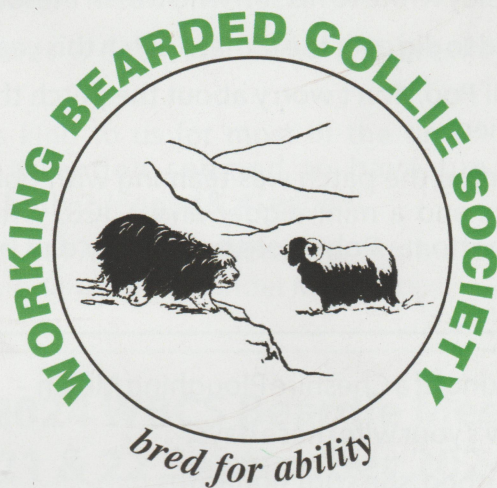




The old working type of Bearded Collie, used extensively as a drover's dog and Scotland's equivalent of the Bobtailed Sheepdog

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An OAP from Barnsley wrote to his son who was in the local jail.

'Hi Rob, I am too old to dig over the tomato patch this year'.

Rob wrote back 'Hi Pop, don't worry about the patch this year, it's where the bodies are buried'.

At 4 am next morning the patch was teaming with police, tracker dogs, spades & forks etc and a mini digger and a JCB. The patch was dug over from top to bottom. Rob wrote back 'Sorry dad but it was the best I could do!'

2 farmers were talking at a Cheshire Ploughing Match –

1st Farmer: How's your wife these days?

2nd Farmer: Not good, she's got signasitus.

1st Farmer: That's very painful.

2nd Farmer: No, no, she keeps saying signus a cheque for this, signus a cheque for that!

'Tally Ho!' for the Horse & Hounds

At the end of the first Scottish Beardie Meet a few members were chatting in the farmyard. They analysed the day's event and exchanged ideas for the future. Someone piped up 'Where are we eating tonight?' Johnny Scott chipped in with 'have you tried the Horse & Hounds at Bonchester Bridge?' 'It's a quiet little pub with excellent food'. We all agreed to meet there at 7.30 pm. Sure enough it was as Johnny had described it, only three locals at the bar. The food was first class, the chat entertaining, and the evening passed very quickly and we filtered away to our overnight stays.

Thanks to John Pickett for the above!

Co-incidentally Roly & Janice Jackson recently went to Wauchope Cottages in Bonchester Bridge to celebrate Roly's 70th Birthday with our pack of 9 dogs! We ate in the Horse & Hounds 3 out of 4 days that we were there, and it is an great place to holiday and the food in the pub is still excellent over 15 years later!!!!

LANGDALE MEET 2023

Langdale 2023 was a success during the weekend of 16th/17th September.

The weather was kind to us for most of the time – for once. Those members who attended seemed to have fun and renew old acquaintances – both 2 legged & 4 legged!

The Raffle raised £117 for the Welsh Air Ambulance in memory of Margaret Pickett, one of our Founder Members.

2024 WBCS Beardie Meet 21 & 22 September 2024

Next year MOST LIKELY will be at a different venue (subject to Committee approval), but only further down the valley where our new hosts have invited us to hold our event on their farm. They too work Beardies on their farm (along with their Border Collies). The address is Stool End Farm, Great Langdale, LA22 9JY and the name of the hosts are Jean & Keith & their daughter, Katrina Rowand. Details with next mailing in June/July 2024.



A friend was recently reading a book 'Fabulous Finn' by Dave Wardell & a lovely quote I was shown 'Handle every stressful situation like a dog. If you can't eat it or play with it, just pee on it and walk away' - Anon

Dear Friend

What A Life!

Remember old folks are worth a fortune,

With silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead
in their feet and gas in their stomach!

As I am getting older, a few changes are affecting my life. In fact, I have
become a frivolous old girl!

I am seeing five gentlemen every day,

As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me out of bed.

Then I go and see Jimmy Riddle, next it's time for Earl Grey.

When they leave, Arthur Ritis shows up and keeps me company for the
rest of the day, he doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he
moves from joint to joint.

After such a busy day I am really exhausted and glad to go to bed
with Johnny Walker.

What a Life!

The preacher came to call the other day –

He said that at my time of life I should be thinking of the hereafter.

I told him 'Oh I do – all the time. No matter where I am, if I'm in the
living room, upstairs, in the kitchen or in the basement, I ask myself
'Now what am I here after?'

Addendum

I hope Will Power is your constant companion but make sure that
his friend Emma Royd does not creep up on you from behind!

From An Ancient Female Briton.



CoCo

Mokka

Janice & Roly have had to say goodbye to two of their oldies.

CoCo (bred by Paul Moore) was 15 years and 9 months when she left us suddenly in early September 23. She made us smile every day and had such a huge cheeky personality and 'was in charge' very quietly!

Mokka (bred by Kit Finlay & Derek) was 16 years and 6 months when we said farewell on 13th November 23. Even on his last visit to the vet he insisted on playing tugging with the lead.

Both dogs were sired by Janice's obedience competition dog, Tetley, being from our first litter, who became our first 'Choxxstart' affix dogs. Tetley is also featured in our WBCS leaflet working sheep with PeterWood.

Mokka accompanied Roly on walks up to Stickle Tarn at Langdale, and featured on many of our calendars.

Thanks to Jackie Goulder, who helped both of these to teach Janice how to start with sheepdog training. They knew far more than Janice about sheep!

A Little Poem for the 'Old is Gold'

Another year has passed and we're all a little older,
Last summer felt hotter now winter seems much colder

There was a time not long ago when life was quite a blast.

Now I fully understand about 'Living In the Past'

We used to go to parties, picnics and lunches.
Now we stay at home preferring snacks to brunches

We used to go out dining, and couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for take away, come home and take a pill.

We used to often travel to places near and far.
Now we get restless syndrome from riding in the car.

That, my friend, is how life is, and now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up, before you get too old!

Did you know ?

... that the pesticide used in flea, tick and worm treatments are found in high concentrations in many of our rivers?

These chemicals aren't available for agriculture use because they're deemed to be too toxic, but we're still using them on our furry friends.

Whilst they're safe for pets, they can eradicate entire underwater and on-land insect ecosystems. To put it in perspective, one flea treatment has the potential to kill 60 million bees!

Of course, flea, tick and worm treatments are all part of responsible pet ownership, but next time you visit the vet, ask them about eco-friendly alternatives. Most importantly, if you've treated your dog recently, don't let them near the water, and always pick up their poop!

Read more from the Rivers Trust



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Thank you

Dear Cas,

A big thank you to everyone at the Working Bearded Collie Society for your donation of £84.00.

Your support is much appreciated.

This will enable Darwin Dogs to provide some much needed free dog training to some of our more vulnerable clients and this in turn will give them the support they need to take on the world.

Yours Gratefully,

Julie Wassell (CEO)

Darwin Dogs: Regd Office: 52 Caversham Rd, Long Eaton, Notts NG10 4HY Registered Charity Number 11591261

A young shepherd was attending his flock alongside the moorland road between Settle and Malham. Along comes this smart grey/silver car and out steps a young dapper man in a grey suit.

'That's a fine flock you have there!'

'Yes', says the shepherd

'Will you give me one if I tell you how many you have?'

'That seems fair to me,' says the shepherd.

The man in the grey suit drives away to the nearest lay-by where he uses every gadget known to man.

Then he returns to the sheep's pens and says to the shepherd 'You have 638 sheep'.

'You must be from the Ministry,' says the shepherd.

'I am says the man in the grey suit, but how did you know?'

'Well – you arrived at my farm unannounced, you tell me something I already know, and the animal you have just put in your car-is my dog!'

Thanks to John Pickett for our jokes

What's Behind A Name?

From an AA book, 'Home Town'

Kirriemuir – Moorland covering a quarter of an estate. From the Scottish muir and the Gaelic caethramb, 'the fourth part.'

Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria – The island called Barraby Viking invaders who came south from the Hebridean island of Barra in the 10th Century. Furness means 'promontary at Foulgray Island, an island name brought from Norway.

Barnsley, South Yorkshire – Beorn's glade. Beorn is an Old English man's name and 'ley' comes from the Old English leah, 'glade.'