

# SHELTIE AT WORK

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*New experiences at Sheltie Camp*

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## Editorial

Thanks to Michael Turner for the photographs of Sheltie Camp 2014 on the cover and on page 13, and to everyone who has contributed to this issue of 'Sheltie at Work'. For a while during the summer my e-mail stopped working, so if you sent me something and it isn't in the magazine, I do apologise and can only blame the mysteries of hyperspace.

*Enjoy your Shelties!*

*Trisha Harding*

## Dates for your Diary

### **Obedience Training Day with Keith Gwillim**

**Saturday 22nd November 2014**

Venue: Grazeley Village Hall, Reading, Berks RG7 1LD.

### **Working Section A.G.M. Sunday 22nd February 2015**

Venue: Grazeley Village Hall, Reading, Berks RG7 1LD

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# Your Letters

## New Agility Champions



Jean Tuck and Glen (Ag. Ch. Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill AWG)  
with his 3<sup>rd</sup> Agility ticket won at Lisburn show

Not only did my tiny boy Glen get his 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> tickets this year at, for us, consecutive shows – Lisburn in June and East Lothian in July, (small), but also Christine Wingate-Wynne and Ag. Ch. Obay Tiz Wild gained their 3<sup>rd</sup> ticket at Welsh Kennel Club in August (medium). The first new Agility Champion Shelties since 2011.

Jean Tuck

## Rally

I am going to do a series of articles for the ESSC's '*Nutshell*,' on different working disciplines. They have asked to start with **Rally** as they don't know much about that, and the KC have just taken it on.

I am hoping to get a few Sheltie folks to write a couple of sentences about doing Rally with their Sheltie and what they have achieved, plus a photo. Might not have room for all the photos, but hopefully will get lots of sentences in. Obviously I will also write an explanation, and will try to include particularly those who have worked their way through many of the levels. This will include PD and TD as the KC hasn't been going long enough in Rally to have plenty of shows. Hope to have it ready for the Spring '*Nutshell*'.

If you do Rally with your Sheltie please kindly contact me at [jean@crayhill.co.uk](mailto:jean@crayhill.co.uk) and if you know of others too, please pass this request on. I don't do Rally myself, but friends tell me that there are many Rally Shelties out there.

Thank you,  
Jean Tuck

## My lovely boys' achievements

We belong to Isle of Man Dog Club and compete in Obedience and Agility here and across the water. We go to the Lisburn show in June which is both Obedience and Agility so it's a very hectic two days running between the two activities. We also do half a dozen Obedience shows in England. Both dogs are Grade 5 and Novice and 'A'. Finlo has had several places in 'A' including coming second both days at Ramsey Open Show. He's also had six places in Novice including a sixth at Cheshire Champ Show in October.

We had our Annual Dinner in February and both my dogs did well. Derrey (Karmidale Just Look) had stage passes in Obedience and Agility and won the Points Trophy for Agility test nights over the year. Sadly I think it may be Derrey's last competitive year in Agility as he'll be 9 in September. Finlo (Shelridge Special Diamond) got five trophies: Obedience Dog of the Year, Obedience on Island, Obedience Stage Tests, Agility Local Competitions and Dual Purpose Dog. I also got Agility Handler of the Year.

I'm very proud of both my boys considering they don't get to compete in many shows.

Janette Mitchell



**Derrey**



**Finlo**



## More Agility Successes

Tricolour Sheltie power at East Lothian Ch Agility show on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July!

Small CC and RCC and Medium RCC !!!

With all the numbers and breeds of dogs there, it was amazing but then careful Shelties like difficult courses, which these were.



*Left to Right:*

Elaine Sangster's Kylecroft Midnight Magic – Small RCC,  
my Ag Ch Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill – Small CC  
and Rhoda Burdett's Chandling Ebony Charge – Medium RCC.

For Glen this was his 4<sup>th</sup> CC (!) which he won at his very next Champ show after his 3<sup>rd</sup> CC (I could wake up and find I'm dreaming....)

Jean Tuck

## Working News Update

It is great to see more Shelties competing at shows these days, and holding their own against the ubiquitous collies. We should remember that they were originally sheepdogs, used for herding and guarding flocks in the Shetland Isles and those qualities can be seen in the working ability of the Sheltie today. Their achievements are detailed below.

**Sheltie Camp Training Weekend** was as usual very enjoyable with everyone having a chance to train in Obedience, Agility and Working Trials according to their abilities. We ran the KC Good Citizen Dog Scheme tests again and the following gained their awards:

### **Bronze Good Citizen**

Lesley Lubbi and Amberblaze By a Lady (Flame)

Lilian Turner and Melcette Hello Bud (Spy)

### **Silver Good Citizen**

Matthew Burdett and Licosateria Mai Rising Star (Brooke)

Rowena Steady and Shaelith Autumn Sun (Freddie)

Elsewhere, Jean Tuck's Ag Ch Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill (Glen) gained his Silver KC Good Citizens Award.

Margaret Horsfield tells me that her two youngest dogs have now gained their **Gold** certificate.

The Working Section took part in the **E.S.S.C. Centenary Show** at the beginning of June, but unfortunately due to the atrocious weather conditions the events that were due to take place outside had to be severely curtailed and were held in a restricted area indoors. However the Heelwork to Music demonstration went ahead as planned.

### **Obedience**

At the Isle of Man Dog Club awards dinner, Janette Mitchell and Karmidale Just One Look (Derrey) received the Points Trophy for points gained over six Agility tests and although he prefers Agility he gained a 6<sup>th</sup> place in Novice Obedience. Janette and Shelridge Special Diamond (Finlo) took away five trophies, including Best Dual Purpose Dog and Dog of the Year, having gained a 6<sup>th</sup>, two 5<sup>th</sup>s, a 4<sup>th</sup> and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Novice, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 'A'.

In Guernsey, Bernadette Baudins and Carolelen Causing Mischief (Tai) have had a 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place and a win in 'A', and a 2<sup>nd</sup> in 'B'.

Tracey Baudins and Carolelen Cause a Dillema (Indy) have had two wins and a 3<sup>rd</sup> in 'A' and a 1<sup>st</sup> in 'B'.

Caroline Le Poidevin and Condorvean Bobbin Joan have had a win in 'A'.

In Germany, under Kennel Club rules, Gaby Recker and Magic Monty von Erkelenzerland (Fabio) have had a 5<sup>th</sup> place in 'A' and a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 'B', finally winning 'B' which puts them out of 'A' and into 'B' and 'C'.

Pat Daniels with Azure Sky Kahlistelle has had a 4<sup>th</sup> place in 'C' and with Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn has had two 6<sup>th</sup>, a 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 'A'.

Teresa Davies and Samphrey Star Performer (Lu), who is retiring at the end of the season, have had a 6<sup>th</sup> place in 'C'.

Sadie Fairs and Lavika Land of Love (Thomas) have had a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 'B'.

Doreen Goodwin and Dellaph Shripalm Matilda have had a 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Beginners and a 5<sup>th</sup> in Novice.

Margaret Horsfield with Tarasol Blue Diamond has had two 6<sup>th</sup> places in Novice, with Tarasol Midnight Shadow has had a 6<sup>th</sup> in Novice, and with Marricksham Lovable Rogue (Timmy) she has had three 6<sup>th</sup> places in 'A'. She has also had a 2<sup>nd</sup> in Novice with Marricksham Secret Dream (Dream)

Jackie Howe and Shellthorn Blue Dazzle have had a 5<sup>th</sup> place in Beginners.

Sue Lang and Chelmarsh All the Way have been sailing through the classes with 2 wins in Pre-Beginners, 2 wins and a 2<sup>nd</sup> in Beginners and a 3<sup>rd</sup> in Novice.

Peter Lubbi and Sandyglow Silver Shadow have had a 4<sup>th</sup> place in Novice.

Jennifer Miller and Forestland Flute (Toonie) have had a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Beginners.

Sue Robinson and Shelridge Distant Laughter have had two 4<sup>th</sup> places, a 2<sup>nd</sup> place and a win in 'A'.



Pat Townsend and Dellaph Skeroq Skedarcey (Darcey) have had a 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Beginners and a 6<sup>th</sup> in Novice.

Mrs.Wildsmith and Tachnamadra Laurencin with Sandieback have had a 6<sup>th</sup> place, a 3<sup>rd</sup> place and a win in Pre-Beginners.

## **Rally**

Pat Townsend and Dellaph Skeroq Skedarcey (Darcey) having gained their three qualifiers at Level One and moved up to Level Two, came 5<sup>th</sup> at Level 2 with 203 points at Wootton Bassett (their first attempt at that level).

Karen Marek and Mohnesee Man on a Mission (Pippin)'s Rally results for this season are as follows:

June 1<sup>st</sup> at Leamington D.T.C Level 1 qualifying score of 210 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place (as slower time than the winning competitor).

June 1<sup>st</sup> at Leamington D.T.C. Level 2 qualifying score of 203.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Banbury & District D.T.C. Level 2 qualifying score of 204, 1<sup>st</sup> place.

August 10<sup>th</sup> at Rugby D.T.C. Level 2 qualifying score of 202, 1<sup>st</sup> place.

September 28<sup>th</sup> at the L.R.Club of Great Britain Level 3 qualifying score of 206, 1<sup>st</sup> place.

October 12<sup>th</sup> at K.C. Trial Level 3 qualifying score of 207, 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Pippin currently has the title of RL2 Ex and if he gains his last Level 3 qualifying score of 190 or over he will be able to use RL3 Ex and move up to Level 4.

## **Agility**

We now have two new Agility Champions who have gained their titles this summer. They are Jean Tuck with Agility Champion Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill (Glen) and Christine Wingate-Wynne with Agility Champion Obay Tiz Wild (Zev). We congratulate both of them.

Rhoda Burdett and Chandling Ebony Charge (Brodie) have won a Reserve CC (Medium).

Remember to let me know about your achievements during the year and enjoy your Shelties whatever they do.

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# **Sheltie Camp**

**24th & 25th May 2014**

We arrived at the venue, a very suitable school playing field, on a sunny Friday afternoon. The venue was good, nice short grass and plenty of room for the dogs to free run. Our esteemed Chairman was a bit surprised when the edges were found to be soft and muddy and his beautiful motor home got stuck, but it got sorted and we all settled down to a very nice quiet, peaceful evening.

This being my first Sheltie Camp I was not sure what to expect but soon discovered that there was something for everyone and although my first, and if I am honest, my only love is Obedience, I found my Sheltie (Spy) did not share my blinkered view. I thought we would try the Working Trials for beginners first. He loved this, finding keys and searching for food amongst lots of balls in a play pool, then moving puzzle parts for his reward. I maybe shouldn't mention this but my geriatric Border Collie also loved this.

I was surprised at the small number of dogs over the weekend, but it did mean there was plenty of time to try everything. There was something called Talking Rally on Saturday. It was good to try out, but I managed not to have a clue, found myself turning the wrong way with a complete misunderstanding of a spiral. The folk running it were very helpful and it was a laugh and Spy clearly thought I had gone mad. I obviously am better at taking orders rather than reading them, not everyone would agree!

The Agility was good also and it was great to see tiny Shelties attacking the course with such courage and joy, not to mention speed. My Spy was having none of it. He refused to do a thing until he realized there wasn't just light at the end of the tunnel but food as well, then I could not get him to stop returning and running through even though I had moved on. There was really good instruction starting at the very beginning for folk like me, and plenty I thought for those more experienced, accumulating with a competition. I thought it good that there were some new young faces with their new pups. The Obedience instruction was also excellent with plenty of time for all those wanting to have a go.

We all enjoyed a superb fish and chip supper delivered to the site. The next day it was more of the same but I managed to fit in some Obedience and most of the dogs did the stays. I also achieved the Bronze Good Citizens Award. Overall I found the whole weekend to be excellent, my husband found it very relaxing with no more to do than run the dogs with me. I would like to thank all those who made the weekend so enjoyable, giving their time to organise the event and instruct every day. I do hope there will be enough interested people for it to go on again next year.

Lilian Turner



# ESSC Centenary Show

7th June 2014

The ESSC invited the Working Section to arrange some of our activities at their Centenary Show in June. Our Committee got together and decided that as we normally do Obedience at their shows we would do Fun Agility, Bronze Good Citizens and a Heelwork to Music display for a change. So all our plans were in place and all set to go. Well, you know what they say about the best made plans.

When we arrived at Stoneleigh the day was overcast and then the heavens opened, not just rain, but stair rods. That meant the **Fun Agility** had to be abandoned as it would be far too dangerous. Thank goodness for children as the caretaker's daughter said. We have little jumps, tunnels and things that could be used indoors. So that is what we did – found a corner and put them out. The children loved having a go, there was always a queue and a treat at the end for their Sheltie. The adults were free to show their dogs in the knowledge their children were occupied.

The **Good Citizens** should also have been outside, but did the rain stop? **NO**. So again we had to do it inside – plenty of distractions for them, so well done. The results are as follows.

## **BRONZE**

Margaret Botham with Balidorn Angelic Pickles (Pickles)

Karen Colman-Smith with Shetlo Bring Me Love To Karlaina (Alfie)

Vivienne Green with Sandwick Meridian (Marley)

Vivienne Green with Candlebark Boot Scoot (Bowie)

Chrisy Little with (Dusky)

Gabriele Recker with Irish Rose vom Erkelenser Land (Fiamma)

Gabriele Recker with Amberblaze Believe In Magic (Gianno)

Anne Smith with Seavall Tartan (Harris)

Pat Wallis with Ramtin Riotcus (Cali)

Pat Wallis with Peartbrook Out Of The Blue (Bubble)

Margaret Wildsmith with Chalmoor Moon Charm with Sandiebeck (Charm)

Marion Wood with (Timmy)

## Heelwork to Music Display

What a surprise – when we tried the CD's out before the start and some would not play. With the help of the caretaker we managed to get all but one to play. So we changed things around, so well done everyone, you were great. Late starting but we got there. The displays can be seen on our website [www.esscworkingsection.co.uk](http://www.esscworkingsection.co.uk) under H.T.M. The videos were taken by Lee and Yoshiko Tuppen. John Davidson did the commentary for us, and the routines were done by the following:

Julia Carr with Rivvalee Dark Night (Epic)

Alison Davidson with Myriehue Sundance (Sunny)

Alison Davidson with Landovers Summer Dream (Harry)

Bridget Jamieson with Apsledene Bailey's Star (Bailey)

Jenny Knudson with Bright Star The Legacy (Star)

Jenny Knudson with Kelgrove Man In Blue (Champ)

Wendy Lee with Myndoc Cotton-N-Lace (Hubble)

Carol Wattlely with Mohnesse Rose Marie (Rosie)

Margaret Wildsmith with Tachnamadra Laurencin with Sandiebeck (Jodie)

My thanks go to everyone who rallied round to help, especially our members, without you the day could have been such a disaster instead of the Memorable Day it was, with our **Working Section Banner** rightfully displayed with pride.

Lesley Lubbi, Secretary



# **ESSC Championship & Limited Obedience Show**

**Saturday 11th October 2014**

**Judge: Louise Healey**

**Ring Steward: Annette Day**

**Scoreboard: Janet Beverley**

Thank you to Lesley Lubbi for the invitation to judge at this lovely, friendly show. My steward and I had a great day – we were so well looked after and really enjoyed being immersed in world of Shetland Sheepdogs for a day! Thank you to Annette Day for stewarding – faultless and fun as ever. Thank you also to Janet Beverley who came to the show to “see some Shelties” and ended up on the scoreboard and as scent decoy. Thank you to you both – your company helped me enjoy an enjoyable day even more!

## **Pre-Beginners**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs A Shearsmith and STRATHMAR AMAZING GRACE**

Super attentive heelwork and a smart recall ensured this team took away the red rosette today. Grace held a consistent, close heelwork position and was determined and fast in the recall. A little “noseyness” when Grace wanted to check out the steward was a little cheeky and expensive – but not enough to take away the first place, and hey, Grace is new to this game, and with a little more experience in the ring this should be sorted. Congratulations and good luck for the future. I saw that you also won Beginners today. Very well done.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs F Meredith and MILWYR DIAMOND GEEZER**

One of the few handlers to take full advantage of the opportunity to play on the way to the start of the heelwork. Also the handler’s “jolly” approach throughout the whole round resulted in a happy attentive dog who obviously enjoyed his time in the ring – and also produced some super heelwork with some great turns in both heel on lead and heel free. Well done on gaining this position.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs B Westerman and CLEMBACH GEORGIE GIRL**

Quiet, sympathetic handling helped this pretty bitch produce some lovely work, including the only clear recall of the class. Well done.



#### 4<sup>th</sup> Mrs N Chilton and JESSOPDAYS SHERBERT

What a super dog and super handling! If you carry on the way you are training this little dog, and keep the positive attitude to your dog and his work that you displayed today, I predict a bright future for you and lots of fun in the Obedience world. A lovely energetic round with great attention and attitude.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Mrs W Ashby and ELANMORE LADY-B-QUICK

Plenty of well timed encouragement, and heelwork worked at a smart pace which suited this little bitch, ensured some lovely attentive work. Well done on this place.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Mrs A Hopkins and FERNFARA SILVA MAGIC

I know I was told not to mention the tail – but this super tail wagged the whole time. And wagged some more! So you are obviously getting the attitude right – which is the main thing! Well done.

### **Novice**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs C Graham and SHADOWAY GAME OF CHANCE

I was so pleased to hand the red rosette to this team. They gave a super display of team work – this dog and handler appeared to really delight in each other's company. Gentle considerate handling from "mum", total attention from Perry. Heelwork was worked at a smart pace with some super tight turns. Clear recall and retrieve sealed the deal! Congratulations!

The next five places were all won by Mrs M Horsfield and her delightful troop (what is the collective noun for a group of Shetland Sheepdogs?!) of dogs. What an achievement to train and work five dogs.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> TARASOL MOONLIGHT SHADOW.

This dog was the last dog Margaret worked and produced by far the best heelwork of the five. I think this was due to the sheer determination that the handler exhibited during the round – absolutely giving all to her dog! I think Margaret was exhausted at the end of this round! Well done.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> MARRICKSHAM LOVABLE ROGUE AT TARASOL

Some good heelwork – just lost a little attention and position at times.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> MARRICKSHAM SECRET DREAM AT TARASOL

Unfortunately this little dog was spooked by something outside the ring and then seemed to lose a little confidence. Prior to this her work had been super. Hard luck. It was such a shame. Good luck for the future with her.

5<sup>th</sup> TARSOL BLUE DIAMOND. One of the few clear recalls of the day. Well done.

6<sup>th</sup> TARASOL SUNSHINE. Some lovely smart turns in heelwork. Well done.

#### **Class 'B'**

1<sup>st</sup> Mrs C Belsten and CASTLEROSE THIEF OF TIME

As Tissot was retiring from Obedience today it was great that he went out on a high winning 'B'! He showed lots of character today – and kept his Mum on her toes! Congratulations on winning 'B' and I wish you a happy and fun filled retirement!

2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs K Marek and MOHNESEE'S MAN ON A MISSION

What a pity about the stays. I share your pain. But think positively of his ring work and that beautiful heelwork! It really was lovely. Good luck with him for the future.

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**Judge: Nancy Watson**

**Steward: Sue Robinson**

Thanks to Mr & Mrs Lubbi for inviting me to judge for their Working Section at the English Shetland Sheepdog Club, you made us very welcome and we were well looked after all day.

I really enjoyed judging these little dogs who, I am sure, think they are much bigger in their heads than in actual size. I personally have Border Collies, but if I was to have a smaller dog then the Shetland Sheepdog would be for me!

## **Beginners**

1<sup>st</sup> Mrs A Shearsmith & STRATHMAR AMAZING GRACE Lost 3¾

What a fabulous Sheltie, never left mum's side on heel work and the only clear recall of the day. 1 mark lost on retrieve, which showed how keen this lovely bitch was. Won by a mile. Very well done on a well deserved win.

2<sup>nd</sup> ARO Mrs W Ashby & CHELMARSH FINISH-N-TOUCH Lost 7½

Good set exercises from this dog and a good round of heelwork. Well done.

3<sup>rd</sup> ARO Mrs F M Meredith & MIDWYR DIAMOND GEEZER Lost 7½

A little drifting in heelwork but otherwise a good round. Well done.

4<sup>th</sup> ARO Mr & Mrs N Chilton & JESSOPDAYS SHERBERT Lost 7¾

Very nice heel on lead and set exercises but heel free needs a little more work. You really do motivate your dog with lots of play and it shows in her work. Well done.

5<sup>th</sup> ARO Mrs B Westerman & CLEMBACH GEORGIE GIRL Lost 7¾

Not a lot wrong with this team, just needs to tighten the heelwork position. Well done.

6<sup>th</sup> Mrs B Westerman & CLEMBACH IRRESISTIBLE IDA Lost 9¾

I really liked this little bitch – Ida wanted to get on with the round (sometimes in front of her handler). Bags of personality! Well done.

## **CLASS 'A'**

1st Mrs M Horsfield & TARASOL MOONLIGHT SHADOW Lost 3½

Margaret has worked really hard with her dogs as all have improved since I last saw them work, they are a credit to you – Shadow coming out on top today. Well done.

2nd Mrs M Horsfield & TARASOL SUNSHINE Lost 5

Heelwork was very nice but the recall was costly today. Well done.

3rd Mrs M Horsfield & MARRICKSHAM SECRET DREAM AT TARASOL Lost 5½

The only bitch in this line up. The same comments apply as to the above dog. Well done.

4th Mrs M Horsfield & MARRICKSHAM LOVABLE ROGUE AT TARASOL Lost 5¾

This was only Timmy's second attempt at 'A' and what a good job he made of it. Lots more to come from this nice dog. Well done.

5th Mrs C Belsten & CASTLEROSE THIEF OF TIME Lost 15

Oh but for that retrieve you would have been much higher in the line up. Trissot just could not do that retrieve today. Well done.

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**The Miyrowan Salver**, presented to the dog or bitch with the highest percentage marks in Obedience classes having also been exhibited in a Breed class at this show, was won by Mrs M Horsefield's Marricksham Lovable Rogue at Tarasol (Dog) and her Marricksham Secret Dream At Tarasol (Bitch).



**Pre-Beginners**



**Beginners**



**Novice**



**Class 'A'**



**Class 'B'**



# **Sheltie Obedience Training Day**

**Saturday 22nd November 2014**

**Trainer: Keith Gwillim**

**Grazeley Village Hall, Church Lane, Grazeley, Reading, RG7 1LD**

We are fortunate to have Keith Gwillim as our trainer for the day. Those of you who work in Obedience will know Keith or his name very well. Keith first got involved with dog training in 1973 when he got his first dog, a Rough Collie. Followed by his first Border Collie, with which he enjoyed pet training.

It wasn't until 1996 he got involved in Obedience Competition and he got his first dog Amber to test 'B' & 'C'. He bred a litter of pups in 2000 and Keith and Anne decided to keep a red and white bitch. But Keith fell in love with a black and white tricolour dog so they ended up keeping them both. Denver was an absolute dream to train and although very sensitive, Keith's handling brought out the very best in him, taking Keith to ticket by the time Denver was 2½ years of age. He made Denver up to an Obedience Champion winning three tickets, and also went to Crufts in the World Cup team four times. At his last appearance Denver was retired.

Keith is now working Obedience with Mouse, DJ and Ziva. Keith is extremely patient with his dogs and uses only reward-based methods. He runs regular training sessions and his patience with handlers, as well as the dogs, has helped many from Pre-Beginners upwards.

Training will cover all standards and will start at 9.00 a.m. and will last until 5.00 p.m. with an hour break for lunch. There will also be short coffee breaks during the morning and afternoon. Teas and coffees will be provided but please bring a packed lunch with you.

The cost of the training is

Dog and Handler £30 for Section Members £35 for Non Members

Spectators £15 for Section Members £20 for Non Members

Booking forms are available from Lesley Lubbi,

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# Rally

Rally is an exciting new activity that came from America, known there as Rally O. The Kennel Club in the UK have taken on this new activity and it is known here as Rally. Rally has six levels, the lowest being Level 1.

Rally differs to Obedience as it has no stays or scent and as a handler you are not directed round the ring by a steward. There are signs/stations to follow that are numbered from 1 up to 15 and the course is set by the judge. The judge and steward are in the ring and you are timed as you work the course. Levels 1 and 2 have a maximum time of four minutes to complete the course and Levels 3 to 6 have five minutes.

Examples of the signs/stations are:

**Stop-Sit-Stand** – the handler and dog stop, the dog then sits, then stands and the team then walk on to the next station

**Right Turn** – an accurate 90 degree Right Turn

**Left Turn** – an accurate 90 degree Left Turn

**About "U" Left** – while dog and handler are walking together (heeling) the team make a 180 degree turn to their Left and carry on to the next station.

Handlers walk the course up to thirty minutes prior to judging without their dogs and may at this stage ask the judge any questions about the course if not clear.

There is a Bonus exercise that is not compulsory but if taken can earn the team up to 10 points and is added to the final score. The Bonus exercise is not part of the timed course and is taken at the end of the course once the team have passed the finish line and the stop-watch has stopped, although the rules and regulations still apply here, and praise and encouragement to the dog are allowed but you must not touch your dog as in cuddles and pats as you will be NQ'd (Non qualifier). At the start of the round the steward will ask if you would like to do the Bonus.

The handler and dog team set off over the Start sign with the dog on the handler's left (heel work position). Levels 1 and 2 are done on the lead and Levels 3 to 6 are off lead. In Levels 1 and 2 points will be lost for a tight lead. At all levels marks are deducted for mistakes and errors made by the team along the course.

Progression to the next level is achieved by gaining a qualifying score of 170 out of a possible 200 on three separate occasions and under three different judges. It is not about winning or places against anyone, just you with your four-legged team member.

Titles are achieved by gaining three qualifying scores as mentioned above and only the highest title achieved is used, not all of them. It is used after the dogs KC name: RL1, RL2 and so on up to Level 6.

Excellent titles are gained if the team gain a qualifying score of 190 or more, and used after the dog's name: RL1 Ex and so on up to level 6.

All breeds of dog may take part providing they are registered on the KC Breed register or the Activities register at the KC.

The KC has also devised an Exercise Modification sheet which may be completed by the entrant and sent to the Trial Secretary with their entry. The form is so that the handler or the dog may have consideration by the judge if an element of the course is physically difficult for the handler or dog, but this is at the judge's discretion. An example of this may be if a dog cannot sit straight because of a missing limb.

Rally is helpful for nervous dogs as it is only you and your dog apart from the judge and steward who stand in the ring and the ring is fenced. The only bit that may cause problems is coming into the ring but even then the Chief Steward will help get you to the ring asking everyone to "give space, nervous dog coming through!" However, if the dog is too reactive and can't settle, you must bear in mind that you are bound by the KC rules etc., and do not want an incident. On a positive note there are several nervous/reactive dogs working Rally and they are doing well. Consideration is given by the other people with their dogs to handlers with nervous dogs so it really is open to everyone.

Here are some sites that may be of use:

**[www.thekennelclub.org.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk)** Click onto the Activities section and click on Rally. Very informative with downloads of the exercises at all the levels 1 to 6 which includes pictures of the signs and descriptions. All the regulations are here as well.

**[www.rallynews.co.uk](http://www.rallynews.co.uk)** This site lists all the current KC Rally Trials results and information. There is a link to the Rally Facebook page.

Karen Marek

## **Book Recommendation**

### **“Canine Cross Training**

### **Building Balance, Strength and Endurance in Your Dog”**

**by Sasha Foster**

**Dogwise Publishing, USA**

Top athletes all require balance, strength, endurance and flexibility. The same characteristics apply to canine athletes as well and these form the basis of this new book by Sasha Foster, co-author of the award-winning *‘The Healthy Way to Stretch your Dog’*.

This book shows how, using the key exercise principles of frequency, intensity and duration, you can help your dog to reach his fullest potential in whatever canine sport or activity you choose to participate – and help keep him fitter and injury-free for a longer time.

Canine Cross Training uses positive training and shaping techniques to ensure that the dog is comfortable with the training equipment used in the various exercises.

The conditioning programmes provide mental as well as physical exercise in healthy fun ways.

The training equipment required for the more advanced exercises such as “peanut”, wobble board and balance board can be quite expensive, but for the basic exercises that require an elbow-height box and a ½ elbow-height box you can safely use household items such as low kitchen steps and plastic boxes. I found cheap Pilates and Yoga blocks and balance cushions for sale in TKMax. Just make sure that anything you use is stable and non-slip. Safety is important, and it is vital that the dog is taught to use the equipment correctly and to wait to be cued before any interaction.

Having your own “canine gym” at home is a useful way to keep your dog fit over winter and when the ground conditions are not safe outdoors. This book will show you how to do this.

Trisha Harding

# **ESSC Working Section Agility Show Results**

**2nd November 2014**

## Class 1 Small/Vet Grades 1 - 3 Combined Agility

1<sup>st</sup> Gillian Eales – Gill's Winter Folly

## Class 2 Med/Large Grades 1 - 3 Combined Agility

1<sup>st</sup> Patsie Goulding – Willowgarth Winter Hazel

2<sup>nd</sup> Rowene Steady – Ramavale Twist At Sunset

## Class 3 Small/Veteran Grades 1 - 3 Combined Jumping

1<sup>st</sup> Lee Tuppen – Renesons Royal Pumkin

2<sup>nd</sup> Gillian Eales – Gill's Winter Folly

3<sup>rd</sup> Judi Packett – Hillhenry Hudson River

## Class 4 Med/Large Grades 1 - 3 Combined Jumping

1<sup>st</sup> Arley Cole – Bordermours Secret Edition

2<sup>nd</sup> Patsie Goulding – Willowgarth Winter Hazel

3<sup>rd</sup> Joyce Gibson – Pacarane Political Pride

## Class 5 Small/Veteran Grades 4 - 7 Combined Agility

1<sup>st</sup> Bellann Hollinbury – Roger Ramjet

2<sup>nd</sup> Miranda Frankham – Lirren Talent Night

3<sup>rd</sup> Kaden Medcalf – Gwynfair Magical Pixie Dust

4<sup>th</sup> Joanna Pidduck – Peartbrook Dark Skies

5<sup>th</sup> Becky Parks – Dawnridge Doktoroo

6<sup>th</sup> Jane Emmett – Myter Who Dares Wins AW(S)

## Class 6 Med/Large Grades 4 - 7 Combined Agility

1<sup>st</sup> Kerry Murray – Clanavon Clowns R Us

2<sup>nd</sup> Heidi Totesult – Heidron Dashing Blue Moon

3<sup>rd</sup> Sam Towe – Foxstones Penelope Pitstop

4<sup>th</sup> Jenni Hilliard – Sanscott Ski Blue

5<sup>th</sup> Karen Askins – Melcette Out Of The Shadows

### Class 7 Small/Veteran Grades 4 - 7 Combined Jumping

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bellann Hollingbury – Roger Ramjet
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaden Medcalf – Gwynfair Magical Pixie Dust
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gill Zuczkowska – Upavova One Vision
- 4<sup>th</sup> Miranda Frankham – Lirren Talent Night
- 5<sup>th</sup> Joanna Pidduck – Elsamay True Grit
- 6<sup>th</sup> Paul Wood – Janetstown Jewel Trail

### Class 8 Med/Large Grades 4 - 7 Combined Jumping

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joanna Webber – Licosateria Sunrise
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Askins – Melcette Out Of The Shadows
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Janet Menage – Sandwich Menage A Trois
- 4<sup>th</sup> David Carlile – Carnthron Con Con
- 5<sup>th</sup> Paul Wood – Braynesmead Trail Of Fire

### Class 9 Small/Veteran Grades 1 - 7 Combined Steeplechase

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jenny Strike – Licosateria Iz Amusing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lian Knight – Blenmerrow Sizzling Star
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bellann Hollingbury – Roger Ramjet
- 4<sup>th</sup> Paul Wood – Janetstown Jewel Trail
- 5<sup>th</sup> Joanna Pidduck – Peartbrook Dark Skies
- 6<sup>th</sup> Joanna Pidduck – Elsamay True Grit

### Class 10 Med/Large Grades 1 - 7 Combined Steeplechase

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jenni Hilliard – Sanscott Ski Blue
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Towe – Iphito Of The Five Coidrs At Licosateria
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kerry Murray – Clanavon Clowns R Us
- 4<sup>th</sup> David Carlile – Carnthron Con Con
- 5<sup>th</sup> Rowena Steady – Shaelith Autumn Sun
- 6<sup>th</sup> Karen Askins – Benravia Iced Gold



Class 11 Grades 1 – 7 Combined Jumping Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gill Zuczkowska – Upanova One Vision  
Miranda Frankham – Lirren Talent Night
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lian Knight – Blenmerrow Sizzling Star  
Bellann Hollingbury – Roger Ramjet
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sally Medcalf – Heidron Mystic New Moon  
Kaden Medcalf – Gwynfair Magical Pixie Dust
- 4<sup>th</sup> Rowena Steady – Ramavale Twist At Sunset  
Judith Packett – Dukeson Oregon River
- 5<sup>th</sup> Kerry Murray – Clanovan Clowns R Us  
Annie Towe – Foxstones Modern Milly
- 6<sup>th</sup> Becky Parks – Dawnridge Doktoroo  
Gillian Eales – Foubeck Funtastic

The Marklin Hollyberry Trophy offered for Best Small/Vet Grades 1 - 3  
by Wendy Ashby

Gillian Eales – Gill's Winter Folly

Best Medium/Large Grades 1 - 3

Patsie Goulding – Willowgarth Winter Hazel

Best Small/Vet Grades 4 - 7

Bellann Hollingbury – Roger Ramjet

Best Medium/Large Grades 4 - 7

Karen Askins – Melcette Out Of The Shadows

The Sweet Dreams Memorial Trophy offered for Best Veteran Dog  
by Deirdre Matthews

Kaden Medcalf – Gwynfair Magical Pixie Dust

## ESSC Working Section Trophies

1. All trophies are for points gained during the calendar year **AT KENNEL CLUB LICENSED SHOWS ONLY** and will be presented at the Working Section's AGM in February. It is important for trophies to be returned for the AGM (cleaned where appropriate). If members cannot attend the AGM to collect their awards, they will not be sent the trophy, unless they pay the cost of postage.
2. Trophies are available only to paid-up members of the ESSC who subscribe to "Sheltie at Work", with the exception of the Lonicera Shield, Javis Plate and the Knight Trophy. If you are a parent and your children are competing, they must also be members.
3. All applications for awards must be submitted to the Trophy Secretary by **6th February** (postmark).
4. Where a dog is owned in partnership, each member of the partnership must be a member of the ESSC and the Working Section at the time of entering shows. The dog must be entered in joint names at all shows.
5. For Obedience and/or Agility classes if a dog is handled by a person other than the owner(s), each handler must separately submit their points for the dog, provided they are members of the ESSC and subscribe to "Sheltie at Work", with the exception of the Stornaway Dual Purpose Trophy.
6. Send in your points for all of the disciplines, no matter how few you have, and do not forget to include any places from Restricted Classes from shows arranged by any Shetland Sheepdog Club.

Claims for the Tony Seys Trophy are worked out by the Trophy Secretary, as everyone is eligible for this award.

**Claims will only be accepted on the proper forms (or photocopies). Please use a separate form for each Sheltie.**

**When requesting forms, please state which discipline(s) you are claiming for.**

Forms can be downloaded from the Working Section website [www.esscworkingsection.co.uk](http://www.esscworkingsection.co.uk) under "AGM" or by sending a S.A.E. (at least 8½" x 4½" or 22 x 11 cm) to our Trophy Secretary:

Mrs Rhoda Burdett, 33 Downedge, Redbourn, Herts., AL3 7JR

Email: [rse43@hotmail.com](mailto:rse43@hotmail.com) Phone 07746 593193

## TROPHY POINTS SYSTEM

### Agility

Agility points for **Agility and Jumping classes at KC Open and Championship shows and those restricted to Shetland Sheepdogs** (no special classes, fun classes, finals, pairs or teams count) are as follows

1st = 6 points	4th = 3 points
2nd = 5 points	5th = 2 points
3rd = 4 points	6th = 1 point

CC = 20 points, RCC = 10 points.

Placings in qualifying rounds in Championship classes score as above.

### Obedience

Obedience points for **KC Limited, Open and Championship shows and those restricted to Shetland Sheepdogs** are as follows

1st = 12 points	4th = 6 points
2nd = 10 points	5th = 4 points
3rd = 8 points	6th = 2 points

CC = 40 points, RCC = 20 points

### Working Trials

Working Trials are worth treble the Agility points, but in addition any dog competing but not placed gets one point.

### Mixed Discipline Trophies

Tony Seys Sheltie of the Year Trophy  
(Runner up – Rosemary Seys Trophy)

For the Shetland Sheepdog and handler gaining the most points in Agility, Obedience and Working Trials. The Trophy Secretary will work this out for each claim submitted.

### The Moonen Shiel Trophy

(Best of Opposite Sex – The Fairmead Trophy)

For the Shetland Sheepdog and handler gaining the most points in Obedience and Working Trials at Championship level only.

### The Javis Plate

For the best Junior Handler up to 18 years old on 1st January in the year points are claimed. Points from Agility, Obedience, Working Trials plus designated Junior classes count.

### The Suky Trophy (Runner up – The Stella Trophy)

For the Shetland Sheepdog and handler gaining most points in Novice and 'A' Obedience classes and/or Grades 3-5 Agility classes.

### The Stornaway Dual Purpose Shield

(Best of Opposite Sex – The Pixham Shield)

For the Shetland Sheepdog and handler gaining the most points in both Breed **and** Obedience classes. Points for placings in Breed classes will be awarded as per Agility classes.

### The Knight Trophy

For the best Rescue Shetland Sheepdog gaining points in Agility and/or Obedience classes.

### Dukeson Memorial Rosette for Obedience and Breed

For the Shetland Sheepdog and handler with the most points gained in Pre-Beginners and Beginners Obedience classes **and** Breed classes. If Pre-Beginners is not scheduled or the handler wins out of class, then Novice places will count. Handlers are only eligible to win this award once.

## **Agility Trophies**

### The Night Shadow Trophy (Runner Up – The 3D's Trophy)

For the Shetland Sheepdog and handler gaining the most points in any KC Agility or Jumping class including Championship level.

### The Foula Trophy (Runner Up – The Jazzie Cup)

For the Shetland Sheepdog and handler still eligible for KC Grades 1 and 2 Agility on 1st January in the year the points are claimed. Points from higher classes can be counted if the dog wins out of Grade 2.

## **Obedience Trophies**

### **ESSC Obedience Section Trophy**

**(Best of Opposite Sex – The Doris Powell Memorial Trophy)**

For the Shetland Sheepdog and handler gaining the most points in any KC Obedience Show

### **The Hildarke Trophy**

For the Shetland Sheepdog and handler gaining the most points in Class 'C'. Obedience Champions are eligible to claim.

### **The Expresse Trophy**

For the Shetland Sheepdog and handler gaining the most points in Class 'B'.

### **The Vines Perpetual Trophy**

**(Best of Opposite Sex – The Flintstones Trophy)**

For the Shetland Sheepdog and handler gaining the most points in Novice classes.

### **The Ob.Ch. Purdy Trophy**

**(Best of Opposite Sex – The Rose Bowl)**

For the Shetland Sheepdog and handler gaining the most points in Pre-Beginners and Beginners.

### **The Dukeson Rosette for Obedience**

For the Shetland Sheepdog and handler gaining the most points in Pre-Beginners and Beginners. If Pre-Beginners is not scheduled or the handler wins out of class, then Novice places will count. Handlers are only eligible to win this award once.

### **The Quaich Trophy**

For the best Veteran Shetland Sheepdog (aged 8 plus on 1st January in the year the points are claimed) in any level Obedience classes.

## **Working Trials**

### **The Lonicera Shield**

For the Shetland Sheepdog and handler gaining the most points in Working Trials. Dogs competing in a Working Trial but not placed will receive one point.

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