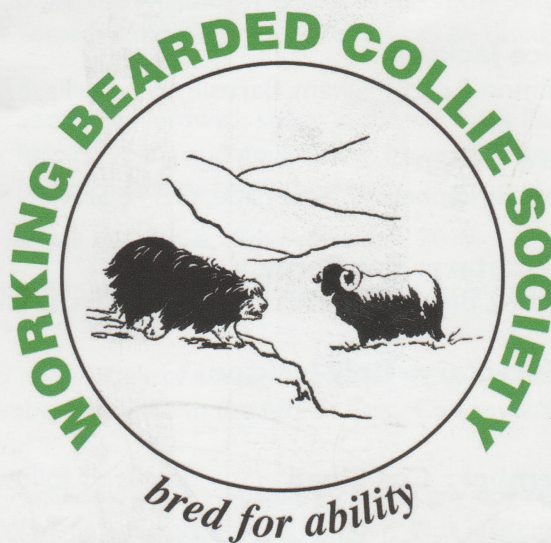




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A Shepherd in Norfolk in 1923

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Langdale 2018

This was a successful Meet again and although fewer numbers attended overall, the enthusiasm and help offered by new and 'old' members alike was thankfully received. The raffle raised £82 for Duddon & Furness Mountain Rescue. Thank you for your donations. The weather was kind to us on the Saturday. The AGM took place on the Saturday and a few items raised will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

We had a flock of about 20 Herdwick sheep in the adjoining field and they worked as a flock helping young and novice dogs be more successful. More experienced dogs had a chance to show their skills.

Next year the Meet will be 28th & 29th September 2019.

Our new logo items for sale were a success. Photos later in the newsletter, great for stocking fillers or main presents.

We are hoping to have details of a new Meet with sheep and land offered by one of our newer members, but alas in the North East. Can anyone from the South find us somewhere?

Our website and Facebook pages – we are including any dog registered with the WBCS, showing its name and registration number. Not just current members, but open to anyone with one of our wonderful, talented dogs.



Langdale 2018 – the Saturday group

Dogs & Bitches in the Same House?

Anne Fowler

We have always kept dogs, and beardies since 1986, in the past we had had multiple dogs but not dogs and bitches together. This article is just a few thoughts from our own experience that might help someone else decide whether to do this. In 2003 we were down to 1 male, Tramp, of dubious ancestry. Our decision was to get a bitch puppy possible to breed from, so we contacted the breeder of our favourite bitch we had owned in the past who had given us one lovely litter. A litter became available in Feb 2004. We had a choice of a dog or bitch but fell in love with the dog puppy who we called Buzz and brought him home. He turned out very well and we decided we would like a pup from him. Circumstances and adopting a border collie from our terminally ill father meant that the right time to get our bitch puppy got further away. She finally arrived in the form of Pendwr Penny in 2011. How did we cope with the bitch's seasons as our dogs live in the house?

Although we did want to breed, obviously that could not happen at Penny's first season when she was 10 months old. Also having two males we were concerned that they would fight, but that was never a problem at all. We found that keeping Penny in her cage in the sitting room worked well. Putting her away from the family only distressed them all as they are used to being together. She was kept on a lead when out walking and if the boys showed too much interest they went back on leads too. Actually on walks they were more interested in other things than Penny. If the boys got too attentive a sharp word worked.

Later when we wanted Buzz to mate with Penny we put Tramp in the cage while Buzz & Penny were together. We had assumed that she would not be bothered which dog she was 'offered' but to our surprise Tramp (usually her best friend) got a very strong telling off from Penny if he showed any interest at all, and Buzz, whom she was not so fond of normally, was her choice of mate. This was what we wanted too but what we would have done if it was the other way around I don't know.

Thankfully she only comes into season every 8 months but on the whole it has not been as difficult as we had expected. You do have to be very vigilant for three weeks, carefully doing swap overs when letting them in the garden for wees and poos, and always remembering, when you let them out in the morning that they can't all be together.

You may be asking the outcome of all our trouble – nothing! Not a single puppy! After several apparently successful matings, clearly one or other is sterile. This is probably Buzz who is now old and won't be getting another chance of fatherhood despite his enthusiasm for the task.

Do we regret going through all this? No we don't. We have learned a lot. The future plans are uncertain. I am certainly ready for a new puppy in the house but we may buy one in soon. Dog or bitch? Mmm .. not sure ...

A Dog Lover's Story

An old, tired looking dog wandered in to my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me and I gave him a few pats on the head. He followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, and curled up in a corner and fell asleep. An hour later he went to the door and I let him out.

The next day he came back. Greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall corner and again slept for about an hour. His visits continued on and off for several weeks. Curious I pinned a note to his collar. 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon he comes to my house for a nap'.

The next day he arrived again for his nap with a different note pinned to his collar. 'He lives in a home with six children, two under the age of three. He's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?

Voted – 'The Best Joke Ever'

An elderly gentleman named Morton went into hospital for a very serious operation. His wife took their bearded collie in daily to see him. This hastened his recovery so much that the Consultant suggested he went to the 'local' just for one drink.

He duly shuffled down in his dressing gown and slippers to be greeted by the landlord 'What will you have?' he enquired. A triple vodka would be nice said Morton. As he sipped his drink he turned to the landlord and said 'with what I've got I ought not to be having this. 'Why?' enquired the landlord, 'what have you got?' 30p replied Morton!

A Nutter

Brown Eyes

Mrs S L Dempsey (from All The Best Dog Poems)

In early youth I made a vow
That if to Cupid I should bow,
The one for whom he aimed the dart
At my desired, unclaimed heart,
Must have soft brown eyes; large, soft brown eyes.

Time came when eyes looked into mine;
Large, soft brown eyes that seemed to shine
With intellect. Did I succumb?
Oh, yes! for though the lips were dumb,
Those lovely eyes I deemed a prize

Within their depths devotion shone,
And as they gazed into my own,
They seemed to say, 'My love is thine
Please let me know that I have thine.'
And Oh! I knew his heart was true

My arms his snowy neck entwined,
And I rejoiced a love to find
So worshipful, so constant, true.
How oft they've thrilled me through and through,
My collie's wise, large, soft brown eyes!

Barking Mad

Anne Fowler

Penny had a barking problem. Correction – we had the problem. Penny was perfectly happy with the situation. It was more than just alerting us to some potential threat. She would bark herself into a frenzy at the slightest noise from a bird cooing on the chimney to a car down in the village. If someone rang the doorbell the excitement was almost too much to bear. What's more, Old Man Buzz, now very deaf, could pick up on the fuss she made and join in. As he didn't know what he was barking at it complicated matters. We decided on a programme of distraction and positive reinforcement. Whenever Penny was about to bark or just starting to bark we would call her to come and give her a treat. No cross words, just 'What a good girl to leave it'. This worked like magic. Peace was restored. The paracetamol went back in the cupboard. Buzz has now learnt that if he bangs against the glass of our French window and runs to one of us then there are treats on offer! I don't think he hears what goes on in between, but that is pretty canny don't you think? This is now happening 5 or 6 times every evening. Any suggestions as to how to solve this one?

Neighbourliness!

A Nutter

Two neighbouring farmers in Eglwyseg were always saying that whatever one had the others' was bigger and better. One farmer sent his son next door to borrow a crosscut saw. 'Tell him we want to cut a large swede in half'.

Off went the lad and duly made a request as instructed, to which the other farmer replied, 'Sorry lad, you could have borrowed it with pleasure but we've gone and got it stuck in a potato!'.

Life with Grumpy

Barbie Short

'I used to have one of those.....'

The man in question was standing holding a beautifully groomed, on the lead, quiet (bored) Bearded Collie, and gazing at my dog.

'Grumpy, aren't they . Hah' And he laughs and goes off.

My so -called grumpy, scruffy, damp, tail wagging Working Beardie , was enthusiastically greeting two small children who were petting her.

Honestly from the squeaks and tail wagging you'd think she never got any attention.

Don't you always feel sorry for dogs kept on the lead?

I had almost had to drag her out of swimming ; she'd come swimming with me, while on holiday with the family (yes it was a warm day. A very, very warm day) and the kids had been launching themselves on boogie boards (don't ask) splashing hugely while Millie swam round and round. And round .And why would I want to come out?

Grumpy?

Then we had already had a looonngg walk along the beach and all round the headland and spent post lunch chasing bubbles. She does love bubbles. Yes, I do have some in the green house for when no small child is around . Honestly. Nothing like a good laugh. No, don't ever feel silly, in fact I enjoy it too. Mind you , that's nothing to Millie trying to chase the ball from Swingball. You know : tennis ball on the end of elastic and two of you hit it, hard , back and forth. No-one but no-one will ever persuade Millie there is not a slight chance she could , one day, get it.

Cricket is more complex and is played with 3 balls. One for dog, one for cricketer, and oh well, there are often 2 dogs...

If, mind you,. some interfering pedigree male tries sniffing the bum just too often, the lip will curl in her least attractive look and occasionally, a low growl will escape. She has first established beyond all possible doubt, that this is not a reactive dog.



Quite often he will trot off, and honour is satisfied. Other collies are worth playing with, after a short inspection, and tail wagging occurs. Other dogs are just ignored. Who cares?

She lives half the time with our lodger Chocolate Labrador, when her masters are at work, and they are friends. Sometimes there is insufficient toy throwing and it will be dropped, irritatingly just out of reach. The Lab will push it with her paw, sometimes effectively 'throwing' the toy. Hurrah!

The gulls are relatively safe now, and there is little haring miles along the beach after them. But.....balls better fun anyway.

We do have slight tendency to obsessivenessbut grumpy???

Millie's 13th birthday is next Saturday.....Party party party.....and so say all of us.

Happy Birthday to my most favourite dog in the world, MILLIE.

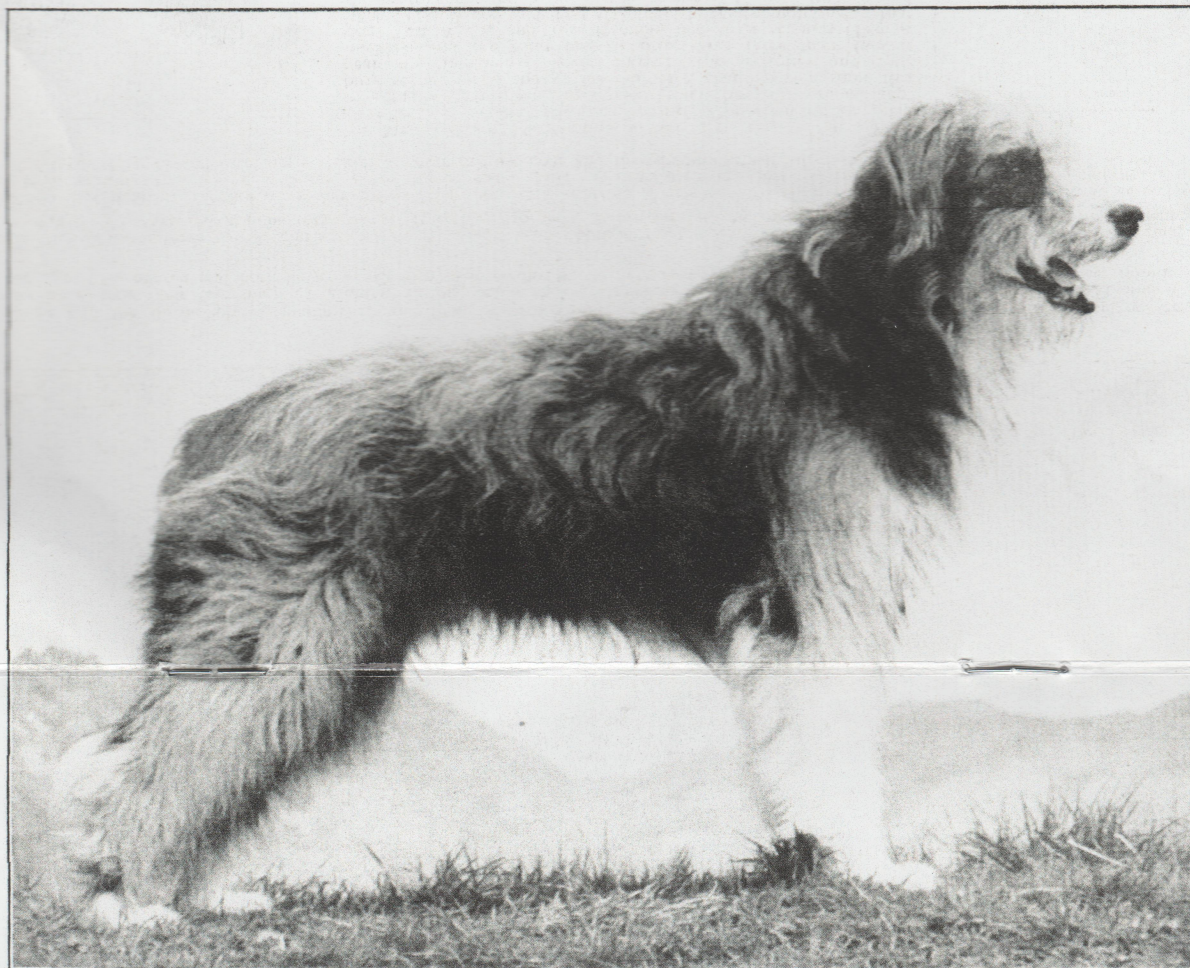
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BRITT OF BOTHKENNAR

ALTHOUGH she had the distinction of making up the first Bearded Collie champion, Mrs Willison has no intention of resting on her laurels and the Bothkennars have done their fair share of winning at this year's shows. Indeed between them Benjie of Bothkennar and Blue Bonnie of Bothkennar won half of the total CCs offered and both have two CCs to their credit, Benjie having won at Glasgow and Birmingham and Blue Bonnie at Glasgow and Blackpool.

In addition, Benjie was reserve CC at Cruft's and Blackpool and Blue Bonnie reserve CC at Cruft's, so it seems certain that with eight sets of CCs on offer in 1961 — due to the ever rising popularity of the breed — two new champions will be added to the already strong Bothkennar kennels.

Mrs. Willison has deliberately chosen as her main illustration this year the picture of Britt of Bothkennar — one of the most successful sires in the kennel and a dog bred from working stock — taken when he was out of coat. This has been done to show the true Bearded outline — so important if this breed is to keep to the correct type. Britt, in any case, never carries an over profuse coat and the encouragement of coats of Afghan-like profusion is not to be desired in a working breed.

Mrs Willison takes pride in the fact that all her dogs, Beardies and Shelties alike, can work. Opportunities for them to actually herd sheep are obviously few but they are all kept busy at obedience and at the ASPADS championship show this year six Bothkennars were entered (two Beardies and four Shelties) and the total bag of prizes was three firsts (novice dog, Test A dog and Test B bitch) and three seconds (Test A bitch, Test B dog and Test C bitch). It is also noteworthy that the Bothkennar bitch who was reserve CC was trained and handled by her schoolgirl owner and another Bothkennar who gained full marks in Test A dogs and only just failed in the run off was also handled by a teenager.

Mrs. Willison is specially proud of one obedience judge's comments on Britt which read: "Full marks, came into the ring looking like a million dollars, did a first class round, truly a grand dual purpose dog. If all breed winners were as brainy as the dogs from this kennel maybe good temperament would be more apparent in the show rings today."

Shelties on the show side have also done well, though the two latest youngsters are only just coming to their best.

Some puppies of both breeds will be offered for sale and fees of the stud dogs may be had on application.

Mrs Willison especially welcomes overseas inquiries for she is anxious to popularise both breeds abroad. Successful exports of Beardies have already been made to the USA, Holland, France, Belgium, Italy, Finland and Thailand—LEO C WILSON



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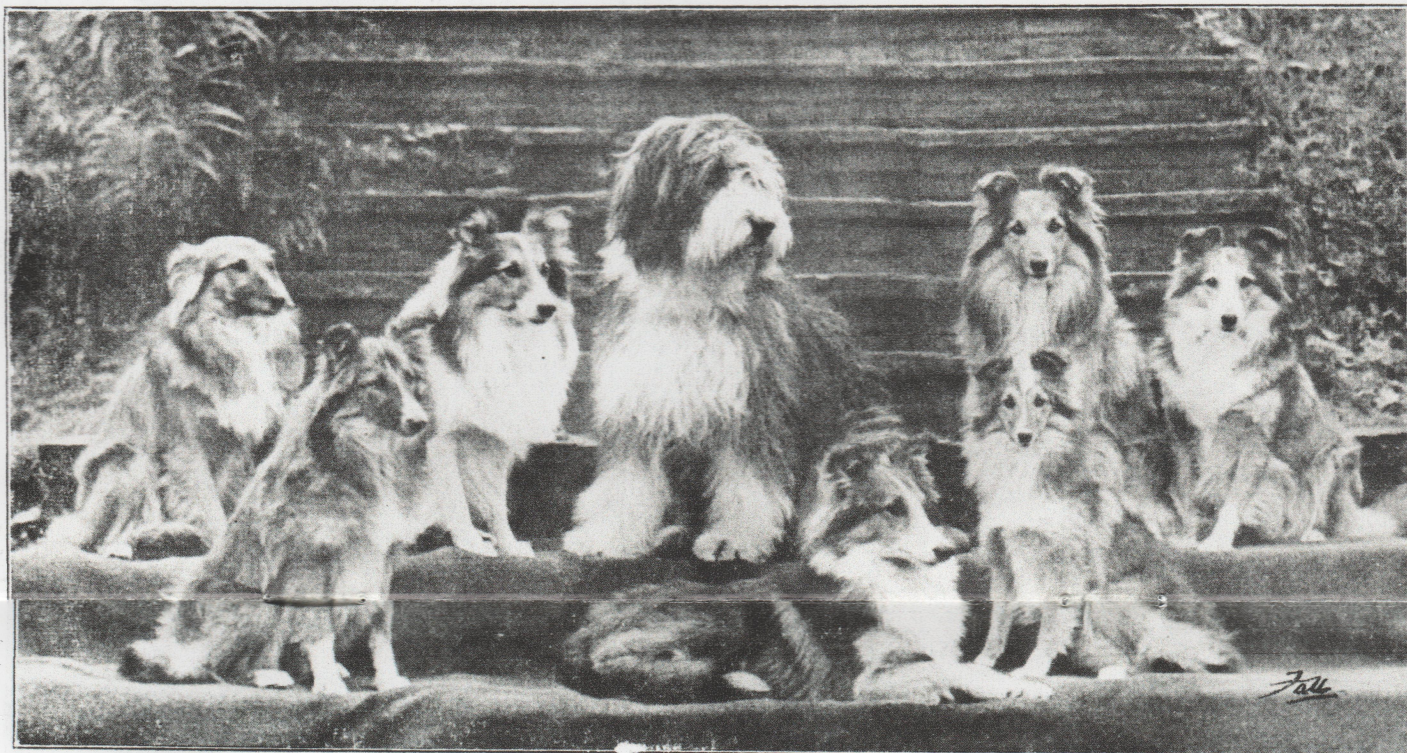


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Back row: BECKY SUE, BELLRINGER, BAWBEE, BENEDICK, BRIGHT GEM
Front row: 6 months old) BECKY SHARP, (7½ months) BELL-HOP and BEBE

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MRS. Willison's Bothkennar Kennel is of extreme interest to all who admire the shepherding dogs. She has, at Bothkennar Grange a very fine kennel of both Bearded Collies and Shetland Sheepdogs. Beardies, as they are familiarly called are among the most delightful and charming of breeds. This ancient Scottish dog had almost died out as far as the general public are concerned although they are still to be found on farms in Scotland where the farmers know what a good sheepdog means. Mrs. Willison's first Beardie Jeannie of Bothkennar must be one of the best known dogs in the country as her picture is well known in tubes and trains. She is a lovely reddish brown, which is a rare and much sought after colour in the breed. The Beardies stand about 20 to 24 inches in height the bitches usually being smaller than the dogs. Their sagacity and intelligence is astounding. Jeannie is now 12 years old, but she is as gay as a cricket, and loves a rough and tumble with her master. The Beardies are sometimes confused with the Bobtails to whom they have a superficial likeness. The true Beardie has a square head with a very characteristic beard and the coat is of a special texture and appearance. I cannot think of a more delightful companion for the country. The second Beardie to arrive at Bothkennar, was a slate-grey dog, Bailie of Bothkennar. He is a handsome dog which was placed first in a large open class at Cruft's and he has been placed best of breed a number of times. Mated to Jeannie they produced Bruce, a pale red fawn dog and Buskie and Bravado which are grizzle with white collie markings. Another of their descendants is Bawbee of Bothkennar who is coming on well with obedience work and was placed best of sex at Cruft's. Mrs. Willison is very keen on Obedience work, and trains her dogs regularly. Five silver cups stand on the mantelpiece won by the Bothkennar Shetland Sheepdogs. Three of these being won with full marks in obedience tests.

All the Shelties at Bothkennar are home-bred and sable and white. Like the Beardies they all have lovely temperaments. Mrs. Willison is very insistent on this with which I most thoroughly agree. They all have perfect ear carriage and the correct lovely hare foot.

Among the Shelties, Benedick of Bothkennar, aged four years is a very experienced and reliable stud dog highly to be recommended, as also is Bellringer of Bothkennar, which is a consistent obedience winner carrying the full white collar which is such a rare beauty. This he gets from his dam Bow Belle. She is a wonderful dam and in her best litter of ten she reared unaided nine puppies. Bright Gem of B. another brood bitch is the dam of Bairn and Becky Sue of Bothkennar another obedience winner. Becky Sharp the daughter of the last named has the black mask, which is also seen on her mother, and shows the ancestry of the Yakki or Iceland Dog in the past. Bairn has a very lovely daughter to her credit, Bebe of Bothkennar, now seven months old, and in the same litter was Bell Hop, a dog which is doing especially well in obedience and has qualified for competition class at the early age of 6½ months.

Bothkennar Grange may well be described as a dog's Paradise. The Bothkennars live in a specially built and designed kennel and have the run of four acres of grounds. Every dog comes into the house and it is a really happy family atmosphere which is what all dogs love. Mr. Willison takes a special interest in the Beardies and hopes they may eventually become as popular in England as the Shetland Sheepdog. At the present time 192 Beardies have been registered at the Kennel Club. Wendy Willison is as interested and keen on the dogs as are her parents. I feel sure the Bothkennar dogs will make their name in obedience classes as well as in the show ring.—CLARA BOWRING.

Brora

When I was told my working beardedie would be 'very different' to the others I'd had I wasn't sure what to expect. She did look quite different too but it quickly became evident that this slightly 'ugly duckling' was turning into a swan. What's more she is probably the most intelligent and intuitive I'd ever had.

As we lead a fairly ordinary domestic sort of life I decided I wanted to do more than just obedience classes with her which she found rather boring! We started agility which she took to straight away. She loves it and does shout at me to get a move on frequently-I'm considerably slower than her! She is now quite good at 'going on' & 'right & left'. If I put her in the down when we are putting up equipment she will not move until I collect or call her. She is also very well behaved on walks if I meet someone she simply lies down at the side of the track with her ball & waits until I have finished. All my others used to bark madly to get me to carry on. I feel this was a lack of training my part although Brora instinctively always seems to know what to do.



She shares us with 2 wire-haired Dachshunds-sister & brother-Otto and Gretel. They adore each other and have amazing games. This summer we've had masses of low flying swallows in the field 'teasing' the Dachshunds. Brora, who is always entirely focused on her ball, watches the two smalls tearing round the field after birds, with amazement. She just wants that ball to be chucked!

I'm sure many people have more dramatic tales about their dogs – we just adore ours and have a lot of fun with them.



Painting of Brora by Clare Eastgate

New Items for Sale

Please call one of us if you would like anything for a Christmas present. Each order will be dealt with personally so postage will only be charged on what you order.

All prices are each. Postage is extra



Key Rings £1

Pens £1 (all write black)

Refillable Hard Plastic Dog Poo Bag Holders £2

Brand New – Mugs £6.50



**Dog Beds – approx. 35”x27”
Padded, quilted back £8**



Logo Items for sale

	£		£
Polo shirt	15.00	Sweatshirt	16.00
Fleece	20.00	Gilet	22.00
T shirt	7.00	2019 Calendar	8.00 <i>see loose sheet</i>
Sew on logo patch	2.50	Baseball Cap	6.50
Notepads	3.00	Notelets (pack 5)	1.00
Car Sticker	1.00		

A Minister went into his local pet shop. 'I need at least 50 mice, 2,000 ants and as many as those little silverfish that you can get.' The pet shop owner was startled. 'We can probably do that, but it might take some time. Mind if I ask you why you are placing such an unusual order?' The Minister shrugged 'It's simple. I've accepted a call to another church. The present church council have told me to leave the parsonage the way I found it'.



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16th November 2018

Dear Clare,

On behalf of all members of the Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue Team may I acknowledge your cheque for £82 from the Working Bearded Collie Society. Please pass on our thanks to all those with a part to play in this initiative and for your support to Mountain Rescue.

At times we rely on search dogs, particularly for searches at night or in mist and when the casualty may be unconscious. In these circumstances provided the dog is correctly tasked to the right general area it is almost 100% successful.

Our newsletter is attached and is aimed at keeping interested people and organisations up to date with our activities as well as supporting our fundraising. Our supporters include those with a general interest in the mountains and in our part in the provision of what is a completely voluntary emergency service.

Again, many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,
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Walton Handy

He was a Cotswold Shepherd and was famous for being involved in the first Christmas message in around 1932. Walton lived all his life in the Cotswolds and died in 1951-in his mid 80s. He was photographed a lot with his bearded collie, and achieved almost celebrity status in his day-with his dog of course!



Walton Handy "The Cotswold Shepherd."



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