



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIDAY 23RD MAY

Notice is hereby given that Laleham Dog Training Club will be holding its **Annual General Meeting** at 7.30pm on Friday 23rd May in the Barn. All paid up Club Members are invited to attend.

All current Committee members and officers will be retiring, but all are willing to stand for re-election: -

Committee Officers

Chairperson – Carol Jamieson
Secretary – Elizabeth Morris
Treasurer – Lynn Gibney

Committee Members

Barbara Endersby
Denise Jeffries
Cliff Mott
Mike Whitehead

Ballot papers will be issued at the meeting. Proxy and postal votes are not allowed under the Club's Rules & Regulations. Only members attending in person are eligible to vote.

If you have anything you would like to raise or to be discussed at the AGM, please notify Elizabeth Morris, in writing (or by email) at least 14 days before 23rd May.

Please remember - The Club is run by the committee for YOU the members. To find out what the committee do on your behalf please do come along. Refreshments will be provided.

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE

The Club will be holding its **6th ANNUAL FUN DAY** on Sunday 29th June.

We will be having another Fun Dog Show with novelty classes for dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeds; there will be the usual Fun Obstacle Course, a Rally,O course, tombola, raffle and refreshments.

This year, the Club will be splitting proceeds on the day between
Canine Partners, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People & Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare.

AS USUAL WE WILL BE NEEDING QUALITY ITEMS FOR THE TOMBOLA!! PLEASE PUT YOUR DONATIONS IN THE BOX IN THE BARN OR PASS TO YOUR TRAINER

An entry form for the Fun Dog Show will be included with the May Newsletter.



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 (March 2014)

Nell	Samantha Shelley
Monty	Tom Cowell
Max	Joe Marshall & Dan Moore
Alfie	Rebecca Sykes
Ted	Brigitte & Peter Taylor

Not in photo: -
Silver Liz & Rosie Gangar



Puppy Foundation (March 2014)

Oreo	Ileanna Cerullo & Sean Tydeman
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Puppy Foundation (March 2014)

Zeus	Dawn Garrett
Bella	Sue & Tudor Williams
Tilly	Christianne Ella
Baxter	David Cox
Bella	Sarah & Chloe Baggs
Lola	Marcia & Ernie Carter



Gold Award (March 2014)

Henery	Jackie Hillsdon
Suzie Q	Suzanne Louis
Lily	Addy Johnson
Charlie	Carol Swettenham
Reggie	Douglas Johnson

Agility News



CJ4A March Competition

- 1st Place: - Pheobe handled by Barbara Endersby
- 2nd Place: - Boogie handled by Dave Southern
- 3rd Place: - Maddie handled by Emily Stevenson
- 4th Place: - Olly handled by Louise Merry



CJ4B March Competition

- 1st Place: - Archie handled by Clare Pitts
- 2nd Place: - Jack handled by Debs Fawcus
- 3rd Place: - Fred handled by Sue Hedges
- 4th Place: - Mackie handled by Jackie Bulmer

PARKING!!

Agility classes will be moving to weekday evenings, starting on Tuesday 22nd April, so with obedience classes from 6.30 - 9.30 and agility classes from 6pm to 8.30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays there is going to be very little room to park at the farm - especially as the logs in the car park are not likely to be moved for some time. The committee therefore request that wherever possible, members utilise the public car park in the village.

The 1st hour is free (but you **MUST** get a ticket) and it is free after 7pm anyway, so if you arrive for a 6pm class, park at the farm, but if you arrive for a 6.30 or later class (agility or obedience), please park in the public car park. It's less than 100m from the farm, so just ensure you allow an extra few minutes to get to your class on time. Thank you.

HOW SMART IS YOUR DOG??


Continuing with this month's test to see how clever your dog is.

Under cover

What you need

- Large bath towel
- Timer

Most of us long to be free to sniff trees and bark at cars, while others just like to snooze in a nice, quiet, dark place.




- 1 Your dog should be awake and reasonably active.
- 2 Let the dog sniff the towel.
- 3 With a smooth movement, throw the towel over the dog's head, so its head and shoulders are completely covered (you may want to practise this without the dog first). Start timing and watch silently.

If the dog frees itself in:

- 5 seconds or less
5 points
- 6 to 14 seconds
4 points
- 15 to 29 seconds
3 points
- 30 to 59 seconds
2 points
- If the dog hasn't freed itself after 60 seconds
1 point

Use the right towel for the job - too small, and pooch will be free in no time. Too big, and it might get stuck!



NB: Your dog should enjoy carrying out these exercises as it will think you are playing, rather than testing it.

If your dog should show signs of distress or becomes agitated, stop the exercise immediately. Keep track of your dog's score by noting the number next to how your dog performed.

COOKING FOR YOUR DOG

If you want to give your dog a change from his/her ordinary diet why not try cooking some healthy treats. Each newsletter, we'll feature a different treat or meal for your dog.

This month: - Pilchard Pie



2 large tins of pilchards in tomato sauce

10 oz. self-raising flour

2 eggs

Milk to mix

Mix all ingredients in a food processor, adding enough milk to make a soft cake-like consistency.

Pre heat the oven to 160°C (300° F). Line a large shallow baking tray (approx 12" x 10" X 1" deep) with greaseproof paper. Bake for approximately 40 minutes until firm like a sponge cake. Switch the oven off and leave to cool in the oven for 2 hours. Cut into small cubes. Will keep in the fridge for about a week or can be frozen.

Charity Update

We are sad to tell you that Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare had to say farewell to Davy, (one of the Sanctuary Hounds we sponsor) in February. He had suffered with various ailments for some time and the staff at WGW reluctantly had to make the decision to let him go.

So the Club has transferred our sponsorship to Rooster: -



Rooster was born in 2001 and was brought into WGW back in 2002 with two other greyhounds who have since found homes. He's a sweet lad - happy and confident in the world he knows, but take him away from that world and he panics. So it hasn't been possible to find him his "forever" home. But he's happy at the sanctuary and feels safe there, and our sponsorship will help provide for him.

You can read all about Rooster's story - and those of our other sponsored greyhounds on the notice board in the barn.

Other Charity News

Suzie takes the biscuit

Twickenham and Teddington Branch fundraisers have been accompanied in their recent fundraising endeavours by a nautical mascot, Suzie the dog, travelling in style aboard her own custom-built lifeboat.



(excerpt from the RNLI Compass magazine Spring 2014)

Suzie Q and owner Lynn have been fundraising for the RNLI in recent months, raising over £200 so far. You can see them in action outside the Longacres Garden Centre in Nutty lane, Shepperton on Easter Monday (21st April) between 11am and 1pm.

Don't forget to bring your loose change to help fill Suzie's collecting bucket!

CLIFF'S Books



If you have borrowed or been lent a book by Cliff Mott, can you please return it to him as soon as possible. Trainers can only lend their training books to people if they are returned in a timely manner so that others can then benefit. Please check your bookshelves and return any books you may have. Thank you.

ITEMS FOR SALE - Private Members

Private Club Members have various dog-related items for sale which can be found on the metal shelving in the barn - a padded dog bed, toys, water bottles, tunnels for garden agility etc.

If you wish to purchase any of these items, please liaise directly with the club member concerned or ask your trainer to pass the money on (exact money only please - Trainers are not in a position to give change)

If you have anything you wish to sell, it must be brand new and unused. Please attach a card with details of the item, your name and contact details and the price you are charging.

NB The Club cannot accept any responsibility for any items left on the shelving.

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ITEMS FOR SALE - Club Items

The Club also has items for sale at cost or near cost to club members (any profits are used by the club towards events and/or charity donations).

Dog 1st Aid Kits £8 - ideal to keep in the car or attach to your belt when out walking

Clickers £1 - for use at Scent Workshops or forthcoming Clicker Training workshops

Lantern Pens £1 - a pen at one end and a handy LED light at the other

Torch keyring £2.50 - a handy LED torch on a keyring

Pencils 50p each or 3 for £1 - either coloured, or graphite with a rubber tip

K9 bridles £15 - extra small, small, medium, large and giant. To stop dogs pulling on the lead

Short leads £3 - for use with taller dogs so that you have less lead to worry about

If you are interested in any of the Club items, please speak to your trainer or directly with Lynn Gibney and they can arrange for you to see and where applicable, try, before you buy (K9 bridles and short leads are available for members to try before committing to purchase).