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CAROLE'S CHIT CHAT FROM THE AGM

As most of you know, this year has been very difficult and traumatic for me personally and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sent cards and gifts, phoned, emailed, or just turned up on the doorstep. Also I want to say a huge thank you to my committee for holding the fort during the period.

The Agility Section of the club has made big strides over the year and is now just breaking even financially. The Club brought some new agility equipment. We sent Judy Steel and Len Davis to Merrist Wood for a few weeks where Katharine Tasker holds her agility classes, to observe her and hopefully they came away with fresh ideas.

The Obedience Section is running smoothly and we regularly hold Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme assessments, from the puppy assessments through to the gold standard, for which we have been praised by the Examiners for the high standard of the teams we regularly turn out.

At the end of 2008 we submitted a portfolio to the Kennel Club which was entered in their awards scheme. Richard Pendrill and Patricia Bland put in a lot of hard work to put the portfolio together and it was a description in writing and photographs of all that went on within the Club's year. Unfortunately we were not successful in gaining an award,

although I found out that we actually came 4th, not bad for a first attempt.

At the beginning of our year we had the usual skittles evening which was over subscribed on the night, this is free to members and £12 non members. This year's skittles is on November 19th at The Black Fox in Liphook.

Next came the silly games at the Christmas party organised by Patricia and Santa's Helpers. The dogs love these games and the handlers love the grub. Penny Peters ran the photograph competition and she also donated a painting of a black Labrador which was later raffled and the funds donated to Labrador Lifeline Trust. Thank you to Penny and the artist - this raised a tidy sum for the charity.

During the Spring we held 2 events: the Companion Dog Show and the Sponsored Walk. The first was hit with torrential rain and thunder, even so lots turned out but the profit was down compared with the previous year - a total of £260. When I look back it appears that every other year it is dry and warm so roll on to next year's Show. The Sponsored Walk - didn't we do well - a huge pat on the back to everyone who took part, with a final total of £ 830, glorious weather and tremendous countryside in the Milland valley, ending with drinks and food at the Rising Sun Pub. Anybody would think we are a boozy lot always

starting or ending at public houses!

During our summer break from Club several of us attended rehearsals at Anne Colles's garden in preparation for 2 displays promoting the Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme. The first was at Bordon Junior School and the second at The Rural Life Centre, Tilford. These displays were based on exercises from the Scheme with a few added extras.. Under Beryl's guidance 8 handlers each with a different breed of dog put on a superb display. The children at the Junior School especially enjoyed joining us in the arena to pat and cuddle the dogs, all of which goes a long way to promoting good social behaviour on all sides, dogs, children, mums and dads. Thank you to everyone who put in the time and effort to make up the team.

In November we are hosting a Neil Short Training Day at Rake Village Hall

As this is the last newsletter before Christmas and the New Year I would like to wish you all

*A Merry Christmas
and Happy New
Year*

Carole



OLDIES CLUB

When Ken Steel stood up at the AGM and said that he wished to propose The Oldies Club as our Charity for the year I thought he was suggesting something for my age group but it is a rehoming charity for old dogs and not old people. Never mind. This is our charity for the coming year.

The Oldies Club is a dog rescue, run solely by volunteers, that specialises in rescuing and rehoming older dogs - aged 7 years plus.

They do not have kennels or a central base as, rather than placing their dogs in kennels, they prefer to care for them in a normal home environment. They therefore use foster homes.

Why not look them up on the web at www.oldies.org.uk to see all the good work that they are doing.

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DID YOU KNOW?

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

After being a member continuously for 10 years, subject to approval at the AGM, life membership is given and no further subscriptions are payable.

In order to receive this newsletter and other details of Club activities it is essential that Life Members fill in the annual membership form.

Unfortunately if this form is not filled in details will not be entered on our database and you will not receive a renewal form next year.

While we know who most of the life members are we may not hold the correct details so if you are aware of anybody who is a life member and would like to receive this newsletter, by email or post, please let Patricia Bland know.

BOOKS & CDS

Many of you know but some of you may not know - we have a library of books and videos on dog training that you may borrow. They are in the Obedience small hall so whilst the Junior class is going on it's difficult to get at them but Helen Souster will be looking after this facility so please ask her for the list to see if there is anything you would like to borrow - free of charge! Or give her a call on 01428 656389 or email helms88@fsmail.net if you need more information. A sample of what we have will be out by the Notice Board - talking of which do check these boards out - it's on the table in the lobby at Obedience and on a table just inside the door at Agility.

TEA & CHAT

That before or after your training session you can get a free tea or coffee in the kitchen.

You can talk to your trainer or other people in the kitchen or just stay on and watch the next class to see what goes on.

You will most likely find that there is also a member of the committee present and you can offer suggestions or, hopefully not, any complaints.

LABRADOR LIFELINE THANKS

Labrador Lifeline Trust were represented at our Annual General Meeting on 22nd October 2009 by Anne, Yvonne and Mavis and kindly presented all our trophies whilst they, in turn, received our cheque for £1,700 and wrote as follows:

On behalf of the Labrador Lifeline Trust I would like to express my thanks for all your hard work last year fundraising for the Trust. As I explained at the meeting, the magnificent cheque for £1,700 was used in part to pay for an operation on a rescue dog with a ruptured cruciate.

You are probably aware the Trust, when it rehomes a dog with a known condition, will always support and in many cases pay for the entire veterinary bill to put that dog right. Needless to say we have

many demands on our veterinary account! All donations are placed in this account and no donation is ever used in administration costs.

We are happy to continue to support the club through our website and to this end I would appreciate a copy of your newsletter in order that I may continue to update the site with events, pictures and write-ups. In addition if you would like our support at any of your events please do not hesitate to contact me or Yvonne.

With best regard,

Anne Carter

Chair - Trustees

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

December brings Christmas parties and Haslemere & District Dog Club is no exception! Thursday 17th December will see us decked out in our finery once again and running silly games for handlers and dogs with tasty morsels as the prizes - yes you handlers can eat them if you want to upset your pooches. Action starts at 7.30pm in Grayshott Village Hall and this party is open to Agility and Obedience folk - no discrimination here! No charge for this evening but we would appreciate a plate of food for the handlers and a raffle prize in aid of our new charity - The Oldies (this refers to the dogs not us trainers, thank you very much!). Hopefully music will be provided by our guest band. Wine, soft drinks and coffee provided by the Club. Now where else will you get a free drink!

January We start classes again on 4th for Agility and 7th for Obedience.

January or February We plan to run a Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bronze test early in 2010. Watch the notice board for details.

March We plan to run our Sponsored Walk again in aid of our Charity. It was such a successful fund raising event and good fun as well that we really must do it again. Please keep an eye on the notice boards and start thinking about who you can ask to sponsor you. No doubt we will end the walk at a suitable hostelry!

April sees Easter - no action from us but no chocolates for your dogs please.

May will hopefully see our Companion Dog Show being run but do watch the notice boards (again) and the next newsletter for details. The Hampshire Rally will be in Basingstoke on the early Bank Holiday Monday so if you are interested in watching or perhaps competing do have a chat with Carole West - this is an obedience competition with teams from various Clubs in and around Hampshire - hence the name!

HASLEMERE SMART STUFF

Have you seen those smart new fleeces, hoodies and bodywarmers in our favourite Royal Blue with a discrete logo? Well you are too late to order those but we do have a few, and we mean only a few, poloshirts and sweatshirts left in stock if you want to be part of the trendsetters. Poloshirts are a mere £14 and sweatshirts just £15 and if we have your size in both you can get a huge saving and get one of each for only £27.

ARTICLES - PHOTOGRAPHS - INFORMATION

If you have any of the above that you would like included in the newsletter, do please send this in to Richard Pendrill by email to r.pendrill@btconnect.com or post to Boscobel, Sweetwater Lane, Wormley, Godalming, Surrey GU8 5SS or hand in to any member of the Committee.

Display at Bordon Junior School 27th September 2009

It was a lovely sunny day when we all met in the car park at Bordon Junior School. We all felt a little nervous as we had only had two practices one of which went on into the dark with rain lashing down. Once again Ann Colles allowed us to use her beautiful garden and even provided refreshments. We decided to have a little run through (without dogs) in the car park which, as you can imagine, caused a few odd looks! We then made our way to the edge of the ring ready to go when my mum noticed Daisy chewing something and when she reached into her mouth had to pull out a huge piece of pink bubblegum which was almost choking her - disgusting and dangerous.

Then Beryl started her commentary, she introduced us all in turn giving a little bit of background info about each dog. There was me (Kathryn) and Lottie, my mum and Daisy, Sue with Cyd, Janice with Sam, Mary with Tex, Barbara with Keira, Pat with Willow and Carole with Larry. We then got on with the display which was to demonstrate different dogs at different levels of their training. Beryl explained what we were doing throughout which was really handy as she could prompt us if necessary. We had Daisy and Lottie going through a gate and then Barbara and Kiera doing the same exercise but off lead. We then did our famous Wheel with Carole and Pat at either end racing round the outside, it then went in dog height order, each adjusting their pace and the little ones in the middle hardly moving at all. Retrieves came next throwing a dumbbell and

bringing the dog into a present whilst facing towards the audience (Mary was hoping that a child with an ice-cream did not appear more tempting than the dumbbell - she was fine!). Mum and I sat this one out as Daisy is too young and Lottie is a Retrieve Refuser! Stays were next - handlers walking a full circuit round the ring leaving their dogs and then picking them up on return with lots of praise. Tricks were a time to show off with high fives, twist, roll over, figure of eight between the legs (tricky when Carole is so petite and Larry is not!) and go to bed. Barbara, Mary, Janice and Carole all demonstrated Drop on Command stopping their dogs as close to a marker as possible. Last came the Fun Recalls shown on the diagonal finishing with either a present or through the legs for a treat. The audience was then invited into the ring to meet the dogs and we had lots of children holding tempting ice creams and other goodies but the dogs all behaved themselves. Pat and Norman came along to support us which resulted in Pat being enlisted for our display the following weekend, luckily she had been paying attention. We were really made to feel welcome at this display and were given a voucher for a slice of pizza and drink. Many thanks to Beryl and Carole who came up with the routine and put us through our paces!

Kathryn and Lottie

CLUB'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 2009

We held our AGM on Thursday 22nd October at Grayshott Village Hall to which 37 members came. Three representatives of Labrador Lifeline Trust, Anne Carter, Yvonne and Mavis, also came along and together they kindly presented our many trophies to the worthy winners and in turn we were able to present them with a cheque for £1,700. Anne Carter, one of the Trustees of the Charity, wrote a letter of thanks offering support again in the next year and this is reproduced elsewhere in the newsletter. As you can tell from her letter, they are really pleased with our support and our money has already made a real difference for them. This year's charity nominations were for Valgrays Border Collie Rescue put forward by Carole West and The Oldies proposed by Ken Steel and it was this latter Charity that was voted in for 2009/10. Please help sponsor this Charity by coming to the various events we will run to raise funds for it. There are posters up at Agility and Obedience telling you more about it plus details on our website www.hhdtc.co.uk and their own website www.oldies.org.uk

As a gesture of our thanks for all the work that Beryl Green-slade and Carole West have done in being Membership Secretary and Chairman respectively, much of which is behind the scenes and covers much more than their official job titles, the Club presented them with some crystal tableware. All Officers and Members of the Committee were willing to stand again for this year and were voted in en bloc with no dis-sension from the floor so we must be doing something right! Full details of the Committee and their various jobs are also

listed with this newsletter.

You will be delighted to know that as the Club is financially stable, we made no increase in membership subscriptions or class fees. In fact, we are wealthy enough to pay for members at the Skittles Evening in November.

Norman Pettet produced a picture show of last year's events up to his usual standard and then, as usual following the formalities of the meeting, we adjourned for a buffet supper with drinks and also had the opportunity to chat with Anne, Yvonne and Mavis about the work they do with Labrador Lifeline Trust.

Patricia Bland - Secretary

Should you want a copy of the full Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, these will be available by email from me at [p.bland@btconnect.com](mailto:bland@btconnect.com)



Presentation of the Cheque for £1,700 to Labrador Lifeline Trust

ANNUAL AWARDS AT AGM

Anne Carter and Yvonne Hole from Labrador Lifeline Trust kindly presented the following trophies:

Obedience

Margot's Trophy - puppy making most progress
Deanne Batehup - Skye
T'ai T'ai Cup - most improved pet dog
Pat Hawkins - Raven
Misse Cup - most improved pet bitch
Ruth Gray - Hettie
Capu Cup - most points Companion Dog shows
Tina Gould - Fern & Moss
Logie Cup - pre-beginners
Sue Monks - Rufus
Nikki Cup - beginners
Sue Monks - Rufus
Tammy Cup - most points overall
Tina Gould + Sue Monks - jointly
Junior Shield
Libby Rogers - Max
Labrador Lifeline Best Rescue
Pat Hawkins - Raven

Agility

Clive Bradley Cup - grade 1-2
Terry Pocock - Max
Novice Cup - grade 3 - 4
Deanne Batehup - Bess
Poppy Cup - most unplaced clear rounds
Deanne Batehup - Ziggy
Onslow Cup - most points overall
Deanne Batehup - Ziggy & Bess
Muriel's Veteran Trophy - handler over 60 years
Deanne Batehup
Veteran Dog Cup - dog over 9 years
Terry Pocock - Max
the following cups/trophies were not awarded but listed for reference
Fergie Shield - grade 5
Nat West Cup Agility Grade 6
Nat West Trophy Best Mini
Rose Bowl Agility Best Midi Overall
Junior Trophy

This is a new cup donated by our Charity of the Year, Labrador Lifeline Trust. It was given to them by a Labrador Lifeline dog owner in memory of his wife and LLT decided it was appropriate for HDDTC to have it on loan in perpetuity in view of the funds raised by the Club.

the following cups/trophies were not awarded but listed for reference

Frickas Bowl - Class A
Suil Cup - Class B
Collie Trophy - Class C
Indian Imp Cup



Judy Steel receives the Chairman's Award

Chairman's Award

Guide Dog Trophy
Judy Steel

Carole West, as Chairman, reported that she had thought long and hard about this trophy as many people had given her support in the Club in many ways including helping her through the personal traumatic time she had in the last year. However, in view of her unstinting help in the Agility Section she felt that Judy Steel deserved to receive this Trophy.

HDDTC Visits Rural Life Centre Tilford

Having been asked to organise 'Harvest Home' again at the Rural Life centre, Tilford on October the 4th this year, I was delighted when Carole accepted an invitation to put on a display. The display was based on the Kennel Club Good Citizens Award Scheme, and what a wonderful display everyone gave. The weather was fine and the dogs behaved beautifully - a real credit to our club. Dogs and handlers gave the audience something new to watch, which was not only



educational but interesting and fun. Thank you to everyone who took part that afternoon but especially to Carole who has had a difficult time and also to Beryl for her professional commentary - many thanks. Perhaps the club would return next year?

Marguerite Willis

P.S. The Museum is well worth a visit, it is 'dog friendly' and you can wander around with plenty to see.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Monday 16th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 19th	Skittles Evening to be held at The Black Fox in Liphook
Saturday 21st	Neil Short Training Day at Rake Village Hall 9.30 am to 5 pm
Monday 23rd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 26th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 30th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre

DECEMBER

Thursday 3rd	Obedience Training 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	Club Christmas Party Grayshott Village Hall Start 7.30 pm (with Dogs)

JANUARY 2010

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

FEBRUARY

Monday 1st	No Agility Training
Thursday 4th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 8th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 11th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 15th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 18th	No Obedience Training—Hall in Use
Monday 22nd	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 25th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall

MARCH

Monday 1st	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 4th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 8th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 11th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall
Monday 15th	Agility Training Priory Equestrian Centre
Thursday 18th	Obedience Training Grayshott Village Hall