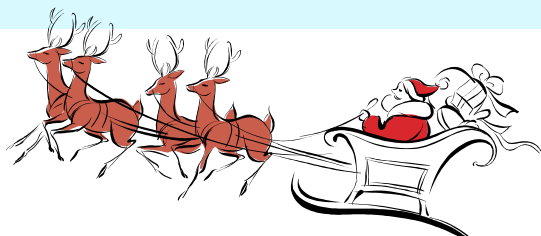


DECEMBER 2016

Newsletter



NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Well another year gone and it's coming up to 17 years since Essex 2000 was formed and started training in Billericay after Penny and I went door knocking on farmers houses asking if we could train on their fields and trying to explain what we do! We have been lucky to have great farmers but when we moved 'up north' to the Chelmsford area and found Richard and Sally Speakman we really did fall on our feet. Over the years we have used their farm more and more and they really do put themselves out to help by moving sheep, inviting competitors and helpers to their home and they have even named their latest barn 'Penny's Barn'! They have been presidents of the club for the past couple of years and always pop in during the trial for a bacon sarnie and a chat with the trialists. They always comment on how nice everyone is and appreciate the respect that you pay towards their property for which the committee would like to thank you all.

The committee has now said goodbye to Penny's sister Shirley Knowles who was the club treasurer for many years. A dog lover but not a trialist Shirley managed the books and attended all the meetings which, at times, must have been a bit boring with everyone talking about dogs and people she didn't know. Thankyou so much Shirley and thanks to Caroline Martin for taking on Shirley's role as treasurer. I would also like to welcome Margo Brothwell onto the committee, a lovely lady with oodles of knowledge and a huge asset to the club.

This is the second year we have run both TD and PD at our Championship Trial. Realising it was not really enough just to run the two top stakes together with CD, UD and WD we thought in case Penny was twiddling her thumbs we should run another....a Special stake with tracking!! May end up as a bit 'seat of your pants stuff' as the fields we usually use have been re-seeded so are (in our view) not suitable so....by the time you read this we will know what happened!

We plan to run some fund raising events for the forthcoming KCC's so any suggestions will be welcome and please let Penny know if you would like to help (if you find you have qualified we will realise you from your promise!!)

Happy Christmas and a very happy and successful New Year

Belinda Spensley

UPCOMING EVENTS for 2017

Stunt Dogs demonstration	tba
Open trial:	March 17th—19th
Mock trial:	July 24th—25th
PD Patrol round training day:	tba
Tracklaying training course:	tba
Kennel Club Championships:	October 12th—14th
Champ trial:	November 22nd—26th



2017 TRAINING DATES

10.00am - 2.30 pm

January 29th
February—none
March—none
April 30th
May 28th
June 25th—none
June—(Mock trial weekend)
July 30th — AGM
August 27th
September 24th
October 29th
November—none
December 3rd

Rainbow Bridge

We thought we would have a section on the newsletter for those members who had lost a pawfect friend during the year. I know its short notice for this issue but if you would like me to add any of your dogs that you have lost in the last year please let me have their details and I will mention them below.

- Pheobe (15 1/2) Belinda's mini poodle.
- Inca (2 months shy of 16) Penny's GSP
- Kofi (14) Mikes Mali

All lost to us in the last 3 months—sad times.

Success stories: Let us know how you've done!!

Email: Penny Bann at p.bann@hotmail.com with all your latest accomplishments. For example

Penny Bann and EV 1st place and qualifying UDex at Hampshire trial in August
Gary Martin and Sarge qualifying UDex at Dundee November.

You don't have to have been placed just a result you are proud of.

Help hints –If you think your dogs has been poisoned

- **Stay Calm.** Remove your dogs from the source of poison
- **Contact** your vet immediately: inform them when, where and how the poisoning occurred. If appropriate, take the packaging, plant or substance to the vet.
- **Follow** your vert's advice and never attempted to treat/medicate dogs yourself. Some medicines for humans and other animals may be poisonous to dogs.
- **Never attempt** to makes the dogs vomit. Never use sale water. Likewise avoid milk as this can also be harmful to some dogs.
- **If skin/fur** is contaminated wash with mild shampoo and water, rinse well and dry.
- **Keep** dogs away from other animals to avoid cross-contamination.
- **Never** "Watch and Wait" if you think your dog has been poisoned see a vet right away.

Paws for thought.

How often was your loyalty,
My dog, the only comfort,
Full of thanks my then,
Gently caressed you,
The look in those brown eyes,
Which always gaze at me,
Made me forget my wrongs,
The world was good again.

So many lovely hours,
In fields and leafy wood,
We spent we two together,
And the years went rolling by,
Now you are grown old,

Happiest of comrades,
You lie there all at peace,

The sunshine warms your coats,
Sometime in your dreams,
Perhaps my dog you see,
The squirrel and the hare,
The roebuck in the wood,
Nothing more do you demand,
My comrade so sincere,
But by my side to linger,
Until the parting comes.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE ESSEX 2000
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