



## WYE VALLEY RETRIEVER CLUB WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2021



### NEWS SHEET 2021

This year we are sending you a much briefer, scaled down Newsletter than we normally produce. 2020 saw many of us having to deal with problems and disappointments. The Club was sad to have to cancel all our planned training and tests and, of course, this has meant we have no results and photographs to share with you. Our AGM finally took place in November via Zoom after many changes of date. This was a new experience for a lot of us! Forever the optimists, we are looking ahead with hope for a brighter, happier 2021. We are planning our events as usual and hope we are not faced with having to make any cancellations this time. Please check our website or Facebook page for any updates. We hope to see many of you again during the coming year.

**Chris Peers (Secretary)**

#### A Message from our Chairman

2020 is a year which most of us are glad to put behind us. The training and competitions so many of us enjoy have not happened and we are all eager to get back out with our dogs. We are all lucky to have the company of our dogs during this difficult time. Taking them out in the fresh air and enjoying their company can help take away a lot of the worries and fears this pandemic has brought to us all.

The Club has decided to go ahead with plans for 2021 and we are hoping to provide two Working Tests, a Novice Field Trial and a training course. We hope there won't be a need to cancel any of these, and obviously will add extra training days if we are able to do so.

I would like to wish all our members a safe and happier 2021 and hope to see many of you soon.

**Morton Redpath -Chairman**

#### Committee 2021

Following our AGM, there have been no changes to the Committee. Members are as follows:

Mr Luke Thompson-Coon, President	Mrs Jean Tidmarsh – Training Secretary
Mr Terry Dukes, Vice President	Mr Roger Wiggins – Field Trial Secretary
Mr Morton Redpath – Chairman	Ms Kelly Stringfellow – Asst Field Trial Secretary
Mr Michael Gough – Vice-Chairman	Mrs Rosemary MacDonald
Mrs Christine Peers – Secretary	Ms Elizabeth Davies
Mrs Nicola Pointer – Treasurer/Membership Secretary	Mr Tony Griffiths
Mrs Sarah Akehurst – Working Test Secretary	Ms Victoria Ash

#### Dates for your Diary

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Working Test at Westhide (Novice Dog/Novice Handler, Junior Handler, Special Puppy (am), Novice (pm))
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Training Assessment Day at Westhide
27 <sup>th</sup> April to 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Training at Westhide 8 week course
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Working Test at Dunclent (Junior Handler, Puppy and Veteran (am), Open (pm))
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	WVRC End of term Test and Fun Day
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Herefordshire Country Fair
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	WVRC End of term Annual Dinner
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	16 Dog Novice Field Trial – Dunclent

Field Trial schedules and entry forms will be sent to members and posted on our website and Facebook. Working test entry forms and Training forms will be available on our website, but if you wish to receive one by post please email us at [info@wyevalleyretrieverclub.co.uk](mailto:info@wyevalleyretrieverclub.co.uk) or telephone Jean Tidmarsh on 07890479256

### **Training Courses 2021**

We will hopefully be running our training classes this year (subject to restrictions). Training classes take place at Westhide Estate, about 5 miles north-east of Hereford. Our Trainers are volunteers and the guidance and advice they give is based on personal experiences and achievements. If you can commit to dummy throwing at a class for the whole 8-week training course your training fee will be waived. The Training fee is £60 per dog (8-week course). Training takes place in small groups of up to 6 people: Puppy (up to 18 months at end of course), Foundation, Intermediate, Novice, Open.

You will require a lead, whistle (attached to a lanyard), dummy bag and poo bags. Your dog should be able to: walk to heel on a loose lead without pulling, do a simple recall, sit quietly/sit and stay off lead (no noise, whining, barking or interfering with other dogs). Please contact us if you would like to take part in the training or would like more information.

### **Membership Fees 2021**

	<b>Single</b>	<b>Joint</b>	<b>Junior</b>
Annual Membership	£10.00	£15.00	No fee
Joining Fee	£10.00	£10.00	No Fee

### **Social Media and Website**

Wye Valley Retriever Club are on Facebook. We regularly update our Facebook site with posts containing news, reports, photos and requests. Please visit us and like our posts and photos. We also have a website - [www.wyevalleyretrieverclub.co.uk](http://www.wyevalleyretrieverclub.co.uk) on which you will find the following:

- a brief history of the Club
- information on forthcoming working tests and field trials including entry forms and schedules
- Conditions of Entry for our working tests and field trials
- results of working tests and field trials
- our Data Protection Notice
- membership application form and standing order form
- Test and training forms
- our Rules and Regulations
- our Health and Safety Policy and Risk Assessment

### **Thanks where due**

The Committee would like to thank the landowners, sponsors, judges and trainers – without you all we would be unable to do what we do. Thanks also to everyone who has helped us in the past with tests and training. We hope some of you are still willing to give us some time to help again in the coming year. We cannot run these events without the valuable help you provide. Thank you also to Jackie Masters for looking after our website

We would also like to thank all the businesses who have placed advertisements in our previous Newsletters. Although this year's Newsletter is much smaller, we would like to mention you all and hope you have a successful 2021 and will be able to advertise with us again next year. Full details of these businesses can be found on our website.

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