

Watchdog!

WALLINGFORD DOG TRAINING CLUB

August 2016

Reminder: NO TRAINING 11th and 18th August

25th August will be a course at each end

1st September will be the start of a new 8 week course



What an awesome team we have in all our club members, thank you everyone who worked so hard to make our show a success!

Wallingford Show 2016



Members' achievements

Small G3 Jumping	Ian Hutchinson	Darcy	1st
Small C1-2 Jumping	Caroline Howes	Tia	1st
Small 1-2 Jumping	Caroline Howes	Tia	2nd
YKC Teams	Wallingford & Friends: Rory, Gio-Gio, Lucy, Jack & Thomas		2nd
Small G3 Agility	Pam Hancock	Magnus	2nd
Large 1-3 Steeplechase	Rosie Dains	Eira	2nd
Large G3 Agility	Alison Pearce	Herbie	2nd
YKC O12 Jumping	Rory Tidmarsh	Peach	2nd
Large G1 Agility	Susan Allen	Ella	3rd
4th Height Jumping Cup	Rory Tidmarsh	Mint	3rd
Med G6-7 Agility	Gill Rhodes	Bertie	3rd
Small 4-5 Jumping	Wendy Botto	Foxie	4th
Small G3 Agility	Leigh Wilkinson	Molly	4th
Large G1 Agility	Anthony Aldridge	Cookie	5th
Large G5 Jumping	Debbie Hockley	Panda	5th
Small 1-2 Jumping	Maria Davies	Belle	5th
Small G6-7 Jumping	Claire Jones	Indy	5th
Large G6 Agility	Jill Lowe	Cass	5th
Med G6-7 Jumping	Gill Rhodes	Mindy	5th
Med G6-7 Agility	Gill Rhodes	Mindy	5th
Large G5 Jumping	Debbie Hockley	Vibe	6th
Med 4-5 Jumping	Paula Routledge	Rossi	6th
Large G5 Agility	Debbie Hockley	Vibe	6th
Med 4-5 Agility	Lizi Bowerman	Timmy	6th
Large G3 Jumping	Alison Pearce	Herbie	6th
Med 1-2 Starters Cup Agility	Brigid Sundaram	Belle	6th
Large G5 Jumping	Emma Peachey	Ozzie	7th
Med G6-7 Jumping	Gill Rhodes	Bertie	7th
YKC Teams	Wallingford & more Friends: Isobel, Millie, Jasper, Gemma, Max		7th
Large G7 Jumping	Annette Parker	Maze	7th
Large 1-3 Steeplechase	Anthony Aldridge	Cookie	10th
Med Adams Jumping Cup C1-7	Lizi Bowerman	Timmy	10th
Large G4 Jumping	Dawn Graham	Daisy	11th
Med Adams Jumping Cup C1-7	Gill Rhodes	Mindy	11th
4th Height Jumping Cup	Jill Lowe	Cass	12th
Large G4 Agility	Dawn Graham	Daisy	12th
Small Adams Jumping Cup C1-7	Wendy Botto	Foxie	12th
Med C1-7 Steeplechase	Lizi Bowerman	Timmy	13th
Med Adams Jumping Cup C1-7	Gill Rhodes	Bertie	19th
Large Adams Jumping Cup C5-7	Carolyn Davies	Ollie	20th

After....

Thank you to Ian, Jacky and Sue for building the new shelves and putting everything back in storage.



Comments about the Show

A lovely atmosphere, people were always ready and happy to help. YKC judge Paul Moore set a challenging set of courses but was very helpful to those struggling, an excellent judge. See you all next year.

Fantastic show. Most enjoyable. Look forward to next year!

Thank you for a fab show. Day 1 was under particular trying circumstances! Good humour remained throughout.

Thank you for a great show. Smoothly run, lovely atmosphere (despite the weather!). I will definitely come again.



Thank you for a great show. This was my first KC show and the friendliness, helpfulness & patience of the ring party and the good organisation made it a special weekend.

I have to say a big well done to Wallingford show today... They had a Facebook and Twitter feed going on to update the rings.... This was a massive high 5 for me because I have always got a dog in one hand and my phone in the other!!... So I didn't miss a course walking or ring closing at all today... Thank you guys

Would like to say a huge thank you to Wallingford Dtc for a lovely show, particularly to a very pleasant and helpful lady in the secretaries tent that helped explaining some scoring to myself and friend (G1 handler), very friendly.

Just wanted to say thanks to Wallingford Dtc for a great well run show and thanks for letting me Judge the classes in ring 6 on Saturday. Competitors were great all day and enjoyed judging.

Just wanted to give a massive shoutout to everyone involved in organising and running the Wallingford Dtc at Newbury this weekend, not only have did they keep the show going under difficult conditions yesterday, we all went again today and it was run just as smoothly.... Brilliant

A big hats off to Wallingford Dtc. must have been the most challenging weekend with all the 4 seasons in one hit. Some interesting rings and courses thanks to judges and rings parties (yes I worked on ring 11 in the snow) and to the scouts.



A big thank you to the team with the tractors and 4x4. Thank you for towing me off!

As always a professionally run show by a large group of dedicated people one of my favourite shows both as a competitor and judge.

Runs like clockwork, amazing I think some shows could learn a lot from them

Thank you for a lovely show, great atmosphere despite the "challenging" conditions yesterday.

I'd like to add my thanks. It was a brilliantly run show, and though my dogs and I didn't cover ourselves in glory, we had a great time and I was delighted with their runs! I did envy the winners of the lovely trophies though! 😊. Many thanks for all the hard work you all put in.

Thank you Wallingford Dtc for a lovely day.

Facebook & Twitter - a fab idea. I am always on my phone and get all the updates on time. Thank you. 😊

Great use of social media! Well done Wallingford.

The tannoy announcements made me giggle. Facebook is a good idea (and a lot more people use it than Twitter) but Twitter is defo more suitable



I came on Saturday and being deaf and not able to hear tannoy's it was fantastic.

Useful during the show to track progress when sheltering from the elements and also for the updates on conditions the day before. Tannoy announcements were very good as well.

I was the last agility winner of the day and received an un-engraved trophy along with a lovely apology from Wallingford DTC. Have since been messaged to say the missing trophy had turned up so hopefully the lady with the wrong one got her second. As far as I'm concerned I can't thank Wallingford DTC enough for running such a brilliant show, thoroughly enjoyed the weekend, our win was the icing on the cake. Plus due to Wallingford's fab organisation I get to swap my blank for my first trophy at Wyne so will be the longest prize giving ever. ;-)



I loved the allsorts classes and managed to get my Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen round both courses. His agility was secondary to the job of clearing the ring of rabbits. Both were well done as he did all the obstacles and the ring had no rabbits in it at the end

From emails:

I just wanted to say a HUGE thank you to you and your team for putting on such a wonderful show last weekend, despite the 'challenging' weather conditions. I would have liked to write a comment in the comments book but only heard the announcement as we were leaving so hope you are able to add it somewhere!

We just wanted to say a huge congratulations, and a very big thank you to you and your team/teams for such a wonderful show at the weekend! It was extremely well organised, and very friendly. We helped in ring two for a while and we have to say, the ring manager was so kind and very grateful to us, such a sweet lady. It was nice to see so many youngsters becoming involved too, and your show gave all of them ample opportunity to do just that. How the young lady on the tannoy system kept going all day with such enthusiasm, we'll never know!



Annual Points Awards 2015

Trophies presented at 2016 AGM



Juniors			Points	Senior			Points
1st	Rory and Sonic		30	1st	Annette and Maze		129
2nd	Anthony and Cookie		24	2nd	Jenny and Guv		104
3rd	Rory and Mint		21	3rd	Gill and Mindy		71
4th	Gio-Gio and Tatti		20				
Starters				Small			
1st	Claire and Indy		196	1st	Claire and Indy		196
2nd	Dawn and Daisy		138	2nd	Pam and Martha		76
3rd	Leigh and Molly		33	3rd	Wendy and Foxie		62
Novice				Medium			
1st	Sarah and Merlin		180	1st	Gill and Mindy		71
2nd	Alison and Herbie		134	2nd	Gill and Bertie		50
3rd	Sue and Mischief		126	3rd	Wendy and Bambi		34

Below: Presented at the AGM a thank you gift to Dinah, and Honorary Life Membership to Jose, in recognition of many years of service to the club.



Thank you very much for our presentations at the club AGM. It was such a lovely surprise. My flowers were beautiful, the card cute, and the framed enlarged photo of Cinders and me that had been featured in "Your Dog" a real treat. Cinders and I have thoroughly enjoyed our 8 years at the club. We both miss the Thursday evening training a lot and I miss seeing all of you. I wish everyone the very best this summer.

With many thanks, Dinah

Dinah Payne

Not many people decide to take up a new hobby when they are 72 – much less one that involves a lot of running around. But that is exactly what Dinah Payne did – when she thought that agility would be something she and Cinders - her miniature poodle - could do together. She was very persistent – making regular contact with club members asking “When can I start agility?”

Dinah and Cinders attended the next available workshop in Spring 2008 at the Malthouse, organised by Wendy, and was one of the six people who joined the club.

Dinah & Cinders took to agility immediately and it wasn't long before they started competing at local UKA and KC shows, and doing well in club competitions and matches.



In July 2010 they won into G2 (KC) at Chipping Norton, and a year later, won into G3 at Rugby. They also did well in UKA shows – reaching senior steeplechase in 2013.

In 2014 we heard that the ‘Your Dog’ magazine was doing an article involving the more mature dog owner – and we put them in touch with Dinah. We were all delighted when the article appeared with a great photo (by Claire Jones) of Dinah & Cinders in action. Some of the comments from Facebook following this article show just how much we all appreciate Dinah's achievements.

“Dinah always wants to learn new things”

“Always a pleasure to train”

“If Dinah can race around an agility course at her age – I can!”

“Truly an inspiration”

Dinah has always been a great club member. Always willing to help out wherever she could – at shows (for example in charge of the urn in the marquee) and most recently providing a refreshing drink for instructors on Thursday evenings. When instructing, the sight of Dinah coming along with a cuppa made especially to your requirements (strong / weak / sugared) has always been very welcome.

Dinah has decided that she and Cinders won't train at Blewbury anymore – though she will remain a club member and will continue training with Wendy. She has been a great friend and is an inspiration to everyone at the Club. We all miss her already.

Jacky Hutchinson

José – Honorary Life Member of WDTC

José has been an active member of WDTC longer than just about everyone else in the club. To get an appreciation of this involved delving into past newsletters, and old & dusty printed copies of minutes and reports. So apologies in advance for any missed milestones or fuddled facts.

José joined the club (we think) in 1989 with two dogs: Amun (Red Setter) and Kiki (crossbreed). In those days the club ran training classes in pet-dog obedience (including the Kennel Club Good Citizen scheme), flyball – and agility, which was a relatively new sport for dogs. A spin-off from agility was the local demonstrations that club members gave. José was actively involved in all these disciplines, and regularly posted articles for the club's newsletter.



José was always happy to help out at club. She was on the committee a couple of times – in 1993 as obedience rep, and 2000 as the person in charge of stock and demonstrations. In October 2000 José joined 4 other club members (Gill K, Ian, Jacky and Jill) to take the Agility Club Instructors' Course – which all 5 members passed. José also helped train the new club members who started flyball.



José helped Kat and Wendy organise demonstrations for many years (*left*).

In 1995 she organised the first of many demos at Thames Nursing Home in Goring, which included a fancy dress

competition and fun agility. José raised money for charity at these demonstrations, for example £370 in 1997. She also organised all the demonstrations at the Harwell Feast, which often included 'extras' (in addition to agility) such as flyball and a fun dog show.

José's 'pack' evolved, with new (mainly rescue) dogs coming in. Zoltan (Papillon) arrived first, followed by Honey who came from Pine Lodge rescue centre at Ascot. Honey wasn't an angel at the start and José recounts in a Watchdog article "Not long after I got her I left her in the car. I returned to find that she had chewed a paper towel roll (paper everywhere!) and emptied all the pockets in the car. To top it all she had peed on the front seat!"

Next Poppy (a small, failed hearing dog for the deaf of mixed pug / papillon parentage) and Pera (the Terror! – an unwanted stray) joined the clan, followed most recently in 2014 by Zou Zou.



Right: Amun, Kiki and Zoltan

As well as helping with club activities, José competed in just about everything. Here is just a small sample of some of her successes.

In the summer in 1994, José stormed the club's fun day which the club held with the Didcot DTC: with Kiki – 1st maxis pre-starters jumping (the only clear round) and 3rd in the obedience 'Hopefuls' class, and with Zoltan – 3rd in the obedience 'Triers' class. **And** she had the best sendaway with Zoltan - **and** the best retrieve with Kiki. **And:** in the novelty classes: 1st best crossbreed with Kiki, 1st best rescue with Amun, 1st handsomest dog with Amun, 2nd best trick with Kiki, 3rd prettiest bitch with Kiki, 3rd the dog the judge would most like to take home with Kiki.

José trained all her dogs in agility, doing very well with them all. In 2006 Honey was in one of two WDTC mini teams at Wye Valley Agility Show which came 2nd and 3rd. Poppy and Pera also became great little agility dogs, and José was very proud when Poppy and Pera both qualified to run with two of our juniors at Crufts and at the Open Junior Agility Championships in 2013.



Above: Honey doing Cleverdogs, Poppy and Jose at a demo, Pera the terror!

José also did flyball with Honey, and was up for anything, including the new sport Cleverdogs (a short agility round followed immediately by a flyball run). Honey competed at flyball from 1999 to 2004 – gaining 974 points. Pera competed with WDTC from 2008 to 2010 (before moving to other clubs when WDTC stopped flyball) and in that time Pera gained over 1000 points in competitions and received his 'Flyball Dog Intermediate' in 2011.

In the early days of the club, obedience training was offered and José was very soon teaching obedience classes with Eleanor Bowie. When the Kennel Club Good Citizen Scheme started Sue and Rosemary took on running the scheme for the club and in 1993 a team from club demonstrated the bronze scheme at Crufts in both the special events and main rings; José was part of this team with Kiki.

José trained her dogs in the Good Citizen classes the club ran and by 2001 Honey, Kiki and Zoltan had all passed bronze and silver, reaching the top level of gold. In 2002 José joined other club members in a sponsored 2-minute down stay for charity – with Zoltan, Honey & Kiki.

Away from the club activities, Honey became a thespian (*picture right*). I know that José was over the moon when Honey played Annie at the Corn Exchange in Newbury in 2007, earning a 'Best Debut' certificate. She repeated this role in Maidenhead and by



now Honey's fame had spread and she was accepted to play Toto in the Wizard of Oz at Basingstoke.



This is just a summary of José's involvement in the club; limited space meant that so many successes and achievements have not been included here. Over the years her name has cropped up over and over again in newsletters and on the boasts pages. José will be missed at club by everyone – and we all wish her best wishes for the future. Her well-deserved honorary life membership means that hopefully we will still see her cheery face at Club events in the future.

Jacky Hutchinson

Ashley was exactly one year old, so it must have been late in 2000 that I first joined Wallingford dog club training club at Blewbury. I was quite nervous about embarking on this new venture with my tiny silver poodle. I had only seen border collies on the TV do agility before I joined. I found myself in a class with an assortment of small dogs. The little dog in front of us in the queue was a hairy little honey-coloured terrier type and the lady with her turned to me and said "Don't get too close. Honey doesn't like other dogs!" Not the best start to a long and firm friendship! As it turned out Ashley was the first doggie friend Honey made, and Jose was the first agility friend I made!

It wasn't too long before Jose encouraged me to enter competitions, something I would never have done on my own, and gave me a very good grounding in how to go about entering shows and which classes to enter. We often travelled together to shows. Ashley and Honey regularly entered the pair competition and later both Ashley and Rowan were in teams with Jose's dogs. We were sometimes in the same class competing against each other. Honey nearly always won over Ashley as her weaves were so much quicker; she was a great little dog.

So thank you Jose for encouraging me over all these years. Thank you for being my friend and above all, thank you for teaching me all that you know about the art of parking as close to the rings as possible! (it must have saved me many miles of walking over the years)

Pam Hancock

When I started doing agility with Cinders we lived in Sutton Courtenay and had a large garden. Jose provided some of her old agility equipment and several of us enjoyed many mini training sessions together.

Dinah Payne

I haven't been at Wallingford quite as long as José – but remember her soon after we joined the club at obedience - having trouble teaching Honey a down; "I'm not getting any more terriers!"

We also trained at Flyball together and I recall one August Bank holiday at Charlton Park after Inky and I had been turned down in the mini/maxi pairs Cleverdogs by someone else – José was very happy to pair up with me & Inky (my black standard poodle) in a mini/maxi pairs knockout competition. Never having even trained for Cleverdogs, we were amazed to win through round after round and were finally beaten into 2nd place in the final – a great achievement. Good luck in everything you do José – you certainly live life to the full.

Jacky Hutchinson

Boasts

If you would like your points to be counted towards this year's annual awards, don't forget to add your results onto the 2016 Boasts page on the Wiki. Contact Gill R or Ian if you need an account setting up. Here are just a few of the achievements of members and their dogs since the last issue of Watchdog....

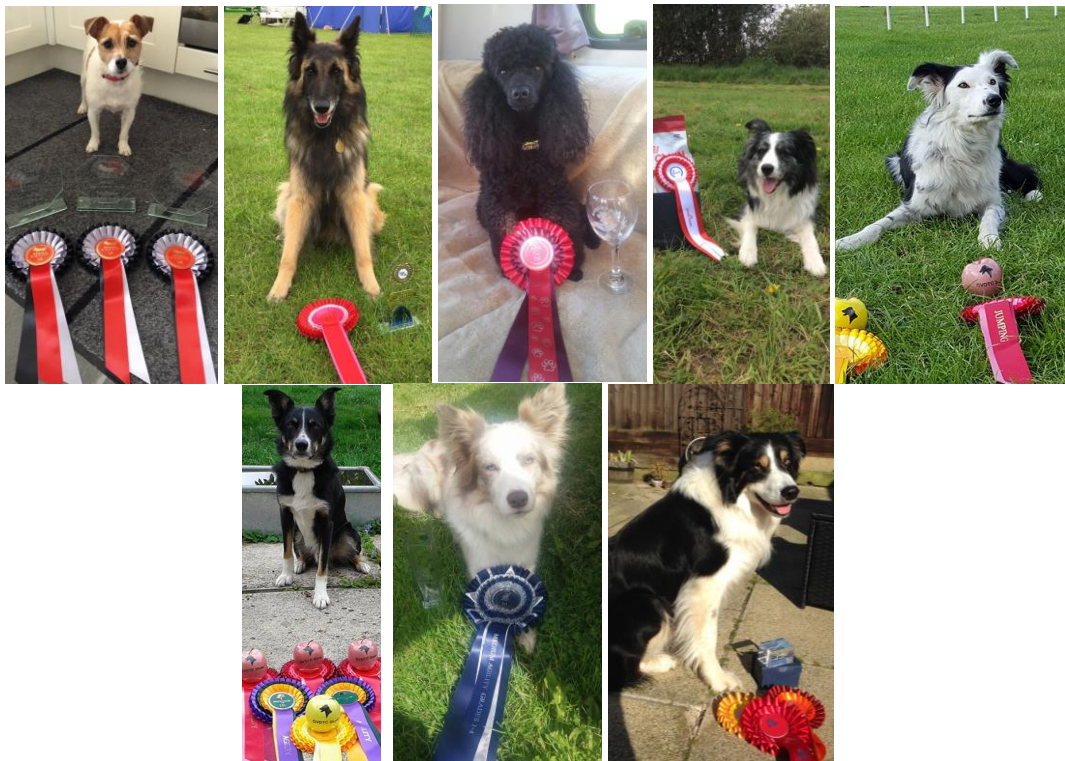
First KC clear round for Ty; Wins for Bacchus, Flo, Fig, Bertie, Hush, Foxie, Martha, Indy, Basil, Mindy, Dino, Arthur, Cass, Timmy



Competed in finals: Rossi, Molly, Fell, Merlin



Going up a grade: Tia, Mischief, Magnus, Milo, Eira, Herbie, Minx, Oz, Mickey, Darcy



Qualified for finals: Daisy, Mickey, Sonic, Eira, Herbie, WDTC YKC Team



And finally.....

