



**Happy
New
Year!**

Christmas Parties 2015

What fabulous fun was had by all at the two Christmas parties! On the whole, all the dogs (and owners) were very well behaved (there was a bit of competitiveness in the musical chairs - but no one was seriously injured!).

Tuesday 15th December

Fancy Dress

- 1st - Lola Cousens
- 2nd - Rudy Hutton
- 3rd - Maggie Williamson

Best Trick

- 1st - Bourbon Gardner
- 2nd - Tiya Twomey
- 3rd - Oscar Gibney

Musical Chairs

- 1st - Julie Reeves & Chester
- 2nd - Jenny Kirby & Dolly

Door Prize

- 1st - Brian & Sue Pluthero
- 2nd - Jenny Kirby
- 3rd - Diana Tranter

Christmas Quiz

- 1st - Heather Gardner & Andy

Thursday 17th December

Fancy Dress

- 1st - Pepper Moreland
- 2nd - Lily Johnson
- 3rd - Zola Bulmer

Best Trick

- 1st - Zola Bulmer
- 2nd - Maggie Southern
- 3rd - Millie Russell

Musical Chairs

- 1st - Daska Duncan Smith & Duke
- 2nd - Jackie Bulmer & Zola

Door Prize

- 1st - Daska & Jamie Duncan Smith
- 2nd - Daren & Sue Bezants
- 3rd - Daisy Russell

Christmas Quiz

- 1st - Ken Russell
- 2nd - Charlotte Springer

Photos from the parties will be on the website as soon as Elizabeth has time to put them up.

The newly formed LDTC Display Team were in action on both evenings - for those who missed it (or just want to watch it over and over again!) a video of it will be posted on the Club website. If you are interesting in joining the team please see page 6.

“Barking Mad”

Certificates

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

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



Barbara Willis



Jackie Bulmer



Becky Beauchamp



Suzanne Louis

The following have also completed their 5 years and their Certificates are Awaiting them!

Vicki Burridge

Gary Copestake

Adrian Turner

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

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.



Puppy December 2015

Ben	Jacky Day
Flossy	Tegwynne Goldthorpe
Flo	Henry Bourne
Huxley	Glenda Wadeson
Jasper	Brian Carter

Not in photo: -
 Princess Claire Wilmott
 Bailey Will McDonald



Puppy December 2015

Jasper	Keith & Dulcibella Dovkants
Ruby	Michelle Saupe
Mabel	John & Pat Grieve
Chester	Leah, Dave & Amanda Read
Harris	Raph, Rosie & Theo
Nyla	Hardwick Skottowe Paul Garraghan



Silver November 2015

Molly	Justine Butler
Ace	Megan Bright
Tolo	Barbara Willis
Franc	Lyndsay Bradbury
Dexter	Lauren Archer & Jack Sansom

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.

NEW YEAR CLASSES

Obedience Classes start back in the New Year on Monday 11th January.

Day	Start Back	Time	Level	Trainer	Contact Details
Monday	11 th Jan	6.30 - 7.30 pm	Bronze	Jill & Lynn	07884 430642
Monday	11 th Jan	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Br/Slvr	Jill & Lynn	07884 430642
Monday	11 th Jan	8.30 - 9.30 pm	Diamond	Lynn	07947 480784
Tuesday	12 th Jan	6.30 - 7.30 pm	Bronze	Elizabeth	07976 904986
Tuesday	12 th Jan	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Silver	Elizabeth	07976 904986
Tuesday	12 th Jan	8.30 - 9.30 pm	Bronze	Elizabeth	07976 904986
Wednesday	13 th Jan	6.30 - 7.30 pm	Bronze	Lynn	07947 480784
Wednesday	13 th Jan	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Gold	Lynn	07947 480784
Wednesday	13 th Jan	8.30 - 9.30 pm	Diamond	Lynn	07947 480784
Thursday	14 th Jan	6.30 - 7.30 pm	Gold	Elizabeth	07976 904986
Thursday	14 th Jan	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Bronze	Elizabeth	07976 904986
Sunday	17 th Jan	9.30 - 10.30am	Bronze	Becky	07749 984904
Sunday	17 th Jan	10.30- 11.30am	Puppy	Becky	07749 984904

NB Happy Hour will be on Thursdays at 8.30pm. Brand new schedule for 2016. See Dates for Your Diary

Agility Classes start back in the New Year on Saturday 9th January (weather permitting!)

Day	Start Back	Time	Level	Trainer	Contact Details
Saturday	9 th Jan	10 -11 am	CMB1	Cliff	07802 183089
Saturday	9 th Jan	11.15 - 12.15	CM1	Cliff	07802 183089
Saturday	9 th Jan	12.30 - 1.30pm	CMB2	Cliff	07802 183089
Sunday	10 th Jan	10 - 11 am	LA3	Laura	07917 566582
Sunday	10 th Jan	10 - 11 am	CM1A	Cliff	07802 183089
Sunday	10 th Jan	11 - 12 noon	LA4	Laura	07917 566582
Sunday	10 th Jan	11 - 12 noon	CM2	Cliff	07802 183089
Sunday	10 th Jan	12 - 1pm	LA5	Laura	07917 566582
Sunday	10 th Jan	12 - 1pm	CM3	Cliff	07802 183089

DON'T FORGET

Membership fees are due from 1st January. For Primary Handlers it is £10 for the year and for Secondary & Tertiary Handlers it is £5 for the year. Children under 16 are free providing at least one parent or guardian is paid up member and that parent must accompany the child to classes.

Please find attached a new Membership Form for 2016 to be completed and signed by all handlers.

If you are not currently in classes but wish to remain on a waiting list for obedience or agility - or simply to be kept informed of what is going on at the Club through the monthly newsletters you can become a "Friend" of LDTC. Please complete the form below and return with the fee of £5 for the year.



"Friend" of LDTC

With effect from 1st January 2016, I would like to be 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

(Please return form and £5 fee to Lynn Gibney, 9 Rex Avenue, Ashford, Middx TW15 2DA)

Happy Hour Classes

The Club will continue to offer its "Happy Hour" Classes (which cost £3 per class) on Thursday evenings from 8.30 to 9.30pm.

We are pleased to announce that from January 2016 instead of Get Fit with Fido (Aka Fat Club) we will be offering: -



CATS



But don't panic! We are not introducing obedience classes for Cats! Our new

CATS classes will be our new **C**licker **A**nd **T**arget training **S**chool.

There will be an optional "weigh in" at the beginning of each class, for those who want to keep an eye on their dog's weight, but we will then follow a programme of Clicker & Target training where handlers will learn the basic principles and practice of clicker and target training.

Although there will be no set course as such, handlers will have the opportunity to work towards a Certificate of Achievement (if they want to).

For more information, contact Lynn Gibney (on the usual numbers or email)

Rally,O

Our Rally,O classes where dogs work off lead following station boards to perform specific obedience moves will continue as before. Open to all dogs and their owners

Display Team

The Display Team are looking for new recruits and will start new rehearsals for a Formation Heelwork routine to be ready in time for the Annual Fun Day. If anyone is interested in joining please contact Becky Beauchamp on 07749 984904 or email her at rebecca.beauchamp@gmail.com and she will arrange a try out for you and your dog (dogs must have an excellent wait or stay).



Dates for Your Diary

January

Thursday 21st January 8.30pm Rally, O

Thursday 28th January 8.30pm Display Team

February

Thursday 4th February 8.30pm CATS

Thursday 11th February 8.30pm Rally, O

Thursday 18th February 8.30pm Rally, O

Thursday 25th February 8.30pm Display Team

Charity Updates

Just to let you all know that as a result of the sales of photographs from the Fun Day where £1 from each photo was for charity, a total of £76 was raised. The Club also received back 10% of the sales of treats, toys and stockings from Oscars at Christmas totalling £14. So a total of **£90** was sent to the Cinnamon Trust.

And a staggering **£180** was raised for Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare from the sale of Christmas Cards of the dogs that participated in the Christmas Photo Shoots. The Photo Shoots were VERY popular and we will be asking Helen for more dates in 2016 to give even more of you the chance to have personalised Christmas cards of your dogs to send to friends and family. Thanks to everyone who ordered cards and raised money for charity.





Alabama Rot

(Daily Mirror 31st December 2015)



Please be aware of an increase in the rise in a frightening and potentially fatal canine disease called Alabama Rot.

At least five dogs are have now fallen ill following cases in Swindon Wiltshire, Monmouthshire, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire, with owners being told not to walk their pets in certain areas.

But what is the disease, where did it come from and how can it be treated?

What Exactly is Alabama Rot?

Alabama Rot is the common name for diopathic renal glomerular vasculopathy and is believed to be caused by a rare form of E.coli.

It was first identified in the US in the 1980, and can lead to the dog literally starting to fester and rot, resulting in kidney failure, loss of appetite, tiredness and vomiting.

Without urgent treatment, dogs develop a raging fever and finally die.

Deaths in recent years have been as far apart as Cornwall, North Yorkshire and Northern Ireland.

Nearly 20 dogs died in the New Forest in a flare-up in 2013, with more cases reported in **Surrey**, Nottinghamshire, Worcestershire, County Durham and Norfolk.

Cases confirmed between November 2014 and May 2015 included Lambourn, in Berkshire, and Salisbury, Wilts.

Alabama Rot symptoms include:

- Skin lesions - sometimes circular and about the size of a five pence piece, and often with defect in the skin like an ulcer.
- They are often on the lower leg, below the knee and elbow.
- Kidney (renal) failure - vomiting, tiredness and not eating.

These are very vague symptoms and can represent a number of other conditions.

The average time from showing skin lesions to signs of kidney failure is three days but can be anywhere from 10 days to simultaneous presentation.

If you notice any of the above symptoms, please seek Veterinary advice