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Newsletter 2023

“Celebrating 55 Years”

Welcome to the 2023 Newsletter.

This year the Branch is celebrating its 55th anniversary. Here is a small excerpt taken from the archives as to when it was formed. The EAST ANGLIAN 'SECTION' of the English Shetland Sheepdog Club was formed on 13 March 1968 at The Conservative Club Hall in Kelvedon, Essex. There were 20 people present, and the officers and committee were elected as follows:-
President – Mrs H. Goodwin (*Hildlane*) Chairman – Mr R. Searle (*Francehill*) Secretary – Mrs J. Fox Treasurer – Mrs M. Marriage (*Scylla*)
Committee – Mr D. Thornley (*Felthorn*) – Mr D. Craven (*Tyneford*) – Mr J. Sparkes (*Cloudyisle*) Mr B. Ostle (*Elstor*) – Mr G. Evans (*Donreen*) – Mrs D. Monks (*Dornbrae*)
The 'Section' became a 'Branch' in 1992, and has hosted a varied programme of events throughout the past 55 years.
There used to be 12 meetings a year held at various venues throughout Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk, and the support from the Members amounted to seventy plus every time!

BRANCH A.G.M. Sunday 5th March 2023

at Newton Green Village Hall, School Lane, Newton, Nr Sudbury, CO10 0QS (next to the golf course on the A134 Colchester to Sudbury Road).

The meeting will begin at noon. Lisa (Secretary), and Linda Barley have come to the end of their term, and are willing to continue in their roles for the forthcoming year. The Committee has been discussing the future of the Branch, and despite having run for 55 years, they feel its future is in the hands of its members. This will be my 23rd year in office, and Brian Hull has now been serving the Branch as Chairman for 40 years. Other members of the Committee are also considering their roles as they have also been giving their time to support the meetings and events the branch has hosted throughout more recent and challenging times. Personal circumstances and health also play a big part in their decisions re the functioning of the Branch. We still have a vacancy for a Vice-Chairman, so further nominations are invited and must be in writing and signed by the nominee to indicate their willingness to stand. They must be proposed and seconded by fully paid up members of the Club, and be in my possession by Sun 5th Feb 2023.

The details you have just read above have been included on every Newsletter AGM notice for an enduring number of years, so we ask that you please carefully consider its content. *“Your Branch Needs You”*

Following the AGM we will have some handling classes for the Shelties. Our guest for the afternoon is Marianne Benton (Oakestelle Collies). The Committee will supply light refreshments for the afternoon in the form of teas and coffees, cakes, and scones, but please bring your own picnic food. There will also be the usual raffle, quiz and whiskey game. We welcome your support for the first gathering of the year.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Branch Walk - Dunwich Heath – Sunday 2nd July 2023

Contact Linda Barley, (labarley@btinternet.com) for details

Branch Fun-Day/Social Afternoon – Kirtling Village Hall, CB8 9AB

Sunday 20th August 2023

The Branch will be hosting its annual Fun Day on the above date incorporating a puppy walk, novelty, and handling classes. (Guest TBC). The event will take place outside and will begin at noon. There will be a break for refreshments, but please bring your own packed lunches, chairs etc. Hot/Cold drinks will be provided. There will also be a raffle, for which donations will be gratefully received.

E.A.B. PUPPY REGISTER

Registration fee £5 per puppy

Please contact Linda Barley 07725 514 810

For any Welfare and Re-Homing enquiries, please contact:

ESSC Representative: Sheila Riding 07707 179 723

E.A. Representative: Sheila Stock 01279 812989

ESSC—2023 Shows

Spring Show – Sun 26th February

Judge: Lindsay French (Lindfern)

Summer Show (& AGM) - Sat 17th June

Judge: Sheila Stock (Shemist)

Championship Show - Sat 14th October

Judges: Dogs: Carol Trueman (Carolelen)

Bitches: Linda Whittington (Tighness)

A reminder that all ESSC Membership renewals are now due: Single £10—Senior £8.50—Joint £12.50—Family (3 at same address)- £14.00



Wishing all our members and their families
a Healthy, Peaceful and Happy 2023.

