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MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Your subscriptions for 1999 are now due. Many of you have them paid directly through your bank. To those, could I ask that you check your bank statements and make sure that it has been correctly paid to N.E.F.R.A. and also make sure that it is only paid once. In my few years as treasurer, I have been amazed at the number of ways the banks can get things wrong!

If you pay by cheque, please make sure that these reach me as early as possible in the New Year. Try and avoid passing them on through a third party - this puts pressure on your friend to remember to pass them on to me, particular as they will usually be seeing me at a busy committee meeting or event. The final date for payment of subscriptions as set out in the Constitution is 28th February and I will have to send reminders out to all you late payers around that time. This takes my time and costs the Association money!

The rates of subscriptions are held as follows:

- Single - £ 5.00 per annum
- Joint - £ 8.00 per annum
- Senior citizens, gamekeepers or juniors - £ 3.00 per annum

Thank you for your help in the above matter.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the fourth Annual General Meeting of the Northern England Flatcoated Retriever Association to be held on Sunday, March 7th 1999 at the Old Golf House Hotel, New Hey Road, Outlane, near Huddersfield (Tel No 01422 379311) at 11.00 a.m.

The following Officials and Committee are due to retire this year and are willing to stand for re-election:

Chairman	Mr. P. E. Forster
Committee	Mrs. E. Geoghegan Mrs. K. Jubb Mr. J. R. Kitching

Nominations for the post of Chairman and for the Committee should be received in writing by the Secretary from the proposer, together with a letter from the seconder and written agreement from the proposed person by 7th February 1999. Both the proposed person and the proposer or seconder should be in attendance at the Annual General Meeting and be prepared to address the meeting.

Propositions for inclusion on the Agenda should be received by the Secretary no later than 7th February 1999. Only items on the Agenda can be discussed at the Annual General Meeting.

Lunches and bar snacks will be available after the meeting. Please order on arrival.

DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE: The Hotel is situated close to the M62. From the West, leave the motorway at junction 23 (you will see the hotel on your left just before the junction). Take the A640 towards Rochdale, the hotel is on your left. From the East, leave the motorway at Junction 24 (**Note** junction 23 is restricted and will involve you in a 20 mile detour!) Again head for the A640 towards Rochdale, via the A643.

THREE "FAVOURITE FLATCOATED RETRIEVERS" JOAN MASON

The dictionary describes "favourite" as "a preferred person or thing or in sport, one expected to win", not easy to make choices looking back over some 35 years and I am deliberately not choosing from the dogs I have bred or owned. Well, I might see if the Editor will allow me to squeeze a tiny sentence at the end.

To start at the beginning, in the early 1960's, I had been looking into and following the breed for a couple of years without really getting much solid information; Flatcoated Retrievers were thin on the ground. I was looking for a good looking animal that would also make a competent rough shooting dog as my husband's Springer was getting on. Then one day, I think at Coventry Gundog, we met Margaret Jay with Dewmist Lullaby. Rosemary fell in love on the spot which re-enforced the idea of having a Flatcoat and interestingly "Bonnie" carried some of the bloodlines I had already sussed out as being of interest, so I felt I was looking for the right type of Flatcoated Retriever even though "Bonnie" herself was not going to be bred from. As she was so much a part of our introduction to the Breed, she has to be my starting point.

Dewmist Lullaby was bred by Mrs. Baker, sired by Reg Vernon's Black Friar of Yarlaw from Claverdon Vicerine. Reg Vernon was head keeper on the Packington Estate. The litter was born on June 3rd 1963. "Bonnie" was a medium sized bitch, perhaps slightly larger than average. Splendid bone, very well constructed with balance and above all had a delightful calm and confident character. She was only shown lightly but was a useful picking up dog and had some success in Trials at that time. Somewhat fortuitously, when we eventually had our first Flatcoat, Heronsflight Black Bell of Yarlaw, she turned out to be very similar in type and had the same equable temperament.

Sh Ch Rungles Lady Barbara, bred and owned by the late Georgina Fletcher, more commonly known as "Fletch" and the late Tinker Davies. A superbly beautiful bitch with that touch of class, she gave the impression of power combined with a flowing elegant outline. Sired by Waterboy of Springon from the splendid bitch Ch Happy Wanderer who also produced Ch Rungles Wag, Sh Ch Sandylands Rungles Witch and Sh Ch Fredwell Rungles Happy Wendy. Don't be misled by the "Sh Ch" because, given the opportunity, these Rungles Flatcoats could train and work well.

Teal of Hawk's Nest. Stanley O'Neill mated his Pewcrot Peep to Captain Brian Farr's Gaff of Riverside. Strangely, O'Neill himself was not impressed by Teal as a pup and felt Captain Farr had chosen the wrong pup; history proved him wrong. Teal was possibly the most shot over Flatcoat in the country at that time (latish fifties into the sixties).

Teal's use at Stud was restricted by Captain Farr; he had to be confident that the bitch

was a good specimen and a proven competent worker in the Field. In consequence, I believe that Teal was only used five times in all, despite which the progeny and descendants from these matings have proved enormously influential in producing good looking dogs with inherent working ability. Teal must rank high amongst the most beneficially influential sires in the Breed over the past 40 or 50 years. I remember being so impressed by Dr. Laughton's "F" litter that I felt they had exactly what we need to look for, but felt there was not the remotest chance that Captain Farr would allow me to use Teal. However, thanks to the good offices of Dr. Laughton, Teal was used on Black Bell and again the issue was outstanding. Not only was he an immediately prepotent sire but his inherent working abilities were transmitted down through successive generations. Look at your pedigrees for proof.

The final sentence? My beloved Pansy of course.....Joan Mason

GUIDELINES FOR THE LITTER RECORDING SERVICE

The Committee have decided to appoint a litter recorder for the Association. The new litter recorder is Mrs. Brenda Adams (tel. No. 01423 885471) whom we are sure is known to many of you. Please let her know if you are expecting a litter in order that she can put you on her list and help to match your puppies with new owners. The following points are general guidelines for using the service which we hope will be of use to breeders and those of you looking for a puppy alike.

1. Priority will be given to Members of the Association who have puppies available.
2. New owners should be given advice and support together with a copy of the Code of Ethics of the Association.
3. Vendors must undertake to make all reasonable enquiries regarding the prospective homes and their suitability. The Secretary or Committee Member cannot enquire in-depth into each prospective home, they can only advise.
4. Vendors must realise that whilst the Association will help as much as possible it is unreasonable to expect puppies to be homed in large numbers on a regular basis. Vendors must make every effort to home puppies themselves, preferably not having litters until they have sufficient enquiries.

When a litter has been sold, please notify the Litter Recorder so that your name can be removed from the 'puppies available' list so preventing disappointment to prospective new owners.

Prize Crossword Answers (Autumn 1998 issue)

Across: 1. Whiteabbey 7. Led 8. Collars 9. Sea 10. West 13. Endow 15. Item 19. Pub 21. Handler 22. Pen 23. Pendlewyh
Down: 1. Walks 2. India 3. Explore 4. Black 5. Yellow 6. Learns 11. ET 12. Me 14. Welcome 16. Trains 17. Made up 18. Breed 19. Puppy 20. Bench

OPEN SHOW - 15th NOVEMBER 1998

DOGS - Judge - Mr. Christian Sondergaard First of all a thank you very much for inviting me to judge such a good entry of dogs. My general impression was that the quality was good all over. Most of the heads were very good, not many broad skulls. Bites were correct, a few had a bit of rounded eyes that ruins expression. Eye colour was overall correct. Most bodies were well developed and the amount of bone adequate. I did not see the overdone bone that many breeders in Scandinavia unfortunately think is right.

The fronts were good and straight, but the shoulder angulation could be better in many. Nearly all dogs had the right moderate bend of stifle and hocks. Most coats were in good condition. My only sigh was that more people should work and exercise their dogs more to get a more muscular body and stronger moves.

My best dog and Best in Show was Heronsflight Herald to Torwood and all my best in classes had the muscular appearance I like.

CL. 1 Minor Puppy Dog (9,1) - 1st Ladley's Eskmill Moonraker, Superb head and expression. Well built overall. A good sound mover. 2nd Kilminster's Cassblaid Dublin Whiskey of Withybed, Very nice liver, just not quite as developed as number one. 3rd Wheeler's Wheelers Black Rain, Res. Keld's Rievaulx Ragged Robin of Daiksdale **CL. 2** Puppy Dog (5,1) - 1st C. Dublin Whiskey of W., 2nd Lewins' Torwood Mannerly, Good developed body for age, moved well, just preferred the head of number one. 3rd Wakeham's Wizardwood Relkino, Res. Saville's The Sorcerers Apprentice from Jaeva **CL. 3** Junior Dog (6,0) - 1st Carroll & Ryder's Jaskar Strathmore Water, Superb masculine head, well constructed all over, was my reserve best dog, just lost to best dog because moves needed maturing. 2nd Ashcroft's Steeplehouse Gamekeeper, Good head and expression, correct quarters, moved well, just dropped a little in topline on the move. 3rd Garnett's Riberot Moss Champion, Res. Ellison's Blackflight Tomaso **CL. 4** Special Yearling Dog (8,1) - 1st J. Strathmore Water, 2nd Keld's Rievaulx Esk of Daiksdale, A good sound dog, would have liked a little more bone and stronger moves. 3rd Morgan's Be Smart at Hillwolf, Res. Titterton's Gilduffe Owenreagh **CL. 5** Novice Dog (8,2) - 1st J. Strathmore Water, 2nd S. Gamekeeper, 3rd R. Moss Champion, Res. Whittaker's Bramatha Easter Egg **CL. 6** Graduate Dog (6,1) - 1st Moul's Capeldewi Merman, Good head and expression, well constructed except shoulder placement, moves okay. 2nd G. Owenreagh, Good body, nice head, a little loose in front moves. 3rd B. Easter Egg, Res. Geoghegan's Hightarn Rambler **CL. 7** Post Graduate Dog (7,0) - 1st Malkin's Steeplehouse Ashe, A good sound dog all over, moves very well and with drive. 2nd Townsend's Steeplehouse Chipper, A good mover, but I would have preferred a little more bone and body. 3rd Hargreaves' Forgeaway Park Royal, Res. Hightarn Rambler **CL. 8** Limit Dog (10,3) - 1st Jury's Heronsflight Herald to Torwood, Superb masculine head and expression, well constructed all over, muscular body, good movement, my best dog and best in show 2nd Hargreaves' Wolfhill Touch of Guinness, Liver dog not in best coat, head needs a little bit more refinement, moves well. 3rd Broadbent's Waverton Tom Collins, Res. Whittaker's Master Master **CL. 9** Open Dog (7,2) - 1st Forster's Wizardwood Tawny

Wood Sedge, Liver dog, well developed body, moves with drive, good colour and coat. 2nd Hughes' Heronsflight Haste, A small dog, well constructed, a little loose in movement. 3rd Master Master, Res. Jury's Torwood Paradox **CL. 10** Veteran Dog (7,4) - 1st Joyce's Stranfaer Murchessan, A sound veteran, well constructed, with good moves. Head could be more classic. 2nd Jury's Darkdelight Henry Boy from Torwood, Classic head, good body and bone, but he did not move as well as number one. 3rd Colson's Ch. Kulawand Wood Nymph of Windyhollows **CL. 11** Special Liver Dog (4,1) - 1st W. Touch of Guinness, 2nd W. Tawny Wood Sedge, 3rd W. Tom Collins

BITCHES - Judge - Mrs. Glenys Gwilliam

I would like to thank my co judge, Christian Sondergaard, the Show Manager and his hard working team, my two stewards, Becky Johnson and Debbie White, and last but not least the exhibitors for their sportsmanship and the super atmosphere. Many thanks for the honour of judging your dogs; I thoroughly enjoyed my day.

Best in Show, judged jointly with Christian Sondergaard and myself, was **Jury's Heronsflight Herald to Torwood** - a young dog who is just coming into his own, super head with a typical flatcoat expression, good reach of neck into well laid back shoulders, excellent body, just powered round the ring. Reserve Best in Show was Kilminster's Withybed Miss Montana, Best Puppy in Show, Watson's Here Comes the Rain, Best veteran in Show, Joyce's Stranfaer Murchessan.

CL. 12 - Minor Puppy Bitch (11,1) - 1st Watson's Here Comes the Rain (BPIS) Super 7 month old feminine bitch, excellent bone and feet, good angulation with good turn of stifle, so well balanced when on the move. 2nd Alexander's Rehyrb Oak, 7 month old, good head, nice outline, level topline, good bone and moved well 3rd Rees' Eskmill Moonshine, Res. Johnson's Deep River Walk of Downstream **CL. 13** - Puppy Bitch (10,2) - 1st Forster's Wizardwood Tawny Temptress 9 month old liver bitch, super head with a lovely dark eye and soft expression, good deep brisket and shoulder, well made throughout and moved okay, 2nd Brooks' Steelriver Mystic Rythms of Castlerock, another nice baby, good head, good bone, well bodied and moved okay, 3rd Jury's Torwood Chocolate Penny, Res. Swift's Cast a Spell of Fosdyke **CL. 14** - Junior Bitch (9,2) 1st Garnett's Riberot Black Vanilla, super head, dark eye with a lovely soft expression, good reach of neck into well laid back shoulders, good upper arm, excellent tail set, moved well 2nd Goulette's Steeplehouse Breeze, Nice bitch, good deep brisket, carrying a little bit too much weight, moved okay 3rd Brown's Hazelmere Choisy, Res. Carroll & Ryder's Jaskar Sound of Isla. **CL. 15** - Special Yearling Bitch (11,1) - 1st Whittaker's Bramatha Beat the Blues, Although a little on the tall side, she was in proportion of herself. Could not deny her 1st place, good reach of neck, excellent shoulder placement, good bone, excellent strong hind quarters, moved with terrific drive 2nd Brooks' Gilduffe Fane of Castlerock, Feminine bitch, excellent brisket, well balanced, good turn of stifle, moved well. 3rd R. Black Vanilla, Res. Tate's Plane Joint Pal **CL. 16** - Novice Bitch (5,0) - 1st R. Black Vanilla, 2nd Newcombe's Maybrian Bellara, Nice bitch, good head, dark eye, level topline, excellent bend of stifle, moved well. 3rd Plane Joint Pal, Res. J. Sound of Isla **CL. 17** - Graduate Bitch (12,0) 1st Orme's Elmstock Midnight

Sky, Lovely bitch, good head, excellent bone and feet, good reach of neck, well bodied, moved well 2nd G. Fane of C., 3rd Fox's Perfect Pickle, Res. Bunting's Mossdew Black Magic CL 18 - Post Graduate Bitch (8.2) - 1st Barnett's Steeplehouse Tess. A lovely bitch, beautiful classic head, excellent reach of neck, good topline, well bodied, good bone, moved well 2nd Staff's Hollywebbryn a Pioneer Lady of Chancelot Not such a good head as 1st. Good front and bend of stifle, good tailset, good bone and feet, moved okay. 3rd Goulette's Steeplehouse Teazel, Res. Colson's Windyhollows My Prayer CL 19 - Limit Bitch (12.3) - Strong class with lovely bitches going cardless 1st Kilminster's Withybed Miss Montana, Super feminine bitch although not in her best jacket couldn't deny her place. Beautiful classic outline, for me showing correct standard, power without lumber. When asked to move she powered round the ring. 2nd Bunting's Mossdew Satin Doll, Lovely bitch, good head, dark eye, good shoulders, excellent bone and feet, strong hind quarters, moved well. 3rd Colson's Windyhollows In the Mood, Res. Miller's Keepersend Oh So Smart CL 20 - Open Bitch (9.4) - 1st Colson's Windyhollows Gypsy Moth, Lovely bitch with a super outline, super brisket, shoulder and good upper arm, excellent topline, well made throughout, another who powered round the ring. 2nd Bunting's Clowbeck Cats Whisker, 3rd Kitching's Clowbeck Dark Spruce, Res. Miller's Smarty Party at Loxdale CL 21 - Veteran Bitch (11.6) - 1st Watson's Torwood Bizzie Bee, 9 year old classic bitch with super expression, dark eye, good reach of neck, good front, excellent bone and feet, moved well 2nd Brooks' Bitterwell Black Chiffon of Castlerock, 3rd Orme's Hartshead Blaisden Ebony of Elmstock, Res. Alexander's Bumblyn Suke Damson CL 22 - Special Liver Bitch (6.1) - 1st W. Tawny Temptress, 2nd B. Beat the Blues, 3rd T. Chocolate Penny. Res. W. Tawny Teasel, VHC V. Trailer
Class 23 - Brace (judged jointly) - 1st Tate, 2nd Kilminster, 3rd Goulette, Res. Colson, VHC Joyce

DOMINIC - A Flatcoated Retriever who loved Silk Wood

One of Peter and Audrey Forster very favourite places is the woods at Westonbrit and, whenever practical, they try to vary their journeys to take a walk there. They tell us that, apart from the specialist area of rare trees, rhododendrons and azalias (well worth a visit in Spring), there are 600 acres of woodland where you can roam with your dogs free and untroubled. Dotted through the woods are benches for you to rest and contemplate the beauty of the trees. One such bench has the dedication plate:

"In Memory of Dominic 1970-1979
 A Flatcoated Retriever who loved Silk Wood"

What thoughts this brings to mind. When our dogs roam the woods does Dominic run with them? Let's hope so, it's such a lovely idea.
 Further enquiries have told us that the owner was Miss P. M. Siddron, 44 Besbury Park, Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire. From there, a blank has been drawn. Did anyone know Dominic or his owner? If so, please let us know. We will pass on any interesting information through Wagging Tails about this or any other memorials you know of and the story behind them.

THE WEEKEND OF THE SHOW.....Mrs. G. GWILLIAM

Having been invited to judge your Open Show in November, we decided to make a weekend of it - we hadn't had a break away this year - in fact, come to think of it, we never get a break!!!! Anyway, as the date grew nearer, having just had a litter meant Chris (my husband) was unable to come, so, mentioning this to Jenny Morgan, she suggested we spend a day at Centre Parcs as her daughter worked there and could get us a pass in. Well, those who know Jenny will know there is never a dull moment when in her company; in fact chaos is the word that springs to mind!! The weekend arrived, we met up at a B & B, where upon we were greeted by a Flatcoat, so already we felt at home. Onto Centre Parcs, whereupon we first went for a bike ride - quite normal you would have thought. Wrong! - it had been years since Jenny had ridden a bike, so off we set whereupon she almost demolished anyone who got in her path and, on approaching people on bikes, a big scream from the rear would be heard, only to look round and see Jenny amongst a heap of chaos! Our next event was the pool where they had rapids which we proceeded to go down with Jenny in full pursuit behind trying to drown a few children or for that matter anyone else who was unfortunate to be in her way. A good time had by all, I think they say!!

On the day of the Show, having been told it would take 20 minutes from where we stayed overnight, we set upon reaching the M62. I pulled over to ask Jenny which way we should go - we definitely don't want Leeds, she replied!!! So off we go, taking the Google turn. Well, ten minutes down the road, I began to realise we'd taken the wrong route - it was two junctions on before we could turn off to get back on, I swore blind any moment we would be in Hull city sightseeing!! Heading back the right way, I began to question myself, Audrey did tell me bitches were in the afternoon, or had I got it wrong. A sudden hot flush of panic began to set in - what if judging was at 10.00 a.m. and everyone would be standing there waiting for me to arrive. It was now 9.45 and we are only at the junction we first got on at - don't panic, stay calm, I was saying to myself!! On arriving at the venue, a smiling face in the name of Steve Jubb greeted me. Not thinking what I was saying "Dogs are this afternoon aren't they?" No, he replied dogs are this morning. Bitches are this afternoon he added with a rather smug look on his face. Panic over!! How relieved I was to hear those words.

From the moment I arrived, I was well looked after. Nothing was too much trouble. Brenda Adams and her team made sure I was well fed and watered. I ate that much I didn't need feeding for a week! I thank my co judge, Christian Sondergaard, unanimously we both agreed on the B.I.S., R.B.I.S., B.P.I.S. and B.V.I.S. Thanks also to Bob Kitching for doing a super job. I thought it was a lovely touch to announce the winners and letting them go round the ring made it somehow feel magical. Thanks to my two stewards, Becky Johnson and Debbie White, who kept things running so smoothly. To sum it all up, we had a committee who worked together so hard to make the day as enjoyable for everyone as they could. But not forgetting the exhibitors, without them there would be no show. They made the Show by applauding the winners and the placed dogs. Most of them were there till the very end. Now, that's what I call true sportsmanship.

Thank you all for an unforgettable day.

A PUPPY'S LIFEsubmitted by Mrs. J. Kennedy

We had a beautiful litter of 12 puppies - 7 bitches and 5 dogs. John and I are novices - only having had two other litters from our foundation bitch and this litter coming from her daughter. We are pleased to say all 12 puppies survived and thought you might like to hear how one of the dogs progressed, hence:-

"A MESSAGE FROM DUDLEY":-

" All in all life has not worked out too badly for me here. Mostly I wake the humans up at 6.30 but sometimes I allow them to sleep until 7.00. After a good breakfast, I am taken out with the other dog for a walk. Since I started puppy training my mistress always has titbits with her to bribe me. I have decided that this is a good thing so I shall never be completely trained and she will then always bring titbits. We come home and I flake out but keep one eye on the mistress in case she leaves anything lying around for me to chew. To date I have caused them to buy one new phone, one new mobile phone and one remote control for their CD player. This is caused because I was fitted with a microchip (in case I run away) and am keen on communications.

After a good walk in the afternoon, I return and doze until dinner time. I then relax until the humans sit down for what they hope will be a restful evening. This is when I make my presence felt and they are forced to amuse me but once it's bedtime I try and beat Albert to the bed we both like the most. If I lose I make do with another big bed we have recently bought and it is the end of another good day.

I find I have reorganised the household so it revolves around my wants and wishes. I was not too happy when I arrived about travelling around in a small Nissan Micra. Obviously a dog of my breeding and class should not be seen travelling in such a vehicle. Eventually the humans realised this and I am now chauffeured around in a big Nissan 4x4. I hear the male human telling everyone it is a bit much when his wife goes out and spends £375 on buying a dog and he has to spend thousands on a car to fit the dog in! However, I know he only bought it because he thinks I'm marvellous (I also hear him telling everybody this).

I have gone to stay at a dog hotel 3 times and am going again in January for another two days. This does not worry me as I have the human owners under my paw there too.

When I left you I remember John saying to me "have a happy life, pup" - all I can say is so far life has been bliss.....Love from Dudley"

THOUGHTS FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

It has been a busy year for NEFRA and I think a successful one. The only down was the cancellation of the Dinner in October. We had a deadline at the hotel for cancellation and when that passed we had not had a sufficiently high response, so we had no choice but to cancel. Would you prefer a social event earlier in the year - perhaps a barbecue after a Funday - ideas and preferences please.

On the brighter side, the Funday in association with the Lancashire, Cheshire and Cumbria Group of the Flatcoated Retriever Society on 3rd October was a rip roaring success. An opportunity for our members to gather together, learn a little, have some fun and purchase some of our merchandise. We had a lot of help from the Group especially Miss Julie Condron who organised the games in the afternoon.

The Open Show at Nomanton went well. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to both our judges who travelled many miles to be with us. The results are shown in the centre pages of this issue. We had entries from people who had never shown before - well done! I hope you did not find it too scary and will come again.

Don't forget our annual Photographic Competition at this time of year and get some seasonal shoots for our next year's Christmas Cards. If we get enough that are good enough we will look into the possibility of producing a calendar for 2000. On the subject of photographs, at last year's competition, some members ended up not getting their photos back. Could you please check that all the photos you have are actually yours and, if someone else's has been given to you by mistake, please return them to me to be passed on to their rightful owners.

Our next event is the Seminar on Saturday 20th February, to be held at Kirk Deighton, near Wetherby immediately off the A1. The speakers are Mr. Frank Kane (Hirontower) and Mr. Bob Allen (Darillens) and the topics will be construction, movement, judging and stewarding with a chance to get your hands on a dog. As you may know, attendance at Seminars is obligatory for anyone wishing to judge in future following the reorganisation of the judging regulations by the Kennel Club during 1998. A certificate of attendance will be awarded to all attending. Application form is enclosed and please note places are limited and will be allocated on a strict first come first served basis.

Notification of our AGM on March 7th is included in this Wagging Tails. Please try to attend as this is the time when you can voice your views and opinions. And don't forget, we will be having another cash prize draw for those present.

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas with everything you wished for and may you have a very Happy New Year with success in all your Flatcoat endeavours.....Audrey

Seminar to be held at Kirk Deighton, Nr Wetherby

Saturday 20th February 1999

Name:

Address:

Names of people attending:

Members

Non members

Price for seminar: £5.00 - members - £7.00 - non members

Total enclosed for Seminar £..... Cheques payable to "N.E.F.R.A."

Please Note: Lunch is not provided so please bring your own. Tea and coffee will be served on arrival, at lunchtime and before leaving

The tickets for this seminar will be allocated on a strict first come first served basis and can only be reserved on receipt of cheque. We anticipate a high demand and would therefore suggest you apply early.

Directions to the venue will be issued along with your tickets.

Please send **Entry Form, SAE and cheque** (made payable to NEFRA) to:
The Honorary Secretary, Mrs. A. R. Forster, Cooks Lane House, Cooks Lane,
Bradnop, Leek, Staffordshire ST13 7HA

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Car stickers..... No....@ £ 1.25..... £.....

Metal badges..... No....@ £ 2.50..... £.....

Ring Clips..... No....@ £ 3.00..... £.....

Greetings cards (pack of 4 - mixed).... No. ... @ £ 2.20..... £.....

Ties (Green, Blue or Maroon) No ... @ £10.00..... £.....
Please indicate colour required

Postage:-

Cards 1 pack 40p, 2 packs 60p, 3 packs or more 90p..... £.....

Other items - 1 to 3 items 25p, 4 or more items 40p..... £.....

TOTAL CHEQUE ENCLOSED £.....

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Name:

Address:

Unfortunately, we are unable to supply the Swalehall models by post but enquiries regarding these can be made from Mrs. A. Forster on 01538 383946.

Gundog training equipment is available at all our events but again cannot be supplied by post.

T A I L E N D E R S

Future Dates for your Diary

Seminar - Saturday, 20th February to be held at Kirk Deighton (near Wetherby, just off the A1); the main topic is to be judging and a certificate will be issued to those attending.

A. G. M. - Sunday, 7th March - to be held at the Old Golf House, Outlane near Huddersfield (just off the M62).

Working Test - Saturday, 20th March - entry form enclosed

Working Training Day - Sunday, 11th April to be held at Tatton Park (subject to ground availability).

Open Show - Saturday, 1st May - to be held at Newstead Miner's Welfare Club which is situated just a few minutes from junction 27 of the M1 motorway.

Funday - Sunday 6th June - venue T. B. A. (suggestions welcome - some indoor accommodation preferred).

Working Test - Saturday 14th August - to be held at Crathorne.

Funday, early October - to be held at Woodford, near Wilmslow (subject to availability).

Open Show - Sunday 7th November - to be held at Normanton.

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(Health) Tips of the Tail - If your dog comes home from exercise and you notice a sore eye, apply soothing cold tea to it by making tea and leaving a couple of tea bags to go cold in the bottom of the pot. Then gently dab one tea bag to each eye affected.

- Paws for thought! As winter is now upon us and snow on its way, when taking the dogs out for a walk they may gather snow balls between their pads which could make them lame. A handy hint before setting out to help prevent the problem is to just smear a small quantity of Vaseline in between the pads. Be sure to apply the Vaseline when your dog is stood on the kitchen or porch floor and not your carpets!

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The Newsletter sub committee would greatly appreciate your "Letters to the Editor" or tips for the above section. These will be included in future newsletters as and when space is available. Please send them to Mrs. E. Whiting at the address below.

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