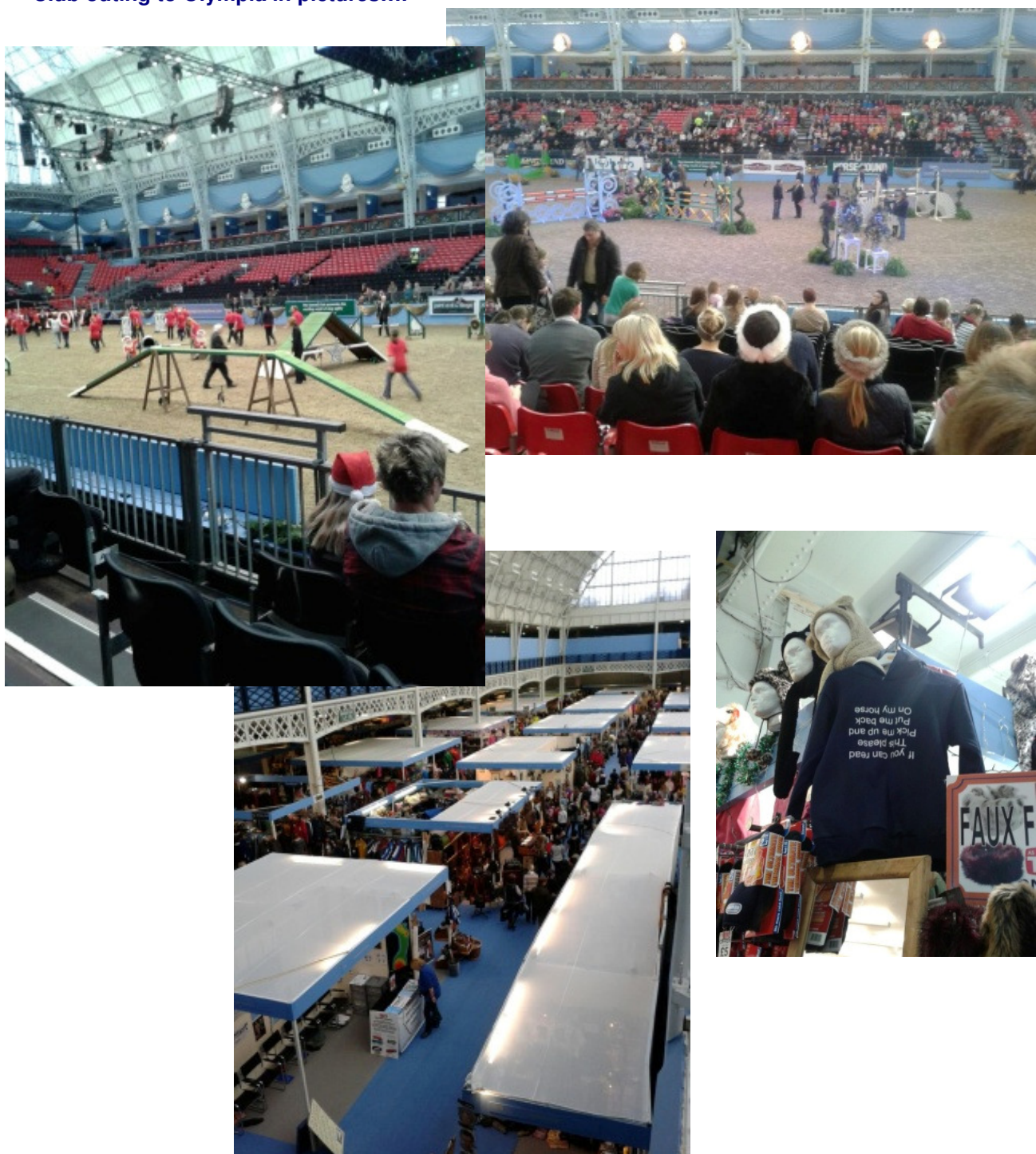


# Watchdog!

WALLINGFORD DOG TRAINING CLUB

*January 2013*

Club outing to Olympia in pictures....





All I can say about Olympia was what a fantastic day it was, real shame about Gill being marked on the up contact of the see-saw in the morning, but it enabled us to cheer her on to win the pairs in the afternoon, with Pat Brown, an experienced Olympia competitor. The photo of Gill & Shade above is with Shade's breeder Michelle who is expecting a litter of pups in January from Shade's litter sister...

*Jill Lowe*



## *A word from the editor*

What a month, never mind Christmas, for many of us the real highlight was the trip to Olympia, where we shouted our socks off cheering Gill and Shade home to win the pairs – the pictures have to speak for themselves, as it seems none of us have been able to write an article! Not often you find me speechless! For those who were not there, I do urge you to go onto the internet and watch the runs on Youtube, as it really was amazing.



Jenny Lovegrove (a former WDTC member) and her young dog Guv were also competing in the Novice competition, and with a lovely clear round in the morning they made it through to the evening finals. Sadly they had an E in the final, but it was a fantastic achievement to get there.

So, that's 2012 done and dusted, and suddenly we are looking forward to 2013. I know the Olympia experience inspired a lot of people, and it would be wonderful to have some club members to cheer for again next year. Whatever your goals may be this year, I hope you have fun and success in agility in 2013, and you and your dogs stay fit, healthy and happy all year. (And less rain? maybe too much to ask for!)

We have a new intake of beginners joining the club in January and I hope they enjoy their training with us.

*Alison Pearce*



### **Make sure you enter the club match WDTC vs Andover 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

Schedules and entry forms have gone out by email – if you have not received yours please contact Jacky.

Help will be on hand if you have never tried a competition before – we will walk the courses with you, explain the judge's marking of your runs, and help you improve for next time.

The venue will be an indoor riding school on the edge of Blewbury, where we had the fun day in December.



*Happy New Year to you all.*

*Here's to a successful season for us all!*

*Carolyn, The Chair, 01/01/13*

# Agility news



## Olympia 23rd Dec

Gill & Shade 13th Novice Agility in morning round (36)

Gill & Shade 1st Novice Agility Pairs (10) with Pat Brown and Twist *(below)*



## THE KENNEL CLUB Rugby 8th Dec

Tori & Bowen 2nd G3 Agility (209) *(below)*

Aileen & Rockett 16th G3 Agility (209)



## UKA Finals 1st Dec

Congratulations to all the WDTC members who qualified for the finals:

Pam & Martha  
Gill & Bertie  
Tania & Worzel  
Wendy & Bambi



## UKA GT Agility 16th Dec

Tanya & Dollar 1st Q Beg Stc 2 (48)

Gill & Bertie 1st Q Ch Stc 1 (9)

Gill & Bertie 1st Q Ch Stc 3 (11)

Jill & Cass 1st Q Ch Stc 3 (14)

Gill & Mindy 1st Q Nov Stc 2 (5)

Sarah & Merlin 2nd Q Nov Stc 1 (36)

Gill & Mindy 2nd Q Nov Stc 1 (5)

Gill & Mindy 2nd Q Nov Stc 3 (5) **Mindy**

**now into senior steeplechase**

Gill & Bertie 3rd Q Ch Stc 1 (11)

Jose & Pera 3rd Q Ch Stc (13)

Jose & Pera 3rd Q Ch Stc (11)

Jose & Poppy CR Q Sen Stc (14)

## Agility For Juniors Grand Prix 24th Nov

Rory & Ammo 3rd U12 Jump (15) *(below)*



## Scrambles (Ind) 18th November

Aileen & Rockett 2nd CG1-4 Jump (30ish)

Aileen & Rockett 4th CG1-4 Stch (30ish)

## Results from the Christmas party

The Christmas party on 20th December was well attended (commiserations to Karen Parker who, due to the extremely wet weather, has been working long shifts at the Environment Agency and missed it). Everyone was put in one of six teams with 5 or 6 - trying to mix up the sizes and abilities. During the evening, teams ran a lovely jumping course judged by Gill Kimber and a fun tunnel game which involved rushing around with an inflated Santa & a snowman tucked under each arm (sadly snowman suffered a puncture wound from an over-enthusiastic Fuzzy), which was overseen by Carolyn Davies. Time was also allocated for teams to ring party, and nibble at the fantastic spread provided by members.



### Jumping course

pos'n	Handler name	dog	faults	time	team	points
1	Jenny Kimber	Tess	C	20.25	green	36
2	Ian Hutchinson	Dino	C	20.47	yellow	35
3	Lin Abbott	Mozzie	C	20.84	red	34
4	Rory Tidmarsh	Ammo	C	20.84	yellow	34
5	Dawn Graham	Daisy	C	20.97	blue	32
6	Gill Rhodes	Mindy	C	21.28	red	31
7	José Rostagni	Pera	C	22.09	purple	30
8	Helen Page	Milo	C	22.13	green	29
9	Pam Hancock	Martha	C	22.28	yellow	28
10	Susan Rodger	Ella	C	22.31	red	27
11	Kathryn Brocklehurst	Loki	C	22.81	orange	26
12	Richard Kimber	Chi	C	23.09	green	25
13	Alison Pearce	Basil	C	23.12	red	24
14	Wendy Botto	Bambi	C	23.50	purple	23
15	Tori Phillips	Bowen	C	23.72	purple	22
16	Carol Hodgkins	Nell	C	27.62	blue	21
17	Dinah Payne	Cinders	C	27.68	yellow	20
18	Maria Davies	Belle	C	32.69	orange	19
19	Anthony Aldridge	Gimli	5	24.50	orange	18
20	Pete Sanderson	Fuzzy	10	24.53	red	17
21	Gio-Gio Botto	Tatti	10	38.22	purple	16
22	Aileen Watson	Ozzie	15	19.16	orange	15
23	Kevin Pearce	Fell	15	20.75	red	14
24	Tanya Cooper	Dollar	20	17.81	blue	13
25	Jill Lowe	Cass	20	19.91	blue	12
26	Jo Tidmarsh	Pip	30	19.28	yellow	11
27	Jack Hodgkinson	Ellie	E9	29.81	blue	10



28	Dave Bossom	Tod	E8	24.00	purple	9
29	Kath Ede	Tilly	E8	30.13	blue	8
30	Sue Cuddon	Mischief	E8	67.07	orange	7
31	Debbie Hockley	Vibe	E7	25.38	green	6
32	Mary Ward	Oriel	E3	Lots!	green	5
33	Emma-Jayne Chang	Jack	E1	34.90	purple	4

The points for each team were added up, and one of the middle scores was dropped from the teams with six members. This gave the total jumping points for each team - and a team order. The top jumping team (yellow) was awarded 12 scoring points, second team (red) 10 scoring points - down to 4 scoring points for teams blue & orange who ended up in joint 5<sup>th</sup> place with 85 points each. We did a similar thing for the fun tunnel game, getting the average time by dividing the total time by the number in the team. However, to weight it less than the jumping course we allocated half the scoring points that the jumping class had, so 6 scoring points were awarded to the red team who were top, 5 scoring points to green who were second, 4 scoring points to orange, etc. The final table looks like this:



Team	Jumping			Fun tunnel game			Total
	Place	Total points	Scoring points	Place	Average time	Scoring points	
Red	2	123	10	1	19.52	6	16
Yellow	1	128	12	4	21.83	3	15
Green	3	101	8	2	20.24	5	13
Orange	=5	85	4	3	20.63	4	8
Purple	4	88	6	6	25.71	1	7
Blue	=5	85	4	5	23.88	2	6

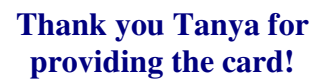
I was impressed by how well everyone tackled the jumping course - including our newer members. Oriel has been away for a while and was obviously very pleased to be back and had great fun running around. I saw Emma-Jayne & Jack run, and although they were



eliminated after the first obstacle, they had a good run. Jack did what many dogs new to agility do, and ran under the second jump. Overall the results were close -notably getting two teams tying on points and two individuals tying for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in jumping, and only 4 seconds separating the top and bottom team in the tunnel fun game. (left: the winning team!)

Thanks to everyone who helped make it a splendid evening.

*Jacky Hutchinson*



## The Club Competition Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December



This was a really good day – with a good club turn-out. The main reason for this event was to suss out a new venue on Churn Estate – brought to our attention by Dawn Graham. We were considering using it for the home match against Andover and we needed to check out the facilities. Parking is going to be a bit tight – and the kitchen in another building is not ideal. But a flushing loo!!! Wow!

The competition was very good – I checked the numbers in each grade at club, and the split chosen resulted in fairly evenly populated classes. Upon reflection, maybe a pull-off a tunnel at the beginning of the course was a tad optimistic.

Anyone who says that the smalls & mediums are at a disadvantage in open competition against the large dogs should note that only two dogs won both their classes – Wendy & Bambi (medium) in senior (KC G6&7) and the mighty micro dog Parkie in nursery – who also got the fastest time in that class. And his legs are TINY!

Full results are on the next page. I have highlighted the fastest time in each class – along with the fastest clear round. Looking at the times, Fell, Cass & Ollie are pretty well matched in the top two classes – and I'm impressed with Fell's consistent times for the two rounds.

In graduate, Ozzie had an impressive time, with Bertie a bit slower – but clear. Merlin had an impressive time in Starter (but is one of those rather impetuous dogs – fast, but inconsistent; when he gets it right – it'll be awesome) with Daisy a steadier clear. It was good seeing the juniors putting on a good show against the adults.

Thanks to everyone who helped out – to Dawn for checking out the venue, opening up and alerting the neighbours (a couple of whom came along to watch), to Pete for setting up the signs (very clever – as I don't think he knew where the place was!), to Jo for preparing all the scoring paperwork and bringing the rossies, and to everyone who helped on the day (don't be put off helping at a show - the tasks on a KC ring are generally easier than we had) including the judge's.



Yes – a very good day. (*Right: winners!*)

### Home match against UpAndOver Agility Dogs

So having sussed out the venue, we will go ahead with our home match against UpAndOver Agility Dogs on Saturday 26th January 2013. I think we needed an extra sign on the lane up to Churn Estate, and we will need to park vehicles carefully in order to squeeze everyone in. We



will do food in the kitchen in the other building, and we'll get a walkie-talkie so we can let people know in the kitchen when classes are walking / running. We'll need lots of volunteers on the day – but now we have lots of members who are now well practised!

Jacky Hutchinson

### Full Results

#### Nursery

		1 <sup>st</sup> round		2 <sup>nd</sup> round		Points	Aggregate points
		faults	seconds	faults	seconds	1 <sup>st</sup> + 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Dawn	Parkie	5	30.18	C	<b>23.75</b>	10 + 10	20
Kathryn	Loki	5	31.66	E6	38.47	9 + 8	17
Sue	Ella	E11	131.59	E3	65.16	8 + 7	15
Tania	Kia	E6	20.15	E7	39.52	6 + 9	15
Karen	Kasey	E7	46.56				

#### Starter

		1 <sup>st</sup> round		2 <sup>nd</sup> round		Points	Aggregate points
		faults	seconds	faults	seconds	1 <sup>st</sup> + 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Gill	Mindy	C	20.50	C	19.56	9 + 10	19
Dawn	Daisy	C	<b>17.85</b>	5	16.66	10 + 8	18
Maria	Belle	10	30.07	C	39.59	5 + 9	14
Kath	Tilly	5	20.06	10	19.00	8 + 5	13
Caroline	Todd	10	19.03	5	17.56	6 + 7	13
Suzie	Evie	10	17.91	15	17.66	7 + 4	11
Helen	Mylo	15	17.31	5	21.93	4 + 6	10
Sarah	Merlin	E10	18.81	40	<b>14.36</b>	2 + 3	5
Jasper	Bronwen	E15	36.44	E9	36.44	3 + 2	5
Wendy	Fuzzy	5	19.40	E11	25.31	8 + 2	10 (nfc)

#### Graduate

		1 <sup>st</sup> round		2 <sup>nd</sup> round		Points	Aggregate points
		faults	seconds	faults	seconds	1 <sup>st</sup> + 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Dinah	Cinders	C	24.72	5	24.28	10 + 8	18
Pam	Martha	5	19.34	C	19.35	8 + 9	17
Aileen	Rockett	5	18.31	E3	20.41	9 + 6	15
Gill	Bertie	E4	21.94	C	<b>18.44</b>	5 + 10	15
Ian	Dino	10	23.66	E3	30.44	7 + 3	10
Jo	Pip	E4	18.41	E3	47.10	4 + 5	9
Aileen	Ozzie	E3	25.09	15	<b>15.75</b>	1 + 7	8
Alison	Basil	E4	22.54	E3	29.32	2 + 4	6
Wendy	Foxie	E4	27.31	E3	34.22	3 + 2	5
Karen	Rupert	E6	30.82				

#### Intermediate

		1 <sup>st</sup> round		2 <sup>nd</sup> round		Points	Aggregate points
		faults	seconds	faults	seconds	1 <sup>st</sup> + 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Carolyn	Ollie	C	<b>19.03</b>	E2	21.84	10 + 7	17
Jenny	Tess	E4	60.10	10	23.75	7 + 9	16
Tania	Worzel	10	28.47	E11	26.62	8 + 8	16
Anthony	Gimli	E3	26.71	5	27.12	6 + 10	16
Jill	Cass	5	<b>18.56</b>	E2	32.81	9 + 6	15
Karen	Sasha	E3	27.72				

#### Senior

		1 <sup>st</sup> round		2 <sup>nd</sup> round		Points	Aggregate points
		faults	seconds	faults	seconds	1 <sup>st</sup> + 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Wendy	Bambi	10	22.25	5	23.09	10 + 10	20
Kevin	Fell	15	18.63	10	<b>18.50</b>	9 + 9	18
Carolyn	Max	E6	27.10	10	19.85	7 + 8	15
Sue	Bea	E11	42.13	E11	35.82	8 + 7	15
Wendy/ Gio-Gio	Tatti	E3	43.81	E8	22.34	6 + 6	12
Rory	Ammo	E3	34.00	E3	32.50	5 + 5	10



The First Agility For Juniors Grand Prix was held at the Dog Training Barn in Middleton Cheney on 24th November (great venue btw). It was a great day organised by Ant Clarke, with photos taken by a junior – Annabelle Stoa.

The competition involved three rounds – jumping, agility and speed stakes (steeplechase with an A frame) with places awarded for each round and the overall champion.



Rory (Ammo and Bronwen) and Gio-Gio (Fuzzy, Poppy, Bambi, Tatti) went for a good day out. They were joined by their YKC team mate, and also club member Jack Biddle.

Rory and Ammo came 3rd in the Jumping *(left)*.

Jack was 4th in Jumping and 3rd in Speed Stakes with Bailey, a Border Collie, he also runs Amber a Sheltie Mix. He will be competing with Bailey against Rory at Crufts

Here is an interview with the 3 competitors over breakfast the following day:

**What was the best thing about the Grand Prix?**

R. Best thing was coming third

J. Beating Rory in the Speed Stakes

G. The adults could walk the course with us

**What was your best bit of handling?**

R. doing the weaves while running past a jump (Rory layered a jump while Ammo was busy weaving)

J. Learning from the mistakes I made so I could do better next time

G. The weave entries as I turned onto it

**So what did you learn to do better next time?**

R. shout louder at my dogs so they can hear me

J. Don't scream as I could hurt their ears.

G. Speak to them louder as I was quite quiet

**What was your favourite part of the day?**

R. Stealing sweets from Ant

J. Stuffing my face with sweets

G. I enjoyed it all even though I only had E's but they were hard courses  
(Ant Clarke kept walking round with a big bowl of sweets for the kids)

*Jo Tidmarsh*



## A dog is for life.... Not just for Christmas!

For anyone not on facebook this is how Gio-Gio found out that Arthur Christmas was reserved for her! Vist my facebook to see her reading it out on Christmas day!

Wendy Botto



Dear Gio-Gio,

My name is Lady. 10 weeks ago on your birthday I gave birth to a litter of puppies. Luckily Many Tears rescued us in Ireland and we found ourselves on the van heading towards Wales. A lovely family then became our fosterers and helped me raise my pups. I have now found my forever home and am very happy. I hear that you have been helping to look after one of my little pups called Lincoln until the little girl who is adopting him can take him after Christmas. I want to really thank you for helping to look after him for her and to actually inform you that the little girl is in fact YOU! Yes Arthur Christmas is actually going to live with you forever and be your very own agility dog to love and train. Apparently your mum and dad have been so impressed with the way you have helped so many pups find their forever homes and are very proud of with the way you have stood by Tatti despite all her problems so rather than wait til you are eleven you are now the proud owner of Arthur Christmas.

Please take extra special care of him for me , walk him and train him up to make me proud of him and also keep a watchful eye out for my little Rory (who is his brother Lyric) who I hear lives down the road!

I hope you have a wonderful life together and help him make friends with your other dogs.

Licks from Lady xxxxxxxx



*Reading the letter.....*



*I think she likes him!*



### **K9 Rehabilitation Massage**

*Hi this is Joanne from K9 Rehabilitation, I met some of your team at Dizzy Dogs Day and I treat Kia and Worzel (Tania's pooches). I am a qualified canine massage therapist with a clinic in Bicester. I am qualified in 4 different disciplines of massage; Swedish, sports, deep tissue and myofascial release.*

*As your dogs are athletes it's important to keep them in tip top shape and massage can help to prevent muscular injuries, or deal with them before they become a problem.*



*I also have dogs on my books who are disabled (wheels, amputees), cruciate ops, patella surgery, orthopaedic conditions such as hip dysplasia even down to the everyday pets or agility/flyball/working dogs who need maintenance massage to keep them performing at their best.*

*Results are usually seen within 1-3 sessions if the issue is muscular. Please give me a call or drop me an email if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you!*

*Joanne*



*If a group of people would like to book together for Joanne to treat their dogs I am happy to host a session, which would keep costs down for everyone. Please let me know if you are interested.*

*Tania Kelly*



## Wallingford Teams during the 2012 season

Over 2012 there were 3 different types of Team qualifiers that the club entered one or more team.

### CRUFTS Team Agility Competition

This competition is an agility competition for 4 dogs, run as a relay with baton changes. Separate competitions are held for large, medium or small dogs. The heats during 2012 are for the final to be held at Crufts March 2013

Wallingford competed at Tunbridge in May. The team had been drawn to run first & we only just managed to run it at all as we'd lost Blix due to injury, and had to run a reserve. Unfortunately that reserve, Max, had his handler already running in the team so Ian stepped in to help out. He made a good attempt of running Carolyn's young Ollie, until Ollie felt the need to find his Mum



At the Lansdown show in June, we had just one team entered Carolyn & Ollie, me & Cass, Jo & Pip and Gill & Shade. All but Cass regularly train with Lorna Peachey and as she was watching they were on their best behaviour. We achieved a good fast time, and a total of just 15 faults giving us 7th place.

At the Agility Club in July we managed to get two teams together, however we were unable to improve on our Lansdown performance. Well done to Carolyn with Ollie, who was the only clear out of all 8 dogs; 5 dogs managed to get eliminated.

### Team Dash – “Chase the Ace”

The Dash style team competition has been running for several years under various sponsors. The common factor is that the course should be a jumping course that is flowing. Most do not include weaves but they are not excluded by the rules so they are included sometimes. Teams of large, medium or small dogs compete against each other under normal agility rules where the winner is the quickest team with the fewest faults.



*(Above right: WDTC has a good track record in this, getting 3 teams to the Dash final in 2010)*

For 2012 this event gained a new sponsor and became the Dog Vegas “Chase the Ace”. We started back in April at our own show with no less than six teams entered - four large, one medium & one small. As is often the case in these teams our best result was by the smalls who all went clear, well done to Jose & Pera, Pam & Martha, Lin & Mozzie & Tania & Worzel. Unusually their time was not quite good enough for a place. The medium team collected a few faults and all the large teams collected at least one elimination.

We had two large teams entered at Golden Valley & one at Caerphilly shows. I was not at either, but understand the results were not brilliant. For Golden Valley unfortunately there were only 3 dogs available for the medium team so they couldn't run.

At the Wye Valley the one team entered managed quite a large number faults, Aileen and Ozzie had the best round with just one pole down.

## UKA Team Tournament - Agility

This is a competition for 3 dogs of any heights. The dogs run an individual agility course and a team relay course which includes an A Frame & 12 weaves.

In 2012 we only managed to enter one team in one qualifier. This was the Ajax show in September. The team shared eliminations evenly. In the individual runs, Cass & I, & Gill and Shade went clear with Martha including an extra jump. Then we ran in the relay, I started with a nice clear, until I passed the baton to Pam and let Cass continue over an extra jump and so my E, Martha went clear then, with the pressure off Shade finished by making up the course rather than following the numbers.

### 2013.....

...Will be the year we are going to qualify!! Once the schedules start coming out let me know (via the Wiki or email if possible please) if you want to be included in a team & it could be YOU who is part of a qualified team. If we can organise it I will try to enter the same teams as far as possible.

*Jill Lowe*

*(WDTC team co-ordinator, unless anyone else wants to do it)*

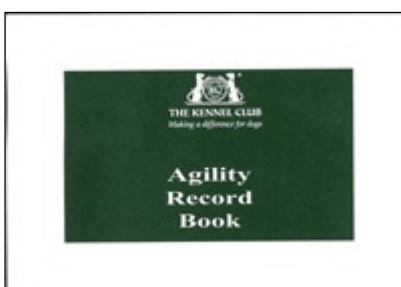


## Measuring dogs for agility

In agility dogs of different heights jump obstacles appropriate to their size. Different organisations run agility shows in this area, and they have different rules for measuring dogs.

### The Kennel Club

Our club is affiliated to the Kennel Club and there are KC licensed shows throughout the country and throughout the year. ALL dogs have to be measured before they compete at a KC licensed show and before they are measured they must be registered with the KC, either on the breed or activity register.



Each dog needs an Agility Record Book (*left*) to record its measurement which needs to be available with the dog when it is measured. These books cost £1.50 from the Kennel Club online shop or sometimes from the measurers. The club sometimes has copies you could purchase.

We always recommend that dogs are microchipped, and this number should be on the Agility Record Book to enable the measurers to check that the correct dog is measured (the measurers will scan for the microchip number). A dog without a microchip will need to have a photograph (showing any distinctive marking) affixed to the record book. Measuring is carried out by two Kennel Club approved measurers – either at a measuring session, or at many of the KC shows.



Dogs are measured while they stand on a flat surface, such as a table, into one of three sizes using a hoop (*above*) which sits on the dog's withers (shoulders):



Height name	Dog's height	Height of jumps
Large	over 43cms (1ft 5ins),	65cms
medium	over 35cms (1ft 1.75ins) and 43cms or under	45cms
Small	35cms or under.	35cms

If a dog is obviously large (clearly over 43cms) it may be measured prior to 15 months of age. All other dogs must be at least 15 months old. If the measurers (with the handler's approval) believe that a dog is obviously large then a second measurement is not necessary and the record book will be marked as such.

A dog that just measures into large and all small & medium dogs must be measured twice, and the second measurement must be made between 12 and 24 months after their initial measure by two different measurers. If the second measurement differs from the first, a third measurement is required, and the result of the third measurement will stand. The third measurement, which must be made within 2 calendar months of the second measurement, must be made by two measurers who have not measured the dog before. The cost of measuring a dog is £4.

### UKA

UK Agility is an organisation which runs independent shows in this area. All registered dogs are measured for free at UKA shows. All dogs must be measured by a judge or approved UKA measurer to determine the dog's jump height at or before their first show unless they are competing at the Maxi height. To receive a permanent jump height measurement, dogs must either be competing at the Maxi jump height or must be two years of age for their permanent measurement.

Dogs will be measured using official measuring devices while the dog is placed in a standing position on a flat surface such as a table. The measurement is taken from the perpendicular line from the top of the dog's withers to the flat surface.

At the time of measuring, the measurement will be recorded and sent to the UKA office. If the dog is age two or over, the dog will only need one measurement. If there is controversy over a dog's measurement then an appointed UKA official shall re-measure the dog's height, which will be the determining measurement.

Dogs must be a minimum of 15 months of age at their first measurement.

Height name	Dog's height	Jump height
Micro (nursery & casual classes only)	35cm (13.79ins) & under	20cm (7.87ins)
Toy	35cm (13.79ins) & under	30cm (11.81ins)
Midi	43cm (16.99ins) & under	40cm (15.75ins)
Standard	50cm (19.69ins) & under	55cm (21.65ins)
Maxi	any	65cm (25.59ins)

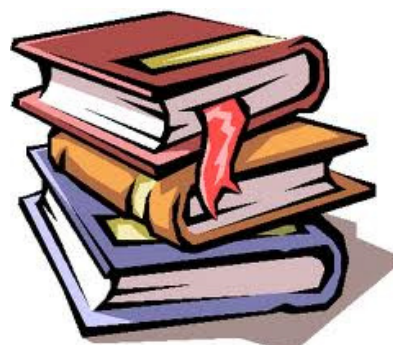
UK Agility gives the handler the choice of jumping the dog higher than the jump height for which their dog is eligible.

Everyone should train their dogs to stand in a relaxed manner and allow a bar to rest on its shoulders. If your dog is tense, the measurement may be higher than it should be, and if it is impossible to measure your dog because it won't stand still, you won't be able to compete.

*Jacky Hutchinson*

## WDTC Library

Our club has a great selection of books and DVD's to help you and your dog. These are loaned out to members free. I bring all the books and DVD's along to the last Thursday each month, where you can browse and borrow the books too. Please fill in the book with loan details at the club or let me know what book/DVD you are borrowing.



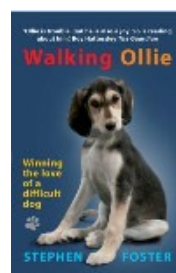
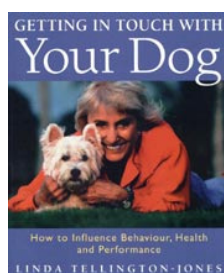
Gill Rhodes

### Wallingford DTC Library - Books

(Categories: H –Health, S – Story, F – Factual, T – Training)

Title	Author / Editor	Information	Summary	Category
Raw meaty bones	Tom Lonsdale	Softback: 314 pages plus appendices, glossary, references & index	A case for feeding the BARF diet (Bones and Raw Food)	H
Shock to the System	Catherine O'Driscoll	Softback: 214 pages	The facts about animal vaccination, pet food and how to keep your pet healthy.'	H
Wild Health	Cindy Engel	Softback: 215 pages plus references and index	How animals keep themselves well and what we can learn from them.'	H
Getting in Touch with your Dog (x2)	Linda Tellington-Jones	Softback: 118 pages – an introduction to her Tellington Touch method.	Using touching and positive, no-force training to influence behaviour, health & performance.	H
Magnet Theory	Gloria Vergari	Softback: 97 pages plus glossary of treatments	Discover the powerful new force in health and recovery.'	H
Who Killed the Darling Buds of May. 1 Vaccination	Catherine O'Driscoll	Softback: 300 pages plus references and index	What vets don't tell you about vaccines'.	H
Scruffs – the alternative dog show	Peter Mayle & Arthur Robins	Hardback	A humorous, pictorial guide to the scruffy mongrel.	F
The Big Book of Dogs	Edited: J C Soares	Hardback: 377 pages	Black & white photos with captions of dogs of all shapes & sizes.	F
Knowledge equals speed	Dawn Weaver	Paperback. 320 pages; colour photographs and over 300 colour diagrams.	Dawn's successful training method – never discipline a dog during agility – this should be the most fun they ever have.	T
How Dogs Learn	Mary R Burch & Jon S Bailey	Hardback 187 pg	Explains the fascinating science of operant conditioning, explaining each principle using examples.	T
Dog Tricks	Mary Ray & Justine Harding	Softback 138 pg	Teach your dog to do a variety of fun tricks and agility stunts. Lots of colour diagrams!	T
Don't Shoot the Dog!	Karen Pryor	Softback 202 pg	The New Art of Teaching and Training	T
Control Unleashed	Ledlie McDevitt	Softback: 223 pages	A program designed to help 'dogs with issues' learn to relax, focus and work off leash reliably.	T
The Practical Dog Listener	Jan Fennell	Softback 190 pg	A 30 day path to a lifelong understanding of your dog.	T
The Dog Listener	Jan Fennell	Softback 285 pg	Jan shows how she has learnt to communicate with man's best friend and how anyone can learn this language.	T
Marley & Me	John Grogan	Softback:	The story of Marley 'an uncontrollable ninety-seven pound steamroller of a retriever'.	S

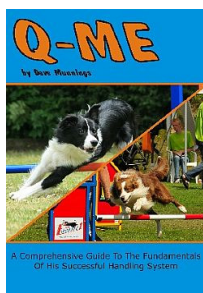
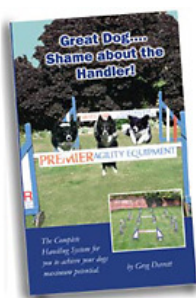
Walking Ollie	Stephen Foster	Softback:	A hilarious and touching account of the struggle to turn a decidedly difficult animal into something resembling a domestic pet.	S
One Dog at a Time		Hardback 308 pg	An inspiring true story about saving the strays of Helmand	S
Along Came Dylan	Stephen Foster	Softback 264 pg	Ollie's owner decides Ollie needs a friend and two's a crowd when you've been top dog	S
Twenty Wagging Tales	Barrie Hawkins	Softback 254 pg	Follows a year in the life of Barrie & Dorothy Hawkins when they take on the challenge of rescuing and rehoming dogs.	S
Maggie - The dog who changed my life	Dawn Kairns	Softback 149 pg	There is no finer definition of the human animal bond than will be found in the pages of this book.	S
Racing in the Rain	Garth Stein	Softback	A special adaption for 8-12 year olds of the acclaimed adult novel 'The art of racing in the rain'	S



### Wallingford DTC Library - DVDs

(Categories: H –Health, S – Story, F – Factual, T – Training)

Title	Author	Summary	Category
Agility Foundation Training	Greg Derrett	Covers all the essential basic training techniques to give you and your dog a strong foundation	T
Great dog... Shame about the Handler!	Greg Derrett	The complete Handling System for you to achieve your dog's maximum potential'	T
Teach your dog to win!	Alan & Jayne Bray	Discover the secrets of successful agility.'	T
Success with one jump	Susan Garrett	..the tools to improve your skills as a handler regardless of the size of your backyard.'	T
Ultimate contacts	Toni Dawkins & Stuart Harmes	...techniques to produce fast, accurate and independent competition contacts.'	T
Improve your dog's health through canine massage	Galen Therapy Centre	Canine massage is a gentle non-invasive treatment that can help to reduce the symptoms of many problems.	H
Independent Weaves	Lucy Osborne	This DVD contains the stages Lucy takes her dogs through to finish with that confident, independent world class weave.	T
Q-Me	Dave Munnings	A comprehensive guide to the fundamentals of Dave's successful handling system.	T





# Classes from Thursday 10 January 2013

## 7.30 (to set up) for 8pm start

Foundation	Jacky / Wendy / Tania / Aileen	
Jenny	Saxon (Munsterlander)	
Teri	Jack collie	
Steve	Ozzie collie	
Maria	Molly collie	
Lee	Ziva collie x terrier	
Charlie	Hettie (coming 3 <sup>rd</sup> week) staff x collie	
Fiona	Poppy cavashon	
Kat	Mimi Pug	
Michele	Earl Min Dashund	
Kayleigh	Guido PJR terr	
Cindy	Dingo (s/m)	
Ruth	Askja Pat x spring	

Group 2	Tanya/Kevin	Grade
Anthony	Gimli / Bea m	4
Carolyn	Max m	6
Jenny	Tess	5
Tori	Ginger	3
Rory	Ammo	7
Dawn	Daisy	1
Gill R	Mindy	1
Jo	Pip	3
Sarah	Merlin	1

## 8.40 – 9.20pm

Group 1	Carolyn / Gill K	Grade
Aileen	Ozzie	3
Debbie	Vibe	3
Ian	Dino	3
John	Lincoln	3
Kath	Tilly	1
Dave	Todd (m)	1
Karen	Rupert (m)	3
Kathryn	Loki (m/l)	1
Susan	Ella (m)	1

Small/Med	Jill / Sue	Grade
Dinah	Cinders m	3
Gill R	Bertie m	1
Jose	Pera/Poppy s	4
Suzie	Evie m	1
Pam	Martha s	3
Alison	Basil s	3
Maria	Belle s	1
Wendy	Foxie s	3
Helen	Milo m	1
Tania	Kia m	3

## 9.20 – 10pm (then put equipment away)

Improvers	Alison / Gill R / Jacky	Grade
Dawn	Parkie (JR)	
Emma Jane	Jack (EBT X)	
Jazz	Bailey (springer) l	
Kate	Matty (beagle)	
Mary	Oriel (weim)	
	(baby sub-group)	
Aileen	Micky BC	
Claire	Jasper terrier m	
Karen	Kasey collie X	
Lizi	Timmy collie x JR	
Sue C	Mischief terv	

Group 3	Jenny K / Ian	Grade
Tania	Worzel s	5
Lin	Mozzie s	6
Carolyn	Ollie l	5
Paula	Blaze l	5
Wendy	Tatti /Bambi m	6/6
Debbie	Blix	5
Gill K	Shade	6
Jill	Cass	5
Kevin	Fell	6
Tanya	Dollar	4

## Dates for your diary



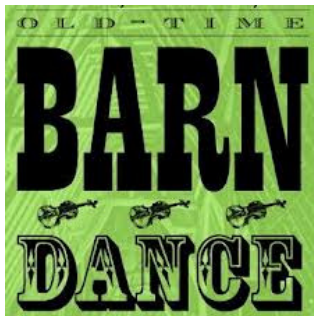
**January 2013** is the start of the new year and your **membership subscriptions** are now due. A form has been emailed to all members (and is available to download from the Wiki). It's amazing how many people forget that they have changed mobile phone numbers or email addresses during the year...



**Saturday 19 January - agility seminar** with a great trainer - Toni Dawkins. Instructors who have taken at least one 8 week session in 2012 get first refusal (and it's free for them - a small thank-you from the club for all their work) and it will be offered to others if there are spaces = NOW FULL

**Sunday 26 January - WDTTC match against Andover.** All club members are welcome to attend and have a go - this is a very small friendly setting for your first try at a competition if you have never done one before.

**Saturday 16 February - WDTTC Barn Dance, 7-11pm** at Manor Primary School, Didcot.



We are holding a barn dance, with the same brilliant caller and barn dance group as last year 'Grandma's YoYo' with legendary caller DON ROUSE. Jacket potato with variety of fillings and salad included. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £10 adults, £5 children - all WDTTC members and family welcome. Tickets available nearer the time but reserve this date now! A great opportunity for us all to get together, you don't need to know how to barn dance - the caller tells you what to do and going wrong is half the fun.

**March** - the club **AGM** is held in March - the date has yet to be decided. As well as the election of the committee and a review of the year, we make a few presentations and partake of nibbles & drinks. It's a good opportunity to meet & chat with other club members.

## Dates for your diary cont.



**Thursday 18 to Sunday 21 April** is our club agility show.

We do expect ALL club members to help out as the income from the show funds the equipment for the club (though obviously if you're invited to the wedding of a close relative in the Bahamas, we would understand it if you chose the Bahamas over Newbury Showground!).

From early afternoon on **Thursday** we'll be marking out the 250 camping slots, the rings and the trade stands.

On **Friday** we need ring parties to set up each of the nine rings and direct the caravans as they arrive.

Then we're down to the show itself on **Saturday & Sunday** where lots of help is needed on the rings and with all sorts of things in the marquee and around the showground.

No agility knowledge is necessary for many jobs, so family members are also welcome to help out. This is a busy weekend, but with lots of members helping out it is also great fun.



*Spotted! The most well travelled  
WDTC kit?  
Aileen and gilet at Jurassic Park-  
Universal Studios Hollywood.*



*Don't forget to send your articles, pictures, questions and reports  
before the 31st December for the next issue!*