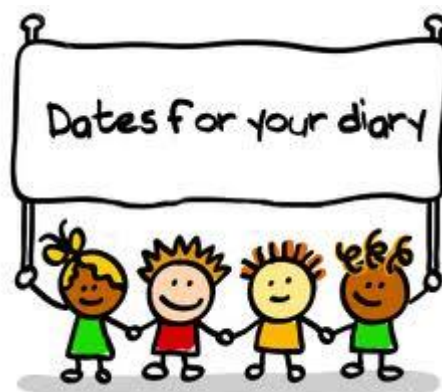


Watchdog!

WALLINGFORD DOG TRAINING CLUB

December 2015



Club closed 24th December and 31st December – have a good break everyone!



7th January training restarts – remember new groups/times!

16th Jan 2016	}	Winter League match dates
20th Feb 2016	}	- at BCA

Saturday 13th February 2016 – Away Match at Andover.



Thursday 14th (pm) and Friday 15th April 2016 – show set up

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April 2016 – Wallingford DTC agility show
(all hands on deck – please put this in your diary now!)

Free camping available for all helping WDTC members – please put yourself on the iSS waiting list and you will be allocated camping! If you are not on iSS or not entering a dog but still want to camp, please let one of the show committee know.

2016 Training – New Groups/Times

Please remember if you are now in the first class you need to arrive at 7.30pm to set up the equipment. If you are now in the last class you need to help pack away before you go home. Please do not have any dogs in the school during setting up or packing away. If you have not done setting up or packing away before and do not know how to put together or take apart a piece of equipment, please just ask your trainer!

8.00 pm	8.40 pm
Group MA1 8.00pm Jacky / Gill K	Group MA2 8.40pm Gill R / Richard
Alison / Bella (Lab) l 0/1	Jacky / Harri m/l 0/3
Amelia / Lilly (BC) l 0/1	Kathryn / Bacchus l 0/1
Isobel / Maisie (JR x) s 0/1	Laura / Sunny l 0/1
Linda / Pepper (Kelpie x) l 0/3	Mike / Ty l 1
Lizi / Pebbles (Cocker) m 0/3	Paula / Barley l 1
Group MB1 8.00pm Debbie	Group MB2 8.40pm Jill
Dawn / Lexi l 3	Caroline / Tia s 1
Debbie / Flo l 1	Dave / Todd m 0/1
Kath / Tilly l 2	Debbie / Minx m 3
Maria / Molly ?? l 1	Gemma / Waffle m 0/1
Caroline / Clippy m 0/1	Helen / Mylo m 1
	Suzie / Evie m 2
Group KA1 8.00pm Jo	Group KA2 8.40pm Jenny K
Alison / Basil s 5	Alison / Herbie l 3
Claire / Indy s 6	Anthony / Cookie l 1
Ian / Darcey s 3	Carolyn / Archie l 3
Leigh / Molly s 3	Rosie / Eira l 3
Wendy / Foxie-Botts s 5	Wendy / Arthur l 3
Group KB1 8.00pm Jenny L	Group KB2 8.40pm Ian
Carolyn / Ollie l 7	Dawn / Daisy l 4
Gill R / Mindy m 7	Jo / Sonic l 4
Jenny / Guv l 7	Juliette / Pip l 4
Kevin / Fell m 6	Linda / Milo l 4
	Sue / Mischief l 4

9.20 pm					
Group MA3 9.20pm Dawn / Caroline			Group KA3 9.20pm Wendy		
Anthony / Sam	s/m	0/1	Gill R / Bertie	m	6
Jackie / Ralph	s	0/1	Kevin / Fig	m	5
Laura / Alfie	m	1	Lizi / Timmy	m	4
Mike / Jess	m/l	0/3	Maria / Belle	s	1
Zoe / Tippi	m	0/1	Paula / Rossi	m	5
Group MB3 9.20pm Sue			Group KB3 9.20pm Carolyn		
Amelia / Freyja	l	3	Debbie / Vibe	l	4
Pauline / Cassie	l	1	Ian / Dino	l	7
Steve / Loki	l	1	Jill / Cass	l	6
Susan / Ella	l	1	Jo / Pip	l	5
			Richard / Panda	l	5

Winter League

Match Two – 28th November

Well done everyone who competed in the November winter league. Once again it was a great day and despite coming last again we were actually only 8 points behind Thames. After two matches we are 69 points behind Thames and 81 points behind Vyne.

Having given you those figures I would like to give everyone a huge pat on the back. We have a number of members who are new to competing and we also support juniors – it is lovely to see them representing the club and having fun with their dogs.

Whilst the new scoring system does now recognise that the small/mediums can score in their own right it is only the top two small/mediums that accrue points. As we have more small/medium dogs than other clubs, we have had a number of excellent clears gaining no points. In November there were four clear rounds that did not gain points, so well done to Paula and Rossi, Gill & Bertie, Maria & Belle, Wendy & Foxie-Botts.

[editor's note: Wendy was too modest to put her own name in, so I put it in anyway!]



We will continue to try and spread the 100 runs fairly and to appropriate levels. It is a team event not individual and the support from everyone is great. The videos have been amazing, no one has missed walking a class and everyone is helping each other which is brilliant. I've heard some great comments after elimination rounds, people really happy that their dogs were going faster or more confident. Lots of if-only rounds too.

Well done to all those who gained first places: Rory and Sonic, Caroline and Tia and Gill and Mindy. Hopefully next time more of us will have the chance to celebrate places, but even if we don't it's all fantastic experience.



Above: Tia and Mindy

Thanks to Jacky for judging in November and to everyone who helped with videos and ring party. Tracy Ryan will be judging for us next time. We have been lulling the other clubs into a false sense of security ready to whoop them in January!!! Or February!!!

Wendy Botto

Winter League places and points

Again a big well done to everyone who was able to take part in the November Winter League match. Special congratulations go to the speedy Tia who beat all the dogs in Grade 1 jumping, including all the large ones; nearly 2 seconds faster than the 2nd placed dog.

All those gaining place rosettes:

Class	Handler & Dogs Name	Place
Grade 1 Jumping	Caroline & Tia	1st
Grade 2-5 Jumping	Rory & Sonic	1st
Grade 3-7 Jumping	Gill & Mindy	1st
Grade 1-3 Jumping	Helen & Mylo	2nd
Grade 1-7 Agility	Carolyn & Ollie	2nd
Grade 3-7 Agility	Claire & Indy	2nd
Grade 1-2 Jumping	Helen & Mylo	3rd
Grade 1-3 Jumping	Leigh & Molly	3rd
Grade 1-7 Agility	Gill & Mindy	3rd
Grade 2-5 Agility	Paula & Rossi	3rd
Grade 3-7 Agility	Gill & Mindy	3rd
Grade 3-7 Agility	Jill & Cass	3rd
Grade 4-7 Jumping	Gill & Mindy	3rd
Grade 3-7 Agility	Jo & Pip	4th

Grade 4-7 Jumping	Jo & Pip	4th
Grade 1 Agility	Caroline & Chippy	5th
Grade 2-5 Agility	Dawn & Daisy	5th
Grade 2-5 Jumping	Aileen & Mickey	5th
Grade 1-7 Agility	Juliette & Panda	6th

The top 3 large dogs for each club gain points (15-1) and the top 2 small/medium dogs for each club gain points (10-1). This year no points are given for an elimination. Top point scorers to date are below - several of which didn't even run in both matches

Handler / Large Dogs	Total points	Handler / Sm Med Dogs	Total points
Carolyn & Ollie	39	Gill & Mindy	44
Dawn & Daisy	33	Claire & Indy	38
Caroline & Chippy	26	Helen & Milo	32
Jill & Cass	26	Brigid & Rosie	20
Jo & Pip	24	Leigh & Molly	14
Rory & Sonic	23	Suzie & Evie	13
Sue & Mischief	20	Elisha & Boo	12
Anthony & Cookie	18	Kevin & Fig	12
Jill & Bella	17	Wendy & Bambi	12
Robert & Glen	16	Gio-Gio & Tatti	11
Sue & Ella	16	Paula & Rossi	11
Debbie & Flo	13	Caroline & Tia	10
Aileen & Mickey	11	Gill & Bertie	10
Ian & Dino	10	Maria & Belle	10
Richard/Juliette & Panda	10	Wendy & Foxie-Botts	10

Jill Lowe

UKA Beginners Steeplechase Final



Throughout the year my aim was to qualify for the SWAG Beginners Steeplechase final. After attempting to qualify back in March while nearly 8 months pregnant and getting E'd at the 3rd fence I nearly threw in the towel, thinking we would never be good enough to qualify.

It took me until September to try to qualify again (the last qualifying show so there was no other chance!) and I went and did it.....I qualified for UKA Grand Finals 2015 in the SWAG beginners steeplechase!!!

Then suddenly reality hit me.....I've actually got to run in an arena with commentators and an audience.

Three months of waiting for the final to arrive. I've never known anxiety like it (I only had to talk to Debbie about it and I would have to run to the toilet as I become anxious!). All I was worried about was making a tit out of myself.

The week running up to the actual final the running order came out – well that was me facebooking stalking all the names of the people I was against.

Final day! It arrived and I wasn't sure if I was pleased it had finally arrived or wishing for time to go back so I still had time! Arriving and walking into the venue I suddenly became very proud of myself and Tia for making it to such an event. I walked round with my grand finalist hoodie with so much pride in my little girl!

We had to check in at 9.30am but our semi-final wasn't until 3pm gosh those 6 hours of watching and waiting.

Analysing the course plan over & over & over...!



Then it's our turn the course was being built then we had 8 minutes to walk the course then that's it. It's down to you and your dog! Smalls were last to run so I had a chance to watch some of the other heights until it was time for me and Tia to go.

Surprisingly for such a confident little dog she was quite anxious but can you blame her? Her mum was an anxious mess, the loud music, the commentators then walking out of the dark tunnel to a crowd of people shouting and cheering.



Although I completely fluffed under pressure during my run I couldn't have been more proud of Tia. She is such an amazing little girl who always puts everything into everything I ask.

What an amazing achievement and I'm so proud and lucky to have such a great little girl who always gives me everything she can and runs her little socks off. I'm a complete beginner, Tia is my 1st ever agility dog who I've been training for 2 years now (9 months of that pregnant and 7 months post baby!) and we made it to a UKA Grand Final!

I would like to say a special 'Thank you' to Wallingford DTC for putting on an extra training session for myself and Debbie to help us prepare ourselves. And a huge 'Thank you' for our supporters/cheerleaders who took the time out of their day to come along and support us and keep us calm throughout. Thank you Wendy, Dawn and Laura!

Caroline Howes

Home Match against UpAndover

5th December



Firstly, thank you to everyone who came and mucked in! The match is made so much easier by the fact that Wallingford members are so amazing! Everyone just chipped in to make sure everything was covered. And readjusting to our new (old) venue showed our quick adaptation skills! (remember to use those skills in your handling...)

It was a tight match this year with only one point in it as we got to lunch time. But yet again Wallingford brought it home with a win! Well done everyone.

The Nursery category was dominated by Andover but well done to Kathryn and Bacchus with her 2nd in Nursery Jumping (*below*).



In the Starters the overall very deserving winner was Amelia Dains with Freyja! Well done! The Starters Agility was won by Maria Davies and Belle with 3rd place being taken by Rosie Dains and Eira. Caroline Howes and Tia topped the Steeplechase (*above*) with Gemma Mitchell and Waffle taking third. An excellent demonstration from our newer dogs and handlers of their potential! Can't wait to see more from them all!



The overall Novice winner was Lucy Maguire and Robin (*left*), well done to them taking third in the Agility and second in the Jumping to take the top place overall. Also well done to Aileen Watson with Ozzie winning the Steeplechase and Sue Cuddon and Mischief coming third. I was also very pleased to unexpectedly win the Jumping with my old girl Tess – only got her out for a bit of fun! Glad she can still do it though!

Finally, the Seniors were ruled by Carolyn Davies and Ollie taking first in the Jumping and second in the Agility to get the overall first place! Wendy Botto did excellently with Bambi getting 3rd place in the Jumping and 2nd in the Steeplechase with Gio-Gio Botto and Tatti chasing them at

3rd place in the Steeplechase. I was also pleased to get one clear on the day with Guv in the Jumping to get second place.

The day was a great success with our two judges Alan Smith and Tim Stanbrook setting some fun and challenging courses.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped prior to the day as well – Dawn for helping to co-ordinate everything, Jo for arranging the scoring spreadsheet and scoring on the day with Richard.

Thank you to the ring managers Jill, Sue, Debbie and Laura, and for all those that were working on the rings and learning the ropes on the day. Also thank you to Wendy for organising the raffle again and to everyone who brought food. And finally – thanks to the lunchtime entertainment (*right*)!



These matches are always fantastic due to the great support we give them as a club. Look forward to attending the rematch at UpAndover on Saturday 13th February next year.

Jenny Kimber

Goodbyes

Sadly I have decided that, at the end of this year, it is time for Cinders and me to retire from training on Thursday evenings. We will miss it a lot but age is catching up with us and we are not at our best in the evenings. We have already given up competing but we will continue to train with Wendy in the morning for as long as we are able and Wendy is willing to have us!



We have trained on Thursdays for seven and a half years and really enjoyed every minute of it. We have made many friends and I should like to thank everybody. However, especial thanks go to our many trainers and to those who have kindly given us lifts since I stopped driving at night.

I will miss you all but I intend to remain a member for the moment in order to keep in touch with everybody's progress. With best wishes to you all and thank you.

Dinah Payne

It is with great regret and sadness that I leave Wallingford Agility Club. I have been a member for over 25 years and have trained 5 dogs, enjoying it very much. Unfortunately age has caught up and have arthritis in both knees. I had an MRI and have attended the knee clinic, returning next month to see if I need an operation. I would love to return to agility but only time will tell.

Marie-Jose Rostagni

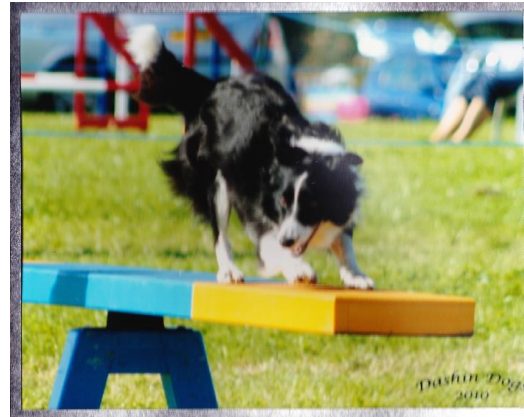
Chi

18/08/2000 - 19/09/2015



I first saw Chi when she was 9 weeks old. There were 2 puppies available and although I wanted a bitch I was tempted by the boy. Chi was smart even then – instead of rushing to the side of the pen she sat back so she could look over the top! That was my choice made for me.

She loved agility with a 5th place in Novice Agility at her very first show. She qualified into KC Senior at Dogs In Need. When UKA started she was measured into Standard and soon made her way up to UKA Champ. Highlights of her agility career were a 2nd in the Novice final at Supadogs, a 2nd place in the first National UKA finals with Jenny and competing at Crufts with Richard. Jill Lowe also competed successfully with her at several shows.



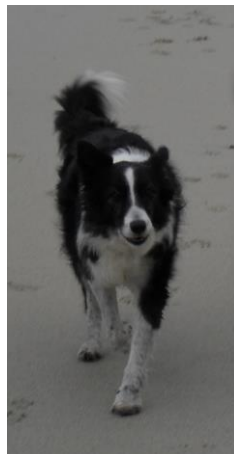
Chi also dabbled at flyball and attained a Flyball Dog certificate at Newark – not many flyball competitions then. We retired from flyball after this as she wasn't a natural flyballer.

We also had fun in Snowdonia and the Lake District going up Snowdon and Scafell Pike.

Chi hated to leave my side and if I handed her lead over she would try to round me up! Despite this if there was an agility course in front of her she would go round with anyone returning to me as soon as she'd finished.

Sometimes when out on walks I used to panic thinking I'd lost her only to find she was stood behind me!

She loved swimming but not in indoor pools. The only times I had no recall were when she was in the river! Even a few weeks before we said goodbye to her she enjoyed a short swim in the Thames.



Chi was the wisest dog I've ever known. She looked out for Tess and then Shade when they came to us as puppies and they all respected her.

She's left a big hole in our hearts. RIP Chi. We love you.

Gill, Richard and Jenny Kimber



Good luck to TEAM GUV competing at Olympia in the Senior event on Saturday 19th December. Good luck Jenny Kimber, Jenny Lovegrove and of course Guv!



THE KENNEL CLUB Rugby Christmas 12 December (KC)

Show Results

Jill & Cass 2nd G6/7 Agility (~50 G6)

Claire & Indy CR C1-7 Helter Skelter (85)

Claire & Indy and Wendy & Foxie-Botts CR Small Pairs (21)

Don't forget to send items for the next issue

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