

WAGGING TALES - Issue 2 -

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SORRY!!!!!! I made a mistake. The name suggested by Mrs Street, and agreed by the committee was, as you see above, Wagging Tales and not as I printed on the last newsletter, Flattie Tales. I am sure that this will please a lot of our members (me included) - K. Jubb.

FUN DAY - Sunday, 22nd SEPTEMBER 1996 at Bootle Station, near Millom

Our next event will be a Fun day in Cumbria. We will be including the following event:

Scurry
"Fly Mouse"

Obedience
Trimming advice

A very full day I am sure you will agree.

Cost will be £3 per person, which will include a bar-b-cue lunch, and £1 per dog. Please book your place by completing the form at the end of the newsletter and returning it to our Secretary, Sandra, by 15th September.

Directions to Fun day at Bootle Station

From M6 junction 36. take to A590 to Kendal. Take slip road left signposted Barrow A590.

In the village of Greenodd, turn right onto A595 to Workington. Follow A595 for 12 miles, at junction of A5903 to Millom keep straight on the A595 - DO NOT TURN LEFT.

After a further 4 miles turn right at Valley End Service Station, signposted Workington A595. Keep straight on through Whitbeck and into Bootle.

Shortly after entering Bootle, turn left, signposted Bootle Station and Eskmeals. After about 400 yards, at the 'T' junction, turn left. Follow this lane for approximately 1 mile to the level crossing. Turn left immediately after the level crossing. YOU ARE THERE !

When space permits, we hope to include various features which may be of interest to our members.

Here is the first, hope you enjoy it. Have you a short piece that you would like including in a future newsletter.

How We Got Into Flatcoats - Liz and Les Geoghegan

We had had Irish Setters for 20 years and had decided we wanted a change. The Irish were beautiful but just a little too headstrong for us, perhaps the passage of time had reduced our patience levels when the racy red creatures disappeared yet once again into the distance. We had toyed with the idea of Bearded Collies (we loved their outgoing temperaments) but on considering the grooming problems after long walks on the beach or in bramble woods - we decided to think again.

At the time we did a lot of fell walking in the Lake District and one day met up with a young couple accompanied by a handsome black dog who greeted us with a lashing tail and laughing eyes. On reaching a local pub for a much needed re-fuelling, the same couple (with companion) were sitting in the garden. It was fate and we were hooked.

After calls to the Kennel Club and Cyraine Dugdale we made the trip to Peter and Audrey Forster's kennels, near Leek, to view some bitch puppies. We fell in love with both mum and dad and, needless to say, the pups. One particular bitch kept catching our eye and that was that - she had picked us.

Bracken is still going strong at 10 years young - we had one litter from her (11 healthy puppies) and kept two dog pups. Again, one in particular (Blake) picked me and he is a very special friend, turning into a steady working dog, gaining his Championship in the show ring and his Shooting Dog A Certificate along the way. We later brought in a Sharpleam pup (Shadow) who we hope will follow his kennel mate into the shooting field next season.

Our latest addition is Blake's son who at 10 weeks old is doing what Flatcoats do best - worming his way into our hearts at a great rate of knots! It is hard to imagine life now without our Flatcoat friends - it is a privilege to know and live with the gundog world's Peter Pan breed.

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Please book the following places on the Fun Day at Bootle Station, Cumbria on Sunday 22nd September 1996

|                                            |        |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| ..... Adults @ £3 each (including Lunch)   | £..... |
| ..... Children @ £2 each (including Lunch) | £..... |
| ..... Dogs @ £1 each                       | £..... |

From:

TOTAL £.....

Please enclosed cheque made payable to "Northern England Flatcoated Retriever Association" and return (by 15th September) to:

Hon. Sec. Mrs S. Kitching, Sandhills Farm, Crathorne, Yarm, Cleveland  
TS15 0AD



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 22nd September 1996 - Fun Day, Cumbria (closing date 15th September)
- 6th October 1996 - Working test, Crathorne, Cleveland
- 16th November 1996 - Open Show, Normanton, West Yorkshire
- 8th December 1996 - Seminar, Harewood, near Leeds (to confirm)
- 15th March 1997 - Gundog training, Cheshire/Derbyshire area
- 16th March 1997 - A. G. M., The Auctioneer Restaurant, Brighouse
- 4th May 1997 - Open Show, Cheshire (subject to K.C. approval)
- 13th July 1997 - Fun Day and Photo competition, Yarm, Cleveland
- 28th September 1997 - Fun Day, Cheshire area.
- 5th October 1997 - Working test, Crathorne, Cleveland
- 25th October 1997 - Dinner Dance with After Dinner Speaker,  
The Old Golf House, Huddersfield
- 16th November 1997 - Open show (subject to K.C. approval)
- 7th December 1997 - Seminar, Doe Lea, Derbyshire

### PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The winners of our recent photographic competition were as follows:

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Class 1, Puppy          | - Mrs Christine Fletcher |
| Class 2, Adult          | - Mrs Helen Ladley       |
| Class 3, Head Study     | - Ms Julie Condon        |
| Class 4, Group or Brace | - Miss Nicky Colson      |
| Class 5, On The Move    | - Mrs Scarlett           |
| Class 6, Take A Break   | - Mrs Wood               |
| Class 7, Most Appealing | - Mrs Sandra Kitching    |
| Class 8, Most Amusing   | - Mrs Debbie White       |

The overall winners were - 1st Mrs Helen Ladley  
2nd Ms Julie Condon

It is hoped to use these two photographs for the Christmas cards this year.

It's time to get out that camera and start clicking away for next year's competition. The date for this is in the diary.

## Obituary

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the death of Mrs Karen Roberts, a very well-known and respected figure in the dog showing world. Always friendly, cheerful and ready to give a helping hand - a genuinely "Lovely Lady" who will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Our thoughts are with her husband, Gordon, and the rest of the family at this very sad time.

From Mrs Sandra Kitching, Honorary Secretary

It is with much sadness that I have to write this short piece on one of our Founder Members and Founder Committee Members.

Karen has been a very close and dear friend since 1981 when she and her husband, Gordon, came to buy their first flatcoat puppy from Bob and myself. I don't think they realised what lay in the future at the time, how they would get involved in the world of flatcoats and the dog world to such an extent. She was always there when anybody wanted advice or help, her sportsmanship, whether she was showing her dogs or judging others, was to be applauded.

All my family will miss her, Bob, myself and the two boys, as she has been part of our family at 18th's, 21st's and on many other happy occasions and even a surrogate mother for a while when Allister moved to their part of the world.

Goodbye Karen, we will miss you

Much love, Sandra.

## DIDN'T THEY DO WELL !

Gilduffe Irish Mist and Sheena Wells - 4th Novice Dog/ Novice Handler  
At Yorkshire Golden Retriever  
working test on 23rd May 1996

Clowbeck Dark Spruce and Bob & Sandra  
Kitching - Reserve bitch C.C. at Border  
Union

There must be more than this!!!! Let me know of your brag and it will be included in a future newsletter.

## WORKING TEST - 6th OCTOBER 1996

Entry forms for this, our first working test, have been sent out to all members. If you need any more, please contact the secretary.

## OPEN SHOW - 16TH NOVEMBER 1996

Schedules of the open show will be sent out to all members next month. They will also be available at various championship shows.