. Then, of course, there's the Obedience Classes - most of which you have been working towards in

your classes each Thursday and I'm sure the Agility folk can also strut their stuff in these. There are schedules around giving full details - go on - have a go! It's only £1.50 per class and you will support The Blue Cross at the same time as having fun.

Do make a note, you Obedience people, that there is no training at Grayshott on Thursday 10th May - hall will be used by others who probably would not appreciate you turning up with your pooch! Agility folk probably realise that there are two Bank Holiday Mondays in May so they get an evening off on 7th and 28th.

JULY On Thursday 12th the Obedience



division will be holding a Club Match - please come along and support it even if you are not entering. Get more details from Carole or your class trainer.

More Good Citizen Dog Scheme assessments but this time going for Gold on Thursday 19th - this is a provisional date at present so watch the notice boards, the desks and the June newsletter for more information.

Yet more fun to be had when we have our Annual *Walkies* with dogs in the countryside around Haslemere area - we are so lucky to have all this space - make a diary note for Thursday 26th July - walk and then a pub supper for those who don't have to dash off home.

AUGUST - time off for good behaviour but don't let it all go to pieces during your Summer break and we'll see you back again in the beginning of September.

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lished there so it is no good saying after the event why weren't we asked. The next team event will be an inter-club match, so watch the notice board and if you want to have a go put your name on the list. On the back of the newsletter is the club diary, please don't just file it - read it and inwardly digest, as all events are printed here. No excuses for not knowing. The Obedience Shows start in the next few weeks, so keep an eye on the local papers for the Companion Dog Shows—ours is in May and schedules and posters are now in print. I know there is also Inderbrook's show at Send in May so be brave and enter them, you may find you quite like this obedience lark, we all had to start somewhere. Kennel Club Good Citizen tests will be May and July, so put your names on the list. Have fun with your canines, whether it is in Agility, breed, gundog work, obedience or just as a pet handler.

Carole

It seems ages since I last put paw to paper to tell you what we had been up to at the Vineyard but really it's only a few months. So what did you get for Christmas? We got nuffin! Just the paper that the Old Geezer and the Food Provider had wrapped up their prezzies in - still it was great fun shredding it all over the new lounge carpet. The FP is giving even more talks about Pets As Therapy and although I go along I must admit to having a little snooze while she waffles on about it and how good I am at it - well, I've heard it all before. However, I'm pretty good at waking up when the applause comes 'cos I know I'll get some treats then. People are just so wonderful and easy to please - just one blink of my long eyelashes and down come the bikies to my level. Apparently our area in Surrey is short on volunteers so if you would like to be one, just get your FP to 'phone my FP on 01428 683640 and she will tell you all about it. It's not hard to do and can be good fun and rewarding on the tum! I've got a new Day Centre to go but miss my nuns - their home is being extended so they are all at sixes and sevens and I can't go just at the moment. Hope

NEWS FROM THE VINEYARD

they don't forget me - as if they would! Medoc is her usual bigheaded self - she won another trophy - this time for Obedience from the Surrey Flatcoated Retriever group. The last four winners were Golden Retrievers so no prejudice there but I *suppose* it was only right that eventually a Flatcoat would win it. I don't really mind but was a bit miffed when the FP took Medoc on a PAT visit instead of me - just to show off the trophy.



Merlot was seven in January and it's my birthday in April when I will be 11. Poor little Medoc is only 2 but will reach 3 in May. The FP had a big party for her birthday last year but I expect our birthdays will be the same as

Christmas - zilch in the present line and just a dose of Metacam for me! Rocket fuel the FP calls it - suits me as I can still chase squirrels now I'm on that. Wonder if they make it for people as the FP could do with a little boost.

Chablis

The London Marathon

Sue Lewis, owner of Woody (liver Flatcoated Retriever) will be running in the London Marathon on Sunday 22 April in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

We wish Sue all the very best in her endeavour.

Any member wishing to sponsor Sue can log onto her website www.justgiving.com/suelewis

It takes a matter of minutes, is totally secure and you can leave a message with your donation too. If you pay UK tax, just giving will automatically reclaim 28% of your donation at no cost to you, so it's even better for the charity.



Stop Press

Please note that the Inderbrook Companion Dog Show as mentioned by Carole is on 7th May 2007 (Bank Holiday Monday) at Send.

Contact Carole for further details.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

Monday 2nd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 5th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 9th	Easter Monday No Training
Thursday 12th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 16th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 19th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 23rd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 26th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Friday 27th	Setting Up Open Agility Show from 1 pm. Help Required and also on Saturday
Saturday 28th	Open Agility Show Secrett's Farm Milford
Monday 30th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre

MAY

Thursday 3rd	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall. Good Citizen Bronze 7 pm
Monday 7th	Bank Holiday No Training
Thursday 10	No Obedience Training - Hall in use
Sunday 13th	Companion Dog Show Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club
Monday 14th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 17th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall. Good Citizen Silver 7.30 pm
Monday 21st	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 24th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 28th	Bank Holiday No Training
Thursday 31st	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall

JUNE

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	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 25th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 28th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall

JULY

Thursday 12th	Internal Club Match
Thursday 19th	Good Citizen Gold 7.30 pm Provisional will be confirmed
Thursday 26th	Walk and Pub Supper