

# Old English Sheepdog Club of Scotland News Letter November 2004



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## President's Reports

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ell here we are with the summer gone and late autumn fast approaching. I hope you all had fun with your bobtails over the summer months. I hope some of you managed to get along to the car treasure hunt and fun afternoon in mid August, by all accounts it was fun for all and remember the club's annual ceilidh is on again in November the 26th.

I would like to thank Mrs Mollie Philp for all her hard work in producing the clubs newsletter over the last number of years.

You will see from reading the Newsletter that we will only have two Open shows this year, but next year we will bounce back to our usual format of three shows of which there are details further on in the newsletter.

I will close now and hope to see you at our show or at the ceilidh in November.

**Dot Paterson**

## Secretary's Reports

**D**ear Members, by the time you receive this the summer holidays will be well and truly over and we will be looking forward to Christmas, and the coming year. how time flies, The club held its Open Show in March our judge was Mrs Margaret Harvey, entry was good for an Open Show, we would like to thank everyone for their support on the day, pictures in later pages of main placings. Our Club A.G.M. was held on Wednesday 7th April in the Roadside Inn Bargeddie, I was delighted with the big turn out we had on the night, we only had a few changes to the committee, Mrs M. Philp stood down as Press Officer, everyone thanked her for doing such a good job as her news letters were excellent. Mr James Macdonald has taken on this task. We wish him well and the other change was Mrs L. Greig gave up her position on the committee due to other commitments. This position was filled by Mr John Cassells.



Jeanette & The Bluerise Bobtails

I would like personally to thank you all for your lovely cards, and phone calls, when we lost one of the Clubs most loved Honorary Members and very good friend Jeanette Burns, most of you will remember the Bluerise Old English Sheepdogs in the ring, They dominated the Scottish scene for quite a few years. I would say that Jeanette and Ernie`s most successful O.E.S. show dog was Bluerise Dusty Bob, he had one CC and his reserve CC`s went into double figures he was a Lovely Boy and like the rest of the Bluerise Bobtails temperament was superb.

As most of you will know by this time that our Club Championship Show has been changed from (March to November) we were asked to do this by quite a number of exhibitors due to there being a number of shows on at the start of the year, with the big one being Crufts in March, exhibitors felt financially after Christmas they were all to near to one another. Our Ch. Show will be on Sunday the 27th November 2005, in The Loreburn Hall, Dumfries, We Have booked Lockerbie Manor, Lockerbie, for our pre dinner dance on the Saturday. So will you please put this in your diary, everyone who was at this venue before liked it and thought it very good for the dogs, there will be more details given nearer the time.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our Ceilidh on 26th November, and forth coming dog show 28th November.

**Margaret McWilliam**

## Jeanette Burns



Jeanette - a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She sadly passed away on 30 July.

Jeanette was a very sincere person and true friend who invested a lot of time in people as well as dogs, and she will be greatly missed around the ringside at future OES and Bearded Collie Shows. Shows that she had been regularly and enthusiastically associated with for many years.

Her keen interest, substantial knowledge and clear commitment were highly regarded in the dog world and, coupled with her engaging personality, there is no doubt that she'll be remembered with extreme fondness for years to come.

Besides owning the Bluerise bobtails with Ernie, she also had an interest in the Bustroc Bearded Collies in partnership with the Ballantynes. Some of the Burns' Bluerise bobtails which fanciers may remember were Prospectblue Surpirse, Bluerise Bosanova, Bluerise Veleta, Mopsabear Mr Blue at Bluerise, Bluerise Sue's Pride, Bluerise Modest Mayvene and Kymzara Foreign Affair at Bluerise. Jeanette and Ernie joined the club in the 1980. Jeanette held the role of the Hon Treasurer from 1991 until 1995 and then took on the role of Hon Secretary from 1995 until 1999. In the year 2000 the Club was pleased to honour Jeanette and Ernie with Honorary Life Membership. Jeanette carried on working with the Club by updating and looking after the Club's Judges List. She and Ernie were both on the Ch. Show Judges Sub-Committee via the Breed Council for approving the passing of new judges for the Breed.

Besides her involvement in the Scottish club, Jeanette was also secretary of the Irvine & District Canine Club, a role she held for almost 18 years.

She will indeed be sadly missed by all who knew her and who were associated with her. Our condolences to Ernie and his family at this sad time.

# Our March Open Show



Best in Show & Reserve Best in Show



Best Puppy & Reserve Best Puppy

Judge Mrs Margaret Harvey  
“Dobden”



Best Dog & Reserve Best Dog



Best Bitch & Reserve Best Bitch

Our March Open Show



Best Veteran & Reserve Best Veteran



Child Handling Class

**Judge Mrs Margaret Harvey  
“Dobden”**

**Best in Show**

**Oakes— Ambleoak Andromeda**

**Reserve Best in Show**

**Oakes— Ambleoak Star Chaser**

**Best Dog**

**Oakes — Ambleoak Star Chaser**

**Reserve Best Dog**

**Ayrton-Forte — CH Shenedene Addiction**

**Best Bitch**

**Oakes— Ambleoak Andromeda**

**Reserve Best Bitch**

**Frame —- Megabob Neer'day Blessing**

**Best Puppy**

**Corrigan —- Megabob Summer Love**

**Reserve Best Puppy**

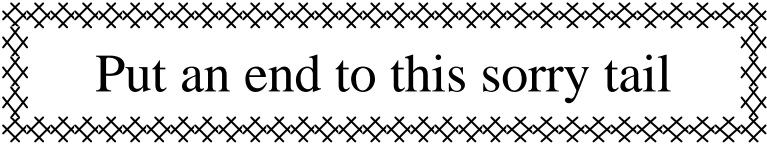
**McMahon — Vonoak Chim Chimanee at Alwintyne**

**Best Veteran**

**Pearson — Alleeloons Tommy Twitch It at Alisheen**

**Reserve Best Veteran**

**Macdonald — Simberdale Appley - Dapple**



## Put an end to this sorry tail

As I sat and watched Crufts last weekend, it struck me something odd was going on.

It wasn't the almost complete absence of barking, despite the fact that over 21,000 dogs were present. It wasn't that every Labrador I saw seemed to be ten pounds over weight. It wasn't even that many of the owners could run around the ring with more style than the dogs.

It was the lack of tails. Everywhere there were Boxers, Yorkies, Weimaraners, Rottweilers and many others with one thing in common. They had no tail.

Now this is strange because, since July 1st 1993, it has been a criminal offence for anyone who is not a vet to dock puppies' tails. Further more, the veterinary regulatory body, The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, is implicit in its instruction to vets that anyone who removes puppies tails for purely cosmetic reasons will be guilty of disgraceful conduct and dealt with accordingly.

I have to confess, I used to dock puppies' tails. It was a quick procedure, carried out with sterile scissors on pups around three days old. I did it with detailed knowledge of anatomy involved, the potential complications and how to avoid them. I made sure pups never left the surgery until I was satisfied they would not bleed and to the best of my knowledge my actions never resulted in the horrible distorted stumps I now see nearly every day.

The legislation has done nothing to stop tail docking. It's just driven it underground. Many of those who do it have little idea of the proper method. Vets who can do it are scared of being caught. Yet all the while, the authorities seem to turn a blind eye. What use is there in making something illegal then have the Kennel Club admit docked dogs to the judging ring in the biggest dog show in the world?

Some common sense is required. It is possible that the proposed Animal Welfare Bill will ban docking completely, despite all 113 dog breed clubs stating their opposition. But this will only work if docked dogs cannot be sold or showed. The Council of Docked Breeds, a body which was set up to maintain the option of breeders to have their litters legally docked, is calling for the formation of a list of "registered dockers" who will be allowed to dock tails. They have a powerful voice, with over 18,000 members.

Meanwhile, the Society for the Promotion of Undocked Breeds is against all docking. Their website, however, doesn't appear to have been updated since Crufts 2001.

Why can't we just go back to the "good old days" when the job was done properly?

This article appeared in the Daily Record in Scotland after Crufts 2004 and was written by Vet Neil McIntosh.

The D. R. kindly gave permission to reprint this article.

## Car Treasure Hunt 2004

Well where do we start? Well that's what lots of people said. So we laid out the start of the 2004 CTH at the Show Case Leisure Complex at Bailiston, just down the road from our Dog Training Hall and it all took place on Sunday the 15th of August at 12 noon.

Eight cars took part on the day, starting off at 5 minute intervals, with all the complex rules explained before hand (rules what rules)!

The course distance was 17 miles long with lots of clues to pick up on the day and each car had to collect 10 items on route (thought this would be nice to stop them from getting bored as they went along). All the cars more or less found there way around the course and enjoyed them selves so much so they all asked when do we do it again? Afterwards we all went to the Windsor Hall for some sandwiches, cake, tea and coffee. The award for finding all the clues plus items went to the "Grahams" car and they too won a prize for the closest mileage as well. With virtually every car taking part having a dog on board the dogs then had fun with the clubs agility equipment to end the day off with a relaxing run around the hall.

A raffle was held on the day and with many money donations handed in for those who wished to support us in this fund raiser for the clubs Rescue & Rehoming we managed to raise around the £80.00p. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this a success.

## Ceilidh

The Ceilidh this year will be on the 26th of November 2004 at our usual venue Windsor Hall Bargeddie. Details and Tickets from Club Secretary Mrs M. McWilliam Tel: 01236 874129


## Club Future Shows

March 20th 2005 Open Show Judge D. Topliss  
August 14th 2005 Open Show Judge M. Smith  
November 11th 2005 "Championship Show"  
Judge C. Masterson & M. McWilliam

## Training Nights

We have been at the same venue for more than 28 Years, but sadly due to booking arrangements out with our control we will be moving our Thursday once a Month training nights from the Windsor Halls Bargeddie to a new venue in Muirhead Hall Cumbernauld Road. Muirhead

*See back page for new details and dates*



## Elsa's Story

I came upon my first OES 5 years ago, the dog I had always wanted but didn't think I had the time. So I looked around for a puppy, found a litter in Co Durham and that's when Elsa arrived into the house. What a dream, I should have gone down this road years ago!

My life was changing, the horse was off the road and I needed something new to do, so I thought I would have a go at showing. I did not know very much I went to ringcraft classes and any local shows to find out as much as I could, The thing was Elsa only did it to please me, she got travelsick to and from the shows. Before hand when it was time for her bath to get her ready, she always peed the floor. We qualified and went off to Crufts. Luckily for me an American lady helped me brush her up and although she really looked the part we were like a fish out of water– but what an experience.

We went to our first agility show in August 2002 and went under most of the jumps. We had only been training for a few months so it was really just to see how she coped with the atmosphere and she loved it!

So we spent the winter training then out in full-coated force last year. When we started in the spring she was going clear, but we were getting time faults, slow but happy.

With us both being new to the sport I didn't know enough to help her with the different turns and shortcuts. I knew where we needed to be but could not fathom out how to get there! So we changed clubs to Dryburgh Abbey TG and what a helpful fun group they are.

Elsa's time and my moves improved and at SKC we won out of "Elementary"- what a day! Everybody was so happy for us. This year we are up with the speed merchants! -The Collies- so the optimum time is a lot quicker, but this some times causes mistakes. With more practice we should improve on speed and so if I get it right she will too. People have been trying to convert me into getting a collie, but I know my love lies in getting another OES. I need to find one soon as they have to be eighteen months old before they can compete. The public love to see other breeds doing agility, Elsa plays to the crowd, she revels in the attention and "we both love the agility".

**Audrey Maxwell**



## Elsa In Action



## Internet

**Our Home Page can be found at**  
[www.oesclubofscotland.co.uk](http://www.oesclubofscotland.co.uk)

**Club Secretary can be contacted at**  
[secretary@oesclubofscotland.co.uk](mailto:secretary@oesclubofscotland.co.uk)

**Breed Council at**  
<http://oesbreedcouncil.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/>

**Championship Show  
Dates in Scotland 2005**

**SKC**

**21st May 2005**

**Judge—Mr J. Harrison**

**Border Union (No CC's)**

**19th June 2005**

**Judge—Te be confirmed**

**SKC (No CC's)**

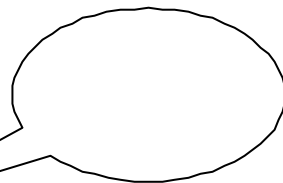
**27th August 2005**

**Judge—Te be confirmed**

**Working & Pastoral Breeds**

**5th November 2005**

**Judge—Mr s A. Turner**



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T.O.E.S. 2004/5

Training Dates  
**Friday Nights**  
**8 – 10 p.m.**  
Windsor Hall,  
Bargeddie.

23 September	2004
22 October	2004
19 November	2004
17 December	2004*
21 January	2005
18 February	2005
18 March	2005
22 April	2005
20 May	2005
17 June	2005

\*Christmas Party Night\*

Trainers

**Mrs Audrey Corrigan**  
**Mrs Margaret Frame**  
**Miss Laura Frame**