



Gade Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Friday 19th September

Race night with fish and chip supper, bar and bets – tickets on sale soon.

Saturday 1st November

Keith Gwilliam Novice Training Day at Kings Langley Community Centre

Internal Competition Dates

Starters and Pre-beginner on Tuesday 1st July at 8.00 pm.

Beginners on Tuesday 2nd September at 8.00 pm.

Novice provisional date of Tuesday 21st October.

See back page for exercises for these competitions.

Donna Bastin GDTS Chairman

As I come to the end of my first few months in my new role of chairman I thought I would tell you all a little bit about myself.

I first joined the Gade Dog Training Society in 1986 aged 14; I didn't have a dog of my own so I tagged along with a friend of the family, Hilary Smith who used to attend the Gade with her Dachshunds. After a while I wasn't content with just watching, I wanted a dog to train! After asking my parents for the millionth time for a dog of my own and getting the same answer, I set out to find a dog to borrow, Leyler was a large mostly black crossbred bitch who belonged to one of my school friends, she was young, friendly and totally untrained, perfect I thought and this was to be the start of my involvement with GDTS.

I started attending classes with Leyler in the summer of 1986 and we progressed slowly through the classes, Leyler worked well and we even managed a rosette on progress night. I

continued to attend club with Leyler until I left school in the summer of 1988. I worked a variety of 'borrowed' dogs during the next few years including a Collie X called Bungle and a yellow Labrador called Bess.



Donna with Fergus

My first job after leaving school was at a local Boarding, Training and Rescue Kennels, it was here that I met what was going to be my first very own dog. Fergus or should I say 38/92 was a GSD X Collie dog of about 3 years of age, he had come in via Buckingham Police as a stray. It was my job to get the new arrivals out of the van and book them in, when I saw Fergus he was a real mess, he was crouched at the back of the cage growling softly, his eyes were wide with fear and he smelt strongly of petrol.

It took me about half an hour to convince him that it was safe to get out of the van, once he was out, I looked him over and tears filled my eyes, he was extremely thin, his coat was filthy with patches of hair missing, he had broken teeth, and what look like burn marks down his legs.

After his police poundage of 7 days was up, 38/92 was put up for adoption, he was wild in the kennels, whenever a suitable new owner came along he would leap at the wire snarling, hardly family pet material! He was in the rescue so long that he became one of the longest staying residents and his future did not look good, after a week or so of tears, tantrums and pleadings, Fergus came home to live with me. I finally had a dog of my own.

Fergus wasn't an easy first dog and the words 'baptism of fire' spring to mind, he had so many hang ups because of this I enrolled Fergus at the Gade almost straight away. We worked our way through the classes and were soon in the senior class. I competed with Fergus in all the club competitions and we were members of the Chiltern Junior Obedience League until Fergus's retirement in 2002. For a dog that had such a bad start he did very well, winning many prizes in obedience.

In 1996 I became one of the trainers at the Gade and over the years the club has taught me so much, it is a fantastic feeling to pass on the knowledge that you have gained to others.

I joined the committee in February 2005 and what an eye opener that was; you would not believe how much hard work goes on behind the scenes, 7 days a week, 365 days a year by the officers and committee to run the club.

It was in 2005 that I took over the running of the Chiltern Junior Obedience League and to say that I love it is an understatement, my passion is competitions not only competing with my own dogs but also encouraging others to have a go.

So after 22 years and much deliberation and support from the committee and trainers I now find myself in the position of chairman. It is an honour to be the chairman of the Gade, because the club is such a good example of what a training club should be, friendly, helpful and fun. I have spent many hours down at the club and have successfully trained 3 dogs to competition standard, namely Fergus, Zetor, Dexta all due to help and support received by attending classes at the Gade. My newest addition Magic, a 5

month old working sheepdog will be starting classes very soon,



Donna with Dexta

I can't wait! My enthusiasm for the Gade is as strong now as it was in 1986. So there you go, once you join you can never get away! We are always looking for new people to help run the

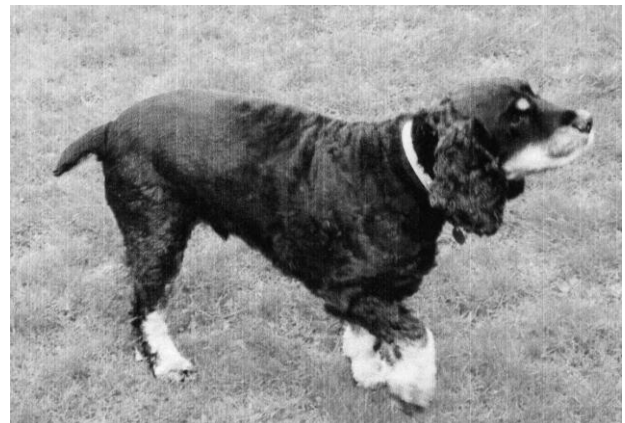
club, so if you feel that you can offer your help, either as a trainer, committee member or club helper, then please let me or a committee member know. The future of the Gade Dog Training Club depends on us, the members; we all have a part to play in the continued success of our club.

I would like to finish off by wishing you all the very best of luck with your dogs, remember this is your club, enjoy it.

Handler's Report by Diana Thursfield

Jonah is my first male dog after a long line of bitches. When my husband was alive we have one or two bitches with no trouble, then for some reason the bitches I had at the time started fighting every day. Fortunately I found a good home for the older bitch.

I decided to replace her with a dog puppy; the staff at Barton Lodge had advised me that a dog and bitch would not fight, although the male might show he was boss when he got older. So I



bought Jonah from a breeder, Mrs Smith at Sorbrook Mill near Banbury. As Jonah has grown older he is the boss, but only where food is concerned! In other matters he lets my bitch do what she likes; she will go first through the door and sit where she wants.

Jonah is very friendly to everyone and on walks he will go up to other walkers wagging his tail. He is not much good as a guard dog as he does not bark but welcomes all visitors to the house. When he was a puppy he was frightened of horse riders, so I put him on the lead when I saw them coming otherwise he would run back and hide under a hedge. Now he is just wary of them. He is good with sheep and chickens and tends to ignore them, but we dare not risk walking through a field of horses or cows!

Handler's Report cont'd . . .

Jonah's worst fault is that he is so greedy; he loves his food and will eat anybody else's if he gets half a chance. When there is food on the bird table he will hang around and seize anything that the birds may drop! He has been no problem really; he is a good dog and gives me a lot of pleasure.

Charity Donations

The Gade have donated £250.00 each to support the following charities for 2008:

- Chilterns Dog Rescue Society (CDRS)
- The Retired Greyhound Trust
- Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital Trust
- Wicaways Border Collie Rescue

A big thank you to all of our members for making these donations possible.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following members who have had places at 'open obedience shows' already this year.

- Alex Williams with Spike and Bobby places in Pre-Beginners
- Chris Skelly with Oak places in Beginners and for gaining their Beginners Excellent Award
- Donna Bastin with Zetor and Dexta places in Novice
- Alison Saunders with Ellie places in A and B

Well done to all of you.

Unsung Hero

Well done to Sarah Burgess' Rottweiler Kane who has donated a total of 13 units of blood at The Royal Veterinary College to save numerous dogs lives including those having open heart surgery.

Chiltern Junior Obedience League

Chesvale DTC v Gade DTS 28/03/08 Judge Domini Allday

Starters	1 st	Chesvale
	2 nd	Chris Marchant and Cooper (RottieX)
	3 rd	Zoe Lythaby and Fudge (Xbred)
	4 th	Chesvale
	Sp	Liz Pickford and Jess (CollieX)
	Sp	Chesvale
Pre-beg.	1 st	Chesvale
	2 nd	Chesvale
	3 rd	Alex Williams and Spike (CKCS)
	4 th	Tina Cutting and Flora (Sheltie)
	Sp	Sarah Burgess and Kane (Rottweiler)
Beginners	1 st	Chesvale
	2 nd	Chesvale
	3 rd	Jackie Sharp and Gunner (W/H Vizsla)
	4 th	Jackie Day and Vinnie (LabX)
	Sp	Chris Skelly and Oak (NSDTR)
	Sp	Chesvale
Novice	1 st	Chesvale
	2 nd	Donna Bastin and Dexta (NZ HuntawayX)
	3 rd	Chesvale
	4 th	Donna Bastin and Zetor (CollieX)
	Sp	Lynne Weston and Flash (WSD)
	Sp	Chesvale

Result Chesvale 25 points Gade 15 points

Gade DTS v Aylesbury CTS 11/04/08 Judge Keith Gwilliam

Starters	1 st	Chris Marchant and Cooper (RottieX)
	2 nd	Zoe Lythaby and Fudge (Xbred)
	3 rd	Aylesbury
	4 th	Aylesbury
	Sp	Chris Burrell and Steffi (Schnauzer)
Pre-beg.	1 st	Aylesbury
	2 nd	Gary Latchford and Molly (Vizsla)
	3 rd	Aylesbury
	4 th	Tina Cutting and Flora (Sheltie)
	Sp	Alex Williams and Spike (CKCS)
	Sp	Aylesbury
Beginners	1 st	Aylesbury
	2 nd	Jackie Sharp and Gunner (W/H Vizsla)
	3 rd	Aylesbury
	4 th	Frances Riddle and Moss (LabX)
	Sp	Chris Skelly and Oak (NSDTR)
	Sp	Aylesbury
Novice	1 st	Aylesbury
	2 nd	Aylesbury
	3 rd	Donna Bastin and Dexta (NZ HuntawayX)
	4 th	Alison Saunders and Lex (Corgi)
	Sp	Alison Saunders and Tasha (GSD)
	Sp	Aylesbury

Result Gade 18 points Aylesbury 22 points

CJOL Team Manager – "Well done everyone especially Frances and Moss who made their debut in the match against Aylesbury. Chris and Cooper well done for winning your second starter class".

Exercises for Internal Competitions

Starters

Heel on lead, recall on lead, stays in either sit or down position on lead. Extra commands are permitted and titbits and/or toys may be used throughout the test if desired.

Pre-beginners

Heel on lead, heel free, recall off lead with finish, stays in sit and down positions off lead. Extra commands are permitted except in the stay exercises, but **no** titbits or toys.

Beginners

Heel on lead, heel free, recall off lead with finish, retrieve with finish, stays in sit and down positions off lead. Extra commands are permitted except in the stay exercises, but **no** titbits or toys.

Novice

Exercises same as Beginners.

Next Newsletter

Please let me have your newsletter articles by 24th October 2008. Email shenleys Harps@waitrose.com

Gade Demo Team

Wanted - sociable dogs (and owners) to put obedience moves to music once or twice a month. Contact Trevor or Charmaine on 01442 217942.



*I paid through the nose
for those obedience classes
just to watch him throw
away his education.*

Hemel BAGSD v Gade DTS 06/05/08 Judge Susan Henshaw

Starters

- 1st Hemel
- 2nd Chris Burrell and Steffi (Schnauzer)
- 3rd Hemel
- 4th Zoe Lythaby and Fudge (Xbred)
- Sp Liz Pickford and Jess (CollieX)

Pre-beg.

- 1st Gary Latchford and Molly (Vizsla)
- 2nd Hemel
- 3rd Hemel
- 4th Tina Cutting and Flora (Sheltie)

Beginners

- 1st Chris Skelly and Oak (NSDTR)
- 2nd Jackie Sharp and Gunner (W/H Vizsla)
- 3rd Hemel
- 4th Hemel
- Sp Frances Riddle and Moss (LabX)

Novice

- 1st Donna Bastin and Zetor (CollieX)
- 2nd Hemel
- 3rd Alison Saunders and Tasha (GSD)
- 4th Hemel
- Sp Lynne Weston and Flash (WSD)
- Sp Hemel

Result Hemel 18 points Gade 22 points

CJOL Team Manager – “A very good win for the Gade, keep up the good work. Huge congratulations to Garry with Molly who won their first Pre-beginners and to Chris with Oak for their Beginners win”.

Gade DTS v Oxhey BAGSD 22/05/08 Judge Eddie Brown

Starters

- 1st Chris Burrell and Steffi (Schnauzer)
- 2nd Oxhey
- 3rd Oxhey
- 4th Zoe Lythaby and Fudge (Xbred)
- Sp Oxhey

Pre-beg.

- 1st Tina Cutting and Flora (Sheltie)
- 2nd Alex Williams and Bobby (CKCS)
- 3rd Oxhey
- 4th Oxhey

Beginners

- 1st Chris Marchant and Cooper (RottieX)
- 2nd Oxhey
- 3rd Frances Riddle and Moss (LabX)
- 4th Oxhey
- Sp Gary Latchford and Molly (Vizsla)

Novice

- 1st Chris Skelly and Oak (NSDTR)
- 2nd Donna Bastin and Zetor (CollieX)
- 3rd Lynne Weston and Flash (WSD)
- Sp Alison Saunders and Tasha (GSD)

Result Gade 23 points Oxhey 14 points

CJOL Team Manager – “Another win for the Gade; well done to Chris and Steffi for winning their first starters class, I am sure the other one is not far away. Mega congratulations to Tina and Flora for winning their second Pre-Beginners which puts them in to Beginners. Well done to Alex and Bobby who worked a fabulous round in Pre-Beginners, as star in the making I am sure. Also congratulations to Frances and Moss who have come on in leaps and bounds over the last few months – keep up the good work.

Well that's the first half of the league over, we take a break now until September. I am so pleased with the standard of work from all of the team – everyone has improved, so keep up the training over the summer.