



Christmas Parties

Once again, we will have Two Christmas Parties so that as many dogs and their owners as possible can attend.

For those attending Obedience Classes on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays, your party will be from 7pm on Wednesday 10th December.

For those attending Obedience classes on Thursdays & Sundays and for those doing Agility, your party will be from 7pm on Friday 12th December.

As usual, there will be games and prizes including Best Fancy Dress (Dogs), Best Trick (Dogs), a Christmas quiz (handlers!), Find the Sausage (Dogs), Musical Chairs (dogs and handlers!) and the usual refreshments and nibbles (for both dogs and handlers).

There will also be a Doggy Hamper to be won each night. Free raffle entry

The parties are free and for those who have not been to one in the past, they are hugely enjoyable for dogs and handlers alike. So make a note in your diaries, and keep that evening free.

(Just to give us an idea of numbers, please return the Christmas party acceptance on the back page. Many thanks).

Because of the parties please note: -

**There will be NO "HAPPY HOUR" Classes in DECEMBER
(Fat Club will still take place on Thursday 4th Dec at 8.30pm)**



MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2015

As with everything else these days, the cost of insurance is always going up.

It is with great reluctance therefore that the committee advises that from 1st January 2015, the Annual Membership fee for the Primary handler for each dog will increase to **£10**. The Membership fee for additional handlers will remain at £5 per annum and membership for children under 16 accompanied by a paid up adult member will still be free.

Eg if mum, dad and three children under 16 all attend classes at various times, membership will be £15 for the family. For an individual with one or more dogs it will be £10. For a couple it will be £15. The membership fee is per person - not per dog, so whether you own, 1, 2 or 4 dogs the membership fee for the primary handler is the same - £10

To ensure that everyone at the club is covered under the terms of our insurance, **ANYONE** who is a handler **MUST** be a paid up member and **ANYONE** who accompanies a child member **MUST** be a paid up member.

Membership fees are due on 1st January so your trainers will be requesting Membership fees when you start back in the New Year

"FRIENDS" of Laleham Dog Training Club

The Club recognises that some of you like to stay on the Club's mailing list purely to receive the newsletters and to attend some of our events, seminars, Christmas parties etc. and to support us in this way.

As you will not be handling a dog in classes, you can continue to receive newsletters (by email) and attend events by becoming a "FRIEND" of Laleham Dog Training Club for £5 per year.

If at any time during the year you decide to return to classes (eg you get another dog) then you can upgrade to full membership for an additional £5. If you would like to become a "Friend" of LDTC please complete the form at the back of the newsletter.

Course Fees For 2015

To ensure we continue to provide good quality training in safe and suitable conditions, we are regrettably going to have to increase the cost of our courses from 1st January 2015 as follows: -

An 8 week Obedience course (Puppy, Bronze, Silver & Gold) will be £50

A 10 week Agility course (all levels) will be £60

These prices are still less than those charged by other training venues in the area and still represent excellent value for money.

NB If you have already started a course in 2014, there will be no increase for the remainder of that 8 week obedience course or 10 week agility course. The increased prices will only be effective for NEW courses starting in 2015.

LDTc CALENDAR 2015



Max Lola Charley
Eva Finn
Mackie Quinn Barrie

January 2015

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Public Holiday	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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A sample calendar is now available to view in the barn. So you can now order copies (please see order form on back page). Payment **MUST** accompany your order (cash or cheques payable to LDTc).

No "Spare" calendars are printed. As people order them, I print them, so unless you order one, you can't buy one. At £7.50 each, they are great value Christmas presents for friends and family with plenty of space to write important notes on each date.

So order your calendars today!
(see order form on back page)

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 October 2014

Roxy	Sandra & Sophie Allaway
Eva	Sue & Carly Burgess
Sapphira	Suzanne Louis
Ralph	Rebekah & Betsie Caen
Finn	Val & Les Mitchell
Crosby	Chris Carroll



Puppy Foundation November 2014

Kyra	Yash & Jasraj Dhariwal
Anya	Satish Sharma
Finn	Kevin Ash
Basil	Adrienne & Jeremy Rickard
Bonnie	Sue Shorey
Bob	Debbie Rickards
Lola	Ken Dowling



Silver October 2014

Zelda	Toni Teasdale
Cody	Sue & Brian Pluthero

Please note: It is a legal requirement for all dogs in a public place to have the OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS inscribed on the collar or on a tag attached to the collar. This is the LAW. The Kennel Club will not allow a dog with the incorrect information on its Id tag to even take part in a Good Citizens Test. All dogs taking part in the Good Citizens tests MUST have the correct information. Any dog without the correct Id will NOT be permitted to take tests.

Agility News

News From Around the Shows:

Carol Jamieson, our Senior Agility Trainer has had some amazing results with her new boy Swift. Swift has only been competing for a few months, but because of Carol's previous experience he automatically has to compete at Grade 3. But he is already getting clear rounds and being placed:

Chertsey Show 9th August 2014
4th Gde 1-5 Steeplechase

Letchworth KC 29 - 31st August 2014
8th Gde 3 Agility
10th Gde 3 Agility
18th Gde 3 Jumping
8th Gde 3-5 Agility

Stour Valley KC 20th September 2014
9th Gde 3-5 Jumping

Pachesham 17th September 2014
5th Gde 1-5 Jumping
8th Gde 1-5 Steeplechase



WELL DONE CAROL & SWIFT!

CHARITY RAFFLE

The Trainers & Committee have joined together to supply a super Christmas Hamper that we are raffling in aid of our three Charities (Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, Canine partners & Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare).

Raffle Tickets can be purchased for £2 each from your trainers or at either of the Christmas Parties.

The draw will take place on Friday 12th December and the Hamper delivered before Christmas

DOGLAW: NEW POWERS TO TACKLE NUISANCE DOGS

Many of you may have read in the newspapers or heard through friends and on the grapevine that a new law has come into effect that will have serious repercussions if your dog chases next doors cat or warns off the postman. It is not quite as dramatic as the media is making out.

Trevor Cooper is a leading solicitor in a company that specialises in Dog Law. His firm have produced a DVD to explain the new powers that came into effect on 20th October 2014 as part of **The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014**. Having watched the DVD and read the accompanying notes, the following is a summary of the new powers and what they intend to do.

Basically, these provisions are aimed at “preventing, punishing and controlling” anti-social behaviour in dogs.

The Home Office defines Anti-social behaviour as: - “everyday nuisance, disorder and crime that has a huge impact on the victim’s quality of life”

The purpose of the new provisions is meant to nip problems in the bud, empower victims & give professionals the tools they need to deal with situations.

Prior to 20/10/14 Councils had the power to make bylaws (**DOG CONTROL ORDERS**) to control dogs in public places, but now they will create **PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS (PSPOs)**. Existing Dog Control Orders make it a requirement to:-

- Pick up after your dog
- To keep a dog on a lead
- To put and keep a dog on a lead when directed to do so
- To exclude dogs (eg from children’s play areas)
- To limit the number of dogs one person can have charge of.

These will be phased out over time and be converted to PSPOs.

PSPOs apply to a restricted area and can: -

- Prohibit specified things being done in that area
- Require specified things to be done by persons carrying out specified activities in that area
- Both the above

So PSPOs will include the 5 things covered already by DCOs but councils can also impose additional requirements. However, a council cannot just make any area a restricted area. They have to consider if there are suitable alternatives for dogs to be exercised without restrictions and whether any restrictions will affect those who rely on assistance dogs. Councils can therefore only apply PSPOs in order “To prevent the detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality from continuing, occurring or recurring or To reduce the detrimental effect or reduce the risk of its continuance, occurrence or recurrence.”

PSPOs can apply to: all persons/only to persons in specified categories/ or all persons except those in specified categories

Eg 1 professional dog walkers as opposed to general dog owners

Eg 2 disabled owners could be excluded

PSPOs can apply: at all times/at specified times/ or all times except those specified
Eg beaches can have restrictions at different times of day and different months of the year

It's a criminal offence to fail to comply with a PSPO (unless there is a reasonable excuse).
Maximum penalty is £1000. As an alternative to prosecution, an authorised person can issue a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100.

COMMUNITY PROTECTION NOTICE (CPNs)

CPNs also came into effect on 20/10/14. Unlike PSPOs they will target individuals or organisations responsible for the nuisance and they are not limited to public land – they can apply to private land as well.

These powers are NEW. They do not replace existing powers or measures. They are intended to deal with “unreasonable, ongoing problems” or “nuisances which negatively affect the community’s quality of life” by targeting the person responsible.

Before being served a CPN an individual must be given a written warning that the CPN will be issued unless the conduct ceases. They will be given sufficient time to stop the behaviour.

A CPN imposes requirements: -

- To stop doing specified things
- To do specified things
- To take reasonable steps to achieve specified results

Depending on circumstances a CPN could include an order to: - muzzle a dog/keep a dog on a lead/to have a dog neutered/exclude the dog from specific places/have the dog microchipped/ attend training

But the conduct being targeted must be having a detrimental effect and be persistent and unreasonable, so a CPN won't necessarily follow in cases of nuisance eg dog on dog minor incidents might be dealt with by an Acceptable Behaviour Contract or more serious incidents with an ASBO or a Civil Injunction (these will come into force shortly)

Examples of reasons for a CPN: -

- Out of control in the park
- Alarming visitors to the home
- Straying & causing damage
- A dog that distresses or injures other animals

If a person fails to comply with a CPN then the police or council can apply for a warrant to seize an item used in the commission of the offence – which could be the dog. The person can also be fined up to £2500 or up to £20,000 for an organisation.

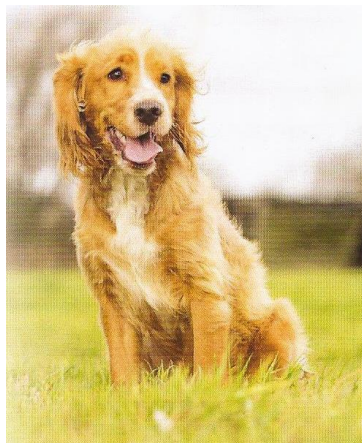
If you are at all concerned about how these new laws might affect you and your dog you may borrow the DVD or read my full summary which I can email to you.

CHARITY UPDATE: -



Hearing Dogs
for Deaf People

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We have been advised by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, that one of the puppies we have been sponsoring has reached the end of her training and has now been partnered with her recipient! What excellent news!

Jess is now two years old and has completed the final stages of her training to become a hearing dog - including learning to alert her new owner to the sound of a smoke alarm and a fire siren. Jess has been taught that when she hears one of these sounds, she must lie down at her owner's feet, but when asked "what is it?" she does NOT lead her owner back to the source of the noise as this could mean she is potentially leading them both into danger. Instead she lies still and her owner then knows that Jess is alerting her to a serious signal.

Jess has now been homed with Sandy and her two sons in Bristol. Sally has been deaf since the age of 3. In the last few months, Jess has become a major part of family life and accompanied Sandy and the boys on many trips - camping, going to the beach and walking in the woods.

Sandy works as an occupational therapist in a community hospital. Jess goes to work with Sandy and usually lies curled up at her feet when Sandy is at her desk, or shadows her as she goes around doing her job.

As Jess's training is now complete, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People have asked if the Club would continue its sponsorship and have suggested a puppy called Berry. Berry is a cocker spaniel x miniature poodle puppy. Looking at that adorable bundle of fun, how could we refuse??



Further details and updates on Berry and the other dogs the Club sponsors for Hearing Dogs, Canine Partners & Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare can all be found on the notice boards in the barn.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

I will be able to attend the Christmas Party on:
Wednesday 10th December/Friday 12th December (delete as applicable)

Names of
dogs.....

Names of
People.....



LDTTC CALENDAR 2015

The 2015 Calendar is ready to order. A sample calendar will be on the notice board in the barn so you can have a look before you order. Calendars are only printed to order. There are NO spare copies, so if you don't order one, you won't be able to buy one. Please complete the form below and return to Lynn Gibney, together with your payment (cash or cheque payable to LDTTC).

Handler Name.....

Dog's Name.....

No of calendars required.....

Payment enclosed @ £7.50 per calendar.....

"Friend" of LDTC

With effect from 1st January 2015, I would like to become a "Friend" of Laleham Dog Training Club:

Name.....

Email Address.....

I enclose cheque/cash £5

I understand that if I later decide to attend classes (obedience or agility) I can upgrade to Full Membership by paying an additional £5.

Signed..... Date



TRAINERS' CONTACT DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

Monday Eve	Jill Ambridge	07884 430642	jillambridge@hotmail.com
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Wednesday Eve	Marion Dawes	07713 161262	marion.dawes@gmail.com
Wednesday Eve	Barbara Endersby	07711 654570	barbaraendersby@googlemail.com
Wednesday Eve	Lynn Gibney	07947 480784	lynn_gibney@talktalk.net
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Monday Eve	Anna Miles	07843 273874	annarmiles@gmail.com
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Thursday Eve	Clare Pitts	07969 605327	clare_pitts@hotmail.co.uk
Tuesday Eve	Dave Southern	07516 524477	davesouth03@btinternet.com

Spelthorne Out of Hours Dog Warden: Paul Clements (and his partner Nikki) **07886 498003**.

NB: - Club mobile for new enquiries: **07939 189917**