



DIAMOND SUCCESS!!



The Club held its First Ever Diamond Test on a VERY wet and windy afternoon in November.

Despite the cold and rain, the dogs and handlers braved the elements to complete a Rally, O course outside and to send the dogs to a square marked by 4 cones. They also had to stop the dogs as they were running away (lured by trainer Lynn).

Inside the barn, the dogs were put through their paces as the owners explained how they had taught them to touch a target stick and then what they had transferred the touch to: - closing the door, ringing a bell, paws up on the owner's hips etc.

The dogs then had the difficult task of picking out their owner's duster from amongst three other "blank" dusters – they all picked out the correct one brilliantly!

There was a retrieve – with various toys being retrieved – from the standard dumbbell, to a tortoise, a ring and a squeaky toy – but all done to the standard required.

The examiner particularly enjoyed the dogs doing their tricks – one fetched a hankie from the owner's back pocket when she sneezed; another did "tidy up" fetching balls of paper and putting them one by one in the bin; another fetched three items in turn, placing them in a bowl – knowing the difference between each item; etc. The dogs thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and although the test itself was nerve wracking for the owners they had really enjoyed the challenges of the Diamond Course and are looking forward to Platinum next year!



**Daisy Jasper Devon Bourbon Flynn Calvin
& Daska & Elizabeth & Barbara & Heather & Alison & Suzanne
Duncan-Smith Morris Endersby Gardner Martin Louis**



KENNEL CLUB GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS

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

	<p style="text-align: center; color: purple;"><u>Puppy November 2015</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Freddie</td> <td>Julia Chaplin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ernie</td> <td>Heidi Siffleet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jake</td> <td>Louise Eagles</td> </tr> </table>	Freddie	Julia Chaplin	Ernie	Heidi Siffleet	Jake	Louise Eagles
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Please note: All Classes (Obedience and Agility) will take a break for the Christmas period.

Your trainer will advise the last date for training.

Classes will resume in the New Year:

Obedience: from Monday 11th January 2016.

Agility: from 9th/10th January 2016 (weather permitting)

If you are part way through a course when we take a break for Christmas, your course will continue in the New Year from where you left off.

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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 Tuesday 15th December.

For those attending Obedience classes on Thursdays & Sundays and for those doing Agility, your party will be from 7pm on Thursday 17th 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

And for the First Time The Club's own Display Team will be performing a short Formation Heelwork to Music routine!

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).

Christmas Treats for Your Dogs

Oscar Pet Foods have some great Toy and Treat offers lined up for Club Members again this year



You can buy a Christmas Stocking with a variety of 5 different packets of treats in it for just £5.99

Or Mix'n'Match 3 different tubs of treats for just £10 and get them delivered in a handy free storage bucket.

There are lots of different toys, antlers etc that you can order. 10% of the value of all purchases is donated back to the Club for Charity. So write your orders down on the forms provided.



By buying in bulk, the Club is able to offer the Trixie Roller Pop Lick Stick at just £4 each or 3 (one of each flavour) for £10. Handy stocking fillers for your dogs and a taste they can't resist. A handy roll-on bottle with a tasty liquid that doesn't make a mess, lasts longer and is low calorie.



Again, by buying in bulk, the Club is able to offer a pack of two medium chicken Jumbones for £1.

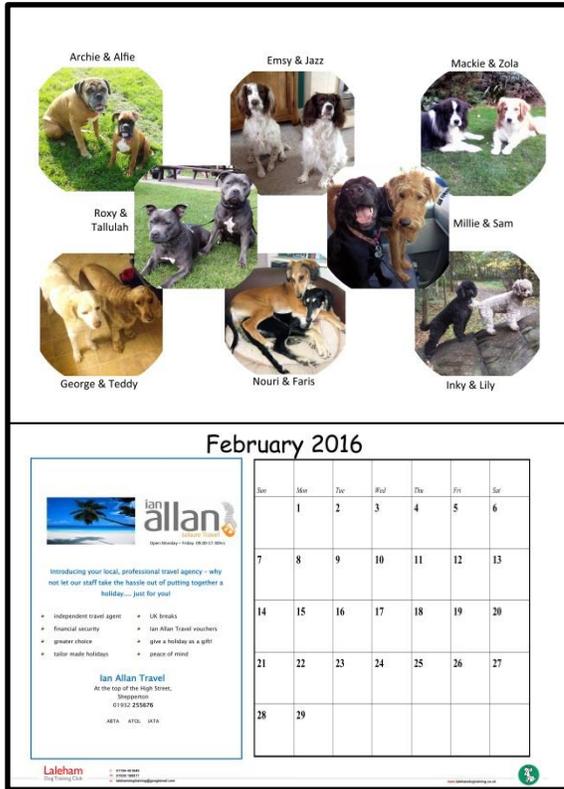
Buy 2 and get a 3rd one free!

LDTc CALENDAR 2016

A sample calendar is now available to view in the barn. So you can now order copies (please see order form below). 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!



LDTc CALENDAR 2016

The 2016 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 LDTc).

Handler Name.....

Dog's Name.....

No of calendars required.....

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



Dates for Your Diary

November

Thursday 26th November 8.30pm Display Team

December

Thursday 3rd December 8.30pm Display Team

Thursday 10th December 8.30pm Display Team

Tuesday 15th December 7.00pm Christmas Party

For all dogs and handlers in Obedience classes on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings

Thursday 17th December 7.00pm Christmas Party

For all dogs and handlers in Obedience classes on Thursday evening, Sunday mornings and for all those doing agility classes



CHRISTMAS PARTY

I will be able to attend the Christmas Party on:

Tuesday 15th December/Thursday 17th December (delete as applicable)

Names of dogs.....

Names of People.....