

Watchdog!

WALLINGFORD DOG TRAINING CLUB

May 2013

WALLINGFORD AGILITY SHOW 2013



**Well done everyone, so many people worked
extremely hard to make the show a great
success – thank you!**

Editor's corner

The top story this issue has to be the club's own show – I hope you would all agree it was a fantastic weekend! It was great to see some of our newer members helping out and just watching and learning.

We tried out our new (to us) caravan for the first time, and had a few issues with the battery, the heater, and the van brakes went which made for a very cautious drive home – fortunately we didn't have far to go. It was very cold at night, and Basil made himself useful as a sleeping bag warmer (*right*) and I had Alf draped across my feet so it wasn't too bad.

I have included full boasts from our show, as I think it is worth showing just how amazingly successful our members are, even while running the show - well done everyone! For other boasts, now the show season is underway I have had to cut it down, so I am just showing top 10 places in this issue.

There is also a great article from Gill about her experience with Shade at Olympia. There was a slight delay on this due to "circumstances beyond our control"... the photos got waylaid but they were worth the wait! Better late than never, and really motivational with all the qualifiers coming up at shows – enjoy reading!

Deadline for the next issue is the end of May, so remember to put your results online, and please email me your pictures.

Alison Pearce



Foxie's debut

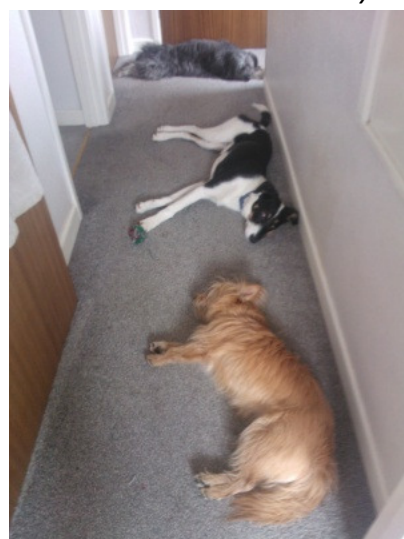
Foxie-botts the devil dog has started competing! One clear was third in steeplechase qualifier and had two games wins. Getting more used to leaving the judge and ring party alone. She's great fun to run, very quick but somewhat erratic at the mo!

Wendy Botto



*Left: Foxie
in flight*

*Right: Peace
at last!*



Agility news

Wallingford Show Boasts 20-21 April

Saturday

Gill & Mindy **1st G1-2 Jumping** (50)
 Gill & Mindy **1st G1-2 Stch** (44)
 Gill & Mindy 2nd G1-2 Agility (45)
 Rory & Peach 2nd Jun Jumping U12 (27)
 Rory & Ammo 3rd Jun Jumping U12 (27)
 Gill & Bertie 4th G1-2 Jumping (50)
 Rory & Pip 4th Jun Jumping U12 (27)
 Rory & DJ 5th Jun Jumping U12 (27)
 Jill & Cass 5th G5 Jumping (67)
 Ian & Dino 7th G3 Jumping pt2 (167)
 Alison & Basil 7th G3 Jumping (60)
 Tori & Bowen 11th DV G3-5 Ag pt2 (160)
 Dawn & Daisy 13th G1 Jumping (151)
 – **first ever KC place**
 Aileen & Rockett 16th G3 Jumping (167)
 Wendy & Tatti CR 6-7 Jumping (56)
 Wendy & Tatti CR 6-7 Agility (56)
 Gill & Chi CR Anysize Jumping
 Anthony & Ginge Judge's Special G3
 Jumping pt2 (167)

Gill & Mindy 4th G1-2 Agility (46)
 Gill & Bertie 4th G1-2 Jumping (48)
 Debbie & Blix 4th G4 Agility (125)
 Aileen & Ozzie 5th G3 Agility (174)
 Louise & Spangle 5th G6-7 Jump (56)
 Gill & Bertie 6th G1-2 Agility (46)
 Julie & Bonnie 7th G2 Agility (76)
 Kath & Tilly 9th G1 Jumping (121)
 Ian & Dino 9th G3 Jumping (181)
 Julie & Bonnie 20th AC G1-2 Ag (192)
 Wallingford Widgets team 4 x CR
 Dawn & Daisy CR G1 Jumping (121)
 Jose & Pera CR G4-5 Jumping (48)
 Jose & Pera CR G 4-5 Agility (44)
 Jose & Pera CR G 4-5 Jumping (45)
 Wendy & Tatti CR grade 6-7 Jumping (56)
 Wendy & Tatti CR grade 6-7 Agility (56)
 Aileen & Rockett CR G3 Jumping (181)
 Dinah & Cinders CR G3 Jumping (64)
 Gill & Chi CR Anysize Jumping

Sunday

Carolyn & Ollie **1st G5 Jumping** (77)
 Rory & Pip **1st Jun Ag U12** (27)
 Gio-Gio & Bambi 2nd Jun Ag U12 (27)
 (below)



Rosemary & Fizz 2nd G5 Agility (76)
 Pam & Martha 3rd G3 jumping (63)
 Gill & Mindy 3rd G1-2 Jumping (48)



Mindy had an amazing weekend, every run was a clear and three trophies!

Gill Rhodes

My special girl Tatti had all clears at our show including some tough 6-7 courses. She is still slow at shows when scared by whistles which were in the pairs ring next to her, but we got through! Bambi is now on medication for a thyroid problem and the weight is gradually going and her speed coming back. So pleased to have her back in action ☺

Wendy Botto

Other show results...

WBSDS (Ind) 27th April

Aileen & Rockett 2nd G3 Jumping (46)
Aileen & Ozzie 2nd CG1-3 Stch (70)
Aileen & Rockett 5th CG1-3 Agility (64)
Aileen & Rockett 6th CG1-3 Stch (70)



THE KENNEL CLUB Shuttleworth 13-14 Apr

Aileen & Ozzie 5th G3 Agility (267)



UK Agility Broadlands 13-14 Apr

Sarah & Merlin 1st Beg Jump (68)
Sarah & Merlin 1st Sen Stch (15)
Tania & Kia 1st Beg Jump (37)
Jose & Pera 2nd Champ Stch (5)
Jose & Pera 2nd Champ Stch (11)
Pam & Martha 2nd Champ Jumping (7)
Pam & Martha 2nd Champ Stch (6)



UK Agility Lydiard Park 6-7 Apr

Gio-Gio & Tatti 1st Jun Ag (3)
Wendy & Foxie 1st Beg Snooker (9)
Aileen & Ozzie 1st Nov Gamblers (25)
Gill & Bertie 1st Senior Gamblers (6)
Jill & Cass 1st Senior Snooker
Jill & Cass 1st Senior Gamblers
Jill & Cass 1st Senior CSJ Agility (20) - 2nd overall (Novice, Senior & Champ) - *qualified for final*
Jose & Pera 1st Senior Agility (9)
Pam & Martha 1st Senior Snooker (8)
– *up to Champ Performance*
Tania & Kia 1st Beg Jump (36)
Tanya & Bobby 2nd Beg Stch (25)
Sarah & Merlin 2nd Beg Jump (66)
Annette & Maze 2nd Beg Stch II (50)
Kevin & Fell 2nd Senior Stch (20)
Gio-Gio & Tatti 2nd Junior Jumping (3)
Tanya & Dollar 2nd Beg Gamblers (35)
Gill & Bertie 3rd Senior Agility (12)
Gill & Mindy 3rd Novice Jumping (8)
Pam & Martha 3rd Senior Jumping (11)
Aileen & Rockett 4th Champ Stch II (30)



UK Agility Easter 29 Mar-1 Apr

Wendy & Bambi 1st Champ Sn&Lads (8)
Wendy & Foxie-Botts 1st Beg Sn&Lads (15)
Gio-Gio & Tatti 1st Jun Ag (all ages) (7)
Tania & Kia 2nd Beginners Jumping (27)
Wendy & Bambi 2nd Champ Agility (8)
Wendy & Foxie-Botts 3rd Beg Stch (40)
Wendy & Fuzzy 3rd Beg Jump (15)
Tanya & Dollar 5th Beg Sn&Lads (30)



THE KENNEL CLUB Easter Egg'gility 29-31 Mar

Annette & Maze 1st G1-3 Ag (~110 in G3)
– *into Grade 4!*
Annette & Maze 3rd C1-3 Agility (125)
– *Qualified for Drontal final*
Gill & Shade 2nd C4-7 Agility (57)



THE KENNEL CLUB Kernow K9 Easter 29-31 Mar

Sarah & Merlin 1st G1 Jumping (80)
Sarah & Merlin 1st C1-2 Colimanor Agility (116) - *Qualified for final and into Grade 2!*



THE KENNEL CLUB Easter Celebration 30-31 Mar

Aileen & Ozzie 1st CG3-4 Jump pt1 (189)
Aileen & Rockett 4th CG1-3 Jump pt2 (211)
Aileen & Rockett 7th G3 Jumping pt1 (152)
Carolyn & Ollie 10th KC Novice Ag C3-5 pt1 1 (212)



THE KENNEL CLUB Adams Easter 29-31 March

Ian & Dino 1st G1-4 jumping (~130 G3)
Ian & Dino 2nd G1-4 jumping (~130 G3)
Ian & Dino 3rd G1-3 agility (~130 G3)



THE KENNEL CLUB Thames 23 March (KC Ltd)

Jill & Cass 1st C1-7 Steeplechase (69)



UK Agility NADS 22-24 Mar

Friday

Pam & Martha 1st Champ Stch 2 (5)
Pam & Martha 1st Champ Stch 3 (5)
Sarah & Merlin 1st Beg Jump (30)
Sarah & Merlin 2nd Sen Stch 1 (9)
Sarah & Merlin 2nd Sen Stch 2 (7)
Sarah & Merlin 2nd Sen Stch 3 (6)
Pam & Martha 3rd Sen Jumping (7)
Sat/Sun cancelled due to snow! (below)



WALLINGFORD AGILITY SHOW 2013

Here are some comments on Facebook about our show, taken very early on Monday morning after the show. I really believe it to be the best organised show on the circuit - the result of the huge effort that everyone puts in. I've decided that this show is a good one to finish on, and that a dozen shows is enough, and this will be the last show for which I will be show secretary. I will, of course, work alongside whoever takes over to ensure a smooth handover, and help in some other capacity.

Jacky Hutchinson

All the judges and ring party I encountered at Wallingford were fantastic, it made it a really lovely relaxed show incredibly well organised full credit to all involved.

I really enjoyed the combined grade 4-5 courses this weekend, they were just challenging enough to make them really fun for us and the judges were great.

Fabulous well run show as always from Wallingford, sun shone nearly all weekend :-)

Great show, really enjoyed being part of a ring party today

It was a great show thank you for asking me to judge again, really enjoyed it and competing today xxx and thank you to everyone who helped make it such a successful show and arranged the yellow thing in the sky xx

Fabulous show as usual Jacky

Was fantastic!!! Hang on to all your judges with an iron grip for next year as ALL the courses were fantastic!

One word, as my son would say "Awesome"!

The rest of the shows this year have a LOT to live up to!

I will never be a fan of the dreaded Newbury Showground but your show was brilliantly run, friendly and fantastically well organised. The sun definitely played a big part in everyone's enjoyment of the weekend so well done for inviting it!!!!

Was a fantastic day, thank you to all the committee for all their hard work. One of the best shows of the year

Was a great weekend, we all really enjoyed ourselves, thanks for ordering such wonderful weather too. X

Great show!

Great weekend, thank you

Always one of my favourites. Thank you to the committee and members x

Yaaaay x same as always x love it x

Thank you for all your hard work always on my list of favourite shows not to miss.

It was a brilliant show and I really enjoyed ring managing for you for the 2 days. Your members all worked so hard. Well done x

We all really needed a weekend away, without mud and rain, and to get back to enjoying a day in fine weather, good company and our dogs. Had a great time at Newbury, many thanks Jackie and the team

Lovely show - I like Newbury plenty of space around rings and parking and exercise areas - level rings, good ground - proper loos as well as portaloos - easy access from motorway - what's not to like? Ok so there's a bit of traffic noise and it can be a bit windy.

Very well run and superb weather! Thank you all.

Forgotten what agility was like without mud! Much more enjoyable!

Great show as always - and the sunshine made it perfect

It was a great show. Had a fun time and the sun was the icing on the cake.
Thanks to all concerned.

Brilliant show!!! Thank you all x

Thank you for a fab show! Really appreciated the communication ringside. The briefing notes ringside while course walking to say if courses were combined, what time the class would start back after lunch and the course times etc. Also congrats to the Wallingford juniors and their friends and the people who supported them who raised over 200 pounds to send an AFJ junior team to the Junior European Cup in the Netherlands in Sept. Well done kids!

Well done to the Wallingford Team on a great show this weekend

...and they even managed good weather!

Agreed and the sunshine was a very nice touch

Quite agree. Lovely show, well organised and great atmosphere. The weather helped a bit too!

Yes great show, well done all

Loved every minute of it.... Thank you x

Yep agree, well done

Great show, always so well organised & run by Ian and Jackie who work so hard to make it a success

Always a lovely show - and well done Jackie, Ian and your team for great weather, lovely courses, super rosettes and fun atmosphere.

Have had a fabulous weekend camping in the sunshine BIG thanks to all involved

Ditto what everyone has said, and a special thanks to my ring party on ring 1 you were all stars, I thoroughly enjoyed my day judging and I think the dogs did too.

**Agreed, great atmosphere and some lovely courses - well done all
..... fab weather was an added bonus!!**

All the judges and ring party I encountered at Wallingford were fantastic, it made it a really lovely relaxed show incredibly well organised full credit to all involved.

Thank u Wallingford, lovely show really enjoyed ourselves, fab variety of classes! Will be back next year:-)

Fab show, nice courses and lovely judges also massive thank you to the person who handed my glasses in to secretary's tent after I lost them this morning

Echo that - lovely show, lovely courses, lovely judges and lovely weather!

big thankyou from me and my mum...having disabled parking was brilliant! she got to see so much of the show lovely show with some interesting courses!

Had a great time thanks to everyone who put on a great show

As ever a lovely show, the weather order was exceptional! till next yr! Thank you to all the Wallingford Team.

And from the judges...

Aileen

Just a short thank you from me for the hospitality shown over the weekend. The ring party that I had were absolutely superb - please ensure they all are thanked. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and hope that overall the show was a roaring success. I am very happy to help out again next year. Enjoy the agility summer which certainly started this weekend. Thanks again
Bill

Hi Jacky.

Lovely to see you at the weekend, a nice day for all I hope. Thanks to you and your team for looking after me during the day. Sorry to hear that you will not be running a show next year. If you or the club, decide to run a show in the future you know where to find me. Best regards.
Vic

Dear Aileen

How kind of you to write to everyone and thank you so much for forwarding the nice comments from Facebook. I must say I really did appreciate being asked to judge on Sunday and I could not have wished for a better ring party than Anthony Bray and his really hard working crew. We could not have asked for better weather and all the competitors were really really happy and loads took the trouble to come and say what a wonderful job Wallingford had done. Congratulations to you all.
Hazel

Hi Aileen,

Thank you so much for asking me to judge at the show, I had a fantastic time, the ring party were amazing and I was made to feel so welcome by you all. Everything was so well organised and I absolutely love my present, the drawing done by Wendy she has a fantastic talent. I had some great feedback both on Saturday whilst judging and on Sunday when I was around the show regarding my courses so I was really pleased and to add to it the sun shone perfect!!
Thanks again to you and the club and please keep my details on file, the show is always a regular entry in my show diary,
Kind Regards
Kevin Towell



Above: Helpers' supper on Saturday evening at the show

A few show facts & figures

We had 7,246 entries in total, of which 6,518 were online entries on ISS and 629 (less than 9%) were postal entries. On Saturday there were 3,743 entries, giving an average of 416 runs per ring. On Sunday the 3,503 runs gave an average of 390 per ring.

Looking at the numbers across the sizes & grades (taken from the jumping numbers on Saturday)...

	Large	Medium	Small
Grade 1	147	50	66
Grade 2	91		
Grade 3	333	57	63
Grade 4	116	41	48
Grade 5	71		
Grade 6	155	59	66
Grade 7	60		

Looking at the breeds, there were just over 2000 competing dogs across 70 different breeds. The top 20 breeds - along with the number entered at the show - are below.

Border Collie 524

WSD 397

Crossbreed 292

Collie X 113

Cocker Spaniel* 82

Sheltie 65

Labrador 46

JRT/PRT 45

Springer Spaniel* 33

Lurcher/greyhound 29

Miniature Poodle 28

Kelpie 25

German Shepherd Dog 22

Border Terrier 17

Belgian Shepherd Dog 17

Bearded Collie 16

Golden Retriever 14

NSDTR 14

Schnauzer 13

Toy Poodle 13

(*Cocker Spaniels included English Cockers, Working Cockers & 1 American Cocker. Springers included English and Welsh Springers)

We also had some more unusual breeds, including an American Bulldog, a couple of Musterlanders (one 'small' and one 'large' - Saxon in our Foundation group is a Large Munsterlander), Spanish Water Dogs, Swedish Vallhunds, Curly Coated Retrievers & Brittany Spaniels.

Jacky Hutchinson

Charity Update

Gemma and Graham would like to say a massive thank you for making Sands one of your charities for 2012. They are an amazing charity and helped us through a dreadful time in our life and means a lot to us and our families.

Gemma, Graham and Rosemary Tappin



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Sands 
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Olympia

The courses at Olympia were going to be a lot more spread out than we are used to at other shows. I needed both Shade and myself to be fit enough to cope with this. I had to fit in some short runs in what was left of the daylight after I finished work! I also decided that Shade would benefit from lead walking. Most of this was done in the dark so she was able to get used to reflections in mirrors opposite driveways, headlights (including buses) and outside Christmas tree decorations.

Shade had a maintenance massage with Joanne from K9 Rehabilitation a week before Olympia. In December I managed to fit in some extra lessons with Lorna Peachey – she certainly got me used to running long courses! Shade had her beauty treatment with Pam on the Friday and I managed to keep her clean by keeping a coat on her and lead walk only on the Saturday!

The morning of our Olympia debut finally arrived! Panic before we left home as I couldn't find my camera! We had an uneventful journey and found the car park without any problems. Shade seemed to relax as soon as she saw another collie! We found the entrance and were given our wristbands. One thing I was very worried about was toilet facilities for Shade – I definitely didn't want this type of elimination! There's hardly any green in this area! Fortunately Shade obliged when I took her outside and found a bit of straw!

Avoiding the horses we made our way to Raymond's Bar by the entrance tunnel to the main arena where we met up with other competitors. We booked in and I was given a course plan. There were horses warming up in the background behind a low white fence. Fortunately Shade was not worried by the horses! We were given a briefing by Dave Ray. Something different from other agility shows is that the signal to start is the bell (but there was also a backup timer to confirm this). All the competitors walked the course (thanks for all the cheering) and it was immediately into the competition.



Soon it was our turn. Shade was fidgeting on the start line but she did wait until I released her. She was fabulous. The only mistake was a missed up on the seesaw. I knew I had to get ahead for the part after the wall so ran off too quickly, altering Shade's stride pattern so that her front legs were on the ground at the base of the seesaw. No way would she have shortened her stride to get the up contact. At least I was in a good place for the next part avoiding the A-frame and the jump to the side. We had a wide turn here as I had just spotted the judge's hand go up and didn't want to risk having a pole down!

We finished the round with just 5 faults which was amazing for our debut Olympia run! We finished in 13th place (out of 35 starters) which meant we went through to the Novice Pairs in the afternoon. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86SH2JrK87I>

There was another briefing for pairs. The partnerships and running order were decided by where you'd come in the morning competition so 20th and 19th ran as first pair in that order. This meant that I would go second. The rounds were completely against the clock with 5 second penalties being added for missed contacts and poles down. I was partnered with Pat Brown and Twist.



Everyone had been asked to go round to the Kennel Club stand after the morning competition to meet the public (and lots of people from WDTC!). Shade was able to have a well deserved drink! We'd forgotten to bring a bowl or any water from the car with us!

The course plans for the afternoon were handed out and I tried to work out the best handling options.

I had considered 2 front crosses for the jumps after the 1st tunnel but in the 2 minutes we had to walk the course I decided this wouldn't work. I also knew the start would be difficult as 2nd to run. It was a straight line jump, tyre, jump, dog walk to a tunnel in the corner along the left hand side of the arena.

The 2nd dog could go as soon as the 1st dog's feet touched the ground after the last hurdle. I had 3 options: a) leave Shade in a wait so I could move to the side of the 1st jump – I didn't want to risk this with another dog running on the course; b) hold onto her and run up the left side of the obstacles crossing behind after the dog walk – I'd be a long way behind at this point and could risk pulling her off the dog walk either into the wrong end of the tunnel or over the jump; c) hold onto her and run up the right side and hope she'd pick up the dog walk with me way behind.

I met up with Pat who had been to Olympia several times with other dogs but it was the first time for Twist. She was lovely and put me at my ease.



The competition began and I wasn't keeping track of the other competitors. It was our turn. I didn't watch Pat's round but was aware of where they were on the course so we'd be ready to go when they finished. I decided on option c) for the start as I was less likely to be eliminated!

As you can see from the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0OtC3qBJ2s> I was still at the tyre as Shade was at the next jump. She turned towards me after this

jump but fortunately I was able to circle (without backjumping 3), just wasting time, and get back on track. We completed the rest of the course clear without wasting any time. It was great hearing all the cheers from our supporters! We had the fastest time so far! Just one more pair to go and they picked up faults so time to add. We won by just over 9 seconds!



After the presentation we met up with some of our supporters. Shade was the centre of attention and let complete strangers make a fuss of her. I don't know whether she was getting hungry because we were by the food stands or because of the adrenalin but Jenny and I had run out of treats. It's amazing that no one had any treats in their pockets! Luckily Jo came along with sausage rolls and cheese straws to save the day. (I don't recommend this diet for

your dog – but it was a special occasion!)

We found a park about 20 minutes walk away with some grass but didn't see much of it as people were saying that one of the gates had already been shut. As we didn't want to get shut in we left!

We stayed to watch the evening final and support Jenny (Lovegrove) who unfortunately was eliminated. It was a very exciting final with Greg Derret, the first to go, setting the standard with a very fast clear round. No one was able to beat him so he did the double winning both the senior and the novice competitions.

We had a fantastic day out, winning the pairs made it even more exceptional. It was a great way to be introduced to Olympia! I am now planning how to get there for the senior competition next year!

Gill Kimber

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

