

SURREY SHEEP DOG SOCIETY

(ISDS affiliated)

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2022

WINTER TRIAL NEWS

THE SOCIETY held 3 trials this winter for nursery and novice dogs. The first of these was at Deanland Farm, thanks to John and Jackie Marsh. The second and third were at Shabden Park Farm courtesy of Mark Banham. These trials were part of the South East Winter series run with Romney Marsh & District, Sussex and Wessex Societies. Our thanks to our judges – Robert Putnam, Mark Banham and John Marsh, and to Andy Jackman who judged the Championship trial. All three trials were well attended and included the return of some handlers who have not competed in a few years, some new handlers as well as some young handlers. Congratulations to Mark Banham and Madog Bedw who won the nursery aggregate and to young handler Harvey Lauder with Jake who were winners of the novice aggregate.

2022 OPEN TRIALS

THE SOCIETY has arranged two trials to be held on 7th and 8th May at Shabden Park Farm. An entry form is included at the end of this newsletter. These will be open trials with a prize each day for the best novice dog.

Dates: 7th & 8th May 2022

Venue: Shabden Park Farm, Chipstead, Surrey

Judges: Mark Banham (Saturday) and Rae Lutman (Sunday)

MEMBERSHIP 2022

Membership is £2 and can be paid with your entry fee.

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Facebook group [SurreySheepDogSociety](https://www.facebook.com/SurreySheepDogSociety)



Pictures are: (above) Karen Gearing and Swan at Deanland Farm, (below) Jo Dorrell and Rosa at Shabden Park Farm, (top R) Jonathan Chapman and Ted at Shabden Park Farm, (middle R) Steve Stone and Jess at Shabden Park Farm, (bottom R) Hazel Long and Ted at Shabden Park Farm.
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WINTER TRIAL RESULTS 2021/2022

South East Winter Series

21st November 2021

Deanland Farm, Golden Cross

Judge: Robert Putnam, Kirdford, (24 ran)

Nursery

- 1 Jed Watson, Postbridge, Jim 79/100
- 2 Jed Watson, Frank 77
- 3 Mark Banham, Chipstead, Madog Bedw 74
- 4 Ian Wheeler, Isle of Wight, Adge 59
- 5 Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Moss 58
- 6 Hazel Long, Canterbury, Ted 36

Novice

- 1 Eamonn Lawless, Isle of Wight, Ned 72/100
- 2 Jed Watson, Ted 67
- 3 Jed Watson, Taff 64
- 4 Louisa Taylor, Betchworth, Jess 54
- 5 Anita Tackley, Henley, Bob 53
- 6 Ian Wheeler, Isle of Wight, Jock 51

2nd January 2022

Shabden Park Farm, Chipstead

Judge: Mark Banham, Chipstead (20 ran)

Nursery

- 1 John Marsh, Golden Cross, Foxridge Del 83/100
- 2 Ray Edwards, Lass 79 time
- 3 Rob Moore, Ditchling, Cled 78
- 4 Ray Edwards, Preseli Tim 77 time
- 5 Steve Stone, Chalfont St Peter, Jess 67 time
- 6 Ian Wheeler, Isle of Wight, Adge 64 time

Novice

- 1 Ian Wheeler, Jock 69/100 time
- 2 Jemma Parker, Salisbury, Jet 64 OLF
- 3 Karen Gearing, Hove, Swan 64 time
- 4 Joanna Dorrell, Dover, Rosa 63 time
- 5 Harvey Lauder, Lynsted, Jake 62 time



Karen Gearing's Swan

6th February 2022

Shabden Park Farm, Chipstead

Judge: John Marsh, Golden Cross, (20 ran)

Nursery

- 1 Mark Banham, Chipstead, Madog Bedw 93/100
- 2 Ray Edwards, South Molton, Lass 92
- 3 Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Moss 88
- 4 Ray Edwards, Tan 80
- 5 Ian Wheeler, Isle of Wight, Adge 76
- 6 Steve Burton, Beau 71

Novice

- 1 Jo Dorrell, Deal, Rosa 77/100
- 2 Paul Mayhew, Cross-in-Hand, Cain 76
- 3 Ian Wheeler, Jock 71
- 4 Karen Gearing, Hove, Swan 67
- 5 Harvey Lauder, Lynsted, Jake 65
- 6 Roger Levy, London, Meg 59

South East Winter Series Championship

13th February 2022

Shabden Park Farm, Chipstead

Judge: Andy Jackman, Brockham

Nursery

- 1 Michaela Dubenova, Brecon, Elin 83/100
- 2 Mark Banham, Chipstead, Madog Bedw 77
- 3 Ian Wheeler, Isle of Wight, Adge 63

Novice

- 1 Harvey Lauder, Lynsted, Jake 72/100
- 2 Jemma Parker, Salisbury, Jet 65
- 3 Ian Wheeler, Isle of Wight, Jock 58

South East Winter Series Aggregate

Nursery

- 1 Mark Banham, Chipstead, Madog Bedw
- 2 John Marsh, Golden Cross, Foxridge Del
- 3 Rob Moore, Ditchling, Cled

Novice

- 1 Harvey Lauder, Lynsted, Jake
- 2 Ian Wheeler, Isle of Wight, Jock
- 3 Paul Mayhew, Cross-in-Hand, Cain

Mark Banham and Hattie, Shabden Park Fm



Training clinics

As a Society we get a number of enquiries about training opportunities. Several of our members offer training either for dogs or handlers. Our neighbouring Society, Wessex SDS, runs training clinics with Jed Watson nearly every month. These are group clinics with the opportunity to work your dog at least twice in a day. There is lunchtime discussion over recordings made of your dog's work in the morning. All attendees can join in asking questions about all of the dogs, with the idea of benefiting from viewing other dogs and how they are trained. Dogs and handlers of all levels are welcome at these clinics, whether they are training solely for farm work or have aspirations for trialling as well. The clinics are normally run over three days with the option to attend multiple days with more than one dog each day. Contact Elaine Anstey for details of the next clinics. 07778 677 955



Harvey Lauder at the post with Jake, Deanland Farm

Obituary – Bill Fairhall

1st March 1927– January 2022

William D J Fairhall (Bill) was a skilled and successful shepherd notably working for the Hills family at Swallow Mill Farms, Little Chart, Ashford for 60 years. During that time he worked for three generations of the family. He had many passions, including breeding canaries, pigeon racing, football, growing prize dahlias and, of course, sheepdogs and sheep. His parents had a smallholding and he was brought up helping with many tasks whether it was milking goats by hand or holding the horse and cart while his father bartered goods from the holding. His parents also ran a pub. He described his education as “here and there”, meaning that frequently he was not at school because he was always helping on the smallholding.

Before his time as a shepherd, Bill was in the Fleet Air Arm until just after the Suez Crisis. He enjoyed his naval career leaving with many tales to tell of his time, most of these escapades not repeatable here but shared with many over the years.

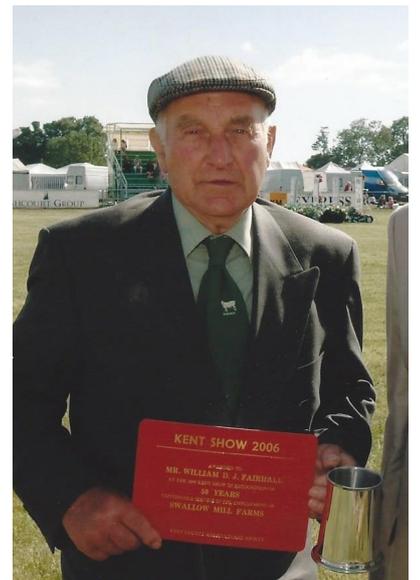
Bill went into shepherding after meeting the forman of Romney Marsh Farms who was looking for a shepherd. He spent 3 years learning his trade.

He started working for Mr Tom Hills of Swallow Mill Farms in 1956, retiring as Head Shepherd in 2016 at the age of 89. Swallow Mill Farms were renowned for the quality of their Suffolk and Romney rams and they had much success in the show rings and at market. The rams Bill produced for Swallow Mill carried the best bloodlines and were the envy of many. In 2006 the Royal Agricultural Society of England awarded Bill the long service medal for employment at Swallow Mill for 50 years. It was presented to him at the Kent and County Show, Detling.

Bill was a supporter of his local sheepdog Societies, running dogs for many years. Dave Thompson first met Bill back in 1957 at a Romney Marsh trial held on Cheriton Cricket Ground and there began Bill's long association with the Society and the creation of many lasting friendships.

At trials, in Bill's mind there was a right and a wrong way! When letting out he would alter the pen if it could be set up differently so that the sheep came out more quietly. He could be scathing about “so-called” shepherds who “don't even know how to cut string”, (in case you're wondering — if the string is cut at the knot it can be used again at the next trial). Bill would insist on taking up the flexinet himself at the end of the day to ensure that it was folded and not rolled in a tangle. On the other hand handlers spoke of his generous advice and encouragement and the tremendous value that they put on his words of praise.

He was happy to help, as well as share some fabulous stories as he did so. He was always keen to talk dogs and sheep and share his wisdom and memories. There are a number of sayings that people will remember hearing. As he walked off the trial field after a less than satisfactory run, “Back to the drawing board”. In reference to farming, “You know boy, there is no limit on the number of sheep you can look after badly.” He will be missed by many, both as a great shepherd and good company at trials. Dave Thompson reminded me that as Bill left the trial field after his run he would declare, “another page in the book of disasters.” That book is now closed. Rest in Peace Bill.

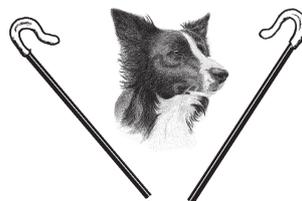


Bill when he was presented with his long service award at the Kent County Show



OPEN SHEEPDOG TRIALS 2022

Shabden Park Farm, High Road,
Chipstead, Surrey CR5 3SF



**SURREY SHEEP
DOG SOCIETY**
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Saturday 7th May 2022

Sunday 8th May 2022

ENTRY FEES: £6.00 per dog
Entries will close when sufficient entries
have been received.

**PRIZES – OPEN NATIONAL (may be adjusted
according to number of entries received):**

1st £25, 2nd £20, 3rd £15, 4th £12, 5th £10, 6th £6.

NOVICE: A Prize will be awarded for the best Novice
dog. To be eligible as a Novice, a dog must not have
won two open novice trials (including winter novice
aggregate) or one open Maltese Cross class or two
awards as best novice in an open trial or have been
placed up to and including 6th place in any open
driving class.

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Trial date	Venue	Judge	No. of dogs	Entry Fee
Sat. 7th May 2022	Shabden Park Farm	Mark Banham		
Sun. 8th May 2022	Shabden Park Farm	Rae Lutman		
Membership 2022				£2.00
TOTAL				

Handler's Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	Telephone:
Email (to receive running order):	
Online payment: Account name: Surrey Sheep Dog Society Sort code: 20-23-97 • Account number: 10026212	
Cheque enclosed: £	Cheques payable to SURREY SHEEP DOG SOCIETY
a) I give my consent for the Surrey Sheep Dog Society to use the information provided in this form for the purposes – newsletters, running orders, entry forms. By signing below you allow us to contact you for the purposes stated. Please tick to confirm you have read and agree with statement a) <input type="checkbox"/>	
I agree to abide by the rules and conditions of entry as set out on the entry form	
Signed:	Date:

Entries to Mrs E Anstey, Surrey SDS, Whiffletree Farm, Plaistow Road, Kirdford, West Sussex RH14 0JR
If you pay by bank transfer please email your entry details to vernonanstey@btinternet.com after you have made payment.

RUNNING ORDERS ARE POSTED OR EMAILED AND POSTED ON FACEBOOK TO COMPETITORS THE WEEK BEFORE THE TRIAL

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The rules and conditions will be similar to those of the International Sheep Dog Society.
 2. Any dog injuring a sheep will be disqualified and the handler shall pay for any damage.
 3. Any objections shall be lodged with the Secretary in writing on the day of the trial together with a deposit of £5.00. The deposit will be returned if the objection is found to be justified.
 4. The organisers will not be responsible for any loss, damage or accident on the trial ground including injury to competitors, their cars dogs or property.
 5. Any competitor failing to run on time may forgo their run.
 6. No competitor shall approach the Judge during the progress of a trial.
 7. Any handler repeatedly entering trials and not turning up will lose their automatic right to an entry form.
 8. The Committee reserves the right to refuse entries without giving reason.
 9. The Committee reserves the right not to award any trophy if, in their opinion, a sufficiently high standard is not attained.
 10. The Judge and Course Director are empowered to direct any competitor showing insufficient merit to retire, bearing in mind the necessity to safeguard the welfare of the sheep, and dogs.
 11. The Committee's decision shall be final on all matters and their decision in respect of objections concerning a run will uphold that of the Judge.
 12. It is a condition of entry that you may be expected to let-out – this may require you to arrive some time before or remain some time after your run.
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RISK ASSESSMENT

Please be aware of pedestrians and dogs whilst moving & parking vehicles. Do not put yourself or others at risk.

The ground may be uneven and slippery so care must be taken when moving about.

Any dogs must not be approached without the handlers' permission.

Take care with the sheep and avoid any close contact where possible.

When negotiating equipment on the trial field please take care including accessing the toilets on the trailer.

OTHER INFORMATION

Running orders are posted automatically to all competitors who have not supplied an email address. However, in an effort to reduce costs, we now send running orders via email to members who have supplied their email address to us.

The running order will be emailed as a pdf.

Anyone who does not supply an email address will automatically receive their running order in the post as usual. In order to receive your running order via email please include your email address with your entry. Running orders will also be available to download from our Facebook group.

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