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**Hayley Telling & Teal – Ag Ch New Illusions
Bi Enchantment of the Five Colors**

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Editorial

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed towards this issue of 'Sheltie at Work' and congratulations to all those who have achieved great things with their Shelties in the various disciplines.

There is a new Obedience trophy in memory of Glenda Mylchreest. She was a member of the ESSC for a long time and lived in Ballasalla on the Isle of Man. The trophy is for points gained in Class 'A'.

Also a new trophy for Rally – the "Darcey Dellaph Trophy" donated by Pat Townsend. At the moment the winner of this trophy is being decided by the Committee.

More Rally news: Karen Marek's Pippin (Mohnesees Man On a Mission) was the first Sheltie to attain Level 6 in Rally, and Karen has passed the KC judging seminar (theory and practical) and is now a certified KC Rally judge – double congratulations!

Trisha Harding

Dates for your Diary

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 25th February 2018

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

Obedience Classes at the E.S.S.C. Championship Show

Saturday 20th October 2018

Venue: The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Nr Coventry,
Warwickshire CV8 2LZ

23rd Annual Sheltie Agility Show

Sunday 28th October 2018 – KC Limited Agility Show

Venue: The Dog Training Barn, Main Road, Middleton Cheney,
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Judge: Phil Smith

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CRUFTS 2018

Many of you will be competing at Crufts next year individually or in teams in the various activities. The Working Section likes to put the results on our website and in ‘SAW’, as well as publishing them in ‘Dog World’ and ‘Our Dogs’. This is extremely difficult as the sites that show 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

Obituaries

Jane Martin

Jane had been a member of the Working Section since 1981 when she returned from the United States with her Shelties. She worked her Shelties in Agility, Obedience & Working Trials supporting the section by coming to all our events. She also became a Committee member doing the Publicity Officer's job for many years until her ill health became too much. Our thoughts are with her family at this very sad time.

Lesley Lubbi, Secretary

Finlo (Shelridge Special Diamond)

19th September 2008 - 23rd May 2017

Owned, adored and greatly missed by Janette Mitchell



Eight and a half years ago a wonderful bundle of Sheltie mischief came into my life to keep my young sable Sheltie Derrey company as I had just lost my first Sheltie Odin. Little did I know that he would make my dream come true of competing at Crufts representing Northern Ireland in the Obedience Inter-Regional for three years running, first in Novice then twice in 'A'.

We started to travel across to Ireland and the Mainland about six times a year when he was nearly two and he was consistently in the cards and winning an 'A' at Wigton. Although he had many second places in Novice and 'A' he never managed a second win. He was also Grade 6 in Agility with one win to Grade 7.

Sixteen months ago he started to lose his fur and although he always tried his best, there was clearly something wrong. He was diagnosed with underactive thyroid and seemed to pick up but by the summer he still wasn't right. After more tests it was discovered he had Cushings and again seemed to be back to his happy lively self and competed at Crufts in March. He then went downhill quickly and after more tests we were sent to the Small Animal Hospital in Liverpool and were very shocked and saddened to learn that he had a brain tumour and only had a couple of months. The following weekend we travelled to the Wirral Show and he had a wonderful time and it was very fitting that the last Novice he competed in was judged by Pat Wilson who has helped with his training since I got him. He was very happy in the ring with his tail flying and his usual bouncing around. Sadly I had to let him go just over a week later before he became in pain. Despite all his health problems, he always tried his best and was such a happy little character. I can't believe he has gone at just eight years old and so soon after losing Derrey to a tumour at just ten years old,

Both dogs have given me so many happy memories.

Sleep well my special boys x

I hope I don't have to write another of these for a very long time.

I have a beautiful blue merle boy born the day before Finlo died. I'm a great believer that there will be one waiting somewhere and Pat Wilson was on a mission to find me a puppy. I've called him Kerroo which is Manx for fourth. Derrey was Manx for second.

Janette Mitchell

Your Letters



Thank you so much for such a wonderful and thoughtful gift. We absolutely love it and it put such a huge smile on my face! Teal is the first dog I have made to a champion, he is my first Sheltie and my second dog (my first is a little rescue Cavalier who could only do Agility for two years!)

Teal has had such an incredible year, he won the British Open and ABC at Crufts; we competed at the European Open; he became Agility Champion winning all three tickets this summer: Axtane show 17th June, the International Agility Festival 12th August & Welsh KC show 19th August; he is going to the FCI world championships in a few weeks and also will be competing at the UKA grand finals, at the London Olympia horse show and has qualified for at least three events at Crufts 2018 (championship, British open and team – singles still TBC).

Hayley Telling and Teal
(Ag Ch New Illusions Bi Enchantment of the Five Colors)

Freddie goes to Discover Dogs

on October 22nd in Excel, London

Imagine my surprise when my wonderful Agility Sheltie, Shaelith Autumn Sun (Freddie) came along to have a bit of fun at the Winchester Obedience show and qualified for Discover Dogs in the Special Pre-Beginners Good Citizens Obedience class this summer! We were both unable to do Agility at the time through injury so it seemed like a good idea to try something else and this just showed how good his basic Obedience is! He got his Silver Good Citizens award at Sheltie camp.

I competed in the same class last year with my older Sheltie Ollie so I had an idea what to expect and, if anything, this year there was even more going on but the same welcoming and special environment.

It's a lovely fun class with six things to do – play, heelwork, recall and finish, gate manners, check over dog and 1 min stay.

Freddie tried really hard for me. He travelled the four hours from Somerset well and stayed overnight in the travel lodge without his Sheltie family.



He found the environment at Discover Dogs a little overwhelming and wanted to bark and play the whole time so we aren't going to Crufts, but as the morning progressed he started to settle and finished with a super stay, so I couldn't have been more delighted with him.

Rowena Steady & Freddie

Working News Update

Thank you to all the people who have been sending me their achievements since the last Update. I have lots of news to report so here goes:-

Agility

We have new Agility Champions in Hayley Telling and New Illusions Bi Enchantment Of The Five Colors.

This year again we have a Sheltie team qualified for Medium Agility at Crufts 2018. The team consists of Hayley Telling and Ag.Ch. New Illusions Bi Enchantment of the Five Colors (Teal), Samantha Towe and Foxstone Penelope Pitstop (Penny), Jenni Hilliard and Sanscott Ski Blue (Rommy), and Christine Wingate-Wynne and Ag.Ch. Obay Tiz Wild (Zev). The team qualified with four clear rounds.

Lian Knight with Licosateria Mai Rising Son (Sonic) and Nicola Garret with Obay One Crazy Dude have both won their first Challenge Certificate (CC).

Nikki Germain and Hillhenry Guess Who (Guess) have won up to Grade 6.

Jean Tuck and Saunderswood Firefly of Craygill (Maddie) have won out of Grades 3 and 4 and are up to Grade 5 and Maddie has now gained her Bronze Agility Warrant.

Obedience

Lesley Lubbi and Amberblaze By a Lady (Flame) have had a good season in Novice with a 6th place, two 5ths, two 2nds and a 1st.

Bernadette Baudins and Carolelen Causing Mischief (Tai) have won 3rd place in 'B', and

Tracey Baudins with Carolelen Cause a Dilemma (Indy) has had a 2nd place in 'C'.

Sue Lang and Chelmarsh All the Way (Kete) have now won out of Novice after getting a 4th place, a 3rd, a 2nd and a 1st. They have won a 6th place in 'A'.

Pat Daniels and Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn have had a 2nd place in 'B'.

Heidi Dixon and Lightning Lily (Dizzy) started out in Beginners gaining a 2nd, 3rd and two 1st places and going on to Novice where they gained 5th place, two 4ths, two 3rds, two 2nds, and two 1sts.

Jenny Knudson and Kelgrove Man in Blue (Champ) have had a 6th place in Novice.

Jenny Miller with Forestland Flute (Toonie) has had a 3rd and 4th and two 6th places in Novice. She has had a 5th, 6th and 3rd place in Novice with Forestland Spring Footsteps (Tigger).

Janette Mitchell and Shelridge Special Diamond (Finlo) have gained a 6th place in 'A'.

Sue Robinson with Sheltysam Briar Rose at Alnmac (Katie) has had a 6th, 4th, and 3rd place in 'A'; she has had a 5th, 4th and two 3rd places also in 'A' with Sheltysam Nightsong at Alnmac (So-So); and she has had two 6th places, a 5th, two 4ths and two 3rd places in 'B' with Shelridge Distant Laughter (Dilys).

Pat Townsend and Dellaph Skeroq Skedarcey (Darcey) have gained a 4th in Beginners.

Jean Tuck and Tooralies Masquerade at Craygill (Zac) have had a 6th, 4th and 2nd place in Beginners.

Mike Turner and Melcette Hello Bud (Spy) started out in Beginners, winning a 6th, 5th and three 4th places, then four 2nd and three 1st places, going on to a 3rd and 4th in Novice.

Heelwork to Music

Jenny Knudson with Kelgrove Man in Blue (Champ) gained her F1Ex and has had three 3rd places in the Novice Heelwork. In the Intermediate Freestyle she has had a 5th, a 3rd, a second and a win which now qualifies them to work Advanced Freestyle.

Rally

Jean Tuck's young dog Tooralies Masquerade at Craygill (Zac) has won his way from Level 1 to Rally Level 2Ex in his first season. Her other dog Saunderswood Firefly of Craygill (Maddie) has won her RL1Ex and RL2Ex titles and is now up to Level 4.

Chris. Graham with Shadoway Aces High (Arran) has gained her RL1Ex title and had a 4th and 6th place.

Karen Marek and Mohnesees Man on a Mission (Pippin) were the first Sheltie partnership to gain the Rally Level 6 Ex title at the end of 2016. Karen has also gained RL3Ex with Mohnessee Music Maestro (Toby) and is currently working towards his Level 4 title.



Karen Marek's Mohnesees Man on a Mission RL6Ex

KC Good Citizens Dog Scheme

Jean Tuck's young Zac has gained his Good Citizens Bronze award and Maddie has gained her Silver award.

In the Special Pre-Beginners Obedience class Rowena Steady and Freddie (Shaelith Autumn Sun) gained 3rd place which qualified them for Discover Dogs.

Please continue to update me with your news.

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English Shetland Sheepdog Club Show Limit Obedience 14th October 2017

Judges: Gerard Paisley, Jane Sutherland.

Our thanks to the society for the opportunity to judge today. We both enjoyed the experience and hope all involved enjoyed it too.

Many thanks to our stewards, John Mills and Karen Marek.

Pre-beginner – Judge: Gerard Paisley



A class where the teams, though lacking in experience, did not lack enthusiasm! Well done all.

1st Mrs B. Westerman with Poundmead Dolly Blue.

Only had eyes for her mom, even if it meant getting forward so she could look at her. Congratulations.

2nd Mrs B. Westerman with Clembach Irresistable Ida.
Not as enthusiastic as her kennel mate but nevertheless giving a good all-round account. Well done.

3rd Mrs C. Little with Mohnesee's Tango Dancer
Errors made through enthusiasm, will I am sure go on to higher success.

Beginner – Judge: Jane Sutherland



1st Janetstown Jewel Trail AW(S) with Mrs D. Wood
Nice left turns and a consistent position but overall a little wide out on heelwork. Well done.

2nd Milwyr Diamond Geezer with Mrs F. Meredith
Another dog with good left turns and a happy attitude.

3rd Clembach Irresistable Ida with Mrs B. Westerman
Nice steady position and very attentive on the halts.

4th Pepperhill in the Moment at Valjon with Mrs V. Woolley

Novice – Judge: Gerard Paisley



A good entry for this class, with a number of teams showing up well.

1st Miss H. Dixon with Lightning Lilly P.Beg Ex

Neatly handled throughout. Nice attention. Congratulations on this win.

2nd Mrs W. Clark with Colmae Cazanova

Running the above very close, sound in all aspects of the test. Well done.

3rd Mrs. V. Hardin with Sheltysam Medley of Gold AW RL3

Not that far away.....will be winning soon. Well done.

4th Mrs V. Hardin with Sheltysam Miss Mayhem AW RL3 Beg.Ex

Another team to catch the eye with plenty of enthusiasm and some very neat work. Well done.

5th Mrs A. Davidson with Landover's Summer Dream

What may have been lacking in accuracy was made up for in enthusiasm, well done.

6th Mrs A. Davidson with Myriehewe Sundance
Working in a similar fashion to the above, keen and enthusiastic. Well done.

Class "A" – Judge: Jane Sutherland



1st Chelmarsh All the Way with Miss S. Lang
Absolutely cracking round, lovely attention, close position and bounced along. Would hold their own in any general open obedience class. Well done

2nd Colmae Cazanova with Mrs W. Clark
Attentive and steady with good left turns on heelwork and very little else to mark.

3rd Shadoway Game of Chance RL5 Ex with Mrs C. Graham
Attentive and happy heelwork and set exercises but scent hiccups!

The Miyowan Salver

Mrs V Hardin –
Sheltysham Medley of Gold
AW RL3 (Bitch)



Mrs C M Graham –
Shadoway Game of Chance
RL5 Ex (Dog)

The Watch Trophy

Miss H Dixon –
Lightning Lilly P.Beg Ex



Obedience Summer Camp with Linda Hughes

Having enjoyed our first successful season competing in Obedience, I had been looking out for suitable opportunities to hone my newbie handler skills so that I could do full justice to Dizzy's potential. I was lucky enough to secure us a place on Linda Hughes' Summer Camp.

I had met Linda through a group I train with in the winter months and was confident that her training concepts nicely complimented those of my regular trainer Lorraine Bennett. I duly booked our place very early spring and looked forward to the event in eager anticipation.

The four days training backed onto the Halstead show and as the camp was in Hollesley near Woodbridge it made sense to travel to Hollesley straight from Halstead. Therein lay the first challenge – how to load a Chevrolet Matiz for five days camping. No easy feat but I managed to get everything crammed in the car and still had room for Dizzy to sit in the front seat instead of having to run behind the car.

Dizzy had a fantastic start to the season and we won out of Beginners with two wins on consecutive weeks in May. Although Beginners and Novice classes are supposed to be the same, us newbies do find it quite a jump and fairly intimidating. The handler skills in Novice tend to be vastly different and there is a tendency for some Judges to make Novice heelwork a marathon. I was very selective which rounds I worked as opposed to training which paid off as Dizzy made the transition smoothly and was placed fairly consistently.

Halstead was our first proper Obedience show and Dizzy likes the venue and pulls out all the stops. This year was no exception and she worked her little socks off to come second behind Brian McGovern and his Malinois bitch by a mere half point. It was probably quite fortunate that we didn't win as, although I managed to squeeze the prize card and rosette in the car, the trophy would have to have been left with the secretary.

We had a leisurely drive to Hollesley and pitched camp on Sunday afternoon. Having been nearly blown away in the Quechua at Taunton the previous year I had invested in a more substantial air tent which has successfully seen many a weekend away this year. Being away for a week I wasn't too sure how my back would cope with five days in a camping chair so I invested in an inflatable sofa.

Unfortunately no sooner had the sofa been inflated than Dizzy evacuated her ergonomic, memory foam dog bed and laid claim to it, much to the delight of everyone else on the course. I wasn't about to labour the point with her and in fact after her performance at Halstead I would happily buy her a pink Swarovski crystal-encrusted sofa of her very own if I could source one.



The venue at Hollesly was lovely, the village was very pretty with a well-stocked shop and a pub and the villagers were very welcoming. We had use of the large village hall if the weather was unfavourable but for the most part we used the four rings that had been set up in the park. When training was finished there were miles of countryside walks to enjoy with the dogs during our down time.

Monday morning saw 14 of us bright eyed and bushy tailed as Linda took us through the four days itinerary. We were divided into two groups. In the morning there were 1 to1 sessions then a workshop followed by practical application. In the afternoon we could practice the morning session with help and guidance from Dianne Cobon, or watch the other group.

Linda warned us not to overwork our dogs as they would need to maintain their stamina to complete the four days. I was guilty of not taking the advice fully on board wanted to try everything, especially as all the dogs were enthusiastic in their engagement. We paid the price the next day as Dizzy was too shattered to go on a long walk around the beautiful countryside.

Linda had prepared a super program for us progressing from sessions on focus, motivation, reinforcers etc and leading to how to carry out a training round on the 3rd day. Each of the workshops was packed with information and I tried to take as many notes as possible. There were plenty of interactive games that helped get theories across on a practical as well as intellectual level.

During one of the afternoon sessions Dianne made some interesting observations about my deportment and set about helping me to create a better picture in my heelwork. Up until the BCOS Grand Prix I thought I glided around the ring like Kat Farrants. When I saw some video footage of myself I realised I looked more like Quasimodo. Lorraine Bennett has always told me to watch ESSC's own Pat Daniels for the best example of super deportment especially when handling a small dog. I'm highly impressed not only by Pat's deportment but also her immaculate personal grooming and turnout at 8.00am at a show. Anyone looking at me at that time in the morning is left in no doubt that I have spent the night in a tent.

I usually have my left hand low on my leg for Dizzy to target but one of the disadvantages is that poor Dizzy struggles with my long strides and although she has stuck to my left leg it gives the appearance of lagging. We found that by gradually carrying my hand up nearer to my hip Dizzy is able to keep a more consistent position. A work in progress as I make a gradual change for her.

Speaking to lots of other people that are owned by Shelties I have found a common trait in the breed. They are gutsy. No sweeties? then no effort (much like myself I have to confess). They are very food motivated but not much interested in toys. I have really struggled to get Dizzy to engage with toys so that I have something to motivate and reward with in the ring. This is especially important as some judges do not favour running out for food rewards. (I have my own list now of which judges I can work a good training round with.)

One of the motivators I have been using with Linda is manual play. When I first started using this technique with Dizzy she was totally affronted. With careful persistence it is now her favourite game. A super tool for the box especially in competition as I can use it to motivate her between exercises. Normally she switches off in competition when she realises there are no sweeties on offer but now she doesn't get the chance to think about her stomach.

Training rounds were the highlight of the week for me. So many judges moan about the poor quality of training rounds. For myself, I know I have done some truly appalling training rounds with poor Dizzy. There are a small number of people now teaching the elusive art of training rounds and Linda is one of them. How I wish I had benefited from this training 2 years ago!

Linda's ethos is that you teach the behaviour, practice, proof and then generalise outside of the competition arena. The training round is all about creating the right emotional state for competition. We had a full day on this topic, thankfully. As Linda has a background in Psychology she is well placed to help deal with competition anxiety. After the training round session we were told that the following day we would each carry out a training round. To recreate competition conditions and put us under stress we would do the training round in front of everyone else and they would have to guess exactly what we were training. Eek.

I spent the whole evening preparing my training round armed with all my new knowledge. I waltzed into the ring expecting Dizzy to amaze everyone and we had a disaster! The best thing that could have happened. I learned more by that horrendous 3 minutes than the whole of the previous day. As Natural Horseman Pat Parelli says 'Its good to have a plan but it's even better to be able to change it'.

I had planned to get her engaged and motivated in heelwork without being reliant on sweeties. I didn't pay any heed to the dog on the end of the lead at that moment in time. Dizzy felt under pressure as she went in the ring (as she can have a tendency to do in competition) and went as flat as a pancake. I should have changed my training round into just getting her in and out of the ring happily. Sadly I didn't, I had a plan and I was sticking to it and it all went terribly wrong. But I got the best long term outcome. It has completely changed how I carry out a training round, the penny has finally dropped...

We wound up the week with a little competition in the afternoon before departing. A super four days where we made lots of friends, had a good laugh and learned lots. Dizzy had a great time and has a handler that is far more aware in the ring. And she is on a promise of an inflatable sofa.



Since the course Dizzy has been consistently placed in the ribbons and we had our first Novice win at Chesvale under Chris Milner. Hurrah, I really hope Linda will run another summer camp next year. We will be putting our names down.

Heidi Dixon and Dizzy
(Lightning Lilly P.Beg Ex)

ESSC Working Section Agility Show

29th October 2017

Class 1: Small/Vet Grades 1 – 4 Combined Agility

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| 1st | Gillian Eales – Gill's Winter Folly |
| 2nd | Wendy Ilsley – Oakcroft Charming Serenade |
| 3rd | Corinna Pippard – Saunderswood Painted Lady |
| 4th | Gillian Eales – Peartbrook Party Girl |

Class 2: Med/Large Grades 1 – 4 Combined Agility

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| 1st | Callie Mather – Bluehollow Moon Daisy |
| 2nd | Arley Cole – Bordamour's Secret Edition |
| 3rd | Robert Ilsley – Shemist Ice Diamond |
| 4th | Rowena Steady – Shaelith Autumn Sun |
| 5th | Aston Hardwick – Samajans Elizabeth |
| 6th | Jacquay Ashford – Fotherdale Dream Master |

Class 3: Small/Veteran Grades 1 – 4 Combined Jumping

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| 1st | Gillian Eales – Gill's Winter Folly |
| 2nd | Corinna Pippard – Saunderswood Painted Lady |

Class 4: Med/Large Grades 1 – 4 Combined Jumping

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| 1st | Simone de Brot – Shape of Blue Hope |
| 2nd | Robert Ilsley – Shemist Ice Diamond |
| 3rd | Arley Cole – Bordamour's Secret Edition |
| 4th | Jacquay Ashford – Fotherdale Dream Master |

Class 5: Small/Veteran Grades 5 – 7 Combined Agility

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| 1st | Miranda Frankham – Lirren Talent Night |
| 2nd | Heidi Totesaut – Heidron Mystic May Eve |
| 3rd | Bellann Hollingbury – Roger Ramjet |
| 4th | Heidi Totesaut – Heidron Dashing Blue Moon |
| 5th | Gillian Eales – Keltihope Gill's Genie |
| 6th | Sarah Price – Wavesong Ocean Warrior |

Class 6: Med/Large Grades 5 – 7 Combined Agility

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| 1st | Kerry Murray – Clanavon Clowns R Us AW(G) |
| 2nd | Anne Smith – Seavall Tartan |
| 3rd | Jean Titmuss – Bramblecroft Misty Morn |
| 4th | Sharon Collison – Jontygray Just So |

Class 7 Small/Veteran Grades 5 – 7 Combined Jumping

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| 1st | Karen James – Licosateria Iconic Dream |
| 2nd | Miranda Frankham – Lirren Talent Night |
| 3rd | Vanessa Hardin – Sheltysham Medley of Gold |
| 4th | Sarah Price – Wavesong Ocean Warrior |
| 5th | Wendy Ashby – Elanmore Lady 'B' Quick |

Class 8 Med/Large Grades 5 – 7 Combined Jumping

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| 1st | Jenni Hilliard – Sanscott Ski Blue AW(S) |
| 2nd | Tanya Cooper – Licosateria Taxi in Motion |
| 3rd | Kerry Murray – Clanavon Clowns R Us AW(G) |
| 4th | Jean Titmuss – Bramblecroft Misty Morn |
| 5th | Peter Gibbons – Whiterock's Chancer at Fethaland |
| 6th | Sharon Collison – Jontygray Just So |

Class 9 Small/Veteran Grades 1 – 7 Combined Steeplechase

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| 1st | Karen James – Licosateria Iconic Dream |
| 2nd | Bellann Hollingbury – Roger Ramjet |
| 3rd | Jenny Strike – Licosateria Iz Amusing |
| 4th | Claire Parks – Mistmere Wind Charm |
| 5th | Vanessa Hardin – Sheltysham Medley of Gold |
| 6th | Gillian Eales – Gill's Winter Folly |

Class 10 Med/Large Grades 1 – 7 Combined Steeplechase

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| 1st | Tanya Cooper – Licosateria Taxi in Motion |
| 2nd | Annie Towe – Cherish Z Dablovystudonky |
| 3rd | Anne Smith – Seavall Tartan |
| 4th | Kerry Murray – Clanavon Clowns R Us AW(G) |

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| 5th | Robert Ilsley – Shemist Ice Diamond |
| 6th | Sam Towe – Licosateria Shades of Blue |

Class 11 Grades 1 – 7 Combined Jumping Pairs

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| 1st | Claire Parks – Dawnridge Doktoroo Gillian Eales – Keltihope Gill's Genie |
| 2nd | Vanessa Hardin – Sheltysham Medley of Gold Miranda Frankham – Richmaus Night Rider |
| 3rd | Sam Burch – Bordamour's Love Edition Arley Cole – Bordamour's Secret Edition |
| 4th | Annie Towe – Cherish Z Dablovystudonky Sam Towe – Foxstones Penelope Pitstop |

The Marklin Hollyberry Trophy

offered for Best Small/Vet Grades 1 – 4 by Wendy Ashby

Gillian Eales - Gill's Winter Folly

Best Medium/Large Grades 1 – 4

Arley Cole – Bordamour's Secret Edition

Best Small/Vet Grades 5 – 7

Miranda Frankham – Lirren Talent Night

Best Medium/Large Grades 5 – 7

Kerry Murray – Clanavon Clowns R Us AW(G)

The Sweet Dreams Memorial Trophy

offered for Best Veteran Dog by Deirdre Matthews

Heidi Totesaut – Heidron Dashing Blue Moon

The Windchime Trophy

offered for Best Junior Handler by Becky Parks

Not awarded

Rally Training Day

Trainers: Lynne Moulson and Karen Marek

Saturday April 1st was a great day as Echo and I got to make our first long drive together, up to Grazeley Village Hall for a day of Rally training with Lynne Moulson and Karen Marek and members of ESSC Working Section. It was a bright early morning for the drive from Taunton, Echo travelled well in spite of history of travel sickness.

Lynne and Karen are experienced competitors and trainers, so we were very lucky to have their expertise. Echo and I are very much beginners, I did some Rally in the USA 10 years ago but at 13 months Echo and I are just learning to be a team. Lynne and Karen provided a wealth of information about beginning training and competition to this novice team, Echo found there were lots of distractions.

For those who haven't tried Rally, it is a fun sport mixing a course and Obedience exercises. It's a lovely way to spend time bonding with your best friend! The exercises in Levels 1 & 2 are on leash, then it becomes more complicated with off leash and more difficult stations. There are usually 12+ stations on each course to complete and the course is timed, the winner is one with most points and shortest time. After a brief overview of the first group of signs we were shown how they were performed and then practiced them for ourselves. I learnt that it is not only my position but the dog's that matters in this, points being deducted for out of position, tight lead and crookedness. After everyone had practised, we then had a break for coffee and back to the next set.

At the lunch break I was thrilled to meet up with Becky Parks and her boy Gaffa who is grandfather to Echo. It was lovely to spend time with them. After that it was back to work and learning the next set of signs. Those who were more experienced were able to learn about the signs used in the more advanced levels of competition.

It was a great day, a bit overwhelming for Echo. A bittersweet one for me as I had signed up for last year's day but was unable to attend as my boy Spirit was taken ill on the Thursday before and passed away from a ruptured Gallbladder Mucocele on the Saturday.

Thanks to Lynne and Karen for their expertise and patience and to the Working Section for providing a brilliant day. It was wonderful to see so many Shelties and their people enjoying a great day!

Darcey Dellaph Trophy for Rally



The Rally trophy was first suggested by Mrs Pat Townsend, a member of the Working Section, who works her own Sheltie in Rally. As Rally was becoming popular with Shelties and their handlers, Pat asked if the Committee would consider a new trophy for Rally. Pat wanted to purchase a trophy and donate it to the Working Section. The trophy would be named the 'Darcey Dellaph Trophy' which is the Kennel Club name of Pat's Sheltie.

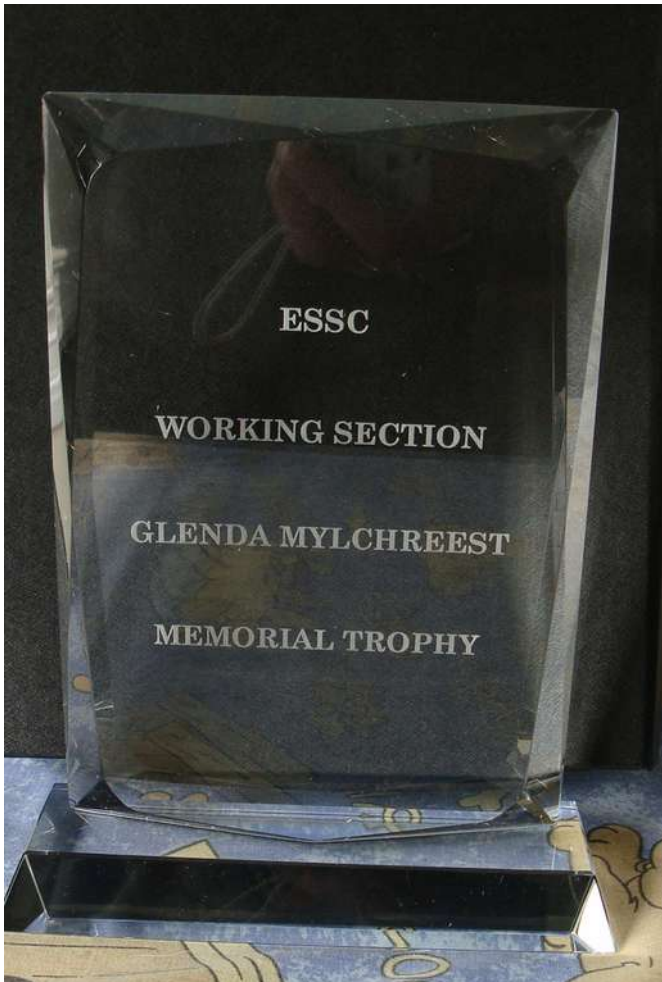
Pat wanted the trophy to be awarded to someone who did not have numerous qualifiers or placings. This approach to the award may have to change in the near future and will be discussed by the Committee.

Pat now had to try and find a suitable trophy that was different and reflected Rally. After a lot of searching by Pat with no success, she asked Frank Andrade if he would consider designing and making a trophy. Frank has made the small wooden dumbbells that have been at the Sheltie shows. Pat and Frank discussed the design and the 'Darcey Dellaph Trophy' was made. The Committee had to decide whom to award it to and it was decided that Donna Mair and Silverbrink Mac should be the first team to have it in 2017.

Glenda Mylchreest Memorial Trophy

Last year the ESSC Working Section received a bequest from the late Glenda Mylchreest. She was a member of the ESSC for a long time and competed in Obedience on the Isle of Man.

The Working Section has set up a memorial trophy in her name. It will be awarded for points gained in Class "A" in Obedience and you are invited to send in your results for this lovely trophy.



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** 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

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

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 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.

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.

Rally Trophy

The Darcey Dellaph Trophy

Currently to be awarded by the Committee.

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 Glenda Mylchreest Memorial Trophy

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

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 Trophy

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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Rally is Fun



Yulia Titovets

Vanessa Hardin's Tutti (Sheltysham Miss Mayhem)



Rowena Steady's Freddie (Shaelith Autumn Sun)