

AGM SPEECH MAY 2025

Welcome fellow members to your Annual General Meeting your support for this important procedure for the club is appreciated.

The date this speech covers in from April 2024 to the end of March 2025. During this time the club has put on many events for the membership to participate in.

April 2024. Working and Show Training plus a match

May 2024 we held our AGM at the Eight Bells. During the month there was training for both the show and working groups, and a Monthly match

June 2024 Working and Show training plus a monthly match. The working side also entered a Team in the Southern Counties event captained by Mike Crutchley with Robert & Shelia Lovegrove making up the team

July 2024 Working and Show Training plus a monthly match

August 2024 Working and Show training plus a monthly match

September 2024: on the 8th of September there was a working test at Barton Manor thanks to landowners Mr & Mrs Haig-Thomas. Locals Robert & Shelia Lovegrove and Wendy Perera all featuring in the awards. On the 21st we were at Porchfield Cricket Ground for an Open Show a lovely sunny day with Miss A Bellamy and her flat coat taking the honours with Lin Cotton and her Bracco taking the reserve.

October 2024 Show and working training plus a monthly match

November 2024 show and working training plus a monthly match

December 2024 Many of us attended the Chequers for an Excellent Christmas Meal to start the Christmas celebrations hopefully this will be repeated this December

January 2025. The 8th saw the club holding an Open Field Trial at Swainston despite losing 3 judges within the week leading up to the trial we managed to find replacements so the day went ahead. The winning dog owned by Steve Richardson was made into a FT Champion a memorable day for him a great day for the club despite the rain at the end.

On 26th it was the DOTY held at East Cowes Town Hall culminating in the top dogs being Foxreiver Solent Solstice owned by Pete Millar & Belinda Millichamp Reserved Dog of the Year was won by Winterwell Little Itch at Karitagan owned by the Bunkers under judge Chris Campbell.

This date also saw the working members having a training day with guest trainer Terry Souter which was abandoned and rescheduled due to the weather

February 2025 We held a Working Test returning to Gatombe Mill thanks to Robbie & Baba Hobart with judges Dave England, Keith Manley, Jane Manley and Mike Cass. A good entry and a very successful day for all competing and helping, Highest placed Island resident was Robert Lovegrove with Emerton Holly being 2nd in the Novice and James Brett with his Spaniel being the highest placed non retriever gaining top points

for the day. With Helen Ryall and Leanne Vine featuring in the awards for Novice dog Novice Handler.

March 2025; 15th saw the club holding an Open Show at Ryde Academy an excellent venue BIS was award to Joy Middleton. Thanks mostly to Laura the club arranged eye testing with Mr Mason many of you took advantage of this service which was fully booked. Thanks to Laura for getting this off the ground well done.

Our membership is slightly down on previous years with show membership quiet low I understand many clubs are suffering with less shows being arranged and some clubs finishing all together so we should be proud that we are continuing .

During the year your Executive, Show and working committees have been meeting regularly working to run the club and all the events and training. The committees rely on themselves and helpers at each event they are the people who make the events happen working together to ensure everyone has a good day. My thanks go to you all.

My thanks go to all the judges who have given their time expertise and advice to the competitors. They spend the whole day watching and assessing the dogs culminating in awarding rosettes and trophies to the dogs they deem to be the cream of the pack.

Thanks to all the stewards, caterers, test setter, show preparation people, dummy throwers, venue hosts and landowners who welcome us to their locations. Events cannot be run without help Thank you everyone.

Thanks to all the show trainers who help members to train to present their dogs is the very best way these trainers give freely of their time and expertise.

Thank you to our working trainers Wendy and especially Mike Cass for regularly turns out to help puppy to advance handlers progress with their training often in all weathers. Thank you so much Mike you're a star

Our show committee are Shirley Staples, Pete Miller, Sharon Baxendale Laura Wilcox and for much of the year Jan Drake my thanks go to you all. The time, effort and work you do is wonderful you should be proud of what you have achieved for the club. Tonight Sharon leaves the Executive committee and her post as Match Secretary at which she has given her very best to keep this tradition going very well done Sharon I hope someone will step up to take on this role. Many Thanks Sharon for all you have done over you time.

Our working committee is Wendy Perea, Julia and John Ford and myself plus we have recently asked Joe Raby to join the team. Grateful thanks to you all for your support commitment and enthusiasm to keep all things working going. We are a small band but somehow with help from others including non-members we pull it off. We have a good reputation for our events long may that continue.

Our Executive Committee is made up of Nick Gallin, Tim Bateman, Wendy Perea, Shirley Staples, Sharon Baxendale who leaves tonight, Laura Wilcox who was replaced by Joe Raby when she stepped down and me. Each one gives so much time and commitment I know that Nick as the treasurer and membership sec spends hours on our behalf daily checking the bank preparing the financial reports paying the bills and collecting the membership list checking who has paid and sending out the information to new members. Not forgetting the risk assessment for each event and obtaining insurance. It is a huge task Thank you Nick for all you do it's a mammoth job.

Tim is the Vice Chairman ably deputising for me at the DOTY in January he keeps the website up to date and sends many of the emails to the membership. Thank you Tim

Wendy is our FT Sec posting the info on the FTMS helping at training supporting at all the events she is a tremendous help to the club in so many ways Thank you Wendy

Shirley is our Show Secretary with all the work that entails to bring the 2 Open Shows to fruition well done Shirley she also takes some of the training and supports the Exec Thank you Shirley.

September will be Shirley's last show a huge act to follow we need a replacement a.s.a.p. please let me know if you would consider doing the job. I urge one of you to come forward so our shows can continue.

Sharon Match Sec and an excellent person to have on the Exec. We will miss her input and support. Thank you Sharon

Joe Raby the new kid on the block coming in to replace Laura as club Secretary a post he is learning on the run he is embracing his new role. Thank you Joe

We are so lucky to have all these committee members who have the best interest of the membership at heart who give their time, support, insight and enthusiasm to the Club sometimes I wondered why we do it all. The answer is looking at the smiling faces at the awards at the end of a long day and the satisfaction that a little club like ours can hold our own and provide wonderful days.

Before I close importantly we need members to come forward to help

There are vacancies on the Exec please come and join the team to help run your club step up participate and get involved and put something back in. I would be pleased to hear from you. The club needs a show secretary for show to continue.

Thank you