

"HEARING MATES" SOUTH HAMPSHIRE BRANCH

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The South Hampshire Branch of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is always looking for volunteers to help raise funds, become Puppy Socialisers, fundraisers or sponsors for any of the dog training needs listed on the charity website.

If you feel able to help in any way connected with support for Hearing Dogs do please contact Secretary, Barbara Pink. Your help, however small is always greatly appreciated by the Deaf or hard of hearing recipients of the dogs who are trained to help them.

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BRANCH

Greetings from the Chair.

A big welcome to new socialisers Maggie, Michelle, Nicola, Angela, Janey, Louise, Selina, Barbara and Sarah. If I have missed anyone I'm sorry, but it is good to know that South Hants is at capacity.

I hope that you are all enjoying your pups and getting used to every outing taking longer than expected! You all are ambassadors for Hearing Dogs and would be surprised at the impact you have on the general public, many of whom know very little about the work of the charity.

When the day approaches for you to part with your treasure, read in Favour about the recipients whose lives have been transformed by their Hearing Dogs. You are a vital part of a really worthwhile and valuable organisation.

It was good to have such a big attendance at our A.G.M. in February, many of you came in anticipation of the speaker, Andy Cook, formerly with Hearing Dogs, but now Director of Operations at Canine Partners for Independence. I am looking forward to visiting their H.Q. later this month. Read more about the AGM on pages 3 and 12.



Assistance
Dogs UK

Perry is back!

He's in a huff, considered a
doggy persona non grata!

No new photos available.



Report from the Chair (continued)

Thank you to all the members of our branch committee who take on extra responsibilities. There is a list of shows collection days and coffee mornings on page 13. If you would like to be involved with one or some of them contact Roy for collection days, Dianne for shows and Barbara for coffee mornings.

Very many thanks to Chris Hunt for acquiring new display boards for us and to Gill for managing the display.

The awareness day at Wyevale Chichester was interesting; gardeners are not always doggy people, (apologies to Angela and the other exceptions amongst us,) however the quality of the people who were interested was such that the formation of a new branch seems very likely - a daughter branch that we can support and encourage.

An enormous thank you to everyone who supported my sponsored walk at Moorland Farm on 31st March. Of the 15 circuits that I completed, 14 were accompanied and I'm specially grateful to those comrades for their company and encouragement. It was a perfect day for walking, dry, warm and windless. Evie and Dennis were most hospitable and Regional Representative, Sue Pellow came with beautiful flowers. Thank you very much.

A busy season is ahead of us, but I hope lots of you will come to the coffee morning in Botley on 8th August. Puppies are very welcome too, some of our regular supporters come to see the variety of breeds.

Best wishes for a sunny and successful summer.

Jeanette Collett

Congratulations!
To Chris Voller and
puppy Bob receiving
a Silver Award
December 2008.



REGULAR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Keep collecting used stamps

For used postage stamps **ONLY** send to:
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People . PO Box 6198
Leighton Buzzard . Bedfordshire LU7 9GW
Mark the envelope - USED STAMPS

Send foreign stamps in a separate envelope

Please do NOT include other correspondence / monies etc.

Postage to be paid according to the **size & weight** of the envelope/package



PRINTER AND LASER TONER CARTRIDGES - but NOT EPSON

Instead of throwing your used cartridges away in the general rubbish please keep them in their original boxes and either:

- Give to a member of the committee who will see they are taken to Headquarters or..
- Contact Hearing Dogs on: 01844 348100 (voice and Minicom) or..
- Contact: Reclaim-It - Telephone: 01635 876900 who will provide free containers and collection.

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15% of the retail price of every order goes to the participating charity. **To support Hearing Dogs** quote HDD when ordering.
Order online at: <http://www.charityflowers.co.uk>

LOTTERY

Raise funds by playing the Lottery Game or the Great Weather Lottery Game; simply complete the leaflet and send to the enclosed address or visit to play at:
www.hearingdogs.org.uk or www.theweatherlottery.com



Search the Internet with
<http://www.clicknow.org.uk/>
HearingDogs

And every time you search you will be raising money for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Average use of CLICK NOW generates around £50 per person per year.

SAVE THOSE MILK CONTAINER TOPS!!

We have been exploring the possibility of our members and others collecting plastic milk container tops for a company in North Baddesley. Associated Polymer Resources make payments to charities based upon the quantities received. They take the tops, grind them down and sell them on to the plastics industries who use the raw material for making garden furniture, traffic cones and the like (perhaps even bottle tops!).

They will take only tops that have a particular symbol, i.e. a triangle with a '2' inside; all milk tops are of this kind, whatever the colour. Most other tops, e.g. for fruit squash or tomato ketchup etc are NOT suitable.

The final details are still to be worked out, but would you please start to save your clean, washed tops, put them in a bag and let us have them on a regular basis. You might even see if your friends and relations will do the same as well. It is surprising how they soon mount up and in no time we shall be competing with the income from the used stamp collection scheme. We shall be able to let you know later who will become the principal collection points and how you can ensure that your tops reach them, but in the meantime, let's get going!

Roy

The "Terrible Teens"

Gizzy (or Giggsy to give him his full name) is a real teenager - he finds it hard to get up in the morning, enjoys watching TV; likes to put his feet all over the furniture and given the chance, eats all kinds of junk food. He is a lovely friendly Cavalier King Charles spaniel who bounced into our home four months ago. He has come on literally in leaps and bounds from the early days when he cried and sang loudly when queuing in shops or in any other situation where he had to sit still and he is now (usually!) a calmer, obedient, but still very cheerful little chap. My ever-helpful colleagues at Citizens Advice will patiently ignore or pet puppies as required and recently Gizzy sat quietly through a two hour meeting and then greeted everyone nicely at the end – progress indeed! He is very lovable and tremendous fun and he gets on well with our terrier Becky. She has shown him how to win treats by racing back with a ball and they have furious noisy chase games round the house. Like most growing teenagers Gizzy is off to "college" now, starting his training mid April. Go for it Giggsy!!

Maureen Heasman



Gizzy & Becky enjoying a rest together

PAWS FOR COFFEE

at

VICTORIA HALL, SUTTON SCOTNEY

Tuesday 02 June 10am - 12noon

£1 entrance to include a drink & bite to eat.

Raffle

Directions

M3 at Winchester (Jct 9) turning onto the A34 towards Newbury. Take the first turning off to Sutton Scotney, Right round the roundabout (Three Maids Hill Roundabout) and back over the A34 via the bridge & on to Christmas Hill Road. This road goes right the way through to Sutton Scotney with the Victoria Village Hall on the right just as you enter the village. Turn right in front of the hall -plenty of free parking immediately across the road. Contact Barbara Pink on: pink-m@sky.com

Andy Cook's talk at AGM

Andy Cook from Canine Partners for Independence gave a very interesting talk at the AGM. He started from his early days as a kennel hand at Hearing Dogs and we learnt that Ann's Perry was in the first litter that he whelped.

Hearing Dogs and CPI are now training their first dual dog, it will be for Glen Tallett who has cerebral palsy and is a wheelchair user. Glen is featured on the H/dog DVD along with his dog Milly. Milly is due to be retired and to give Glen more independence it was decided that a dual dog, that could also help him around the house would be more suitable. Andy talked about the training the dog has been given by both CPI & H/dogs.



We then had a demo from Claire one of the trainers and demo dog Doyle a Retriever/Standard Poodle, who demonstrated retrieving dropped items, opening doors and emptying the washing machine. For those of us who have been involved with Hearing Dogs for quite a while it was great catch up with Andy and to have a chat.

Cathy Plumb

Puppy News

Hearing Dog puppy Pepper was taken ill and sadly despite every effort, he passed away. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Julie and Lucy.

KAI aka BANDANA MAN

Well, despite a selection of very smart bandanas, which attracted lots of attention. (kindly made by Jan Leal), with a DAP Pheromone spray on Kai never got to grip with slippery floors. Very embarrassing in the Swan Centre in Eastleigh when you realise that you are towing along a hairy floor mop (go on admit it we've all done it!) The puppy hall wasn't his favourite place either especially the 'scary' corner where the chairs were stacked. In every other respect he is a super little dog, and it has come as no surprise to anyone that I have adopted him.



We'd like to wish the best of luck to his brother and sister Kenny & Katie when they go into training on the 27th April.

Cathy

'AND ANOTHER ONE' !!!!! Cockerpoo that is!

Yes, we now have number 7 called Ollie, [brother of Owen]. He is another Apricot, like Jake, but otherwise very different. He was 5 months old when we took him on, he came from another socialiser who could no longer continue with him.

Ollie is a big boy; very much a plodder after Jake's 'Wey Hey' attitude to life.



He loves to be cuddled and if we're not watching will sneak up onto the sofa! He is also quite a thief, having stolen a pigs ear from the bin in the vets, and some ham off the table at home when we had visitors. In such circumstances he is known as Oliver! Unfortunately he has some separation anxiety and sometimes will panic if something suddenly startles him, so his future is somewhat uncertain. Meanwhile, we will enjoy him, another Cockerpoo!

Margaret Conrad

Fundraising events & collections for 2009



Saturday 25 April

Collection, Sainsbury Fareham

Saturday 16 May

Collection, Sainsbury, Hedge End

Wednesday 10 June

Angela's Open Garden

Sat/Sun 20/21 June

Paws in the Park, Broadlands

Saturday 18 July

Curdrige Show

Saturday 08 August

Botley coffee morning

Thursday 01 October

Deaf World Exhibition, Southampton Rose Bowl

Sat / Sun 10/11 October:

Collection The Range Gosport

Saturday 05 September:

Collection Sainsbury Badger Farm, Winchester

Saturday 20 September

Hiltingbury Extravaganza Show

Saturday 21 November:

Romsey Charities Fair Crosfield Hall, Romsey

Thurs 4 / Fri 5 / Sat 6 December

Christmas Tree Festival, Fareham Methodist Church

17 November - 14 December

Winchester Christmas Market

PUPPY WALK

The puppy walk on the 2nd Tuesday of each month returns to Manor Farm, Botley in May.

We meet at 10am by the cafe.



Irish Rover!

Streets go green for St Patrick's Day show in Trafalgar Square for the Irish festivities

South Hampshire Branch - 2009 Annual General Meeting

Andrew Reid - Chief Fundraiser at Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, opened the meeting with thanks for inviting him to attend.

He thanked everyone for a very successful 2008 and expressed best wishes for 2009 for the good work to continue. He congratulated everyone on the money raising and also the awareness raising. Because of our great work our branch was now Head of the League Table! Just talking about and spreading awareness was so important – he told of one lady in Hull who had been talking to a friend and as a result she left a legacy of £137,000 in her will to Hearing Dogs! So all were asked to keep talking!

Our branch has made over £218,000 since we started collecting – a huge sum, for such a small group, for which we should be justly very proud.

Money is always needed, but we must not let the credit crunch beat us – we must beat them!

Because of our great achievement, Andrew presented Jeanette with a Certificate from Head Office, which she accepted on our behalf. A huge round of applause followed, (with most of the puppies joining in with excited barking to show their approval too)! This certificate would now make the rounds of different venues over the next 12 months, showing people just what can be achieved.



Thanks to Chris Walters for the photo

DONATIONS

17th Fareham Cubs
held a games evening in aid
of Hearing dogs.

Presentation of cheque for
£141 to Bill Theobald and
Hearing Dog Ushi.



THE RANGE, GOSPORT

Every month Bill and Carole, together with Ushi have been emptying the Hearing Dog charity boxes at The Range, Gosport. The customers and staff have once again, excelled themselves over the past year in raising the grand total of £500.66 - this does not include the monies from the two-day collection we hold there in October of each year. A very BIG thank you to everyone concerned.

WARMAN'S LEISURE HOLIDAYS

On 26 February, Bill, Carole and Ushi were once again invited to Lakeside, Warner's Holiday Centre, Hayling Island to accept a cheque for £5,000.00 from Barry and Mel Dillon on behalf of the Bowling Club. This money will be used to sponsor their 12th Hearing Dog. Well done to all bowlers for their hard work in raising this amount of money every year. We would like to say how grateful we are for your continuous effort, to help Deaf People lead a more independent life.

Bill and Carole Theobald and Hearing Dog Ushi

Romsey Advertiser 28.11.2008 Hearing dogs a hit at supermarket

South Hampshire Branch of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf thanked the Management of Waitrose in Romsey for allowing a collection at the store on 15 November when £407.14 was raised. The Hearing dogs and puppies brought along for the occasion aroused a great deal of interest.

Doggie News

Jeff, the Career Change Dog, does agility

Many of you will remember how last summer our first Hearing Dog Puppy, Jeff the Jack Russell was withdrawn after spending a month with his recipient because he was 'too sensitive'. You can read into that what you will - I think it is Grange code for 'No chance/very naughty but loveable Jack Russell'.

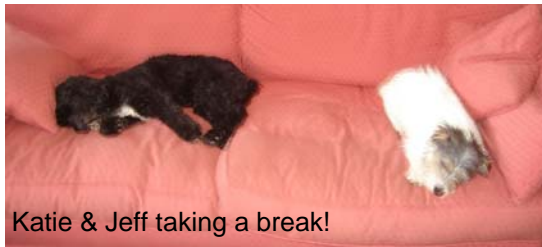
Tim and I were so pleased to have him back and at that time we had that Welsh Toy Boy, Rodney the cockerpool here as well. When Rodney left to go to The Grange in August he was shortly followed by Katie, sister to Kai and Kenny and part of the Hearing Dog Breeding programme, so Jeff had a new puppy to keep him busy.

I kept thinking that Jeff really needed something to do on his own, so I phoned around for suitable Agility Classes and ended up at 'Scallywags' at Shedfield one Saturday afternoon in late January.

Jeff was completely all over the place as soon as he got out of the car, even on his lead. The other students were all big dogs that could 'sit' on command and do proper dog stuff! I think he just gets so over excited when he is out and about in the country with lots of smells - he is a Jack Russell after all. I was trying to get him to 'wait' but my foot was not on his lead properly, so he shot off backwards down the field and under a gate into the woods, trailing his lead - and me - behind him. When he emerged from the woods he went round and round the big dog agility course, where there were lots of collies and their handlers who looked very cross as I whistled, yelled, puffed and panted in his wake. He changed direction yet again, went across another open field heading towards the road and I honestly thought I would never see him again.

How could he do this to me after all those tears I cried when he left for training at The Grange? He suddenly stopped and headed back through the proper agility group yet again, with me muttering 'So sorry, very sorry', together with other expletives too rude to repeat. He suddenly came towards me and I grabbed him, to a thunderous round of applause from the collie group.

I didn't dare go back into beginner's class as they were all doing so nicely so we stood and watched until the end of class. The trainer, Sally Bradbury is very experienced and said she had been successful with dogs much worse than Jeff - which I found hard to believe. Suffice to say, I don't think agility is for us, especially me - I



Katie & Jeff taking a break!

6 nearly had a heart attack!
Please send your career guidance advice to **Chris Seward** (and Jeff!)

2008 Christmas Tree Festival

In December the Methodist Church at Fareham held a competition for the best decorated Christmas tree.

Diane and Lyndon Hatfield with help from Janet and Ken Leal decided to enter a tree for Hearing Dogs. We kept to a red and silver theme, using baubles cut in half with photographs stuck to them of locally socialised puppies who have now passed their finals.

There were approximately twenty trees, all decorated by different organisations. They made a beautiful display. We didn't win but our tree was much admired and helped to raise a donation of nearly £32.

Now we need new ideas for this year's tree please.

Ken Leal



I received a letter from the organisers, to say that each charity has received £31.80 from the donations. 400 people attended and over 100 children, so good for PR too. Although we did not win a prize it seems that we were very close.

Many thanks to everyone who came and supported Hearing dogs, especially to Jan and Ken Leal who did almost all the planning and work; and to Tim and Chris Seward for helping to undress the tree and clear up.

We were close runners up, so next year, if we can get even more people to vote for our tree we may win a cash prize too for our favourite charity. It's well worth it, just to see the amazing ideas people have and the carol singing on the Saturday is a lovely event.

Dianne Hatfield

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PUPPY UPDATE



NICKEL	Working Cocker Spaniel	Mandy Wright		In socialisation
NUDGE	Working Cocker Spaniel	Nicky Page	(1st)	In socialisation
MILO	Cockerpoo	Selina Foster	(1st)	In socialisation
MARCO	Cockerpoo	Louise Davies	(1st)	In socialisation
QUARTZ	Cockerpoo	Nicola Waters		In socialisation
QUILLA	Cockerpoo	Lucy Orr		In socialisation
OLLIE	Cockerpoo	M & G Conrad		In socialisation
ERIN	Sprocker	Janey Devine	(1st)	In socialisation
RONNIE	Cockerpoo	Barbara Lidbury	(1st)	In socialisation

Have a Safe Journey

We all know it makes sense to have dogs secured safely when travelling in cars, but the other day it was brought home to me just how important this is. Travelling back from Basingstoke my poor car spluttered to a halt and refused to go any further. I had Gizzy and Becky and my passenger – my old boss who lives in Portsmouth - brought his dog as well. We had been to a pleasant pub reunion with old workmates which turned into a doggy convention.

So there we all were, waiting in the trees alongside the busy A32, somewhere south of Alton until recovered by the excellent Britannia Rescue service, who treated us as "priority" on account of the three dogs and our situation. The friendly truck driver was not allowed to take dogs in the cab - no room for them anyway - so we had to put them back in the car before it was winched high up on the truck. During this the driver needed the car door open to steer it whilst working the winch, all with traffic whizzing by a few feet away. The dogs peered down at us wondering what on earth was happening but took it all in their stride and emerged happily at the end of their strange ride.

It was such a relief to know that with escape artist Becky safely shut in her little crate and Gizzy and Millie firmly strapped in with harnesses, they could come to no harm. Millie had been travelling just sitting in the footwell, but we happened to have a spare car harness in the boot, and how useful that was!

Maureen Heasman

PASSED FINALS

MUFFIN - Margaret & George Conrad
FLINT - Cathy Plumb



Charlie's First Pups

Charlie, the Cocker Spaniel stud dog, had an exiting autumn when his first mating was arranged. He was introduced to a very pretty grey and white Lhasa Apso called Lulu and it was definitely love at first sight!

On 6th December Lulu produced two puppies, a male and a female. Charlie does quality not quantity! They are named Phoenix and Phoebe and are now out being socialised, but not in our area. I thought you might like to see Phoenix looking cute in the weighing scales.



Gill Hunt

Waitrose Community Matters Collection



South Hampshire branch applied to our local Waitrose store in Andover and was lucky enough to be selected as one of the charities for their monthly Community Matters scheme. At the checkout till customers are given a green plastic token, which they can put into any of the three bins. The Hearing Dog bin was nearly filled to the top with tokens, the first time this has

happened, so we took Charlie along to be photographed for 'Hearing Mates' magazine.

Gill Hunt

Stem cell cure for deafness

Researchers have taken the first step towards curing deafness with stem cells grown in a laboratory.

Early versions of the sensory hair cells and neurons, essential for hearing, were made from the human inner ear. The British-led scientists at the University of Sheffield hope further work will lead to fully functional cells that could treat total hearing loss.

The Daily Telegraph 02 February 2009



TREASURER'S REPORT

Following the £27,000 we were able to pass on to Head Office in 2008 (for which we were awarded a special commendation certificate!), we have already sent £10,000 this year and have a further £3,000 in the bank, due mainly to Jeanette's considerable efforts in raising sponsorship money, and to a most successful collection of £700 at Haskins Garden Centre over the Easter weekend. We have another five such collections arranged and a number of Shows to attend, so let's keep our fingers crossed, despite the economic downturn.

We receive a very useful income from the various talks that many of you give and the organisations to which you speak are usually most generous with their donations. We have also been able to benefit from the new Waitrose scheme by which each month three charities are given the opportunity in each store to compete for the £1,000 that Waitrose donate. Customers are invited to put a token into a charity's box each time they visit the store and the money is divided between the charities based upon the proportions of tokens received. So far we have received £1,150 from two stores and a similar amount is promised from another. Please suggest to your own local Waitrose that we are included on their list too.

Now is the time to claim our Gift Aid and if you have spent any money on behalf of Hearing Dogs (e.g. mileage, telephone, postage) and you do not intend to ask for it back, please make a formal claim and donate the proceeds. In that way we are entitled to 30 percent of the amount, repayable from the Inland Revenue from the tax you have paid. Last year we received £500 from this source and we can do it again.



PUPPY UPDATE



LIZZIE	Labrador	Mandy Wright	In training
DAISY	Cocker Spaniel	Cathy Plumb	Withdrawn
BOB	Schnauzer/Poodle	Chris Voller Rehomed	with Chris
GRACE	Shih Tzu	Julie Ward (1st)	In training
KENNY	Cockerpoo/Llasa Apso	B Pink & Dianne Hatfield	In socialisation
JAKE	Cockerpoo	M & G Conrad	In training
RODNEY	Cockerpoo	Chris & Tim Seward	With Recipient
CHAPMAN	Toy Poodle	M & G Conrad / Gail Tong	Withdrawn
HERBIE	Pug/Jack Russell	Gail Tong (1st)	Withdrawn
HARVEY	Poodle	Maggie Rumble	In training
WOODY	Chinese crested	Nicola Walters Rehomed	with Nicola
SALLY BROWN	Poodle	Lucy Orr	Withdrawn
ELBA	Spitz type mongrel	Margaret & James Harris	Withdrawn
CRICKET	Jack Russell	Sandra Lee	Withdrawn
KATIE	Cockerpoo/Llasa Apso	Chris & Tim Seward	In socialisation
KAI	Cockerpoo/Llasa Apso	Cathy Plumb Rehomed	with Cathy
MUMBO	Goldendoodle	Nicola Laws	In socialisation
ROLY	Flat-coat Retriever X	Michelle Shewring (1st)	In socialisation
LOTTIE	Labrador	Mary Jane McKeckie	In socialisation
CHRIS	Chinese Crested	Lucy Orr Rehomed	with Lucy
ALLEN	Chinese Crested	Angela Barnes 1st Rehomed	with Angela
ENZO	Terrier Type	Margaret & James Harris	Withdrawn
DOODLE	Standard Poodle X	Samantha Hopwood	In socialisation
BYRON	Golden Retriever	Many Wright	Withdrawn
GIGGSY	Cavalier King Charles	Maureen Heasman	In training
PEPPER	Labrador	Julie Ward	In socialisation
OWEN	Cockerpoo	Sandra Lee	In socialisation

Donations received since Autumn 2008 Hearing Mates

Jo Baverstock	Pilgrims Golfing Society
Hazel Oxenham	Hayling Rainbows
Yogi Fund	Inner Wheel Southampton
Doris Donaldson	Bethel House, Barton on Sea
Pauline Price	Portwood Pre-school
Rose Daubney	Woodley Friendship Club
Maggie Rumble	Sugarflix
Don & Rosemary Taylor	Lauros Restaurant Fareham
Wendy Lloyd	17th Fareham Cubs
Newey Ayre	DK Technology, Andy Page
	Waitrose

**Thanks
to
all
for
your
generosity**

Jeanette Collett
Chris Hunt
Bill & Carol Theobald
Ken Leal

Roy Stainton
Kate Stainton
Cathy Plumb

