

SHELTIE AT WORK

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Winners of Crufts Medium Agility Relay



ESSC Working Section Medium Agility Relay Team

Left to Right: Lian Knight with Licosateria Mai Rising Son

Jenni Hilliard with Sanscott Ski Blue AW(S)

Chantal Karyta with Licosateria Mai Sunseeker AW(B)

Sam Towe with Foxstone Penelope Pitstop

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Editorial

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this issue of 'Sheltie at Work'. Apologies if anything has not been included in this issue. I am still having problems with my e-mail so may not have received everything from you. I will always acknowledge that I have received your e-mails so please, if you do not hear from me after you have sent me something, phone or text me to check what has happened.

The addition of the two new leagues show the versatility of our Shelties. They can 'turn their paw' to so many activities and do them successfully. Well done to everyone who took part in the Sheltie Leagues in 2015 and many congratulations to the class winners. Thanks to Jeanette Maggs, Pat Thompson and Jean Tuck for organizing the Leagues and working out the results.

Congratulations to everyone who competed at Crufts and in particular to the ESSC Medium Agility Team for their brilliant achievement.

The photos of the ESSC Medium Agility Team at Crufts are by kind permission of Linda Gore.

Happy training!

Trisha Harding

Dates for your Diary

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

Saturday 15th October

Judge Carey Holah Pre-Beginner, Novice & Test 'B'

Judge Val Ridgers Beginner & Test 'A'

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

Agility Show

Sunday 30th October

Judge Phil Smith

Venue: The Dog Training Barn, Main Road, Middleton Cheney,
Banbury Oxon OX17 2PW

Obedience Training Day with Liz Evans

Saturday 19th November

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

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Your Letters

Sheltie School



A Sheltie School is held weekly at Clent, near Stourbridge, West Midlands. We have named it 'FrOGS' (Friends' Obedience Group for Shelties) as many of us were just Sheltie friends who thought it would be good to get together weekly for a bit of fun training.

Some of us have previously competed in Agility, some are trying some small Obedience competitions, a few are now wanting to try Rally competition and the rest are just doing it for pet obedience.

Some exercises we do as a group while others are practised individually. Much of the 'non-working' time is spent drinking coffee and having a good chat which means the dogs have to train while there's quite a bit of background noise. The two hours passes by very quickly - well at least it does for me as their voluntary trainer.

The main thing is we all have a great time and it gets the Shelties using their brains; something they are very adept at.

Dawn Wood

Pippin's Awards

I wanted to thank everyone on the Committee for the awards we received at the ESSC Working Section AGM. I was so thrilled and delighted for my little Sheltie who was a complete trouper last season and made it possible for me to be showered with trophies at the AGM.



Pippin (Willowgarth Winter Hazel) was bred by Jackie Stockden and was five in January. We started Agility quite late, she was about two and only started competing seriously last season so to do so well in our first shows was unexpected and I have to say is mainly due to her very forgiving nature. Many is the time she has saved me by doing the right thing when I have given wrong or unclear directions! I am so proud of her.

Patsie Goulding

Isle of Man Dog Club Annual Dinner

Thought you might like to see both my boys with their trophies from the Annual Dinner of the Isle of Man Dog Club.

Finlo (blue merle) won the Points Cup for the 'A' test held three times a year, the Off Island Cup for Obedience and the Trophy for the Best Dual Purpose Dog in Obedience and Agility over the year.

Derrey (sable) got Agility Dog of the Year and I got Best Obedience Handler.



Derrey is Karmidale Just One Look and is a Shelridge Socrates puppy. He's ten now though he doesn't know that!!! He's been a wonderful agility dog and is Grade 6. I'd love to get him to Grade 7 but with his age and our limited shows I don't think that will happen but he still enjoys his Agility and that's what matters. He enjoys Obedience training but is not so keen in the ring although he has had a Beginner's win.

Finlo is Shelridge Special Diamond and is seven years old. He loves Obedience and Agility. He's one win off Grade 6. He is in the Northern Ireland Inter-regional Obedience team for Crufts which will be his second appearance, doing Novice last year and 'A' this year.

As you can probably tell, I'm extremely proud of both my boys and thank Christine Aaron for allowing Finlo and Odin before him to come over to the Isle of Man and Karen Costelloe for Derrey.

Janette Mitchell

Working Section A.G.M. 2016

at Grazeley Village Hall, Reading

Sunday 21st February 2016

It was great to see more members this year than last year at the AGM. The business of the meeting took a while as a lengthy discussion was had about the running of the Section. You will find a copy of the Chairman's, Treasurer's and Trophy Secretary's reports and results of Crufts and the Leagues as well as dates of the events for this year in this issue of 'Sheltie at Work'.

Donations to the Working Section have been received from the following.

Wendy Ashby, Pamela Blackmore, Pauline Bonnett, Pat Daniels, Gillian Eales, Lyn Fagg, Clive and Dorothy Foden, Lorna Gibbs, Joyce Gibson, Mary Glover-Guest, Barbara Grounsell, Indira Helsby, Angela Hopkins, Jo and Judith Hughes, Bridget Jamieson, Janet Kingsley, Deirdre Matthews, Helen Mordaunt, Brian Olby, Joanna Pidduck, W. Rutland,

It is very kind of you all and very much appreciated.

Lesley Lubbi, Hon. Secretary

.Chairman's Report

Welcome to you all and thank you for coming, your support is much appreciated with the uncertainty of the weather. As you know Pam Albrow sadly passed away, she was a very well liked and active member of the Working Section, always willing to help out at our events. We have just heard that sadly Roger Miller has also passed away. So I would like to ask for a minute's silence.

The Section's Members have had much success in all of the disciplines in 2015 with another Sheltie gaining the title of Agility Champion – Dorothy Foden's Mohnessee's Miss Chief handled by husband Clive. As we deal with so many disciplines now it is very difficult for us to keep up with all of your achievements. It is important that you keep us up to date with them for inclusion in SAW. So please let Lorna or Lesley know when your Shelties have done well.

It shows just how well your Shelties have done as so many of them will be at Crufts this year. We have members' Shelties not only in the Breed Ring, but also in Agility, Inter-Regional Obedience, as well as getting an Agility Team competing. Very well done to you all. Enjoy your day and Good Luck.

Our thanks go to Trisha Harding for the excellent job of the "Sheltie at Work" magazine, and to Graham Kersey our Obedience Show Chief Steward. The Rally and Heelwork to Music Leagues have now been set up, although the Heelwork to Music does not have many Shelties competing. Our thanks go to Jeanette Maggs, Pat Thompson and Jean Tuck for all their hard work to maintain the leagues. I would also like to thank all of the Committee on your behalf for their hard work. However, for the Committee to run the Section for you, we do need your continued support.

This year we are putting on a Rally Training Day in April with the Obedience Training Day in November. As well as the Limited Agility and Obedience Shows in October.

If any of you at a show sees someone with a Sheltie who is not a member, please let them know about the Working Section. It would be much appreciated.

This concludes my report

Peter Lubbi, Chairman

E.S.S.C. Working Section Trophies

Awarded at the 2016 AGM for points gained in 2015

Mixed Discipline Trophies

The Tony Seys Sheltie of the Year Trophy

1 st	Patsie Goulding – Willowgarth Winter Hazel	Bitch	113
2 nd	Janette Mitchell – Shelridge Special Diamond	Dog	106
3 rd	Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief	Dog	92
4 th	Janet Menage – Sandwick Menage A Trois AW(B)	Dog	91
5 th	Jenny Strike – Licosateria Iz Amusing	Dog	78
6 th	Tracy Baudains – Carolelen Cause A Dillema	Dog	76

The Rosemary Seys Award (Runner Up)

Janette Mitchell – Shelridge Special Diamond Dog

The Moonen Shiel Trophy

1 st	Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle At Felthorn	Bitch	32
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The Fairmead Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)

No Claims

The Javis Plate (Junior Handler)

No Claims

The Suky Trophy

1 st	Janette Mitchell – Shelridge Special Diamond	Dog	106
2 nd	Janet Menage – Sandwick Menage A Trois AW(B)	Dog	85
3 rd	Jenny Strike – Licosateria Is Amusing	Dog	78
4 th	Hayley Clayton – Afterglow Solar Powered	Dog	62
5 th	Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief	Dog	42
6 th	Julia Carr – Rivalee Dark Knight	Dog	37

The Stella Trophy

Janet Menage – Sandwick Manage A Trois AW(B) Dog

The Stornaway Dual Purpose Shield

No Claims

The Pixham Shield

No Claims

The Knight Trophy

1 st	Rowena Steady – Ramavale Twist At Sunset	Dog	6
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Agility Trophies

The Night Shadow Trophy

1 st	Patsie Goulding – Willowgarth Winter Hazel	Bitch	113
2 nd	Janet Menage – Sandwick Menage A Trois AW(B)	Dog	91
3 rd	Jenny Strike – Licosateria Iz Amusing	Dog	78
4 th	Janette Mitchell – Shelridge Special Diamond	Dog	54
5 th	Julia Carr – Rivalee Dark Knight	Dog	37
6 th	Rosie Pearson – Wallastowns Abi's Jubilee	Bitch	29

The Three D's Trophy (Runner Up)

Janet Menage – Sandwick Menage A Trois AW(B) Dog

The Foula Trophy

1 st	Patsie Goulding – Willowgarth Winter Hazel	Bitch	113
2 nd	Rowena Steady – Ramavale Twist At Sunset	Dog	6
3 rd	Rowena Steady – Shaelith Autumn Sun	Dog	4

The Jazzie Cup (Runner Up)

Rowena Steady – Ramavale Twist At Sunset Dog

Obedience Trophies

ESSC Obedience Section Trophy

1 st	Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief	Dog	92
2 nd	Tracy Baudains – Carolelen Cause A Dillema	Dog	76
3 rd	Hayley Clayton – Afterglow Solar Powered	Dog	62
4 th	Janette Mitchell – Shelridge Special Diamond	Dog	52
5 th	Sue Lang – Chelmarsh All The Way	Dog	46
6 th	Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle At Felthorn	Bitch	32

The Doris Powell Memorial Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)

Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle At Felthorn Bitch

The Hildarke Trophy

1 st	Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Cause A Dilemma	Dog	42
2 nd	Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief	Dog	4

The Expresse Trophy

1 st	Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief	Dog	46
2 nd	Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Cause A Dilemma	Dog	34
3 rd	Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle At Felthorn	Bitch	32

The Vines Perpetual Trophy

1 st	Sue Lang – Chelmarsh All The Way	Dog	46
2 nd	Janette Mitchell – Shelridge Special Diamond	Dog	26
3 rd	Jenny Knudson – Kelgrove Man In Blue	Dog	16

The Flintstones Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)

No Claims

The Obedience Champion Purdy Trophy

1st Pat Townsend – Dellaph Skeroq Skedercey Bitch 10

The Rose Bowl (Best Opposite Sex)

No Claims

The Quaich Trophy

No Claims

Working Trials Trophy

The Lonicera Shield

No Claims

Treasurer's Report

Year ending 31st December 2015

I am glad to be able to state that the Section has had a successful year again, although I can report that the Section has returned a very small deficit of £33 in 2015. We do not see the deficit as anything to be concerned about because:

- it was not unexpected,
- it follows four successive years of surplus in our accounts and
- it is small enough to be effectively treated as break even.

The operation of the Section is sustained in a large part as a result of kind donations from our members, be that financially or through volunteering time and or training at our events.

I'd like to particularly thank Joyce Gibson whose donation to the annual Sheltie Agility Show enables this event to continue – an event which is enjoyed by so many of our members. We'd also like to thank Lynne and Karen, our new Committee members who have not only donated their time to the Committee but have also volunteered to run a number of Rally Training Days for the Section. Were it not for generosity like this, the Agility Show and the Section as a whole would not only be running at a significant loss but would also struggle to operate at all.

It is likely that the Section will continue run at a loss in the next year, however we do not foresee this being a significant loss. As long as our funds are used sensibly and for the benefit of our members we do not see this as a problem.

To conclude, the Auditor was happy with the state of the Section's finances for 2015.

Matthew Burdett
Hon. Treasurer

Trading Account, 31st December 2015 (2014)

	£			£	
Opening stock 1.1.15	167	(251)	Sales	46	(442)
Purchases	0	(72)	Closing stock	<u>139</u>	<u>(251)</u>
Surplus C/D	<u>18</u>	<u>(96)</u>			
	<u>185</u>	<u>(420)</u>		<u>185</u>	<u>(693)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2015

2014		2015
£		£
	<u>Current Assets</u>	
2748	Cash at Bank – Current Account	2742
2661	– Special Deposit Account	2662
167	Resale Stock at Cost	139
0	Sundry Debtors	0
<u>0</u>	Prepaid Expenses	<u>0</u>
<u>5576</u>		<u>5543</u>
	<u>Representing Accumulated Fund</u>	
5273	Balance at 1st January	5576
<u>303</u>	Surplus/Deficit for year as per Income/Exp. Account	<u>- 33</u>
<u>5576</u>		<u>5543</u>
	<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
<u>0</u>	Income Received in Advance	<u>0</u>
<u>5576</u>		<u>5543</u>

Income & Expenditure Account, Year Ended 31st December 2015

<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>
£	<u>Income</u>	£
96	Surplus from Trading Account B/D	18
0	Subscriptions	0
(960)	Training Days – Income	(790)
(920)	– Less Expenditure	(454)
40		337
(1191)	Agility Shows – Income	(750)
(691)	– Less Expenditure	(803)
500		-53
144	Donations	189
1	Bank Special Deposit Interest	1
0	Current Account Interest	0
(862)	Sheltie at Work Magazine – Income	(812)
(628)	– Less Expenditure	(608)
234		204
119	Raffles	100
<u>0</u>	Sundries	<u>0</u>
<u>1134</u>	Total	<u>796</u>
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
73	Donations & Presentations	201
0	Purchase of Equipment	0
64	Postage, Stationery & Telephone	62
147	Spring & Ch Show Expenses	175
113	Hire of Hall & AGM Expenses	64
0	Subscription to parent body	0
319	Sundries	276
50	Auditor's Payment	50
<u>315</u>	Surplus/Deficit for Year	<u>- 33</u>
<u>1081</u>	Total	<u>796</u>

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Working News Update

There are more members of the Section keeping the Sheltie flag flying in the different working disciplines, with many successes. Not everyone can win but making progress up the classes is also success, and we like to hear about it all. Obedience is the only discipline where a win is necessary to progress through the classes.

CRUFTS 2016

In the course of 2015 a team qualified for the Crufts Medium Agility Team competition under the ESSC banner. The team are Lian Knight with Licosateria Mai Rising Son (Sonic), Jenni Hilliard with Sanscott Ski Blue (Rommy), Chantal Karyta with Licosateria Mai Sunseeker (Savannah), and Sam.Towe with Foxstones Penelope Pitstop (Penny), with reserves Rhoda Burdett and Chandling Ebony Charge (Brodie) and Chantal Karyta with Willowgarth Suger N Spice AW(B). By the time you read this, you will know they won 1st place!

Jean Tuck with Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill (Scott) ran for the Clever Dogs Medium Agility team who came 2nd to our E.S.S.C. team. Jean also competed in the Crufts Small Singles Agility with Glen, Ag. Ch. Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill.

Chantal Karyta with Licosateria Mai Sunseeker, (Savannah) competed in Crufts Medium ABC Agility.

Clive Foden with Ag. Ch. Mohnessee's Miss Chief, (Poppy) competed in the Small Championship Agility.

Christine Wingate-Wynne with Ag.Ch. Obay Tiz Wild competed in the British Open Agility Medium, coming 3rd in the Jumping element and 1st in the Agility, putting her in 2nd place overall.

In the Inter-Regional Obedience Teams competitions at Crufts, Sue Lang and Kete, Chelmarsh All the Way, worked the Novice round for the Midlands team, and Janette Mitchell with Finlo, Shelridge Special Diamond, worked Class 'A' for the Northern Ireland team.

AGILITY

From the Isle of Man, Janette Mitchell tells me she is now Grade 6 with Derrey, Karmidale Just One Look, and with Finlo, Shelridge Special Diamond, she is also one win away from Grade 6.

Two of our handlers are in the 2016 Kennel Club Agility Team GB squad this year. In the Medium squad is Christine Wingate-Wynne with Ag. Ch. Obay Tiz Wild, and in the Small squad is Clive Foden with Ag.Ch. Mohnessee's Miss Chief. Both are hoping to be chosen for this year's KC Team GB to travel abroad for the International Agility competitions.

OBEDIENCE

Since the last Update Janette Mitchell says that she and Finlo have had a number of places in Novice and 'A' and had one win in 'A'.

Sue Robinson and Dilys, Shelridge Distant Laughter, have won 1st place in Class 'A', and with Katy, Sheltysham Briar Rose of Alnmac, Sue has won a 1st and 3rd in Novice.

Wendy Clark and Colmae Cazanova have had a 6th place in Beginners.

Pat Daniels and Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn have had a 5th place in Class 'B'.

Hayley Clayton and Afterglow Solar Powered (Solar) have had two 1st places, three 2nd places and several other places in 'A'.

Teresa Davies with Samphrey Star Performer, (Lou) have had a 6th place in Class 'C'.

Sue Lang and Kete, Chelmarsh All the Way have gained 1st place in Pre-Beginners in an ABC (Anything But a Collie) class.

Jean Tuck, who is just starting out in Obedience, has had a 2nd place in Pre-Beginners and a 6th in Beginners with Scott, Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G) and a 4th place in Pre-Beginners with Glen, Ag. Ch. Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill

RALLY

In the newest of the working disciplines, Shelties look to be in their element. After starting last summer Jean Tuck and Glen have already gained their Rally Level 6 title, and Scott has two Level 6 qualifiers.

Susan Coulstock and Dukeson It's Aladdin at Lynscot have gained their Level 1 Excellent and also Level 2 Excellent.

HEELWORK TO MUSIC

Jenny Knudson and Kelgrove Man in Blue have won a 1st place in Heelwork To Music Novice and also a 1st place in Freestyle Novice.

We can't all win 1st place with our dogs but we can have fun trying!
Please let me know all your news for my next Update in the Autumn.

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Crufts Results 2016

Agility Results

1st ESSC Working Section Medium Agility Relay Team

Lian Knight with Licosateria Mai Rising Son

Jenni Hilliard with Sanscott Ski Blue AW(S)

Chantal Karyta with Licosateria Mai Sunseeker AW(B)

Sam Towe with Foxstone Penelope Pitstop

Rhoda Burdett with Chandling Ebony Charge AW(G) (Reserve)

Chantal Karyta with Willowgarth Suger N Spice AW(B) (Reserve)

Only the second time in the history of this event has a team won with everyone going clear, while also achieving the fastest time.

Caroline Kisko, Kennel Club Secretary, said: "We would like to congratulate the Sheltie team on their achievements as the standards this year were very high. The dogs and handlers performed exceptionally during the competition. They have all demonstrated what can be achieved with training and good team work."

Christine Wingate Wynne with Ag Ch Obay Itz Wild AW(G)

1st British Open Medium Round 2

2nd British Open Medium Overall

3rd British Open Medium Jumping Round 1

Karen Gibbons with Riverbend Mitzie AW(G)

1st Medium ABC Final

Bernadette Bay with Ag Ch Obay Itz Got Pizazz AW(G)

1st Agility Championship Small Final

2nd Singles Heat Small Jumping Round 1

5th Championship Small Jumping

Heidi Von Dirither with Jontygray Iced Tee

1st YKC Junior Jumping Small Under 12 Years

Jean Tuck with Myndoc Minstrel For Craygill

2nd Clever Dog College Medium Agility Relay Team

Bernadette Bay with Damask Jump For Joy At Obay

3rd Singles Heat Small Agility Round 2

4th Singles Heat Small Overall Ranking

Clive Foden with Ag Ch Mohnesee's Miss Chief AW

4th Championship Small Agility

Sam Towe with Foxstone Penelope Pitstop

3rd YKC ABC Medium Agility

Chantal Karyta with Licosateria Mai Sunseeker AW(B)

5th Large Novice & Medium ABC Final Round 2

Jean Tuck with Ag Ch Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill AW(G)

6th Singles Heat Small Overall Ranking

7th Singles Heat Small Agility Round 2

Inter-Regional Obedience Results

Janette Mitchell with Shelridge Special Diamond

6th Northern Ireland Team

Sue Lang with Chelmarsh All The Way

7th Midland Team

Congratulations must go to all who competed and especially to those who took the honours.

ESSC Medium Agility Team, Crufts 2016



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The whole team with David Guy from the general committee of the KC

From left to right:

Rhoda Burdett with Chandling Ebony Charge AW(G) "Brodie", reserve

Lian Knight with Licosateria Mai Rising Son "Sonic"

Jenni Hilliard with Sanscott Ski Blue AW(S) "Rommy"

Chantal Karyta with Licosateria Mai Sunseeker AW(B) "Savannah"

Sam Towe with Foxstone Penelope Pitstop "Penny"

The end sable dog is Willowgarth Sugar N Spice AW(B) "Spice", reserve dog belonging to Chantal Karyta.

The cover photo of the team and the photo on this page are courtesy of Linda Gore.

We are very proud to be able to run under the ESSC Working Section (English Shetland Sheepdog Club) banner and fly the Sheltie flag. All the handlers in the Team come from different parts of the country and we do not train together. To achieve four clear rounds, smooth changeovers and winning the Medium Team event at 125 years of Crufts is more than just a dream come true to all of us. For a couple of our handlers Jenni and Sammie it was their first time in the main arena, although they have many years of experience in the YKC ring.

All our team-mates are very supportive of each other, the team spirit is very high.

Thank you to judge Cathy Keith who set such a lovely flowing course, to give the dogs a fast blast under all the spotlights.

Lian Knight with Licosateria Mai Rising Son (Sonic) from Barby, Warwickshire

Sonic is my nearly 5 year-old home bred sable Sheltie boy. He loves Agility like duck takes to water. Like a typical Sheltie, he is loud and gobby. He has to gob all the way round the course with excitement but he is quiet and relaxed before his start line wait!

I run first, so there is a lot of pressure on my shoulder. In my mind, I want to run clear, run fast but I know regardless how much you have trained, and how well the dog copes with the slippery carpet, everything is still down to the time you are actually running. This was Sonic's first time running on the green carpet. I am extremely proud of him gripping on the carpet and still trying to run as best as he could. We started well but he lost his grip at the pinwheel after the first tunnel, I knew I couldn't push him but to let him "get on with it" for the rest of the course. I almost crashed out and fainted after we crossed the last jump and handed over the baton as my heart was pounding so hard.

I was too scared to watch my team run. The atmosphere out there was very high and excitable. Commentators and audience were cheering after each handler and dog crossed the finishing jump. I want to say how proud we are of the way our anchor lady Sam handled her dog Penny when Penny head-butted the up-plank on the Dog Walk. We do not know what happened but the commentator said he thinks it's because of the very bright light that was shining directly onto the Dog Walk.

I cannot believe we have won the event. There were many good teams out there that ran after us. After our run, I was cooling Sonic off by walking around the collecting ring. I didn't even dare set my eyes on the TV screens. Until we had collected for the presentation, and the photographs on the podium ... everything was a blur that day. How many people came up to congratulate me while I went shopping. I knew I grinned like a Cheshire Cat that day. The next day (Saturday) I was very tired and exhausted. It was only Sunday that it all finally sank in that WE HAVE WON.

I would like to sincerely thank all my team-mates Jenni, Chantal, Sam and Rhoda for making this a great team to be in.

I wanted to say thank you very much to Chance Agility Club (Deena Freeman) and Nicola Garrett who provide me and Sonic with endless guidance and support. Without your hours of patience and training, we wouldn't be what we are today.

I would also like to thank our amazing lovely physio Maria Johnston and chiropractor Emma Fretwell who keep Sonic on top form.

Jenni Hilliard with Sanscott Ski Blue AW(S) (Rommy) from Dunstable, Bedfordshire

I ran second in the team with my 5 year old Sheltie Rommy (Sanscott Ski Blue). Rommy is an absolutely mad but completely lovable blue merle. He loves nothing more than to shout, so the team event is his absolute favourite as he gets to cheer his mates on. Luckily Rommy loves competing at Crufts and copes well on the surface. We have been in the YKC ring for the last couple of years where Rommy had done well but we had never been in the main ring before though, so being in the Medium Team was very exciting!

Queuing up the Shelties couldn't wait to have their go, we were the 3rd team to run so it wasn't long to wait. Watching Lian and Sonic run first made Rommy completely wild with excitement but he ran so well and we managed to go clear! So proud of him. It was nerve-wracking watching the rest of the team run, especially seeing Penny trip on the dog walk but she was fantastic to stay on and keep going! After leaving the ring with 4 clears we then had to watch and wait for the rest of the teams to go. It felt like a lifetime! I still can't believe we won. It was an absolutely amazing experience. We had such a great time flying the Sheltie flag and running with our amazing team mates!

Thank you to our sponsors at Agilitywear and Doggy Style for our and the Shelties' kit. Also thanks to our trainer Rhoda Burdett for all your help, cheering and training and Sally Medcalf at VIP Vet Physio for making sure Rommy is fit and ready to run.

***Chantal Karyta with Licosateria Mai Sunseeker AW(B)
(Savannah) from Horsham, West Sussex***

Savannah is a four year old Sheltie bred by Lian Knight. I absolutely love running her in Agility, she is a lot of fun and always gives me her all.

This was Savannah's second time at Crufts, she was also running in the ABC this year. Savannah ran at Olympia last year for the first time and she is in the England Team for the WAOs this year.

I absolutely love running at Crufts – Savannah thrives on the atmosphere and really enjoys it. I was quite nervous about the Team event, especially as Savannah seems to struggle with her grip on the Crufts surface and we had been E'd in the ABC jumping earlier that morning. So I was worried about letting the other team members down. Savannah loves her sleep and she was already exhausted from the 4am wake-up call and from her first run. So when I went to get her from her crate in the collecting ring to warm her up, she was absolutely zonked out – I had to wake her up!

The Team Agility run was a lovely flowing course so I knew we were all more than capable of going clear but you never know what is going to happen on the day.

The dogs were all really excited and wound up – being typical Shelties, they were non-stop barking whilst we were waiting to go on!

I watched Lian and Sonic go clear, and as Jenni and Rommy were heading towards the end of the course also with a clear round, the nerves really kicked in as the pressure was on! Savvy was amazing out there though, I was so proud of her! It was a really fun course to run! I couldn't actually watch Sammy and Penny's run as I was so nervous but I was listening to the commentator. The only time I looked up was when Penny stopped on the dog walk – she did so well staying on!

Back in the collecting ring, we couldn't really watch the rest of the teams running – I just concentrated on cooling down Savannah. I can't believe we won, there were some amazing teams and handlers competing against us – the Shelties really did rock the NEC! It was an extremely proud moment for us, and one we will never forget. I am so happy to have been given the chance to run alongside my friends with our amazing dogs doing our favourite hobby!

I'd like to thank my trainers Sian Illingworth, Stacey Irwin-Burns, Nancy Hudson and Leah Gardner for all helping me loads! And to Gemma Howes for keeping my dogs fit and sound.

Also big thanks to our sponsors ESSC Working Section and Agilitywear and Doggy Style for our clothing and dog leads, harnesses and collars.

Sam Towe with Foxstone Penelope Pitstop (Penny)

Penny is a 5 year old Shetland Sheepdog and i didn't start training and competing with her in Agility till she was 2 because she was initially my mum's puppy. But we soon discovered that Penny and myself made an excellent partnership in the Agility field. Crufts 2016 was her third time doing Agility at Crufts, as she had qualified for the YKC Ring doing ADOY (12 - 17 year olds) in 2014 and YKC Medium ABC, Senior (18 - 24 year olds) Agility & Jumping in 2015, however this year was her first time in the main ring! So I was super excited to be even able to compete in the main ring, never mind winning it! Obviously I wanted to win the event, winning it is what strives every competitor to compete, however I never actually thought we would win, I thought I may let the team down, or we wouldn't all be able to pull off 4 clear rounds on the day, but we did!

Normally I suffer really badly with my nerves competing at Crufts compared to other events I have taken part in. However with being in a team this year I strangely felt a lot more relaxed, probably because I knew it was really hard to achieve 4 clear rounds and went with the frame of mind that I was just going to have fun and enjoy the experience with my team mates. Also when I get too nervous my handling tends to be very poor and Penny feels my nerves and it puts her off, so to not let the team down I knew I had to contain my nerves.

Penny and myself were the last to run in the team, so we stood and watched Lian and Sonic go clear, Rommi and Jenni go clear and then Chantal and Savannah also went clear! Naturally as the fourth person to run, if the others all go clear you realise you have got to play it safe and try and get a clear round yourself and not push it, take it steady. However as soon as Chantal took the baton off me and I released Penny, she was off! There was nothing steady about it, I was running off adrenaline and the excitement from Penny, trying to keep up with her. When she stumbled on the dog walk, I actually didn't realise what she did, I was just like 'where is she?', and looked back and saw her jogging over the top plank of the dog walk, but she was such an excellent girl and the trip didn't put her off, she managed the rest of the course with the speed she initially started with. It wasn't until I had completed the course that I actually realised that we had managed to go round clear and that in fact the whole team had managed to go round clear. I was in shock.

I then struggled to watch the remaining 6 teams that were left to run, because I knew there could be possibility that they could get 4 clears as well and beat us. However as more and more teams got 5f, I started to get excited, and realised that we could actually win, and when the last team to run did get 5f as well, I couldn't believe it, that we had actually won, I just burst into happy tears!

I am ever so grateful to my team members for allowing me to have that incredible experience in the main ring. Without them I wouldn't have been able to compete in the event and win it! I was very proud to run under the ESSC and fly the Sheltie flag.

Also a massive thank you to our sponsors Doggy Style for the harnesses, leads, collars and lanyard, the ESSC Working Section and Agilitywear for our hoodie and t-shirt. Also a massive thank you to Penny's physio Sally Medcalf for keeping her fit and healthy to compete. And a thank you to Fox Agility (Selena Bray and Ru Baker) and Lian Knight, my trainers, for the guidance, support and training they have given me.

Competing in the main ring was definitely an experience of a lifetime, and I hope that the team manages to qualify again next year, so I can enjoy it all over again!! It is definitely going to be one of my most treasured memories of Penny's success.

Rhoda Burdett with Chandling Ebony Charge AW(G) (Brodie) from Redbourn, Hertfordshire

I run Brodie (Chandling Ebony Charge) and we were team reserves. We had such a great day out at Crufts, so exciting and nerve-wracking. We were so pleased to be able to cheer on the team from the ringside although I didn't breathe until last dog Penny had crossed the line! Brodie enjoyed barking for his team mates too.

Qualifying for teams is hard enough but to win with four clears was a fantastic achievement and it was very special to join them for a lap of honour in the main arena. Great to show how talented Shelties are at Agility too!

I would like to echo the other team members and say a big thank you to our lovely sponsors and of course the rest of the team for such a special day!

Thank you to Sally Medcalf of VIP Vet Physio for keeping Brodie fighting fit.

Chantal Karyta with Willowgarth Sugar 'N' Spice AW(B) (Spice) from Horsham, West Sussex

Spice is a six year old sable Sheltie who was also a reserve on the team. She's my first Agility dog, is in Grade 6, and just loves working! This was her first time at Crufts and she took it all in her stride. She did a great job cheering on her team mates!

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Sheltie Obedience Training Day

Saturday 7th November 2015

This year we were extremely lucky to have Sarah Delany as our trainer. Not only is Sarah an experienced trainer but she has also qualified 4 dogs for Ticket, 3 Groenendaels and 1 Collie, two of the Groenendaels became Obedience Champions. She competed as part of the winning England World Cup Team in 2009 where she came 4th with her Groenendael (Norti) Ob Ch Vanista French Eclipse. At present she is competing with her Groenendael Wally and a Border Collie Rogan. Sarah brought Rogan along with her to assist at the training day. Rogan is quite a small collie and he was rather taken with the pretty Sheltie girls who also found this handsome young boy rather attractive.

Those that attended varied in their experience and also what they wanted from the day. There were some new to Obedience and others that had been competing for some time. There were also those who were interested in Rally and others whose main interest was Agility but wanted to know more about Obedience.

At the start of the day, people were a little shy and worried about getting up to train their dogs but Sarah who is very experienced training people and dogs at all levels, put everyone at their ease tailoring the training individually to each person and soon everyone was saying how much they were enjoying it.

The morning was spent helping everybody with heelwork, this was done individually due to the different standards. Those that had never done any were shown how to get started whilst those who were already competing were helped to improve and progress.

After lunch, the set exercises such as Recall, Retrieve and Scent were covered and again with a variety of levels everything was tailored to the experience of the handler. All Sarah's training is very positive, being reward-based with either a toy or tit-bits, obviously bearing in mind we are dealing with greedy little hairy ones, food is always a good incentive to encourage them to listen and try.

As with all the other training days I have attended, it was a very happy and informative day. It doesn't take long for everyone to start chatting and discussing their problems with the others. They then often find that someone has had a similar problem and solutions can be found. Also I am sure the Shelties enjoy the day as much as the handlers. We all know they are a breed that love to see and greet one another.

I would recommend anyone who has wondered about attending a training day to do so. Whether you have done any Obedience before or not, I am sure you will enjoy your day and learn something, also you will meet and make new friends with a common interest... Shelties.

I must say thank you to Sarah for her training and to both Lesley and Peter for putting the time in to arrange these most enjoyable days.

Sue Robinson

Sheltie Rally Training Day

Saturday 21st November 2015

Brodie, Bracken and I really enjoyed attending the Rally training day in November with trainers Lynne Moulson and Karen Marek. The day was very well attended and it was lovely to see Shelties of all ages having a go. I think they ranged from 11 months to 12 years!

The day started with an introduction to Rally and how to read the signs and navigate round a short course followed by a demo by Karen and her dog Pippin. We then all had turns trying the different sequences with help and tips from Lynne and Karen. After we had worked through some of the signs we had a go doing the jump exercises from Level 3/4 and some of the trickier signs.

After lunch we had a course to walk and try out. It was brilliant to see the dogs and handlers confidently working round the course having never tried Rally before!

My dogs had a great time! Brodie had won into Level 3 a couple of months earlier so my focus for him was getting him working nicely off lead and fine-tuning his turns.

Our other dog Bracken is a Level 1 (the levels range from 1-6 and 1 is the lowest level and worked on lead) so for her it was getting her heel position better without swinging round to look at me, little monkey!

Most of the dogs there hadn't done Rally and it was great to see them enjoying it so much. It really is something that any dog and handler can have a go at. The whole day was great fun and sociable for both the Shelties and their handlers! Thanks to Karen and Lynne for a lovely day out, we can't wait for the next one!

There is a YouTube clip of Brodie working the course at the end of the day. The link to watch it is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKdfTIWT3vs>

"Brodie ESSC Rally workshop"

Rhoda Burdett



Lynne and Jaz demonstrate a Rally exercise

Sheltie Agility League Results for 2015

<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 st Pauline Bonnett – BeBoni Ice Blizzard (Small)	362
2 nd Rowena Steady – Shaelith Autumn Sun (Medium)	307
3 rd Rowena Steady – Ramavale Twist At Sunset (Medium)	229
<u>Grade 2</u>	
1 st Nicola Rowlands - Kingscote Amazing Grace (Small)	692
2 nd Dee Milburn – Elanmore Blue Flash (Medium)	233
<u>Grade 3</u>	
1 st Zoe Fillery-Hammond – Wavesong Jumping Jac Flash (Small)	725
2 nd Lorraine Bedford – Seavall Tri The Piper (Small)	425
3 rd Julia Carr – Rivvalee Dark Knight (Small)	420
<u>Grade 4</u>	
1 st Janet Menage – Sandwick Menage a Trois (Medium)	987
2 nd Vanessa Hardin – Sheltysham Miss Mayhem (Small)	656
3 rd Lorraine Bedford – Watchwood Gift Wrapped for Rainway (Medium)	505
<u>Grade 5</u>	
1 st Jenny Strike – Licosateria is Amusing (Small)	1535
2 nd Janette Mitchell – Shelridge Special Diamond (Small)	547
3 rd Pat Wallis – Ramtin Riotous (Small)	257
<u>Grade 6</u>	
1 st Jane Emmett – Myter Who Dares Wins (Small)	1179
2 nd Rosie Pearson – Wallastowns Abi's Jubilee AW (Small)	1036
3 rd Phyllis Archer – Yewdale Lucky Charm (Medium)	499
<u>Grade 7</u>	
1 st Clive Foden – Ag Ch Mohnessee's Miss Chief (Small)	3057
2 nd Kerry Murray – Clanavon Clowns R Us (Medium)	878

Sheltie Obedience League Results 2015

<u>Beginners</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 st Vanessa Hardin – Sheltysham Miss Mayhem	18
2 nd Jenny Miller – Forestland Spring Footstep	5
3 rd Pat Townsend – Dellaph Skerog Skedarcey	4
<u>Novice</u>	
1 st Sue Robinson – Sheltysham Briar Rose of Alnmac	30
2 nd Sue Lang – Chelmarsh All the Way	17
3 rd Sue Robinson – Sheltysham Nightsong at Alnmac	14
<u>Test A</u>	
1 st Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief	21
1 st Sue Robinson – Shelridge Distant Laughter	21
2 nd Hayley Clayton – Afterglow Solar Powered	17
3 rd Janette Mitchell – Shelridge Special Diamond	13
<u>Test B</u>	
1 st Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Cause a Dilema	17
2 nd Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn	16
<u>Test C</u>	
1 st Teresa Davies – Samphrey Star Performer	1

Sheltie Rally League Results for 2015

<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 st Jean Tuck – Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G)	116
2 nd Jean Tuck – Ag Ch Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill	77
3 rd Rhoda Burdett – Chandling Ebony Charge AW (G)	42
<u>Level 2</u>	
1 st Pat Townsend – Dellaph Skeroq Skedarcey	24
<u>Level 3</u>	
1 st Karen Marek – Mohnessee’s Man on a Mission	46
2 nd Christina Graham – Shadoway Game of Chance	45
3 rd Lynne Moulson – Garmarti Genial Genie	41

Heelwork To Music League Results for 2015

<u>H.T.M. Novice:</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 st Jenny Knudson – Kelgrove Man In Blue	9
<u>Freestyle Novice:</u>	
1 st Jenny Knudson – Kelgrove Man In Blue	6

Sheltie Obedience Training Day with Liz Evans

Saturday 19th November 2016

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

We are fortunate to have Liz this year, who herself works in Obedience working collies and gundogs, as well as training smaller breeds.

The day will be for the pet Sheltie which has not done very much, as well as the ones that have a little more experience. So please bring plenty of treats or toys that your dog loves to play with as the main thing is that you both have fun while you are learning to teach the exercises that you need to enjoy this discipline. So don't be put off when you read this by thinking that everyone will be much better than you and your dog, as they could be feeling just that way as well.

The training will cover all standards and will start at 9.30 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

DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE

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Lynne Moulson and Tiffy practising Rally.