



# SURREY SHEEP DOG SOCIETY

(ISDS affiliated)

## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

### COMMITTEE NEWS

The AGM was held on 4th March 2019 at The Plough, Leigh. The committee underwent a change of officials. Mark Banham and Karen Gearing resigned from their positions as Chairman and Secretary and Kirstie Banham was officially relieved of her duties as Treasurer as she no longer resides in the south of England.

**Thank you** to all of them for the work they have done for the Society over the last few years.

**New appointments** - Elaine Anstey has been elected Secretary; Andy Jackman has taken the role of Chairman; Louisa Taylor is now Treasurer. Also elected to the committee are Jill Woolston and Suzy Frost – who have previously served on the Surrey committee, Noel Armstrong, Steve Gearing, Andrew Taylor and Nick Onslow. Karen Gearing has remained on the committee.

The first committee meeting has been held and it has been decided to focus our energies on one event this year. The Surrey Championship weekend will take place on 28th and 29th September. Details below.

**Membership fees** were re-addressed and it was agreed to reduce fees to a nominal amount of £1. This was due as of 1st January and can be paid with entry fees.

### TRIALS 2019

**Date:** 28th and 29th September 2019

**Venue:** Feltons Farm, Brockham, Surrey

**Judges:** Sergio Perello (Saturday), Ricky Hutchinson (Sunday)

**Double gather run off** on the Sunday afternoon

**Camping** – Available for Saturday night in tents or caravans

**Trial Meal** – Saturday night – see details right

**Refreshments** will be available on the trial field from 8am each day. These will be prepared by Sarah of The Plough.

### EVENING MEAL

Join fellow competitors and supporters for an informal meal on Saturday night (28th Sept) at The Plough in nearby Leigh village. A free minibus is being organised to transport those from the trial field to the pub and back.

You can look up the pub here:  
[www.theploughleigh.co.uk](http://www.theploughleigh.co.uk)

Nearer the time we will take bookings for the meal and transport.

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Karen Gearing and Swan



Fiona Davies-Russell and Kit



Mark Banham and Jack

## TRIALS REPORT

Surrey SDS held three trials in the 2018/2019 South East Winter Series with classes for both nursery and novice dogs. They were held at Deanland Farm at Golden Cross and Shabden Park Farm, Chipstead. Our thanks are extended to John and Jackie Marsh and Mark Banham who provided sheep and venues for them. All were well-attended.

Surrey also hosted the Championship trial on 17th February at Chadhurst Farm thanks to Mrs Brodie and Andy Jackman for allowing us the use of the sheep and venue. Mrs Brodie was present to hand out the prizes for both the aggregate awards and the Championship trial.

The Southern team for the English Nursery Final at Hutton-in-the-Forest comprised captain Philip Davies-Russell with Kirk, Rob Hawke with Chip, Andy Jackman with Rosewood Cap, and Fiona Davies-Russell with Kit as reserve. It was a challenging trial which saw the Windermere team come out winners.

## TRIAL RESULTS

### South East Winter Series Aggregate Results

#### Nursery

- 1st Philip Davies-Russell (Tilford) Kirk 45
- 2nd Jackie Marsh (Golden Cross) Star 27
- 3rd Andy Jackman (Brockham) Rosewood Cap 24

#### Novice

- 1st Rob Moore (Ditchling) Cumhachdach Rebel 55
- 2nd Rob Moore (Ditchling) Cumhachdach Donk 51
- 3rd Anita Tackley (Henley-on-Thames) Moss 29

### South East Winter Series Championship Trials

17th February 2019, Chadhurst Farm, Dorking  
Judge: Wendy Cole (Tillingham)

#### Nursery

- 1st Philip Davies-Russell (Tilford) Kirk 73/100
- 2nd Rob Hawke (Bishopstone) Chip 72 time
- 3rd Sarah Walker (Stelling Minnis) Valmis Finn 71
- 4th Mark Banham (Chipstead) Jack 61 time
- 5th Jackie Marsh (Golden Cross) Star 59 time OLF
- 6th Andy Jackman (Brockham) Rosewood Cap 59 time

#### Novice

- 1st Eamonn Lawless (IoW) Spot 79/100
- 2nd Clover Crosse (Bishopstone) Mint 52 time
- 3rd Robert Putnam (Kirdford) Mossie 49 time
- 4th Jemma Harding (Wimbourne) Ghost 42 time
- 5th Anita Tackley (Henley-on-Thames) Moss 41 time

## OBITUARIES

**Jamie Robertson** (27th February 1978 – 15th February 2019)



It was with great sadness that we received the news of Jamie Robertson's untimely death in tragic circumstances this February.

Jamie was a keen sheepdog handler as well as accomplished horseman and talented musician. His trialling début took place at Ranmore, Surrey, with his stray dog Sally back in 2009. Since then we have seen him train and compete with Crisp and Reef, both dogs bred by Ray Edwards and Carol Worgan, and more recently Nellie – a promising bitch bred by Karen Gearing. We had hoped to see him competing with Nellie this year. Our thoughts are with his wife Jo, their children, and his mother Tilly.

Jamie's funeral in Shipley, Sussex on 18th March was attended by many people from the horse world where Jamie had taught numerous children to ride through his local pony club, as well as dog handlers from south and west England. The overflowing church was testament to his popularity within his local community where he worked as a landscape gardener.

A charity trial in aid of Winston's Wish will be held in Sussex later this summer in his memory. His mother – Tilly – is organising a memorial music concert in Sussex.



**Hughie Cole** (26th August 1929 – 5th March 2019)

Hughie passed away 5th March this year. He had trialled across the south of England including with Surrey SDS over many years and was a well-liked handler. What Hughie lacked in physical mobility he made up for with humour and a generosity to the trials societies across the south. Often accompanied by his wife Hazel, Hughie had latterly attended trials in a spectating capacity as his health declined but it was always a pleasure to see them both. The Society sends their best wishes and condolences to Hazel and their family.