



## SPECIAL 50th ANNIVERSARY

### The Beginning - 1967

Back in 1967 Grace Morris & Pat White were members at the East Preston Dog Training Club which at that time was the only Dog training club in the area. They realised that if they wanted an alternative



club, it would mean a trip to Portsmouth, so along with Pete Ball they decided that a Dog Training Club in the Bognor Regis area was needed.

In September 1967 with Grace Morris rounding up a few interested dog owners and taking on the role of Secretary, the new club started at the Holy Cross Church Hall at North Bersted (see photo). At first the interest was relatively small and Harry Jones became one of the first Trainers. A committee was formed under the Chairmanship of Peter Ball, the committee comprised of Carol Laughlin, Mrs Campbell-Petters, Pat White, Paddy Ball, and the President was Dave Churchman.



Such was the interest in the club, the one night a week training session were soon extended to two evenings since the North Bersted Hall was only available one evening a week, the other evening was held originally at the Scout Hut in Basin Road, Chichester and later at Hunston Village a hall and also for a short spell at the Church Hall in Victoria Drive.

**The Social Scene:** Whilst the club started off with the purpose of Training Dogs (and people!), it soon became a club in the true sense, with many social activities being organised which included an Annual Dinner & Dance which later turned in to a social evening with the food provided by the committee, and a local band providing the entertainment. It was also very popular to have club member walks and rambles which finished up with hot food and drinks. In the 1990s Barn Dances were very popular and the club organised several very successful dances which were held at Eastergate hall and in 1993 at West Meads Hall. Social evenings were also very popular, with club members coming together for a talk from a guest speaker, followed by refreshments and a good chat with fellow members. On the 21st November 1992, the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club saw a Dinner &

### Boxing Day Ramble at Whiteways



Dance held at the Camelot at Middleton, which was attended by all of the Clubs founder members.

**Sponsored walks** were also a regular feature of the club, which provided an enjoyable walkies whilst also raising funds for the clubs nominated charity. In October 1993, this was also extended to a Junior Ramble at Whiteways, which was especially aimed at children with News Hound advising that it will only be around 1½ hours with a 15 minute break for a snack and also promising not to over tax “little feet” (it didn’t mention “big feet!”).



We of course couldn’t fail to mention the Christmas parties, held every year since the 1980s and to this day have always proved to be very popular, with an evening of “Doggy” games and a buffet for the two legged participants.

**The Bognor Regis Carnival:** In the 1980s the club were also regular participants in the Bognor Carnival, one of their most unusual and special presentations was in 1980 when their theme was 101 Dalmatians, which saw the dogs



take on a variety of “spots”, which included a black Curly Coated Retriever finding himself with “white spots” most of which gradually dropped off during the parade. Entries in the parade continued until 1984 when a complaint from an Animal rights group put an end to it.

**The Venues:** Whilst the club started at The Holy Cross Church Hall in North Bersted, with the increasing popularity of the club, they added a another training evening. Initially this second



session was on a Monday evening at the Basin Road in Chichester, it was also held for short periods at the Brent Road Scout Hut, Victoria Drive Church hall and Hunston Village Hall. In 1992 it was decided to move the Monday training session to Thursday evenings and also to move to the same Hall as the Friday classes. Over the 50 years, the club has flourished and whilst its main home was at North Bersted for many years, holding regular Thursday and Friday evening training sessions. In 2002 news that the North Bersted Hall was to be demolished and replaced with a more modern Hall, the club reluctantly decided to move. With the difficulty of finding suitable venues that would allow Dogs, the two evening had to be held at different places. The Friday evening sessions were held at the 39 Club and on Thursday evenings they were held at Felpham Village hall, this arrangement only lasted for a few months, with both evenings moving to the Felpham Hall later in 2002.

starts  
rises  
paws

**Selection of old photo's  
from 1980s & 1990s**

Bognor Carnival Hawian theme (left)

Tramps supper in 1993 (right)

Bognor Carnival Clowns 1983 (below)



1983



Who are the Witches ?  
A few well known faces  
some still with the club -  
do you know who they  
are ?  
Plus more from the  
1980s Bognor Carnivals



# Tail Pieces !

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"Dear Dogs,

- (a) When I say move it means go somewhere else, not switch positions with each other so there are still two of you in the way.
- (b) The dishes with the paw print design are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food.  
PLEASE NOTE: placing a paw print in the middle of my plate of food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.
- (c) The stairway is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Nor does tripping me help as I can fall faster than you can run,
- (d) I cannot buy anything larger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue to sleep on the sofa to ensure your comfort. Look at videos of dogs sleeping; they can actually curl up into a ball.
- (e) It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails out straight and having tongues hanging out the opposite end to maximize space used is nothing but sarcasm.
- (f) For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to whine, claw and bark, try to turn the knob or get a paw under to pull the door open, In addition, I have been using the bathroom for years and company is not mandatory.
- (g) The proper order is: 1. kiss me, 2. lick your arse. I CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH!

With love  
Mummy."

Courtesy of Hilary

### Fireworks can be fun for you...

#### ...but not for your animals

- ◆ keep dogs and cats inside when fireworks are being let off
- ◆ close all windows and doors, & draw the curtains, and if the animals are used to the particular sounds of TV or radio, switch them on in order to help block out some of the noise of the fireworks.
- ◆ Do not take your dog to a firework display. Even if your dog does not bark or whimper at fireworks it doesn't mean it's happy. Excessive panting and yawning can sometimes indicate that your dog is stressed.
- ◆ Do not tie your dog up outside while fireworks are being let off, i.e. outside a shop whilst you pop inside, or leave it in the garden or in your car.
- ◆ Do not walk your dog while fireworks are going off. Make sure your dog is walked earlier in the day before the fireworks start.
- ◆ Do not shout at your pet if it is frightened, as you will only make it more stressed.



Courtesy of Blue Cross

Extract



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### Christmas Party

The Annual Christmas party will be held on Friday 8th December starting at 7-30 pm. There will be the usual Fancy dress (for dogs) and lots of doggy games. This is a fun evening for you, your family and most importantly your dogs, so come along and start your Christmas early. If you have anything suitable for Raffle prizes, all donations will be gratefully received.



### The Silver Good citizens

The Silver tests were well attended on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, with nine dogs taking part of which there were 7 passes. Congratulations go to:

William with Milly, Sally with Izzy, David with Sophie, Brenda with Shadow Georgina with Isla, Sue with Rufus, David with Eddie (as a guest)

A big thank you to, Ruth for judging the Silver Good Citizens and for all the hard work the handlers and trainers have put in over the past few weeks. Ruth was very complimentary of all those who took part and said their handling was of a high standard. Although two dogs were not ready both handlers worked exceptionally hard and I have no doubt they will pass on a future attempt.

Well done to everybody.  
Helen

## The Annual Obedience Show

In the 1980s the club decided to hold an annual Open Obedience Show the first of which was held at Clymping village grounds and was a great success. Over the next few years it became so popular that it moved to the larger site at the caravan site at the lakes on Chichester bypass, the entries becoming so great that all classes had to be split into two and sometimes three groups. This involved a great deal of work for the committee and helpers on the day with the stays for the classes going on all day with about a 10 min break between each set of stays. It was eventually decided that the amount of work which was involved was becoming more than the club could manage and so it was decided to discontinue the Obedience shows and run the re-named Companion show instead.

**The Companion Dog Shows** which we now enjoy started at the Southern Leisure Centre in Chichester and was in those days called an Exemption Show, it moved to its current home at the North Bersted Community Centre in 19?? . The show has been a regular event for many years, with the exception of 2001



when it had to be cancelled due to the nationwide Foot and Mouth epidemic.

One of the clubs most notable shows was in 2008, when it attracted a larger than normal crowd, largely due to the attendance of Olympic Skating Champion Robin Cousins, who opened the show in his capacity of President of the Sussex Pet Rescue, which the Show was supporting. The show has gradually established itself as one of the best in the area and regularly attracts entries from far afield, with visitors over the past few years coming from London, Eastbourne, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth



**Good Citizens:** For many years the club have also run the Kennel Club Good Citizen awards, which allow club members to train their dogs to meet three levels of obedience to satisfy requirement laid down by the Kennel Club of Great Britain. The bronze award is the most popular, but the club regularly have Dogs and Handlers that achieve the Silver & Gold standards.

**The Charities:** Over the years, the club have donated over £30,000 to charities in the area, largely provided by the Annual Companion Dog show and many sponsored walk, some of the charities which have benefitted are :



Badger Line, Cinnamon Trust, Brent Lodge, Sussex Pet Rescue, WADARS, Hounds for Heroes, PAT Dog, Cancer Detection Dogs, Climping Dog Rescue. Last Chance Animal rescue, Mid Sussex Dog Rescue, Hearing Dogs for Deaf, Mount Noddy, National Canine Defence League,.

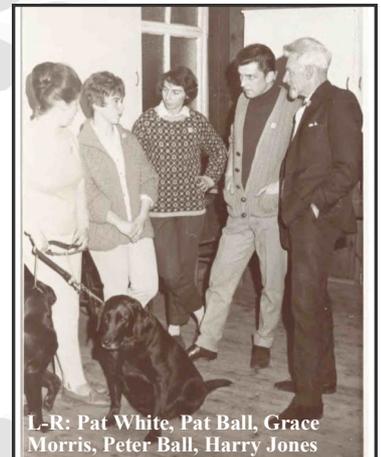
In 2003 the Club were awarded a Trophy, which was presented to Ray Attwells, Maureen Fitzgibbons and Trudi Brock at the 2003 Crufts at the NEC Birmingham. The award recognised the Club as the Dog Training Club which raised the most money in one event for the Charity, raising over £800.



**The Present:** Over the past 50 Years, the club has been responsible for training many hundreds of Dogs & Owners. Whilst some people look at Dog Training as a means of producing the perfect pet Dog, they fail to understand that it is not only the Dog which often needs training. Many owners have joined the club as first time Dog owners and rapidly realise that owning a Dog is not always as straight forward as many think.

The Club have always had a team of experienced trainers that are able to not only help with training the Dogs to be happy and obedient members of the family, but also able pass on their vast array of knowledge in helping the owners to understand how to look after their dog and provide advice on a wide variety of Doggy topics.

So to the next 50 Years, with the Club continuing to live up to its slogan: **“Obedience by Kindness for Happy Sociable Dogs”**



## The Chairmen (and Women):

1967- Pete Ball

1970s

1983 - 1985 Ernie Paice

1985 - 1987 Alan Arter

1987 - 1992 Grace Morris

1992 -1994 Steve Baldwin

1994 -1995 Chris Barnard

1996-2000 Sybil Sayers

2001-2003 Ray Attwells

2003-2012 Pam Thompson

2010-2015 Pat White

2015 – present Pauline Burtenshaw

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Pawprints Anniversary issue is available to download from the club web site [www.bognordogclub.org.uk/](http://www.bognordogclub.org.uk/)



**REMINDER**  
**Christmas Party Friday 8th December at 7-30 pm.**



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