



## **CHARITY DONATIONS**

At the last committee meeting in 2013, on behalf of ALL the club members, the committee voted to continue with the Club's VIP Sponsorship of 5 of the Sanctuary Hounds at **Wimbledon Greyhound Trust** for another year at a cost of £40 per month throughout 2014.

We are therefore proud to let you know that we are continuing to sponsor:

**DAVY, MAGGIE, ROSIE, MINNIE & LILY & RITZ**

Details of all these dogs, their life histories (including how they came to be at the Trust) and their photos can be found on the notice board in the barn.

Having raised funds in the past for **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**, the committee also agreed to continue our sponsorship of EDEN and COCO, two of the puppies being trained to provide invaluable assistance to people who are deaf or hearing impaired. Our sponsorship for them will total £240 throughout 2014. Photos of the two puppies and details of their progress can be found on the notice board in the barn.

In addition the committee voted to continue sponsoring BARNEY & BAXTER being trained by **Canine Partners**, who train assistance dogs to transform the lives of people with disabilities. Our sponsorship of the puppies will total £240 throughout 2014. Photos of the puppies and details of their progress can also be found on the notice board in the barn

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2014**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2014 ARE DUE ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY.**

**TO ENSURE EACH HANDLER IS COVERED UNDER THE TERMS OF OUR INSURANCE, ANYONE WHO IS A HANDLER MUST PAY THE £5 MEMBERSHIP FEE. SO IF A HUSBAND AND WIFE BOTH HANDLE THE DOG (OR MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ETC) BOTH WILL NEED TO PAY £5. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 WHO DO NOT HAVE TO PAY. HOWEVER, THE PARENT OR ADULT WHO ACCOMPANIES THE CHILD DOES HAVE TO BE A PAID UP MEMBER. CHILDREN UNDER 16 **MUST** ALWAYS BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PAID UP PARENT (OR GUARDIAN)**

**YOUR TRAINERS WILL BE REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP FEES WHEN YOU START BACK AT CLASSES IN THE NEW YEAR**



## CHRISTMAS PARTIES!!

Great fun was had by all at the two Christmas parties which were well attended. There were lots of games for the dogs, and a quiz to test the handlers' knowledge of the nouns for the male, female, groups or young of various animals and birds. (Would you have known that a young worm is called a wormlet, or a male hedgehog is a boar?). Every member received a free raffle ticket for a draw to win a fantastic doggy hampers full of treats, toys and other dog related items.

With festive food, snacks and nibbles, the parties were enjoyed by all.

The results of the various competitions, quiz etc. are as follows:-

### Friday 13th

Best Fancy Dress: Lily (owned by Addy Johnson)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Minnie (owned by Shirley Jones)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Tess (owned by Dianne Jones)

Best Trick: Inky (owned by Addy Johnson)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Eddie (owned by Nadine & Richard Clark)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Hanya (owned by Wijnanda Benneker)

Musical Chairs: Ben Garrard & Poppy

Pass the parcel: Vicky Taylor & Sparky  
Ben Garrard & Poppy

Quiz: 1<sup>st</sup>: = Lauren Reeves, Suzanne Louis,  
Shirley Jones & Clare Pitts  
= Peter & Addy Johnson  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Alison Moreland

Door Prize: 1<sup>st</sup>: Addy Johnson & Inky & Lily

### Tuesday 17th

Millie (owned by Ken & Daisy Russell)  
Skie (owned by Val Tuxford)  
Dudley (owned by Linda Alabaster)

Flynn (owned by Alison Martin)  
Daisy (owned by Daska Duncan-Smith)  
Dexter (owned by Kate Bull)

Megan Porter & Max

Kate Bull & Dexter  
Jamie & Daska Duncan-Smith & Duke  
& Daisy

1<sup>st</sup>: Lorraine & Megan Porter  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jim & Jackie Swanson  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Ken & Daisy Russell

Natasha Robinson & Ruby

Photos from the two evenings can be found on the Club's website at  
[www.lalehamdogtraining.co.uk](http://www.lalehamdogtraining.co.uk)

## KENNEL CLUB GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following dogs and handlers that have passed the Kennel Club Good Citizens Awards since our last Newsletter.



### Puppy Foundation (November 2013)

Jason                      Ricky Signori



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Ted                              Georgia Courtney  
Marley                        Ann Godery  
Ollie                            Paul Betts  
Jack                            Jane Witcomb  
Brody                         Jayn Hughes



### Gold Award (December 2013)

Pascal                        Dan Morris  
Theodore                    Lynn Gibney  
Casper                        Trisha French

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Cliff Mott (as KDS Agility) very kindly made and donated a UK Agility standard jump which was raffled before Christmas with all proceeds going to the charity Canine Partners. Many thanks to all who bought tickets. A fantastic **£120** was raised and the lucky winner of the jump was Barbara Endersby.

## Agility News

### In House Results:



### CM2B December Competition

- 1<sup>st</sup>: - Calvin handled by Suzanne Louis
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: - Eddie handled by Richard Clark
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: - Arthur handled by Jo Millward
- 4<sup>th</sup>: - Nash handled by Natasha Hunt



### THE REBUS AWARD 2013

#### FOR THE MOST IMPROVED DOG AND HANDLER

Gill Buck joined the Club a year ago with her border collie Rebus. Rebus had several issues which Gill has worked hard to resolve with the help of the trainers at the Club. As a thank you for the help she and Rebus have received, Gill wanted to inspire other members to persevere with their dogs and not to give up. She very generously donated M&S and Pets At Home Gift vouchers to be given to the Most Improved Dog and Handler at the Club. After much discussion amongst the trainers, the clear winner was Bertie.

Bertie was a timid rescue dog who wouldn't walk anywhere, but since joining the Club in April, Mary & Bea have worked hard with him and he passed his Silver Good Citizens Award in September 2013, walking along the road, beside traffic, bicycles, other dogs and people. All due to his owners' determination and devotion and his own indomitable spirit.



Mary, Bertie, Bea & Gill



# CHRISTMAS STARS 2013!!!!



## Two Stars for Christmas 2013.

Following from 2012's Christmas Star awards, this Christmas, applause and praise went to -

**Cary Morgan**  
&  
**Andrew Smith**

Cary Morgan has been a club member for nearly four years. His company has sponsored the calendar for the last two years, and all three of his dogs have taken and passed the Bronze, Silver and Gold Good Citizen Awards. But he was nominated for this year's Christmas Star award in recognition of his efforts to rescue and rehome dogs in need. His first rescue dog from France was "Tin Tin" whom Cary rehomed himself with his two existing dogs. When he heard of another dog's plight – again in France, although he couldn't take on a 4<sup>th</sup> dog himself, Cary arranged for "Reggie" to have the necessary vaccinations and to be brought over to the UK where he has now found a loving home with Douglas and Ann Johnson and their two dogs.

Andrew (and his mother Sharon) Smith joined the club just over a year ago with their border collie puppy Jensen. Jensen has proved to be rather a handful – an energetic, highly strung individual and Andrew has done well to train Jensen who has passed the Good Citizen's Silver award and is working towards Gold. But the main reason for his Christmas Star nomination was in recognition of his willingness and helpfulness to assist at Club events – particularly at the Fun Day when he happily helped with whatever tasks were required, fetching and carrying and generally being a "gopher" for everyone. Events take a huge amount of organising and without Club members like Andrew who are willing to pitch in and help, they wouldn't run as smoothly as they do.



So well done to both of you.  
And keep up the excellent work!



# **“Barking Mad”**

## **Certificates**

In recognition of members' loyalty to the Club, those who have 5 years or more continuous membership will be presented with a certificate recognising that they are **“Barking Mad.”**

At Christmas, the following were presented with their **“Barking Mad”** certificates:-



**Ros Clifton**



**Denise Jeffries**

Congratulations to both Ros & Denise.

Certificates will be presented every six months to those who reach the 5 year milestone.

NB Our records are not 100% accurate prior to 2009. If you have already been a continuous member for 5 or more years and were not awarded a certificate at Christmas, please email me with details of when you first started coming to the club etc and I will update the records accordingly and ensure your loyalty is rewarded at the next opportunity.

## Missing your Favourite Features?

Because of all the other news re parties, Charity Donations, The Rebus Award, Christmas Stars, Barking Mad Certificates etc, the "Cooking For Your Dog" and "How Smart is Your Dog??" features will return in the next newsletter

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## **GOLD PLUS CLASSES!!**

**DON'T FORGET - GOLD PLUS CLASSES (FOR DOGS WHO HAVE PASSED THE GOLD AWARD) ARE ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH FROM 7.30 - 8.30 PM**

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### **JANUARY COMPETITION: "SPOT THE DOG"**

We have some lovely prizes to give away to the winners of this competition:  
Pens and calendars from Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare; some yummy dog treats; LDTC Torch Keyrings and lantern pens

All you have to do is mark with an X the spot where you think the dog's nose is in the picture below.

Only one entry per club member.

The two people who mark the X nearest to the centre of the dog's nose will be the winners.

Please cut off the bottom section of the page and return it to me – or send it back electronically once you have marked your X on it.

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Entry submitted by: -

Member's Name.....

Dog's Name.....

**CLOSING DATE IS 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2014**