

For Sale

Barjo Tailgate, suit Volvo 760 Estate or the like. Offers invited.
See Madeline Lusby or Tel 01373 813146

A STUD DOGS LAMENT

My job is making puppies, I get two tries at that
They pat me on the head, say 'Good Boy' and that is that.
It's half my job to give them teeth, toplines, fronts and other,
But remember, it's only half my job...they also have a mother.

It's not my job to carry pups, make 'em grow and nurse' em,
To feed and clean and make 'em strong, that's for mother and a person.
It's not my job to wean 'n feed the calcium and food,
Stack, gait, housebreak and make 'em a showing brood.

It's not my job to produce champs, the breeders pick the pair
to mate, whelp, feed 'n show and hope the champ is there.
It's not my job to be on hand when points are given out.
It's the breeders, owners and friends that take the credit with a shout.

It's not my job to deliver a winner, it's only genes I sell,
But if the puppies turn out bad, guess who gets the hell....



Bray's Lodway Dreamer
Best Veteran - May



Carpenter's Aschfaul Hegenmeister
Best Puppy - May



Winner of our Match in May was Becky Stobart's
Duck Tolling Retriever 'Felix' Camusmor Whatadream
and the judge for the evening, Mrs Michele Reed

Best Veteran was Mr & Mrs Bray's Lodway Dreamer
and Best Puppy was Mrs Carpenter's Aschfaul
Hegenmeister

Westbury & District Canine Society

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Ms Sonya Hillier (*Principal ringcraft trainer*)

Mrs Ann Hillier

Mrs Caroline Hunt (*Catering*)

Mr Peter Shepherd (*To be Co-opted*)(*Website*)

Mr Derek Smith (*Cup steward and records of Match night points*)

Peter Shepherd has very kindly set up a website for Westbury & District Canine Society. It should be up and running very shortly so be on the look out for it. If anyone has any news they might like to put on it, WINS! SALES, WANTED, PHOTOS etc. please ask a member of the committee for details.

MATCH RESULTS

* indicates match winner

FEBRUARY

VETERAN Z. McDonagh's Irish Setter Twendara Witney with Ronzalda

PUPPY N. Jones Rottweiler Teigan Coco Colada

ADULT P. Molyneux Whippet Molvina Thomasina *

MARCH

VETERAN D. Fielding's Samoyed Sambushed Bobby Sox

PUPPY Jo Beckett's Bassett Badger

ADULT Lusby's Leonberger Stormchaser Touch the Wind over Shermayne *

APRIL

VETERAN Mr & Mrs Bray's Basset, Lodway Dreamer

PUPPY S. Hillier's Irish Wolfhound Ravenspeech Cincinatti

ADULT J. Jones Bulldog Ruby Rigolole

MAY

VETERAN Mr & Mrs Bray's Basset Lodway Dreamer

PUPPY C Carpenter's Weimaramer Aschfahl Hegenmeister

ADULT B. Stobbar's Duck Tolling Retriever Camusmor Whatadream*



This is Ruby owned by Jo Jones. Does she remind you of anyone?

DEREK SMITH

Cup Steward and Records of Match Nights Points

I have been in contact with dogs since early childhood all of which were Heinz's. The thought of owning pedigree dogs never came until much later in life.

I was 24 years in the Royal Navy before "retiring" at 40.

Of those 24 years 17 were as a submariner, which makes it difficult to own any sort of pet even left at home with the family.

My chosen sport for my time in the RN was hockey at which I didn't excel but played for the RN senior team and 15mins for Combined Services.

In my younger days I would travel almost anywhere for a game, the longest round trip being from North of Glasgow to Staines to play 2 games in one w/e.

Towards the end of my naval career I became interested in Falconry having moved to Somerset and seeing the inimitable Gemima Parry-Jones at the Bath and West show. I went away to do a Falconry course with the British School of Falconry.

This led to me acquiring my own hawk and ferrets. This sufficed until I was introduced to HPR's and in particular Vizla's and Brittany's. The latter suited the hawking ground better and I bought my first 'pedigree' dog fully trained in 1988/9. Kai eventually went away but to the last would still work in the field with her nose although being partially blind. To get her to return we acted like windmills to attract her attention.

Nina my wife had always had Rotties and Lucy, the Rottie and Kai spent happy times together.

Only having one dog continued until Lucy went when we vowed not to get another!!!! We've all been there.

After 12months the hankering got the better of us both and Jessica arrived from a breeder who "showed" and Jess was pick of the litter!!!

Rosie (Brittany) arrived soon after, she became christened 'bee on a string'. She is better now????

She has also started to retrieve, which is unusual as Falconers don't want this even though she is an HPR.

As we had never showed dogs before we joined, firstly obedience, then ring-craft at WDCS. The end! We wish! As Nina wanted to breed her own dogs, and, Jessica was a fussy eater, along came Polly ¾ German and don't we know it. Naughty Knickers as she is known will never be laid back like Jess who after 12 months eats like a Rottweiler. Do we show, only for fun, have we had any success, not really but how do you measure success? For us we always go away with the best dogs.

DAVID BROWNING (Spotmar)

Ringcraft Trainer

I first started in Dalmations in 1975 with Jason, our first dog. We got the showing bug from a friend. Jason did very well, so yes, we got another one, 'Sammy'. It all kicked off from there.

In 1982 we moved from Basingstoke to the North of Scotland, where we opened Boarding Kennels and Pet Shop. Friends and family thought we were mad, but we enjoyed it and stayed there for 10 years.

By this time Ollie and Megan had arrived. We bought Megan first, for showing. A little later her Breeder contacted us to ask if we would take Ollie, Megan's litter brother, as nobody wanted him. So in due course he moved in. This turned out to be lucky for us as Megan HATED showing, but Ollie LOVED it and he went on to do really well in the show ring!

I spent four years with the Winchester & District Canine Society as their Treasurer. I'm on the 'B' List for judging Dalmations and steward for other breeds at Champion and Open Shows.

DI HALLS

Treasurer

I am your new Treasurer. Accountancy is my job and now my hobby!

In the last News Letter David (Matches Administrator) told you about our dogs so I won't bore you again with that.

David does the showing and I love Agility. Karla the agility girl will be thirteen this month and is now retired from competition. I still train other folks and their dogs at Phoenix Agility South West.

David told you in the last News Letter that our 2007 holiday was a cruise to the Faroes, Iceland and Greenland. It was most enjoyable whale watching, iceberg spotting, plus seeing the demonstration of working Greenland Dogs. They outnumbered the inhabitants of the village where we made a landing, our ship sharing the harbour with icebergs.

This June we cruise north again, this time to Norway and on to Spitsbergen, as close to the North Pole as we can get. We hope to see Polar Bears, from a distance!!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Leigh on Mendip Companion Dog Show – June 21st '08
 Leigh on Mendip, Nr. Frome, Somerset
 For Details Tel. 01373 813146

Westbury & District Canine Society Open Show
 September 14th 2008
 West Wilts Equestrian Centre, Melksham Road, Holt,
 Nr. Trowbridge, Wilts
 For Details or schedule Tel. 01373 813146

COMMITTEE NEWS

There were a few changes made to the committee at the last AGM . Due to Marjorie Taylors retirement, Madeline Lusby has taken on the roll of Hon Secretary. We welcome Di Halls onto the Committee as our new Treasurer, David Browning who is one of our Ringcraft Trainers, Derek Smith, our Cup Steward and Records of Match Nights Points Coordinator and last but not least, Caroline Hunt who looks after our catering and makes a superb cup of tea! Sadly we said goodbye to Marjorie Taylor, Carole Brown , Jenny Oldale and recently Christine Carpenter. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to the Society and wish them well in the future.

At the moment the committee are working hard on the next Open Show. It is with much regret that we have to inform you that it will not be held at Leighton Leisure Centre this year. Unfortunately we could not be guaranteed enough parking should we have heavy rain, we would struggle to cope with the amount of exhibitors inside in the event of bad weather and the management could not guarantee us long term use of the venue. After long discussions and attempts to find other venues it was finally agreed to hold the show at West Wilts Equestrian Centre, Holt. We know many of you will be disappointed with the change of venue, but we, the committee, will do our utmost to make the 2008 show as successful as 2007. Please support us and enter your dogs!

Obedience and Ringcraft training continues on Monday and Wednesday evenings:

Obedience: Monday evening – Puppies – 7.30 to 8.30pm

Intermediate – 8.30 pm onwards

Ringcraft: Wednesday evening 7.30 onwards

NB Our Public Liability Insurance stipulates that ALL people attending on Monday and Wednesday evenings must be fully paid up members. It is now Club policy to ensure that all subscriptions are up to date.

LIVER TITBITS

Place pig or lambs liver on a baking sheet, sprinkle with garlic powder and cook until firm. Remove from oven and cut into small pieces. Return to oven and cook slowly on a low heat until dry.

