



NEWS LETTER

Annual General Meeting

Held on 17th February,2016.

Election of Committee

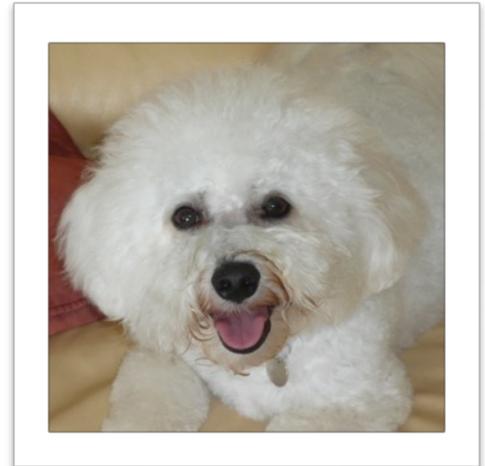
Chairperson	Vanessa Pacey
Secretary	Rita Goodfellow
Treasurer	Sue Mill
Member	Jess Riggs
Member	Sheila Buckingham
Member	Kevin Stanley

Awards

Most Improved Pedigree	- Simon Howlett with Ash
Runner up	- Jane Westgate with Star
Most Improved x Breed	- Wilma Spencer with Merlin
Runner up	- Robin Lewis with Maddy
Open Show Pre-Beginner	- Rosemary Dallas with Freda
Runner up	- Chris Collins with Fern
Open Show Novice	- Sue Mills with Blake

Class Upgrading

Simon Howlett with Ash	Junior Pet
Robin Lewis with Maddie	Junior Pet
Lark Refstrup (Ash) with Fenris	Junior Pet
Wilma Spencer with Merlin	Junior Pet
Jane Westgate with Star	Junior Pet



Meet Bertie, the Bichon Frise.

Bertie had his first birthday on 29th February, yet he is 4 years old. He was a leap year baby.

When my Jack Russell dog died, (aged15), I dearly wanted another dog but my husband was not keen as he was unhappy with the hair shedding. So I selected a breed that did not shed hairs, blissfully unaware that my dog would need a visit to the groomers every 6-8 weeks. Hence the Bichon Frise.

Bichons are naughty! When he was about 18 months old I was 'at my wits end', unable to control this naughty, delinquent and my husband was saying that I should never have bought him. In desperation I took the advice of the vet, the dog groomer and a friend who all recommended dog obedience training. When we first came to training he was dreadful! He loves all other dogs and became so excited that he was unable or unwilling to listen or follow commands.

It took about twelve months but he became a changed dog. He still gets his moments when he runs excitedly around the room during training but he is improving all the time. Most of all he loves coming to training class and we have a loving obedient pet.

Thank you Barbara.

if you have any funny pictures of your dog, or willing to write a short profile of where you got, choose, like about your dog please contact Kevin or email the club.

Plymouth Dog Training Club Open Obedience Shows

on Saturday & Sunday **14th & 15 May 2016**. at Lee Moor Recreation Ground. Show opens at 9:00 am. all members are welcome to enter, watch and/or help.

Our Club Obedience Shows

We think of our club as providing training for our puppies and young dogs as well as training us as owners so we end up with dogs that are a pleasure to own and live with but there is more that the club does.

You may have seen articles in the news letter or heard Sue or Rita mention our dog shows in spring and autumn. You may have thought it is just something that others do but it is all part of your club.

The Shows take place over a weekend at Lee Moor recreation ground where our club hosts an event attended by competitors from all over the Country as well as other clubs with judges coming from far and wide..

On Friday afternoon the recreation ground is transformed into a show site with various ring, tents for the judges to operate from and an HQ in the pavilion. Competitors turn up to camp in their caravans and motor homes and there is even a mobile shop selling dog related items.

On Saturday and Sunday competitions take place throughout the day. On Sunday afternoon everything gets put away.

All this is run by our small committee Sue, Rita, Vanessa, Kevin and Sheila and Jess who already put so much of their time into your club and your training so let's give them a bit of help. You may not have much spare time but lots of members get the benefit of fantastic training with Sue and Rita so just a little of you time helps pay them back and makes the shows more relaxed and enjoyable for them. The help that is needed is setting up on Friday and clearing away on Sunday, extra hands make the difference between having to put up or take down six or seven tents without help, or one or two with help. The same applies setting up or taking down all the judging rings and getting out and putting away equipment. Just a couple of hours of your time would make a huge difference. During the event there is need for stewarding and general help whether you can give a couple of hours, half a day or the whole weekend. You will get to see some good competition whilst helping represent our club. For example last autumn I ended up sitting in the judging ring as a decoy in one of the scenting competitions, a new experience.

So come along to help Sue, Rita and the committee just let them know what you can offer to do.

Geoff Hall
Club member

