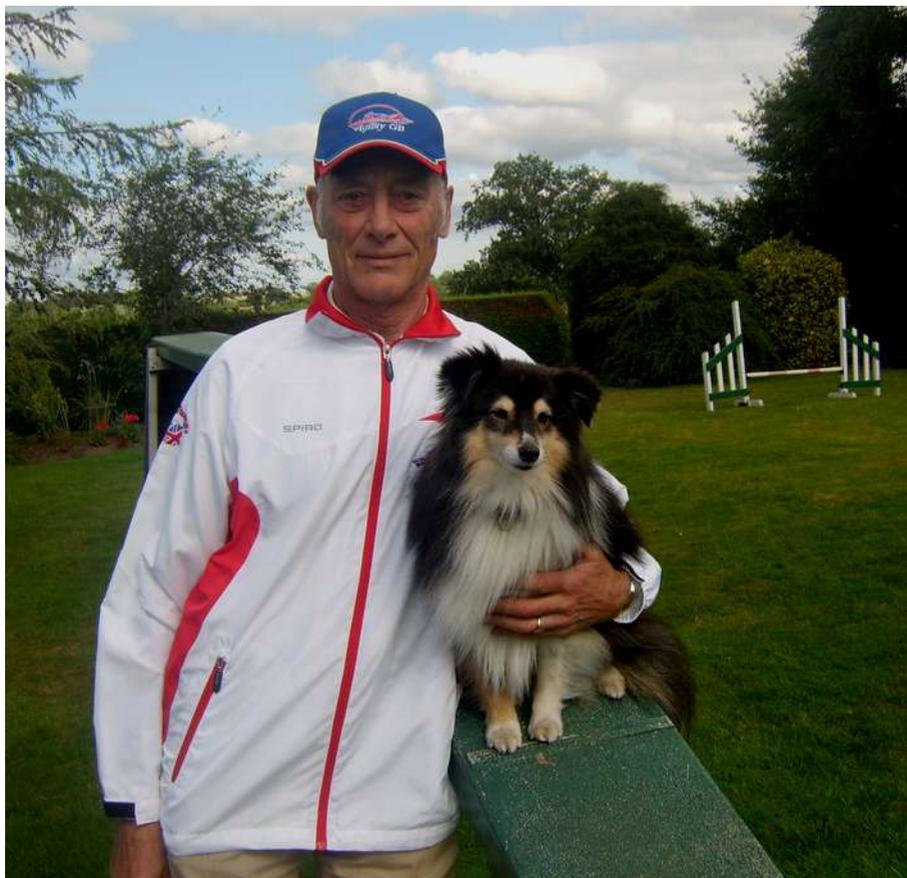


SHELTIE AT WORK

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***Dorothy Foden's Ag. Ch. Mohnesees Miss Chief
handled by husband Clive***

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Editorial

Congratulations to our cover star Poppy – the 10th Sheltie Agility Champion. Dorothy Foden's Mohnessee's Miss Chief was handled by husband Clive Foden to gain her CCs.

Apologies to Carol Wood for omitting her lovely tribute to her two veteran Shelties Hetty and Alley from the previous issue.

A perennial problem with our little darlings is that they love to hear the sound of their voices so you may be interested in the idea described on page 11 – stop your dogs barking by thanking them for barking! Not as strange as it sounds and could be well worth a try. If any of you give it a go, please let me know how you get on. It's nice to have feedback from you, the members.

Enjoy your Shelties!

Trisha Harding

CRUFTS 2016

Many of you will be competing at Crufts for yourselves or in teams in the activities that are held. The Working Section likes to put the results on our website and in 'SAW', as well as getting them put into 'Dog World' and 'Our Dogs'. This is extremely difficult as the sites that we look at for the results are not always correct and miss some things out altogether. **SO PLEASE PLEASE** let me know within a week if you have got a 1st – 6th place so our records are correct and up to date. Otherwise you could get missed off the list.

Congratulations on getting to Crufts.

Good Luck, but most of all enjoy your day.

Lesley Lubbi, Secretary

Dates for your Diary

Obedience Training Day with Sarah Delany

Saturday 7th November 2015

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

Rally Training Day with Lynne Moulson & Karen Marek

Saturday 21st November 2015

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

Working Section A.G.M.

Sunday 21st February 2016

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

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H.T.M & Rally League link from our Website under “**RALLY/HTM**”

Obituary – Christine Harrison

Mrs Christine Harrison sadly passed away in September. She was eighty-six and very healthy right up to the end when she passed away having had a stroke.

I am a friend of the family, and we shared a hobby with our dogs – dog agility, which she did really well at. She still had one Sheltie left called ‘Badger’ who I have taken under my wing until the end of his days. He will be eleven in January, and he has settled down on our farm with my three Border Collies. Badger is loved by everyone, as was his owner Christine.

Jan Linch

Obituary – Pam Albrow



Pam Albrow had been a member of the Working Section from almost its start, and many of you will have seen Pam with her Sheltie at Obedience and Agility Shows. Not only did Pam compete, she always found time to help us out. Doing the refreshments at our Sheltie Camps, the soup was a legend. Keeping the scoreboard in apple pie order at our Agility Shows, which Pam also ran for many years.

As well as being a very important member of our Committee, Pam was also President of Thames Dog Training Club, so was very active in the dog world, and will be missed by many. Our condolences go to Pam's family at this very sad time.

Lesley Lubbi, Secretary

Obituary – Hetty and Alley

Pixham Pretty Lady CDex 25.6.99 – 8.5.14

Jingaling of Janetstown CDex 14.6.97 – 8.5.14



I had to say goodbye to both my Shelties on the same day 8th May 2014. Alley, Jingaling of Janetstown CDex, at almost 17 years of age, and her daughter Hetty, Pixham Pretty Lady CDex, just a few weeks short of her 15th birthday. They have never been apart and are not apart now.

We had a wonderful life together experiencing Working Trials, Agility, Obedience and Breed with some success in each discipline. They were ready, willing and excited to try anything, such a joy to work and live with. What beautiful versatile little dogs Shetland Sheepdogs are, and they can read you like a book.

They both won the Working Trials Shield more than once and Alley won the Dual Purpose Shield several times, and they were also “Calendar Girls” in two different Sheltie calendars.

I can only say “thank you” to them for being mine – sharing such love and companionship. They leave a big hole in my life – missing the cuddles and affectionate nudges.

Carol Wood

Working News Update

The Section has had a good year in most of the working disciplines, kicked off by the ESSC Obreedience team winning at Crufts. Since the last update there have been a number of successes.

Agility

On 12th July the ESSC Medium Crufts Team won the event at Rugby Championship show to qualify the team for Crufts 2016.



From Left to Right:

Lian Knight & Licosateria Mai Rising Son (Sonic)

Jenni Hilliard & Sanascott Ski Blue (Rommy)

Chantal Karyta & Licosateria Mai Sunseeker (Savannah)

Sam Towe & Foxstones Penelope Pistop (Penny)

Reserves are Rhoda Burdett and Chandling Ebony Charge (Brodie), and Chantal Karyta and Willowgarth Sugar & Spice (Spice)

Jean Tuck and Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill (Scott) are in the Medium Agility team, Clever Dogs College, that has qualified for Crufts 2016.

Heidi von Dinther has qualified Shirley Turner's Jontygray Iced Tea (Casey) to run at Crufts 2016 in Junior Jumping.

We have a new Agility Champion this summer, Clive Foden with Ag. Ch. Mohnesee's Miss Chief. They are part of the KC Team GB going to the FCI World Agility Championships in Italy in October 2015, together with Christine Wingate-Wynne and Ag. Ch. Obay Tiz Wild. Christine was also in KC Team GB at the European Open Championships in Germany in July.

Obedience

Mrs B Cutting with Myter Fly By Night has had 1st and a 6th, with Heidron High Achiever a 4th and 5th, and with Shelridge Black Comedy a 5th, all in Pre-Beginners.

Vanessa Hardin and Sheltysam Miss Mayhem have had a 1st, a 3rd, two 4th places, a 5th and a 6th in Beginners.

Mrs W Clark and Colmae Casanova have had 2nd, 5th and 6th places in Beginners.

Jennifer Miller and Forestland Spring Footstep have had a 2nd in Beginners.

Pat Townsend and Dellaph Skeroq Skedarcey have had a 2nd in Beginners.

Jenny Knudson and Kelgrove Man in Blue have had a 2nd and 4th in Novice.

Sue Lang and Chelmarsh All the Way have a 1st and several other places in Novice and also won a heat of the ABC special class at Wirral, qualifying for the final.

Doreen Goodwin and Dellaph Shripalm Matilda have had two 6th places in Novice.

Sue Robinson's Sheltysam Briar Rose of Alnmac has had a 1st and several other places in Novice, Sheltysam Night Song at Alnmac and Heidron Starlight Dream at Alnmac have both been placed in Novice and Shelridge Distant Laughter with Alnmac has won her last 'A', so is now 'B' and 'C' only.

Janette Mitchell and Shelridge Special Diamond have had a 3rd, two 5^{ths} and three 6th places in Novice, and a 1st, 4th and 5th place in 'A'.

Mrs C Le Poidevin and Condorvean Bobbin Joan have had a 4th in Novice and 3rd in Class A.

Hayley Clayton has had two 1st, three 2nd places, a 4th and a 6th place in 'A' with Afterglow Solar Powered.

Bernadette Baudins and Carolelen Causing Mischief have had two 1st places, a 2nd and a 3rd in 'A'.

Tracy Baudins and Carolelen Cause a Dilemma have had two 1st places in 'B'.

Pat Daniels and Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn have had a 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th in 'B'.

Teresa Davies and Samphrey Star Performer have had a 6th in 'C'

Rally

I have not had a lot of feedback on achievements in this new discipline, but Rhoda Burdett has told me that she and Brodie, Chandling Ebony Charge AW(G) have gained their Level 2 Ex title.

Jean Tuck has sent me details of the results that people have sent her. She says Matthew Burdett and Mountland Made in Heaven has started out at Level 1.

At level 2 is Sue Coulstock and Dukeson It's Aladdin at Lynscot.

At Level 3 now is Rhoda Burdett with Brodie.

At Level 4 is Pat Townsend 's Dellaph Skeroq Skedarcey.

At Level 5 is Lynne Moulson's Garmarti Inspiration, Karen Marek's Mohnesee's Man on a Mission, Christine Graham's Shadoway Game of Chance and Lynne Moulson's Garmarti Genial Genie who won Level 4 at Banbury show on her way to gaining her RL4ex title.

Of her own experiences Jean writes:

"After a Rally taster day at the end of January, plus some speedy training, we did our first Rally Show at the Midlands Border Collie Club Show on Easter Monday. Both Scott (Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G)) and Glen (Ag.Ch. Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill) gained excellent scores in their Level 1 & 2 classes, and Scott managed a 4th place in Level 1.

The next weekend saw us in Anglesey. Both gained their RL1ex titles, rosettes included 1st for Scott and 2nd for Glen at Level 2, Scott gained RL2ex and Glen reached RL2. With one last show, Hatchford Brook, already entered, this third show gave Glen the last “ex” to make his title RL2ex. (Scott already had his).

In August both gained a second Level 5 qualifier and Glen also had a 5th at Level 6 which completed his RL5 title and moved him up to Level 6.

Rally is a very suitable sport for Shelties – I hope others will decide to have a go, and hopefully join our Rally League.”



Jean Tuck and Scott competing in L4ex Rally at Nuneaton

I am sure as Rally competitions increase across the country more people will send me details of their achievements.

Please send news of your achievements, big or small, to me:

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Agility Champion Mohnessee's Miss Chief



On May 2nd 2015 Poppy (Mohnessee's Miss Chief) made it to become an Agility Champion. At Woodside Show in Biggar she beat the other 41 competitors and won her 3rd Challenge Certificate. The courses were tricky with some long runs to show her 'go ahead' skills which help Clive.

Then, to our surprise, the following fortnight she won her 4th C.C. at the SKC show at Ingliston as a bonus. We are very proud of her especially as she won't be 5 years old till the end of August.

It was lovely and unexpected to receive a trophy in the shape of an 'A' frame and a congratulations card from the Working Section of the Sheltie Club to commemorate gaining her title. They will be treasured.

We would also like to thank the Committee for the 'Good Luck' card that we received as Clive and Poppy get ready to take on "The Worlds" in October. We were quite humbled to be thought of by yourselves. It was a very kind gesture. Thank you so much.

Dorothy & Clive Foden

How to Get Your Dog to Stop Barking – by thanking him for barking !

Don't mind your dog giving a woof or two when people or vehicles pass or approach the house – but want him to stop when you've got the message?

First, temporarily block access to the window or door where your dog tends to bark.

Next, train a cue that for you means "That'll do" – but for the dog means "Hey, I have something really delicious for you over here." My suggestion: "Thanks!"

Start far away from the window. Stand right in front of your dog. Give the cue, followed immediately by a click and a small, soft, meaty treat right in front of you.

When the dog starts to brighten up at the cue – before the treat even comes out – move to the side, so he has to turn to you to get the treat. When he starts turning, switch to clicking the turn.

When the dog is turning quickly, move a few steps away and switch to clicking movement in your direction. Work up to having the dog follow or chase you into another room to get the treat. If you have a dog that loves to chase, this can be an extra reward. Click when your dog has found you in the other room.

Move to the window or door where the dog usually barks. Get in some good practice when nothing's happening outside. Then stand close to the dog again, wait for vehicles or passers-by, and give the cue the instant your dog begins to bark.

When he's responding well, give the cue from farther away, increasing your distance a few steps at a time.

Remember that your cue will reinforce whatever comes just before it. Be sure you cue the dog after just a single woof or two at most.

Your goal is for the dog to come away from the window to find you on the "thanks" cue. When you've accomplished that, try skipping the cue. Your dog may come to see why you haven't thanked him yet! If that happens, reinforce him for coming to find you. Keep it up and your dog may begin to skip the barking altogether.

by Kiki Yablon

Karen Pryor's Clicker Training Community

ESSC Championship and Limited Obedience Show

Saturday 10th October 2015

Stoneleigh Park, Coventry

Judges: Gerard Paisley and Jane Sutherland

Thank you to Lesley and Peter for inviting us to judge. We both enjoyed our day and look forward to seeing some of the teams at Obedience shows.

Super surroundings in this purpose built facility with two large indoor rings. We were very well looked after by the club with a great lunch adjacent to the show rings.

We were very well assisted by Brenda Troth stewarding for Jane and Betty Gibson stewarding for Gerard's classes, doing excellent work.

All the competitors were prompt, cheerful and worked their dogs positively.

Pre-Beginners

Judge: Gerard Paisley

Entries 12

A good turnout with a number of teams showing promise. Considerate handling and willingness from the teams was evident throughout.

1st Mrs C E Stuckley with Carolelen Country Fair

A smart round fully deserving of this win, Congratulations

2nd Clembach Irresistible Ida, owners M D and B Westerman

Very nice heelwork, well done.

3rd Miss S Main with Silverbrink Mac

Giving a good account showed a deal of promise. Well done.

4th Clembach Georgie Girl, owners M D and B Westerman

Another team that showed a lot of promise. Well done

5th Milwyr Diamond Geezer, owners AJ and FM Meredith

Giving of their best and doing it with a smile. Well done.

6th Mrs C Little with Mohnesee's Dusky Star

Good work from this team. Well done.

Beginners

Judge: Jane Sutherland

Entries 9

1st Sheltysham Miss Mayhem with Mrs V. Hardin

This dog was handled really well and certainly would hold their own in mixed breed Open competition. Attentive and accurate. Congratulations.

2nd Dukeson Lika Summer Flower at Chelmermead, Mrs J F Taylor
Neat handling suited this dog's precise style. Well done.

3rd Milwyr Diamond Geezer, owners AJ and FM Meredith
Another carefully and sympathetically handled dog worthy of its place today.

4th Clembach Irresistible Ida, owners M D and B Westerman
Lovely work from this team – and from her mother who came 5th!
Well done.

5th Clembach Georgie Girl, owners M D and B Westerman

6th Chelmarsh Finish-n-Touch with Mrs W Ashby
An elderly girl doing brilliantly to compete so well.

Novice

Judge: Gerard Paisley

Entries 20

1st Miss S Lang with Chelmarsh All the Way

A very strong round of heelwork. Congratulations.

2nd Mrs C M Graham with Shadoway Game of Chance

Unlucky to meet the above today as this team were also good in all exercises.

3rd Mrs S Robinson with Sheltysham Night Song at Alnmac

A nice round but recall proved expensive. Well done.

4th Colmae Cazanova with Mrs W Clark

Working nicely together, a happy partnership. Well done.

5th Tarasol Moonlight Shadow with Margaret Horsfield

Heel free taking most of the points today. Well done.

6th Marricksham Secret Dream at Tarasol with Margaret Horsfield

Began keenly but inattention in heelwork gathered momentum as the round went on.

Class “A”

Judge: Jane Sutherland

Entries 11

1st Marricksham Lovable Rogue at Tarasol with Margaret Horsfield

Margaret had an extremely successful day with all her Shelties in my classes, with excellent handling and great attention and good attitudes from all her dogs. Well up to Open Obedience Show standards generally and would be equally likely to be placed in mixed breed classes. Particularly successful in this class taking five of the six places. Congratulations on this First and all your places with your various dogs!

2nd Tarasol Blue Diamond with Margaret Horsfield

3rd Tarasol Sunshine with Margaret Horsfield

4th Colmae Cazanova with Mrs W Clark

Lovely attentive heelwork, good set exercises and sympathetic handling – Well Done.

5th Marricksham Secret Dream at Tarasol with Margaret Horsfield

6th Tarasol Moonlight Shadow with Margaret Horsfield

Class “B”

Judge: Gerard Paisley

Entries 2

1st Withheld

2nd Mrs K Marrack with Mohnesee’s Man on a Mission

A sound round with all exercises attempted well. Congratulations.

3rd Marricksham Secret Dream at Tarasol with Margaret Horsfield

As the above, giving all exercises a fair attempt, finishing with a positive scent. Well done.

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 C Graham’s Shadoway Game of Chance (Dog) and Mrs V Hardin’s Sheltysam Miss Mayhem (Bitch).



Pre-Beginners



Beginners



Novice



Class 'A'



Class 'B'



**Miyrowan Salver
Dog Winner**

**Mrs C Graham's
Shadowway Game of
Chance**

**Miyrowan Salver
Bitch Winner**

**Mrs V Hardin's
Sheltysham
Miss Mayhem**



Sheltie Obedience Training Day

Saturday 7th November 2015

Trainer: Sarah Delany

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

Those of you who work in Obedience will know Sarah and some of you may remember the inspiring Sheltie Camp several years ago at which Sarah and her mother Barbara were the trainers.

There is a full description of Sarah's achievements in Obedience in the spring issue of "SAW", but to sum up she has been competing in Obedience since 1989, and has qualified four dogs for Ticket, three Groenendaels and a Collie, with two of the Groens becoming Obedience Champions, and has competed as part of the winning England World Cup team in 2009.

She also judges up to and including Championship 'C' and currently trains seven Ticket handlers (4 with BCs, 2 with Goldies and 1 with a Groenendael) as well as several Shelties working at different levels. She says "I love training the other breeds as well as the Collies and I think it helps that I have trained both up to Ticket level as they are very different in their attitudes."

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,

tel. no. 01784 258334 or e-mail: info@esscworkingsection.co.uk

DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE.

Grazeley Village Hall is easily reachable by car from A33, the Basingstoke Road. M4 J11

For sat nav, use post code RG7 1LD

A map can be found on www.grazelyvillagehall.org.uk

Our Rally Adventures

My wonderful Brodie (Chandlering Ebony Charge) and I love doing Agility and we have also lightly dabbled in Obedience and showing. He loves learning new things so I was looking for a class that I could take him to that gave him the mental stimulation and a chance to have some 'Mum time' without the other dogs around.

We started to attend Rally classes in January this year and we are lucky that fellow Sheltie owner Lynne Moulson is our trainer at 'Ace of Dogs Club'. Brodie took to Rally straight away so it was more of a question of me learning the different signs and teaching Brodie a couple of new moves including a 'finish right'. To begin with I was surprised how close together all of the signs are in a course. It seems to keep the dogs really interested though, as there isn't time for them to get distracted and switch off between exercises. The signs are all on the Kennel Club website so it is easy to learn them all and nice to be able to practice at home!

Being brave we entered our first competition at the end of May in Levels 1 and 2 (there are six levels in total). You can compete for the level you are eligible for and the next one up. Marks are deducted from 200 (210 if you do the optional 10 point bonus) for things like tight leads, lack of attention, barking and jumping up. Scores over 170 are qualifying scores and three qualifying scores under different judges move you up a level. Levels 1 and 2 are both done on lead which is fantastic for building both dog and handler confidence!

Our first competition was a great day out, everyone was very friendly and helpful and Brodie just loved strutting his stuff! The judges generally give you a bit of feedback after your round and were very positive and encouraging. Brodie ended up with 4th in Level 2 (204) and 6th in Level 1 (198) despite some very enthusiastic bouncing! We have since done another three competitions and Brodie has managed to win up to Level 3 so will be working off lead at his next show. He has come away with an excellent score (over 190) and a placing in every class so far. He now has the title RL2.Ex after his name!

The Working Section are now running a Rally and Heelwork to Music League so it would be lovely to see lots of people submitting their points. Shelties are very versatile little dogs and I'm excited that I have found an activity that my boy loves as much as Agility!

Rhoda and Brodie Burdett

Rally Training Day

Saturday 21st November 2015

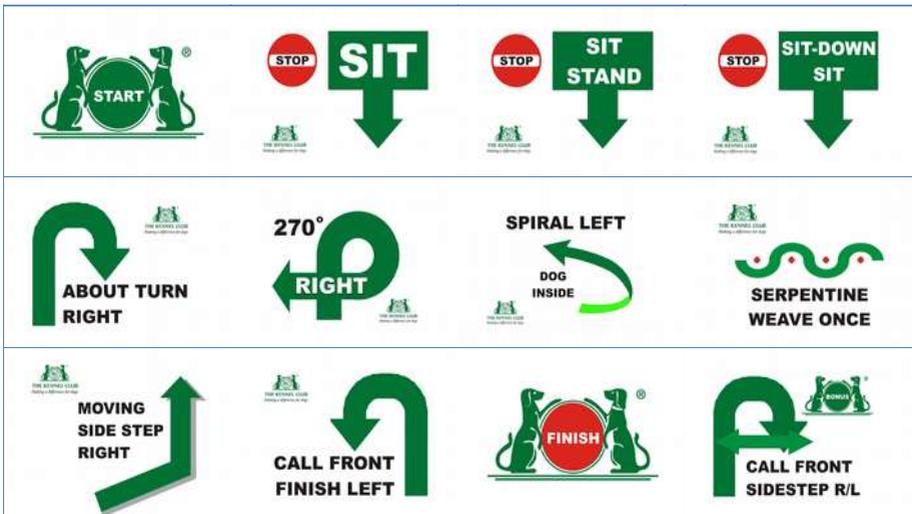
Trainers: Lynne Moulson & Karen Marek

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Rally is the latest discipline for dogs that has been recognised by the Kennel Club. It involves working your dog around a numbered course of obedience-based exercises. There are six levels and each dog and handler team start at Level 1, which is performed on lead. Levels 3 to 6 are performed off lead. It is designed to be fun, yet still offering challenges, especially at the higher levels.

There are 30 exercises at Level 1 and these are the foundation for progression. In competition, you enter the ring with 200 points and the course is timed. Deductions are made for any faults, (e.g. tight lead) and in the event of a tie on points, the fastest time wins. A qualifying round is 170 points or more and three qualifying rounds take you up to the next level.

Some examples of exercises are shown below: -



The trainers will be Lynne Moulson and Karen Marek.

Lynne has had Shelties for nearly thirty years and has a background of Agility and Heelwork to Music. Rally was taken up to help improve the focus with one of those Shelties - Tiffy - and liking it so much, they went on to compete. Tiffy excelled herself at her first Level 3 trial and achieved first place with a perfect score. Now looking to achieve their final qualifier at Level 3, they are looking forward to the challenges of competing at Level 4 and training for Levels 5 and 6. Another dog that Lynne works is Katie, who only started competing in 2014, but has steadily worked through Levels 1 and 2, achieving a placed rosette each time and will start 2015 at Level 3. Lynne also teaches Rally to members of the Agility club where she trains and a few of the people have gone on to compete successfully.

Karen has had Shelties for many years and competed in Obedience with her late Sheltie, Harry, and then Pippin. Rally was taken up as a change to Obedience, in which Pippin has excelled in 2014, not only qualifying but gaining first place on four consecutive Rally trials. Pippin and Karen are looking to achieve their last Level 3 and qualify Level 4's in 2015, whilst training for Levels 5 and 6. Karen is also training her latest Sheltie - Toby - who may be ready for a trial late in 2015.

Alongside learning about Rally, the training day will revolve around having fun with your Shelties. So please bring tasty treats and/or a toy for your dogs.

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New Leagues for Rally and HTM

At the 2015 AGM it was decided to trial leagues for both Rally and HTM along the lines of the Agility and Obedience leagues already existing for Working Section members. After consultation with some knowledgeable folks in the two sports, plus the Committee, a scheme was drawn up and a website created. The link to this can be found on www.esscworkingsection.co.uk under both Rally & HTM – please do have a look!

Please tell your Sheltie friends who don't yet belong the Working Section – the leagues are for ESSC and Working Section members, and membership of the latter is very good value for entry into all leagues plus this lovely magazine.

The **HTM league** is divided up into eight, with separate sub-leagues for each of Starters, Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced, at each of HTM and Freestyle. Points are gained for places 1 to 6. You can submit your results for all places gained at KC HTM shows. At the 2016 AGM rosettes will be given to 3rd place in each of the eight sub-leagues! As, sadly, no one has yet joined this league anyone who does so is going to be in with an excellent chance of success!! Claims can be made up to 12 weeks from a show.

The **Rally league** is divided into the 6 Rally levels, with points given for qualifying scores, for excellent scores, and for places where gained. Just as you can compete in two levels at any show, so you can get league points for two levels too. As you move up in Rally you can then get points in higher levels of the league. We have had good interest so far this year, but there aren't many shows left for 2015 now. Hopefully we can gain more members, both to the league and to the Section itself in order to join the league. There is still time to join as claims can be made up to 12 weeks after a show. Even if you've missed taking part in the lower levels, you will be competitive at your current level so it is worth a go. At the 2016 AGM rosettes will be given to 3rd place in each level!

On a personal note: when I offered to do the league website I hadn't started Rally, but embarrassingly my 'Scott' has shown unexpected talent. Please don't let him have it all his own way...

Jean Tuck

Book Review

“Teach Your Herding Breed to Be a Great Companion Dog, from Obsessive to Outstanding”

by Dawn Antoniak-Mitchell

Paperback, Dogwise Publishing, USA

Herding breed dogs have very strong instinctive behaviours to do the work they were bred for, but when these dogs are kept in a home environment these behaviours can manifest themselves in a number of undesirable ways. These include chasing cars, bicycles and joggers, herding children, nipping heels (her Majesty's footmen can confirm this!), barking and acting as “fun police”.

Fortunately these instincts can be redirected in a number of ways that keep these energetic dogs busy and happy as well as out of trouble. In this book Dawn Antoniak-Mitchell offers solutions to solving and preventing problem behaviours associated with herding breeds living in the modern world – without having to buy your Shelties a farm!

This is the first book I have seen that mentions the fact that German Shepherds work by patrolling the flock and do not round it up. So full marks for that! As a lifelong GSD owner (with the occasional Sheltie) I had high hopes for the rest of the book, but after the introductory chapter the drovers, heelers and patrollers seemed to be neglected and the suggestions and exercises were geared towards the requirements of the herders that work by rounding-up – in particular the Border Collie (which was featured in almost all of the photos). So although all the content was sensible and well-presented, that was disappointing.

A German Shepherd is very different to a Border Collie is very different to a Corgi is very different to a Sheltie..... For example, when learning something new, a typical GSD will stop and think to work something out, while a BC will usually keep moving and offering variations to try to get it right. And Shelties are different again!

So to sum up: an excellent book if you have a breed that rounds up such as a BC or Working Sheepdog and plenty of useful ideas for Sheltie owners. Less use for other types of herding breeds.

Trisha Harding

ESSC Working Section Agility Show Results

18th October 2015

Class 1 Small/Vet Grades 1 – 3 Combined Agility

1st Lynne Moulson – Garmarti Inspiration

Class 2 Med/Large Grades 1 – 3 Combined Agility

1st Patsie Goulding – Willowgarth Winter Hazel

2nd Arley Cole – Bordamour's Secret Edition

3rd Lynne Moulson – Bunnychottage Cornpoppy

Class 3 Small/Veteran Grades 1 – 3 Combined Jumping

1st Rowena Steady – Ramavale Twist at Sunset

2nd Rhiannon Thomas – Channerswick Kryptonite

Class 4 Med/Large Grades 1 – 3 Combined Jumping

1st Arley Cole – Bordermour's Secret Edition

2nd Sam Poulton – Bordermour's Love Edition

3rd Rowena Steady – Shaelith Autumn Sun

4th Lynne Moulson – Bunnychottage Cornpoppy

Class 5 Small/Veteran Grades 4 – 7 Combined Agility

1st Miranda Frankham – Lirren Talent Night

2nd Claire Parks – Foubeck Funtastic

3rd Karen Barker – Willowgarth Midnight Rose

4th Matthew Burdett – Mountland Made in Heaven

5th Paul Wood – Janetstown Jewel Trail

6th Vanessa Hardin – Shelytsham Miss Mayhem

Class 6 Med/Large Grades 4 – 7 Combined Agility

1st Kerry Murray – Clanavon Clowns R Us

2nd Jean Titmuss – Bramblecroft Misty Morn

3rd Jenny Strike – Shaelith Blizzard

4th Yvonne Bugler – Mistmere Out of the Blue

- 5th Lian Knight – Licosateria Mai Rising Son
- 6th Lorraine Bedford – Watchwood Gift Wrapped for Rainway

Class 7 Small/Veteran Grades 4 – 7 Combined Jumping

- 1st Zoe Fillery – Hammond – Wavesong Jumping Jac Flash
- 2nd Miranda Frankham – Lirren Talent Night
- 3rd Matthew Burdett Mountland Made in Heaven
- 4th Becky Parks – Dawnridge Doktoroo
- 5th Kaden Medcalf – Gwynfair Magical Pixie Dust
- 6th Karen Barker – Willowgarth Midnight Rose

Class 8 Med/Large Grades 4 – 7 Combined Jumping

- 1st Kerry Murray – Clanavon Clowns R Us
- 2nd Jenni Hilliard – Sanscott Ski Blue
- 3rd Rhoda Burdett – Chandling Ebony Charge
- 4th Lorraine Bedford – Watchwood Gift Wrapped for Rainway
- 5th Peter Gibbons – Whiterock’s Chancer at Fetherland

Class 9 Small/Veteran Grades 1 – 7 Combined Steeplechase

- 1st Jenny Strike – Licosateria Iz Amusing
- 2nd Miranda Frankham – Lirren Talent Night
- 3rd Zoe Fillery – Hammond – Wavesong Jumping Jac Flash
- 4th Gillian Eales – Gill’s Winter Folly
- 5th Zoe Fillery – Hammond – Blenmerrow Minute Waltz at Wavesong
- 6th Gillian Eales – Keltihope Gill’s Genie

Class 10 Med/Large Grades 1 – 7 Combined Steeplechase

- 1st Lian Knight – Licosateria Mai Rising Sun
- 2nd Sam Towe – Licosateria Shades of Blue
- 3rd Sam Towe – Foxstones Penelope Pitstop
- 4th Joanna Webber – Licosateria Sunrise
- 5th Jean Titmuss – Bramblecroft Misty Morn
- 6th Karen James – Licosateria Iconic Dream

Class 11 Grades 1 – 7 Combined Jumping Pairs

1st Annie Towe – Foxstones Penelope Pitstop
& Sam Towe – Licosateria Shades of Blue

2nd Jenni Hilliard – Sanscott Ski Blue
& Rhoda Burdett – Chandling Ebony Charge

3rd Jenny Strike – Licosateria Iz Amusing
& Karen James – Licosateria Iconic Dream

4th Miranda Frankham – Lirren Talent Night
& Jean Titmus – Bramblecroft Misty Morn

5th Gillian Eales – Gill’s Winter Folly
& Becky Parks – Foubeck Funtastic

6th Lorraine Bedford – Watchwood Gift Wrapped for Rainway
& Karen Barker – Willowgarth Midnight Rose

The Marklin Hollyberry Trophy

offered for Best Small/Vet Grades 1 - 3 by Wendy Ashby

Rowena Steady – Ramavale Twist at Sunset

Best Medium/Large Grades 1 - 3

Arley Cole – Bordamours Secret Edition

Best Small/Vet Grades 4 - 7

Miranda Frankham – Lirren Talent Night

Best Medium/Large Grades 4 - 7

Kerry Murray – Clanavon Clowns R Us

The Sweet Dreams Memorial Trophy

offered for Best Veteran Dog by Deirdre Matthews

Matthew Burdett – Mountland Made in Heaven

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, Jarvis 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** 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 Phone 07746 593193

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.

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 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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**Jenni Hilliard & Rommy (Sanscott Ski Blue)
1st place in the YKC Medium ABC Agility
and 4th in Senior Agility at Crufts 2015**