



THE FRIENDLY DOG CLUB NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The Christmas parties were a huge success. Well done for your brilliant doggie fancy dress costumes, we hope you enjoyed the parties as much as we did. The photos should be up on the website soon.

The people's party was great fun once again, Bashley Park provided a lovely venue and the food was wonderful. We raised £203 with the raffle, which is being donated to Oakhaven, a local charity.

KENNEL CLUB AWARDS

We will be starting to work for the Kennel Club Good Citizen awards again soon, you do **not** have to take part in these, but if you would like to have a go, please let us know when you are available and what colour award you will be taking. We will probably aim to test around Easter.

Congratulations to everyone who passed one of our Friendly Dog Club awards last year.

SANDY'S FUND

A big thank you to Sheila – Jack's mum for making the liver cakes that we sold before Christmas. She donated all of the proceeds – over £200, to Sandy's fund. Also, Sandy would like to thank those of you who have given donations over the last year, it all helps with the cost of her medication.

Sandy had a lovely weekend away, in Devon at the beginning of December. She stayed in a lovely dog friendly cottage on a farm, that had its own private beach – her idea of heaven! There was also a secure paddock, just for doggie exercise and the owners expected her to sleep on the sofa. She and Lucky would recommend it to anyone looking for a really dog friendly holiday, have a look at.....
www.widmouthfarmcottages.co.uk for more information.

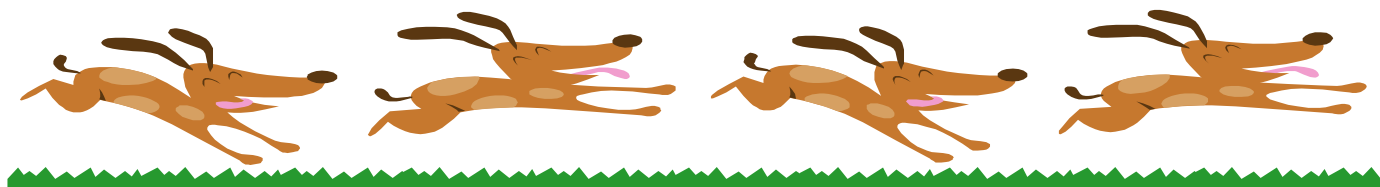
REFRESHMENTS

Could you all please ensure that you have given us your drink order before going into training. Any volunteers to help make the drinks in busy classes would be appreciated.

Any donations received for tea and coffee will go to dog related charities (e.g. PAT dogs/ DAWG/ Guide Dogs).

WORKSHOPS

The tricks and heelwork to music workshops that we ran last year were a real success, both for us trainer's and the dogs that took part. We are planning to do something similar again this year, so if you are interested – let us know.



TERM DATES

15TH/16TH FEB – 1/2 term. Club closed. Agility at “Paddock’s End” on Monday 15th **ONLY**, 10am – 1pm

5TH/ 6TH/ 12TH/ 13TH APRIL – Easter Holidays. Club closed.

31ST MAY/ 1ST JUNE – 1/2 term. Club closed. Agility at “Paddock’s End” on Monday 31st **ONLY**, 10am – 1pm

11TH/ 12TH JULY – Last classes before summer holidays.

NEW WEBSITE

The new website is now up and running, log on to www.friendlydogs.com to have a look. You can send us pictures of your dogs, post items in the forum and view photos from club events. We will be posting term dates and other important information on it, so do check regularly. Also, in the event of us having to close the club due to severe weather/ illness etc, we would put it on the website, if in doubt check the website. When you register to use the forum, could you please use yours/ your dogs name/ breed, so we are able to identify you.

We also want to start an email list for the club, as another way of contacting you all. There will be a sheet in reception over the next few weeks, if you could add your name and email address (in writing that we can read!!!) we would be grateful.

Don't forget that you can also contact Angela on 01425 276478 or Kate on 07990614091.

DOG WALKING SERVICE

One of our former club members, Jack Halligan (he has a young Husky called Mya), has just started doing dog walking. He offers solo or pack walks, at various times of the day to suit you.

To find out more phone him on 07772 295939

SUMMER DEMOS

If you are interested in joining the Friendly Dog Club demo team and showing off your dogs skills at the fetes and dog shows that we attend in the summer, please speak to Kate or Angela. We have great fun doing these and it's nice to get some new faces on the team. The displays usually consist of a heelwork routine, games and tricks and you are welcome to join in with what you are able to. You would have to be able to attend weekly rehearsals throughout June and July. The demos are normally on the last two Saturdays in July and the first Sunday in September, but we will confirm these as soon as we know.



Pat (Kate's mum) has asked for a “Thank You” to be printed on here, to everyone, for all of your support, kindness and good wishes over the last year. She very much appreciates it.