

WYE VALLEY RETRIEVER CLUB

Working Tests held at Dairy House Farm, Monnington-on-Wye on 25th April 2026 For AV Retrievers – Novice, Novice Dog/Novice Handler, Veteran and Young Handler

We held our first working tests of the season at Dairy House Farm, by the kind invitation of Edward Pearson Gregory and his wife Clare.

We are extremely grateful to them for their kind support. In contrast to our last visit there when it rained and rained, this time we had beautiful sunshine, and it was rather warm in the afternoon. The mountain of bottled water all disappeared!

Thank you to our judges Sean McGrath, Dave Godding, Debbie Polley and Nicky Waddington. They coped with a very large entry with patience and good humour. Dave's step counter practically exploded due to all the heelwork being assessed, and he and his competitors had to cope with the infamous McGrath Bolting Rabbit too...!

Thank you to our stewards who kept the competitors well organized. Thank you to our dummy throwers - I do not think those dummies got any lighter as the day went on... Thank you to Chris Peers and Penny Prosser for providing the cakes that everyone was very grateful for both at lunchtime and at the end of the day.

Thank you to our sponsors Skinners, who provided prizes to our award winners. Their support is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to all those in the awards, but also well done to everyone who took part, especially those who were doing a test for the very first time. Keep up the good work!

Results:

Novice:

1st Mynydddu Robey, Lab/Bitch, Kathryn Robey

2nd Saxthorpe Ribble Of Shinde, Lab/Bitch, Cara Holmes

3rd Grigio Ottinge, Lab/Dog, Rupert Parry

4th Creccamarsh Hawker Of Severncrest, Lab/Dog, Carla Gibson

COMs Bellesbank Pintail, Lab/Dog, Steve Lax; Munslow May Hill, Lab/Bitch, Mark Davies; Bucksbrow Pennsylvania, Lab/Bitch, Poppy James.

Best Non-Lab Trophy awarded to Jinkster Jollyboy, GR/Dog, Mary Jarrod.



Novice Dog/Novice Handler:

1st Edenshot Tamber, Lab/Dog, Emma Pearce

2nd Diglake Chattanooga, Lab/Dog, Faye Wells



Veteran:

1st Little Cedar At Neszmely, Lab/Dog, Michelle Sutton

2nd Etomanni Amber Of Corsemalzie, Lab/Bitch, Carol Probert

3rd Fletchingly Annraidh, Lab/Bitch. Nessa Gilham

4th Forever Storm King, Lab/Dog, Pat Dixon



Young Handler:

1st Lloshte Aston Bay, Lab/Dog, Harry Shales

2nd Sorrelcott Malbec avec Pajanbeck, Lab/Bitch, Molly Davis

