

Merchandise

Below is a list of the new range of clothing with the CWW foxhounds logo on.

Classic Drill Shirt	£32.50
Ladies Semi-Fitted Stretch Drill Shirt	£33.50
Original Rugby Shirt	£28.00
Ladies Rugby Shirt	£30.00
Classic Pique Polo Shirt	£17.50
Ladies Sleeveless Polo Shirt	£14.00
Zip Neck Micro Fleece	£28.00
Ladies Fit Rib Polo	£13.50
Kids Hooded Sweatshirt	£19.50
Kids Heavy Cotton T-Shirt	£9.00
Ladies Hooded Sweatshirt.	£30.00

All of these items are available in many colours so please contact Sally Robinson for more information and to place your order.

We also have the hip flasks (they are quite big so will hold plenty of your favourite tippie to get you through those cold autumn hunting mornings!!)

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CROOME HUNT
SUPPORTERS CLUB



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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Autumn Edition of the newsletter

The winter edition will be published in December, the closing date for your news, articles, adverts etc will be:

Friday 28th November.

This is your newsletter, so please feel free to contribute. It would be lovely to hear from our supporters.

Please send anything you would like included to:

Charlotte Key. Hunters Lodge, Brewers Lane, Badsey, Evesham , Worcester. WR11 7EU.



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PETERBOROUGH RESERVE CHAMPION DOG!!

The Croome and West Warwickshire Foxhounds proudly earned themselves a reserve champion rosette at Peterborough Hound Show this summer! Unfortunately our hounds were unable to attend the show.....so who was the rosette awarded to?!

Our terriers of course!! (hey Peter, one - nil!!)

Terrierman Tim Allen and his Jack Russell terrier 'Splash' qualified for the championship when the handsome little chap (that's Splash!) was placed first in the Jack Russell dog class. This was a rather exciting moment for the small crowd of slightly over excited Croome supporters at the side of the ring!

Splash showed beautifully in the championship and came away as 'Reserve Champion Dog' after he was sadly beaten.

So congratulations Tim and Splash, and well done for all the hard work which was put in on preparing for the show.....I won't tell anyone that he hadn't been bathed and that he was given a quick two minute brush before he went in the ring!!

Splash will be available to sign autographs from his box on the quad bike this season!

Well done boys!



FOR SALE.....Working Lakeland Terrier Puppies!

One left to find a home, unfortunately I'm not allowed to keep him!! Super little black and tan dog, bold, brave and well socialised. He has BIG personality and demands attention!

Legally docked with veterinary certificate, microchipped and regularly wormed.

Anyone who knows Tim Allen's 'Mole' will want him!!

If interested please contact Tim on 07973 659933.

CROOME HUNT

Win £50 every quarter

This quarter's winner is

Dee

With ticket no

69

All the tickets are now sold for the next 2 draws, we will start selling next years tickets in October.

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From the Chair

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Croome Hunt Supporters Club newsletter. I hope this finds you all in good health and not to downhearted from the poor English summer that we have had again this year. Hopefully the thought of starting hunting again will lift the spirits.

We've had quite a quiet few months during the closed season and unfortunately we haven't been seeing hounds out and about this summer. Catch Peter's Bit later on the newsletter to find out what he and the hounds have been up to.

The supporters club has had a well earned rest over the summer months with only annual Horse Show to organize which was to be held on August Bank Holiday Monday at Chadbury Farm. Unfortunately the event fell to the weather as have a lot of others this year, and with awful ground conditions we were unable to proceed with this event. This is a shame as we have built up a nice little show over the years and with Charlotte Key's huge efforts to organize it always comes as a bit of a blow when you have to cancel something. A big thank you to Charlotte for once again putting all her efforts into organizing the event.

Talking of Charlotte, I would like to congratulate both Charlotte and Gavin on the birth of their second child, Matthew. He came as a bit of a heavy weight but is a real good looking lad, so well done to both, a matching pair and 1 couple of children.

Onto the future. Within the newsletter you will find our updated Diary Dates with the AGM, Hunter Trial and Quiz, so please add these to your diaries and support us in these future events. I am now starting to look at the Open Day for 2009 so if you have any ideas, want to sell something in the craft or farmers market marquee or even led a hand, please let me know as soon as possible.

The Hound Racing takes place on the 21st September and there will be an update on the winning hounds and owner in the Winter Newsletter. I would like to thank all the fence and race sponsors who have come forward to support this event. I'm looking forward to this, as I write there's only 5 more days to go, as this is a great family afternoon out.

Our Huntsman's Update

Since last season's close, I had planned to have quite a busy summer, with Hound Showing, attendance at shows and keeping the kennels looking smart. Unfortunately, due to kennel cough a lot of these plans were put to bed.

However, before the Hounds got sick I managed to take 5 couple Hounds to Bult Hound Show on 26th June. Melody came in 5th as did Sandstorm and we had a joint 6th in the couple's class. The following Sunday I took the same 5 couple to Blaston Hound Show where Melody finished with a joint 5th. I had entered for Peterborough Hound Show, which was a first time for a good many years but had to unfortunately pull out due to the cough. Hopefully next year we'll have a better showing season.

Moving onto the summer show season where I took hounds to a static display at the 3 Counties Show and the Royal Show. The pony club camp arrived and I was supposed to take hounds to the camp on 23rd July. However, because of the cough I couldn't take them so instead some of the young children dressed up as hounds and acted as my hounds to the blow of the horn. This was Jackie's idea and it went down brilliantly. I did manage to attend one parade of Hounds at the Stratford Race Day in May.

Onto puppies. There are 12 couple hounds to enter this season with 7 couple hounds whelped this summer for next season. Out of these 7 couple are 2 litters. One litter by C&WW dog Benjamin out of Homage, a Berkeley bitch and the second litter out of Megan which I had from the Berkeley in my 1st season as an unentered Bitch and by North Hereford Meddler. All these are still out with puppy walkers and will start life in kennels over the next couple of months.

I would like to thank Johnny Wilkinson, now working with me from January, part time, for the hard work and dedication he has put in over the spring and summer towards helping get the 12 couple unentered hounds to walk out on and off couples and 'educate' them to follow the rest of the pack and begin their hunting life.

Also over the summer I've, with my team of helpers, been mending and adding new jumps in various places within our Country, which will enable both myself and the field increased access and greater jumping opportunities on the Hunting Field. A big thank you to Chris James, Ernie and other occasional helpers who have come out and taken on this big task.

Well, that's it from me for now. I hope to see you all out hunting as soon as we're free to go and I'm looking forward to a good 2008/09 season.

Peter Astle
C&WW Huntsman

Also this year the Puppy Show, postponed from July, is being held after the Hound Racing, albeit a much reduced event than was planned in July. However, puppies and puppy walkers will be able to enjoy the judging and the winning and again we'll bring you an update in the next edition of the newsletter.

The AGM is scheduled for the 25th September, as stated in the Summer newsletter, and it would be good to see as many of our members there as possible. Subscriptions are due at the AGM for the 2008/2009 season. We are keeping the subscriptions as last year, which are £15 for a family and £10 for an individual membership. This subscription pays towards the production of this newsletter so if you are still outstanding, please send your subs to Charlotte Key. Details found within the newsletter.

Due to the bad weather, kennel cough and late harvest we are still struggling to get out and about and start Autumn Hunting. It is hoped that we will start towards the end of September so keep your ears and eyes open and register with Ali Haynes to join her e-mail or text list to keep up to date with breaking news. Talking of breaking news, we have a new resident at the Kennels as of this week. Following on from the death of our Golden Eagle Boss, the hunt have been trying to find another permanent fixture to the kennels having borrowed Elfie for last season. Well thanks to George who fly's the bird on a Tuesday, we now have Thor, an 18-month-old male Golden Eagle. He's a good-looking lad and hopefully you'll see him out and about and flying whilst on the hunting field.

All that leaves me to say is enjoy the newsletter, hope to see you at some of our social events and see you out on the hunting field.

Regards

Catherine Hurley
Chairman

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 21st September - Hound Racing , Kennels
Thursday 25th September - AGM, Drakes Broughton Village
Hall 8pm
Sunday 19th October - Hunter Trial, Hilltop Ledbury
Wednesday 12th November - Quiz, Drakes Broughton Village

Subscriptions

As I am sure you are all aware your subscriptions for the supporters club becomes due at the A.G.M. An individual subscription is £10 and a family £15 for this you will receive a membership card, car sticker and 4 newsletters per year. Please send your subscription to: Mrs Charlotte Key. Hunters Lodge, Brewers Lane, Badsey, Evesham, Worcester. WR11 7EU.

If you would be happy to receive the newsletters via email and haven't given me your email address please let me have it, thank you.

Thank you to those of you who have already paid.

A Personal View of Puppy Walking Sally Millington

My association with foxhound puppies goes back to childhood when my father walked puppies for the Croome Hunt. I didn't realise then that summers spent playing with the puppies round the farm teaching them to jump ditches and jumps was part of their early education, to me as a child it was just a great way to spend summer holidays.

Over the last few years I have had an enormous amount of pleasure from walking puppies for the Croome & West Warwickshire. The rewards they give far outweigh the mischievousness they get into and the sense of pride you get when they are out in their first season is unbelievable.

Once the puppies arrive it doesn't take them long to settle into a routine. It emerges very early on which puppies are going to be bossy and which ones need a little more TLC than the others. Each one has its own character and every day brings a new challenge – seeing cattle for the first time can be quite daunting for a pup and very often they scuttle back to the safety of the kennel, but, before long they get brave enough to carry on past without taking any notice at all. Seeing the hens and ducks as playthings is soon stopped as is chasing rabbits and sheep. Negotiating the bridge across the ditch is a huge achievement and saves getting wet although splashing through the water is something to be encouraged, while another lesson to be learnt is being coupled without getting panicked and upset. There are many things they see and do while out playing that is educational and teaching them right from wrong (well hopefully) is all part of the fun and very rewarding when they get it right. They are real time wasters to watch when playing, the efforts to gain possession of one plastic flower pot can be hilarious!

After a while you know instinctively it is time for them to return to kennels to join their siblings, they are by now getting a little more boisterous and sometimes almost defiant about returning back after exercise and it is therefore time they had the firmer control of the huntsman.

Puppy Show in the summer is a highlight to look forward to when you cannot believe how your puppies have grown and matured. It is also very interesting to hear what the visiting judges have to say about the pups because, of course, yours is the best of the pack! Autumn hunting with the excitement of seeing the young entry is also a highlight and you wonder just how much they will remember of their early days.

Puppy walking is something the whole family get involved with, my daughter Anna now walks puppies of her own and we have great family rivalry in seeing whose puppy can do what first. Although all the pups are special, the pups last year were very special as they were out of a bitch we had walked a few years previous so this autumn we shall be watching their progress with special interest.

Looking at a pack of hounds round the huntsman at a meet I very often cannot tell which ones I had as puppies, but when one sneaks off to grab a sausage roll or pops into someone's kitchen at a lawn meet I do deny that it was one of mine!

Horse Show

We were due to hold our annual Horse show on August bank holiday Monday, you would think at the end of August we would be almost guaranteed good weather, but it was not to be. The heavens opened and for nearly the whole week leading up to the show it rained and rained. The decision was made that it was just too wet to get the vehicles on and off without making a huge mess of Julia and Edwards field. So unfortunately we had to cancel the show.

I would like to say thank you to all those people who offered to help, one person said they were very disappointed we had cancelled as now he had a free bank holiday to do the DIY his wife had planned!!

Also a HUGE thank you to Julia and Edward, I know it was a hard decision to make. Thank you for your continuing support.

Photos

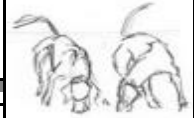
Does anyone have a photo they want to appear on the front cover of the next issue?

Is there any one out there who has any photos they would like us to print in the news letter?

If so please let me know as it would be lovely to have your pictures in the news letter. They can be of anything you want (with in reason!) and can be sent to me via email at joceyfc@yahoo.co.uk.

So look out for the next issue, it may have a picture of you on the front!

Foxhound Books



We received an email from Sirri Hubbard who's husband was a book dealer, following his death some years ago she has found she still has the following books.

The breeding of Foxhounds by Earl Bathurst, London. 1926 1st edition the book is in fine condition, bound in blue cloth. £45

The Cumberland Foxhounds, 44 pages plus 13 coloured plates. The book is in very good condition, bound in red cloth, leather edges. £50

The Foxhound. Vol. 1 No 1,2,3 (Nov 1910,Jan 1911, April 1911) All very good condition £15 each.

If anyone is interested contact Sirri Hubbard. Bancrug, Buarth Road, Abeystwyth, Cereigion, Wales SY23 1NB. 01970 611843 email: sirri.hubbard@tiscali.co.uk

Hilltop Hunter Trial

Once again this year we are holding a hunter trial at Hilltop, Ledbury, this has been a very successful event for us over the last few years and we are hoping to raise a lot of money again this year.

We have changed the date to 19th October, with the hope that those of you who ride will have their horses in and will be autumn hunting, so will come and compete.

Once again we will need around 20 fence judges so if you are able to help for the day (or 1/2 a day) please let one of the committee know. Thank you.