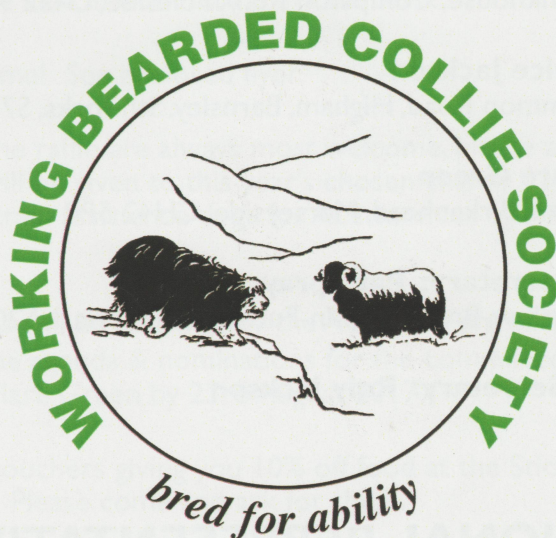


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Langdale 2017

This year's Meet will be the weekend of 23rd & 24th September 2017.
From 10am to 4 pm each day.
We will be in the field in front of the Stickle Barn.

Everyone welcome! See enclosed flyer.

Donations for the raffle are always most welcome, please and thank you.
The proceeds will be given to this year's chosen charity - **Hounds for Heroes**. They train assistance dogs for ALL services eg Fire, Ambulance & military.

Saturday's events will be followed by the AGM at 4 pm in the Stickle Barn.
Any items for the agenda & nominations for the committee are to be with the Secretary, Clare Green by 23rd August 2017.

Again we have vouchers giving you 10% off food at the Stickle Barn & The Dungeon Ghyll. Please come and ask for them.

Logo items will be for sale on both days or to order for Christmas.
New items include dog beds with beardies, pens, key rings, poo bag holders.

The display boards showing our history and photos of events will be there.

Sheep will be available for members to try their dogs' herding skills (under supervision).

An itinerary will be displayed with events - ranging from herding, obedience, agility or whatever you would like to do!
Again, if you have any training problems ask committee/helpers on the day.

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Bob, Meg and the Little Grey Fergie (Fred)

In 2001 Bob heard a local farmer had a litter of working bearded collie pups. He called at the farm with his three grandsons. 'Can we see the puppies please?' he asked the farmer. 'Well yes if the mother will let you' said the farmer. They crept slowly towards the shed where the mother let them each hold a tiny puppy. Bob suddenly said 'I want that one' pointing to a puppy with a lot of white hair. 'Hold on – they are only 2 days old' said the farmer, 'It's too early to pick yet?' 'I don't care I want that one' said Bob.

The family called each week to see how the pups were doing. At 8 weeks of age Ceinwen took Meg to her new home at Llantysilio Farm Cottage. As they lived beside a busy road Meg was taught never to leave the yard. Over the years Bob & Meg have walked all the local footpaths and tracks.

When Bob retired he bought a little grey Fergie to help him with his part-time job, keeping local gardens tidy. The tractor was called 'Fred' and it had a transport box on the back to carry all of the tools Bob needed for the job. There was a small space for Meg in the top corner nearest to Bob.

When the family went shopping in the car Meg would sit on the front seat next to Bob. They never needed to lock the car with Meg on guard. She went on holiday with the family to Barmouth and the Llyn Peninsular, loving the sea and the sand. One day Bob was working at a local garden. At 4 pm Bob set off for home. Later Ceinwen asked where Meg was as she was not around. Bob returned to the car only to find Meg still sitting on the lawn, Bob had forgotten to tell her to get in the box.

One evening Bob was trimming the hedge when Meg dashed in and got her tail caught in the trimmer. There was blood everywhere. Try as they may they could not stop the bleeding so off to the Dee Valley Vets at 10 pm. The wound was soon sorted and quickly healed. At playtime Meg loved to perform with a football. If the ball was kicked to her she would head it back with her head, her record is 110 returns non-stop.

She was not too keen on any visits to the vet but loved a treat at the beauty parlour. If you thought Meg had lived an eventful life up to now then brace yourself for what happened next!

Picture the scene – a pleasant summer afternoon on the outskirts of our local town. Fred and the gang were working on gardens near a tourist route to the castle. At 2 pm Bob finished the last of the coffee from his flask and returned to work at the rear of the house. At 4 pm Fred is ready for home but hold on there was no Meg. Frantic calling, whistling, shouting did not seem to be doing any good. By then the neighbours had joined in the search. Bob feared she may have been stolen as Beardies are very expensive and can easily be coaxed into a car. Bob & Fred went home minus Meg and broke the news to Ceinwen. Together they returned by car to resume the search. As dusk fell they returned home. Later that evening a local lady was taking her dog for one last walk. Hearing whimpering she stopped and waited, the sound came from a nearby manhole cover. On further examination she found Meg deep down inside. She was very distraught. Locals came to help and a ladder was lowered. Before anyone could grab her Meg scrambled up and ran off into the darkness. It seemed the manhole had a faulty cover which flipped over and trapped the dog. Neither Bob nor Ceinwen had any sleep that night. A tearful Bob got up at 6 am to open the back door only to find Meg waiting to come in. You can imagine the tears of joy in that house that morning. Bob and Ceinwen and Meg travelled down to the town to tell everyone their good news. Meg now lies peacefully in the cottage garden where she spent all of her interesting life. Many photos of Meg adorn the house. I asked Bob if he was ever tempted to take a cash offer for Meg. I can't tell you how many times he repeated the word NO!

TESSA

Susan Farrington

Tessa has been a Pat dog for over 2 years. She goes to Meadowfield School in Sittingbourne four days a week. Meadowfield is a special school for pupils with profound, severe and complex needs from nursery to 19 years.

I teach music and drama but I also have timetabled PAT sessions each day. My other dogs are also PAT dogs. When they are not 'working' they sit under my desk behind a screen.

Each of my dogs has particular pupils that they work best with. Tessa works well with the older and calmer children, she sits with them so they can stroke her, give her a cuddle or read to her. She's called upon to distract pupils who are refusing to come in from the playground or go to their classrooms. When she comes along they will usually snap out of their mood and walk her to their class. Tessa will perform tricks for pupils when given a treat and she gets incredibly excited.

Once a year I bring my agility equipment to school and along with some friends we put on a demonstration for the whole school. It's a real highlight during sports week and pupils will talk to me about it all year! Tessa takes a major part in this as my other dogs no longer compete.



Ten Little Pet Lambs

Ten little pet lambs playing in a line
one of them got watery mouth
then there were nine



Nine little pet lambs worrying about
their mate

one got salmonella
then there were eight

Eight little lambs heard the engine revving
they never saw the tractor
then there were seven



Seven little pet lambs playin' games and tricks
one hanged in a wire netting
then there were six



Six little pet lambs glad to be alive
tried swimming in the water trough
then there were five

Five little pet lambs bleatin' at the door
the farmer lost his temper
then there were four



Four little pet lambs as sweet as you could see
one died of awkwardness
then there were three



Three little pet lambs wonderin' what to do
ate a bag of barley meal
then there were two

Two little lambs the smallest one
set on a yow who went and sat on it
then there was one



One little lamb surprisingly got fat
so we put 'im in the freezer and
that's the end of that!



Allergies

Allergies are just as common in pets as they are in humans, and in some cases may cause considerable suffering. Summertime is often an especially bad time of the year for pets who suffer with allergies.

Allergic symptoms occur when a pet's immune system begins to recognise everyday substances and common allergens as dangerous, causing the pet to have an extreme reaction.

Pets can be affected when they inhale or ingest them, or through skin contact. As their body tries to rid itself of the irritant, digestive, respiratory and skin problems can occur.

Common allergens come in all shapes and forms, including dust & house mites, tree and grass pollens, cigarette smoke, fleas and some flea control treatments, insecticidal shampoo, cleaning products, mould spores and food (such as beef, chicken, milk products and wheat).

As your pet is likely to encounter some, or all, of these allergens in everyday life it can be a lengthy process of elimination to find out what is specifically causing the allergic reaction.

A vet should be able to identify the cause of your pet's allergy by conducting a physical examination, skin or blood tests, or – if the allergy is believed to be food related – by recommending a special elimination diet to find out what is causing the problem. This will mean feeding with a prescription diet or a diet that is free from any allergy-causing ingredients. Once their symptoms subside, foods can be gradually reintroduced to see which ones are to blame for the allergic reactions.

Some of the symptoms could be sore and itchy skin, eyes or ears, chronic ear infections, paw chewing and incessant licking, vomiting or diarrhoea, and coughing, wheezing or sneezing.

Bathing your pet weekly can help to relieve itching and also remove allergens and pollens from their skin. A vet can prescribe a shampoo that is suitable, as frequent washing with the wrong type of shampoo can dry out the skin.

As it is impossible to remove all allergens from your pet's environment your vet may prescribe medication to ease the symptoms. This could include allergy injections, antihistamines and, in more severe cases, cortisone.

Pets can develop allergies at any time in their life, so if you suspect that your pet has a problem, consult your vet.

Alternative treatments are also available using herbal, diet and homeopathy methods.

A Blast From the Past

I don't know how many of you out there are "good" with computers, or just technology generally, but I can honestly say I'm dreadful. A while back whilst "playing" with my iPad to try and get used to it, I found, quite by accident, a lovely Pathe News item on YouTube about our favourite subject - beardies! It is from 1956 and features the famous Bothkennar beardies, a very young looking Mrs Willison (wife of the Colonel) and a very jolly news reader explaining how she more or less single handedly saved the breed. It is only 1 min 14 seconds long and well worth a look. It's also very interesting to see how the beardies were then, just as god intended them, like our working beardies still are now.

For an idiots guide how to find it please follow the instructions below.....

First go onto YouTube.

Then type in "British Pathe 1956 Bearded Collies".

You should then see a brown beardie with a lady in a green cardigan, showing 1:14 in the bottom right corner of the picture. Turn up your volume, click on the picture and enjoy!





Ms C Green
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15 November 2016

Dear Ms Green

On behalf of all of us at Hearing Dogs I should be grateful if you would pass on my thanks to everyone at Working Bearded Collie Society for the kind gift of £156.00 towards our work.

Your special gift will help us place more dogs to help more deaf people like John and Theo. John says "Before I had my hearing dog, I used to walk around with my head down, so as not to gain eye contact so that I wouldn't have to speak to people. I used to leave it to my family, whoever I was with, and I would just stand back in the side line and switch off. Now I have Theo, I feel as though my life has completely changed and opened up again. Theo is worth his weight in gold and the wait for him was well worth it. He has given me a new lease of life".

Thank you for your support and helping us to continue the valuable work of Hearing Dogs.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane".

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Pat Spray celebrated her _0th Birthday this year. What a fabulous cake her friend made. Paw prints, bones, red & grey beardies, rosettes and the icing on top of the cake – literally

A red beardie pulling the bow to open the gift box!



Meg in 2012



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