

Pyrenean Sheepdog



SUMMER 2012 EDITION

Welcome to the Summer edition of Pyrenean Sheepdog the Newsletter of the Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain.

This Newsletter seems to be a reflection of what we have been doing with our dogs. It would be great to hear about what you have been doing with your dogs over the summer.

Everyone leads very busy lives and it is always difficult to put pen to paper. We all can have good intentions and think that we must do something but at the end of the day it is about committing it all to paper and sending it off.

It doesn't really matter what the article is about as long as it is interesting. It could be about a new puppy and their antics, it could be about older dogs and their achievements or it could be about something of general interest to the membership. Sorry about the gripe but:

**YOUR
NEWSLETTER
NEEDS YOU.**

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. Page 3 Bits and Pieces from the Secretary
2. Page 4 Regionale D'Elevage at Grospierres
3. Page 6 Geordi meets some sheep
4. Page 8 Annual Fun Day 2012
5. Page 11 The Transhumance in the Ardeche
6. Page 15 Showing Results
7. Page 20 Crufts Critique



Contact the Committee

President

Alain Pécoult

e-mail :- alainpecoult@gmail.com

Chairperson and Newsletter editor

Dr Chris Lewis

Tel:- Leicester 0116 2881174

e-mail:- riacaud@mac.com

Vice-Chairperson

KlausSenkpiehl

Tel:- Leicester 01530 242759

e-mail:- klaus.senkpiehl@talktalk.net

Secretary

Liz Lewis

Tel:- Leicester 0116 2881174

e-mail:- riacaud@mac.com

Treasurer

Carla Senkpiehl

Tel:- Leicester 01530 242759

E-mail:- carla.senkpiehl@talktalk.net

Committee Members:-

Pat Wescott

e-mail:- p.d.wescott@btinternet.com

Tel :- 01484 865363

Pat Phillips

e-mail:- kelltara@btinternet.com

Tel :- 01538 361110

Steve Phillips

e-mail:- kelltara@btinternet.com

Tel :- 01538 361110

Diane Newton

e-mail:- nidasha@btinternet.com

Tel :- 01777 818954

Kim Randall

e-mail:- kim.randall@tesco.net

Tel :- 01733 252694

Sheila Janson

e-mail:- nidasha@btinternet.com

Tel :- 01777 818954

Vicky Wilford Health Rep.

e-mail:- wikki@supernet.com

Tel :- 01453 731387

Wendy Smith

e-mail:- thymewinds@googlemail.com

Tel :- 01227 365928

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: -

21.11.12

send by e-mail to riacaud@mac.com

VISIT THE CLUB WEB-SITE

www.pyreneansheepdog.co.uk

Web site editor :- Mike Williams

Copyright of information and articles included in this newsletter remains with the club and/or the author. Reproduction by any means is not allowed without written approval of the author.

BITS AND PIECES FROM THE SECRETARY

DISCOVER DOGS

Discover Dogs at Earl's Court is on the 10th and 11th November. We will, as usual, be grateful if some of you could help man the breed stand on either of the two days. Entry and car park tickets are provided by the Kennel Club as are vouchers towards the cost of food and we would be able to give a small contribution towards travel costs. Please let Liz Lewis know if you are able to help.

☆☆☆☆☆

CHRISTMAS CARD

If you would like your best friend to be on the front of the Christmas card please send us your winter, snowy or Christmassy pictures. Send them initially by email to Chris Lewis by 30th September.

☆☆☆☆☆

KENNEL CLUB DOG PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

The Kennel Club is running this competition again. For more information visit www.thekennelclub.org.uk/dogphotocompetition
Closing date is 31st August

☆☆☆☆☆

AGILITY/OBEDIENCE RESULTS

We always print the showing results but very rarely do we have any agility/obedience results. I know that quite a few of you are out there most weekends competing in agility. It would be great if you could send us your results. Any other results would also be welcome.

☆☆☆☆☆

SEMINAR

There are still places available for the Judging Seminar to be held on Saturday 20th October. The speaker is Elina Haapanemi an internationally renowned judge from Finland.

The venue is The Fieldhead Hotel, Markfield, Leics LE67 9PS.

The cost is £12 for seminar only for club members £18 for seminar and buffet lunch.

Booking forms can be downloaded from the club website or from Liz Lewis

☆☆☆☆☆

MERCHANDISE

Kim has a new range of merchandise with a new logo:

2013 full colour calendar £5.00 plus postage @ £1.25

Polo shirts (Unisex fit) Various colours and sizes £15.00

Polo shirts (Ladies fit) Various colours and sizes £15.00

T-shirts (Unisex fit) Various colours and sizes £10.00

T-shirts (Ladies fit) Various colours and sizes £10.00

Cotton Shoulder Tote bag £6.00

Car stickers – Various designs

Brooches and metals pin badges in silver or gold Keyrings

Contact Kim Randall

email kim.randall@tesco.net

Look out for full details on web site soon

☆☆☆☆☆

TAKING YOUR DOGS TO EUROPE

Virbac Animal Health have launched a vaccine to provide protection against leishmaniosis, which is an incurable and often fatal disease for dogs. This will be very useful if staying for an extended period during the main sandfly season, otherwise use the Scalibor collars or Advantix Spot On.

☆☆☆☆☆

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Teresa Stretton

Steve Hardy

RÉGIONALE D'ÉLEVAGE AT GROSPIERRES



This was the third year that a Régionale d'Élevage, organised by Agnès and André Audibert, had been held in the Ardèche and the second year at the Chateau de Bournet near Grospièrres, which is a lovely venue.

This show is becoming a very popular event and although it is described as "Régionale", it is becoming a truly international affair. This year there were entries from Great Britain, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy and Holland as well as from France.

The show was held over the weekend of the 28th/29th April. The weather forecast for the weekend was atrocious, especially for the Sunday of the actual show and arrangements were made to set up the rings indoors. A dinner was held on the Saturday evening to set the scene for the weekend. As we were leaving after the dinner, the rain was starting!

On Sunday morning, it was obvious that there had been heavy rain overnight but for the moment it was fine. On arriving at the Chateau, the rings had been set up indoors which meant that they were very small. All four Pyrenean breeds were represented but the Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired) was by far the largest group. Alain Pécoult was judging the Pyrenean Mastiff and the Mountain dogs and Christian Leneuf was judging the Pyrenean Sheepdogs.



There was also an opportunity for dogs to take the Test de Comportement. This involved three elements: the dog was put on a long line which was held by the tester. The owner of the dog then had to walk round the edge of the ring without talking to the dog and the dog was supposed to follow its owner.



Next, the dog was loosely tied to a tree while the owner went to the opposite side of the ring and called the dog who should then run to its owner. Lastly the dog was required to walk over a large piece of plastic.

As the morning progressed the sun came out, layers of clothing were shed, the rings were moved outside and it turned into a glorious day. There was a very relaxed, friendly atmosphere. After lunch with the judging finished, it was time for the Ring of Honour. This is when all the winning dogs from each breed go into the ring and compete for the honour of Best of Breed and ultimately Best in Show.

We were very pleased that we had taken time out on our journey home to attend the show. The lovely surroundings and the relaxed, friendly atmosphere made it a very enjoyable occasion. Several club members were showing their dogs and their results are printed below.

Open Male

6th **Excellent** Davalar de l'Oustaou de Padel owned by Stan and Dora Buelens-Moortgat

Champion Male

1st **Excellent** Ch Foli du Pic de Pioulou owned by Eddy van Pelt and Veerle Vlerick

2nd **Excellent** Ch Hob-Nob's Soleil of Jentilima owned by Cynthia Milnes

Young Male

3rd **Très Bon** Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel owned by Liz Lewis

Male Puppy

1st **Very Promising** Gastibelza de l'Oustaou de Padel owned by Shane and Eion Flint

Intermediate Female

Assez Bon Faisse de l'Oustaou de Padel owned by Roland Merckx and Christel van den Bosch

Open Female

Excellent Rozimba Celeste avec Sandytrail owned by Shane and Eion Flint

Young Female

Très Bon Kesha du Pic de Pioulou owned by Eddy von Pelt and Veerle Vlerick

Excellent Kline du Pic de Pioulou owned by Eddy von Pelt and Veerle Vlerick

Veteran Female

Excellent Toyah de l'Oustaou de Padel owned by Roland Merckx and Christel van den Bosch

Venerable Female

Excellent Orla de l'Oustaou de Padel owned by Roland Merckx and Christel van den Bosch

Tests de Comportement

Geordi de l'Oustaou de Padel Apte
Kesha du Pic de Pioulou Apte
Kline du Pic de Pioulou Ajourné

Liz Lewis



CONGRATULATIONS

GO TO

Rebecca Robson and Ivydale Nightjar on being awarded the Show Certificate of Merit.



GEORDI MEETS SOME SHEEP

Bonjour,

At the end of my last article, I thought that Liz was packing again and I was right. Not long after that, Chris started putting a lot of things in the car. The next day we got up very early and had a long drive. We went on a train through a tunnel and eventually stopped at a hotel in France. I was very glad to be out of the car but there isn't much room to play in a hotel room. We set off again the next day but the journey was not quite as long. I was very excited when I realised that we had arrived at the house in France. I still think of that as home because that is where I grew up.

I really enjoyed exploring the garden and going for walks along the river where Ria, Meg and I like to paddle. I also enjoyed going to the market and sitting outside a café while Chris and Liz had a coffee. I met Aunty Tonia and Jane and Bernie again. They watched me grow up and are very good friends.

After a couple of weeks the car was packed up again but instead of the long journey that I was expecting, it wasn't too long before we arrived at some gites in the Ardeche area of France. Ria and I were born in the Ardeche. The last time we stayed in these gites, I was just ten weeks old and had just left my breeders the Audiberts. We had met André and Agnès earlier in the afternoon when we had stopped near Grospierres where there was to be a dog show the next day. We also met a lady called Jenni there. She has a dog called Bobby and a puppy called Sooty. They were travelling around France in a camper van until Sooty would be allowed to enter the UK. I was very pleased when I realised that my very good friends Roland and Christel, Veerle and Eddy and Dora and Stan were also staying at the gites. That evening we went back to the dog show venue and all the humans went to have a

meal but we dogs had to stay in the car. There were some more English people who had come for the show-Shane, Eion and Cynthia.



From time to time I had heard Liz and Chris talking about something called the Transhumance and sheep. One day a man came to the house and spent a lot of time talking to Chris about me and my behaviour. Soon after that Chris took me to a field in the country



where we met the man who is called Nij. There were some sheep in the field and I went to meet them. I wasn't particularly interested in them but I wasn't frightened either. I had two more sessions with the sheep and I got to quite like them. Chris and Liz were pleased because they knew that I would be sensible with sheep. As well as meeting the sheep, I was also going to my

Obedience and Agility lessons. I am pleased to say that I have passed the Beginners Obedience course.

One day in May, Liz took me to Birmingham Dog Show. I didn't like it there as some plastic flapping in the wind frightened me as we were going in. Eventually I calmed down and went in the ring and I have qualified for Crufts. I'm not quite sure what that means. I went to Crufts last year and met lots of nice people but I think this is different. Liz says that we will have to go to more shows now to practice.

Not long after I had my sessions with the sheep, the car was packed again and we set off on the usual long journey. I was really pleased when I realised that my very good friends Roland and Christel and Veerle and Eddy were also there. I also met Michel and Olga for the first time. There is a river right by the gites, which is good for paddling and we also found some good walks.

One morning Chris got up VERY early and we went in Michel's car with Roland and Toyah, Eddy and Kline and Kesha. After a short drive we met my breeder André and his sheep. We were going to walk with the sheep. We walked a long way and I had to be at the front because I didn't get on too well with Tricourlet, my grandfather. He was working with the sheep. We stopped for a good rest at lunchtime and Liz and Ria came and joined us and walked in the afternoon. Eventually we stopped and everyone sat round a big fire and had something to eat. I went back to the gite in the car with Christel and Liz and Toyah and Ria.

Next morning I was very, very tired and my paws were sore and I didn't really want to walk at all. Liz decided that I wouldn't be able to walk with the sheep so she left me in the gite so that I could have a good sleep. A few days after the Transhumance, we went to our house in France for a short time before coming home again.

A couple of weeks ago, we all set out in the car one Sunday morning. We went to something called a Fun Day. There were lots of

other Pyrenean Sheepdogs there and I enjoyed meeting them and their owners. We all went for a walk in the morning and played games in the afternoon. I quite enjoyed it.

I am still going to my Obedience lessons. Liz is very pleased because I am now able to go to the club where I can do agility training. I have been once so far and I did really well. I also went to an agility show with Liz and Ria so that I can get used to the atmosphere. I have been to another dog show (East of England) but didn't find that so scary. I have also been to see Nij and the sheep a couple of times. The first time I was really interested in the sheep and ran round them but the second time I wasn't really interested in them at all.

I probably won't be writing quite so often in the future now that I have told you all about my first year with Liz and Chris and Ria and Meg. Before I go I must tell you that I have just passed my KCGC Bronze award (I am a Bronze medallist!). I surprised Liz by managing to do the one minute stay.

Au revoir

Geordi



Congratulations go to Geordi De L'Oustaou de Padel on gaining his Bronze award.





ANNUAL FUN DAY 2012

Our main concern this year was whether we would have a dry day. So many events had had to be cancelled or were spoiled by torrential rain and we hoped that our event would not be one of them. Sunday 1st July dawned dry if a little chilly—perhaps we would be lucky. We were trying Bearley Village Hall as a new venue. When we arrived we were pleased to see that the hall and the surrounding grounds would be more than adequate for our needs.

The committee members arrived between 9.30 and 10.00 and everyone was soon busy, organising food, putting out chairs, setting out the merchandise and many other little jobs. By 10.30 we were beginning to worry a little as not many people had turned up. The Eurasiers were not able to join us this year so we were dependant on PSD members. However we need not have worried as people soon began to arrive. It was good to see many “regulars” and also to welcome some new people.



After tea and coffee on arrival, Chairman Chris Lewis welcomed everyone and then most people set off for the walk. While the walkers were away some of the committee put all the food out on the tables ready for lunch and cold drinks were put out for the walkers on their return.



We were very fortunate in having long-term member Angela White as the speaker. Angela was the first KC accredited Obedience trainer and was going to talk to us about, and give a demonstration of, clicker training. Angela persuaded several members to have a go at the basics of clicker training with their dogs. For those people not familiar with clicker training this was a very useful introduction and being such an intelligent breed the dogs were soon responding well.



Lunch was next on the agenda and once again there was a good selection of food brought by members—thank you. Raffle tickets were sold

during the lunch break. The group photo followed lunch before the activities planned for the afternoon. There were the usual novelty classes judged by several members. The results of these are printed below. Then Sheila and Diane coerced enough people to make up two teams to take part in the games! These as usual were very competitive but prizes were given out to both teams whether they had won or not.

Afternoon tea and a surfeit of cake brought the day to a close. Sadly quite a few people drifted off before tea, which meant that those remaining had cake pressed upon them to take home. All in all the committee felt that the day had been successful with about thirty-five members present and even more dogs. The weather had been kind to us and for once I didn't miss the Wimbledon Men's Final! We hope to see you all next year.

Liz Lewis

RESULTS OF NOVELTY CLASSES

FASTEST RECALL Sooty owned by Jenni Gemmill



MOST HANDSOME DOG Bobby owned by Simon Potter & Sue Hewlett



PRETTIEST BITCH Fizz owned by Pauline Keable



The Dog with the Waggiest tail Bobby owned by Jenni Gemmill



The Dog the Judge would most like to take home
Peggy owned by Sheila Janson



BEST ON THE DAY

Fizz owned by Pauline Keeble



CONGRATULATIONS

What a day we had at National Working and Pastoral Breeds Championship Show on Sat 14th July - a day to remember - breed history was made by Pussel Swe and Nor Ch Hob-Nob's Soleil of Jentilima (Pussel) owned by myself, Cynthia Milnes, and bred by Monica Westerberg and Ulrika Lundh



in Sweden. Out of a good entry of 13, Pussel was firstly awarded BOB by judge Vic Salt. Then in a strong Pastoral Group he was short listed from 29 dogs by judge Derek Smith , and awarded Best Pastoral Rare Breed. Pussel then challenged the Rare Breed winner from the Working Group a Hovawart and won. *This win made him the first PSD to be awarded the prestigious title -- **Best Rare Breed in Show** .*

Cynthia Milnes



THE TRANSHUMANCE IN THE ARDÈCHE 2012

Transhumance is the seasonal movement of livestock from lowlands to mountains and back again. Transhumances have taken place in many European countries for hundreds of years and last for anything from a couple of days to several weeks. The livestock is usually moved up in June and is brought down again in September.

The Transhumance in the Ardèche had been on our "to do" list for a few years since our Belgian friends had told us all about their experiences. We decided that 2012 would be the year for us to do it. It is difficult to predict too far in advance exactly when the Transhumance will take place so we booked a gîte for two weeks at The Moulin d'Alune along with Roland and Christel, Eddy and Veerle and Michel and Olga. It was the first Transhumance for Michel and Olga as well as us. Eventually it was decided that the 14th and 15th June would be when the Transhumance would take place. This was the thirtieth anniversary of this particular transhumance.



A couple of days before, we all went to watch the sheep being marked with bright green As to show that they were the Audibert sheep. This was very much a family af-

fair with André catching the sheep and putting them in a small pen where Agnès passed a wormer to André, which he squirted down the sheep's throats and then Nicole, André's sister, marked the sheep before Roland released them from the pen. It took quite a long time to mark all eighty-three sheep.



On the evening of Wednesday 13th, Roland and Eddy packed tents, sleeping bags and other equipment into the top boxes on their cars while Christel and I put together the packed lunches for the next day. The following morning the four men plus Toyah, Kesha, Kline and Geordi met in the car park at 5.45 as they had to meet André and his sheep for departure at 6.30. They all travelled in Michel's car. Having waved the men off, the ladies then went back to bed for a while!



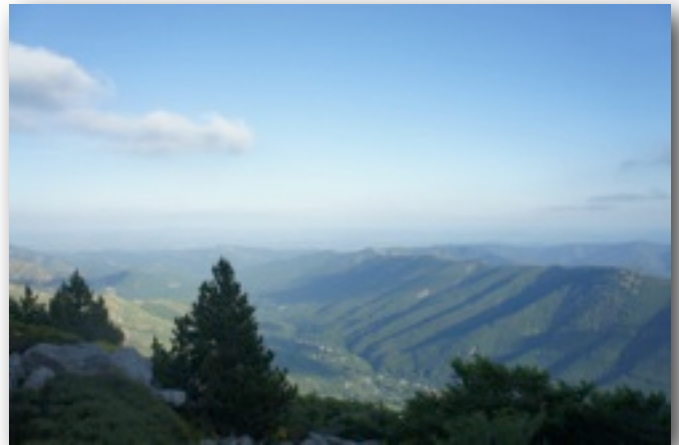
Having had our lie in, we ladies then proceeded to make a variety of salads, which we would take for supper in the evening. We ate our packed lunch at the gîte and then drove to meet the group with the sheep at their lunch stop. Tintin, Farou and Ria also came with us. We had to drive for almost an hour on the twisty Ardèche roads before we found the group. During the morning more shepherds and their sheep had joined André and his sheep and there were now over three hundred of them in the shade of the trees.



Some of the sheep had been decorated with pom-poms for the occasion. Chris said that Geordi had been good with the sheep in the morning but had not got on too well with his grandfather, Tricourlet. André didn't want Tricourlet distracted while he was working so Chris and Geordi walked well ahead of the



others. After lunch Christel Veerle and Olga with Tintin and Farou carried on in the cars while Ria and I joined the others and continued on foot. The weather was just about



perfect, quite warm but with a cooling breeze. It was lovely to see all the sheep moving together with the sound of their bells and their bleating. The sheep do not



move very quickly so we progressed at a fairly leisurely pace.

After walking for about two hours, we reached the spot at the Col du Meyrand near the Coucoulude rock, where the overnight camp would be set up.



A make shift pen was created for the sheep and people were soon busy collecting firewood for a big fire. Those who were staying overnight set up their tents. Soon the salads were set out and meat was cooked on the fire. There were some delicious desserts to follow. Everybody sat round the fire on big logs and there was a very friendly atmos-



phere. Soon it was time for those of us who were not camping to start the hour-long journey back to the gites. Christel drove us really well but was glad once we were back. We had to be up early the next morning so that we could join the main group for the rest of the walk. Walking fourteen miles had taken its toll on Geordi and I could barely

persuade him to go out to the toilet. He was exhausted! I had to make a snap decision and leave him at the gite where I was pretty sure that he would sleep all day. It took Christel and I, with Ria and Faïsse, longer than anticipated to reach the camp as L'Ardècheoise cycle race was taking place and trying to overtake groups of cyclists on the twisty roads was not easy. Eventually we re-joined the others who claimed that they had not slept much while others complained that snoring had kept them awake!

The tents and sleeping bags were put back into the top boxes and soon everything was cleared up and we were able to start walking again. Veerle continued to our final destination in the car with Tintin. He had hurt his paw and couldn't walk. The morning walk took about two hours. As we climbed higher and higher the scenery became more and



more spectacular. The wild flowers along the way were superb.

When we reached the plateau of the Tanar-gue at 1400 metres where the sheep were going to stay, more flocks of sheep and their shepherds arrived from other valleys bringing the total number of sheep to over a thousand. The remnants of the previous evenings picnic plus more food was set out and everyone joined together for lunch. Again this was a very friendly occasion.

Soon everyone began to drift away leaving the sheep and the two shepherds who will stay with the sheep until September. They have a hut and someone takes them their provisions once a week.

We ladies drove back to the campsite while the men walked back. I think they had the best idea as the track we had to drive on was very rough and Veerle had to drive the heavily loaded car very slowly with Christel directing her. Once reunited with the men, we drove back down stopping for a welcome beer en route. Everyone was tired after walking approximately twenty miles over the two days.

The Transhumance was a truly memorable experience and we feel very privileged to have been part of it. Ria and Geordi were able to return to their roots and also experience this traditional ritual. Hopefully the sheep will always be moved in this historic, traditional way and not in trucks as is often the case these days.

Liz Lewis

ADVANCE NOTICE

It may be possible to arrange a group day out for interested club members with Nij Vyas Specialist Sheepdog Trainer and Trialist.

This would take place near Market Harborough, Leicestershire. It would be restricted to about 7 to 8 handlers although it would be possible for others to come as spectators.

To include:-

- An Introduction to the sheepdogs
- Briefing on Activities
- Demonstration of sheepdogs
- Training Exercise with an experienced dog
- Lunch to be arranged at a local pub

What To Expect

- Walk the Caudal hills that the dogs work on daily.
- To learn about the traditional art of shepherding and experience the thrill of working with livestock at close hand.
- To work both fully trained and young dogs.
- Discover the power of silence, confidence and calmness.
- To understand how three species, each with a mistrust of one another can come together and work in harmony.
- To be thrilled, surprised, exercised, excited and exhilarated, and laughter!

Duration would be approximately 5 hours for the Sheepdog experience. Consideration will be given to the health and welfare of both the sheep and dogs at all times

The Sheepdog Experience is available from Monday - Friday with select weekends throughout the year.

Cost would be approximately £40 but depends on numbers and this does not include lunch.

Can anyone interested email me on riacaud@mac.com and if there are sufficient interested I will make the appropriate arrangements at a mutually convenient time. Having experienced this first hand it is well worth it.

Chris Lewis

SHOWING RESULTS

Working & Pastoral Breeds Association of Wales

21st April 2012

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

Judge(s)

MR G LEWIS

BD

NORLYGHT BIASSONO
(MR C J & MRS P M SUCH)

RBD

GASTIBELZA DE L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IMP)
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

BB

JAZLYN DU PIC DE PIOULOU (IMP)
(MR C & MRS P & DR J SUCH & HILL)

RBB

MERRYWOOD RISING STAR AVEC CHIKARAMOR AW
(MRS S A MORLEY & MRS A ROGERSON)

BOB

JAZLYN DU PIC DE PIOULOU (IMP) (MR C &
MRS P & DR J SUCH & HILL)

BP

GASTIBELZA DE L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IMP)
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

Junior - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1st

GASTIBELZA DE L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IMP)
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

Post Graduate - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 4 Absentees: 1

1st

CASCADE DU CASTELMOULY AVEC RAMBAUDS (IMP)
(MRS M P WESTON)

2nd

NORLYGHT BIASSONO
(MR C J & MRS P M SUCH)

3rd

ROZIMBA PIAU ENGALY AVEC SANDYTRAIL
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

Open - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 7 Absentees: 2

1st

JAZLYN DU PIC DE PIOULOU (IMP)
(MR C & MRS P & DR J SUCH & HILL)

2nd

MERRYWOOD RISING STAR AVEC CHIKARAMOR AW
(MRS S A MORLEY & MRS A ROGERSON)

3rd

ROZIMBA CELESTE AVEC SANDYTRAIL
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

Res

CARABRAE PINK PETUNIA WITH THYMEWINDS
(MRS W A SMITH)

VHC

CORTEX DU PIC D'ESPADE (IMP FRA)
(MRS P M PHILLIPS & MRS C WILLIAMS)

West of England Ladies' Kennel Society

27th-29th April 2012

AVNSC PASTORAL

Judge(s)

MRS LIZ DUNHILL

BD

CORTEX DU PIC D'ESPADE IMP FRA
(MRS P M PHILLIPS & MRS C WILLIAMS)

BOB

CORTEX DU PIC D'ESPADE IMP FRA
(MRS P M PHILLIPS & MRS C WILLIAMS)

Open - Dog

Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

1st

CORTEX DU PIC D'ESPADE IMP FRA
(MRS P M PHILLIPS & MRS C WILLIAMS)

Open - Bitch

Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

2nd

FRIPONNE DU PIC D'ESPADE KELLTARA IMP
(MRS P M PHILLIPS)

National Dog Show
Stafford County Showground
10th-13th May 2012
Pyrenean Sheepdog

Judge(s)

MRS SUE J GARNER

BD

CORTEX DU PIC D'ESPADE IMP FRA
(MRS P M PHILLIPS & MRS C WILLIAMS)

RBD

GASTIBELZA DE L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IMP)
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

BB

MERRYWOOD RISING STAR AVEC CHIKARAMOR AW
(MRS S A MORLEY & MRS A ROGERSON)

RBB

CARABRAE PINK PETUNIA WITH THYMEWINDS
(MRS W A SMITH)

BOB

CORTEX DU PIC D'ESPADE IMP FRA
(MRS P M PHILLIPS & MRS C WILLIAMS)

BP

GASTIBELZA DE L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IMP)
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

Junior - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

1st

GASTIBELZA DE L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IMP)
(MR E & MRS S FLINT)

2nd

GAZOST II DIT OSCAR DU PIC D'ESPADE AT KELLTARA
(MRS P M PHILLIPS)

3rd

GEORDI DE L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL (IMP)
(MRS E M LEWIS)

Open - Dog

Entries: 4 Absentees: 2

1st

CORTEX DU PIC D'ESPADE IMP FRA
(MRS P M PHILLIPS & MRS C WILLIAMS)

2nd

NORLYGHT BIASSONO
(MR C J & MRS P M SUCH)

Open - Bitch

Entries: 7 Absentees: 1

1st

MERRYWOOD RISING STAR AVEC CHIKARAMOR AW
(MRS S A MORLEY & MRS A ROGERSON)

2nd

CARABRAE PINK PETUNIA WITH THYMEWINDS
(MRS W A SMITH)

3rd

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA
(MRS P M PHILLIPS)

Res

IVYDALE CERISE WITH KIMRAND
(MR F J & MISS K RANDALL)

VHC

JAZLYN DU PIC DE PIOULOU (IMP)
(MR C & MRS P SUCH & DR J HILL)

The Scottish Kennel Club

18th-20th May 2012

NSC WORKING/PASTORAL

Judge(s)

MR R SANSOM

Open - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 7 Absentees: 0

3rd

SWE CH HOB-NOB'S SOLEIL OF JENTILIMA (IMP SWE)
(MRS C M MILNES)

**Southern Counties Canine
Association**

1st-3rd June

AVNSC PASTORAL

Judge(s)

DR ANNUKKA PALOHEIMO [FINLAND]

BD

NORLYGHT BIASSONO
(MR C J & MRS P M SUCH)

BOB

NORLYGHT BIASSONO

(MR C J & MRS P M SUCH)

Post Graduate - Dog

Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1st

NORLYGHT BIASSONO
(MR C J & MRS P M SUCH)

Veteran - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1st

RIACAUD ULRIC DE PICORS CDEX UDEX WDEX
(MRS V G WILFORD)

Post Graduate - Bitch

Entries: 3 Absentees: 1

2nd

JAZLYN DU PIC DE PIOULOU (IMP)
(MR C & MRS P SUCH & DR J HILL)

RARE WORKING/ PASTORAL

Judge(s)

DR ANNUKKA PALOHEIMO [FINLAND]

Veteran - Dog or Bitch

Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

2nd

RIACAUD ULRIC DE PICORS CDEX UDEX WDEX
(MRS V G WILFORD)

Open - Bitch

Entries: 8 Absentees: 0

Res

JAZLYN DU PIC DE PIOULOU (IMP)
(MR C & MRS P & DR J SUCH & HILL)

Windsor 2012

28th June-1st July

**AV Working Or Pastoral
Not Classified**

Judge: Mr F Kane

Res Best Dog :

Gastibelza De L'Oustaou De Padel (Imp Fra)
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

Best Puppy :

Gastibelza De L'Oustaou De Padel (Imp Fra)
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

Class PD (3 Entries) Abs: 0

1st:

Gastibelza De L'oustaou De Padel (Imp Fra)
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

Class LB (5 Entries) Abs:0

3rd:

Rozimba Celeste Avec Sandytrail
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

**East of England Agricultural
Society**

6th-8th July 2012

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

Judge(s): MR T M JONES

BD

CORTEX DU PIC D'ESPADE IMP FRA
(MRS PM PHILLIPS & MRS C WILLIAMS)

RBD

GAZOST II DIT OSCAR DU PIC D'ESPADE AT KELLTARA
(MRS P M PHILLIPS)

BB

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA
(MRS P M PHILLIPS)

RBB

IVYDALE CERISE WITH KIMRAND
(MR F J & MISS K RANDALL)

BOB

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA
(MRS P M PHILLIPS)

BP

GAZOST II DIT OSCAR DU PIC D'ESPADE KELLTARA
(MRS P M PHILLIPS)

Junior - Dog

Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

1ST

GAZOST II DIT OSCAR DU PIC D'ESPADE KELLTARA
(MRS P M PHILLIPS)

2ND

GEORDI DE L'OUSTAOU DE PADEL
(MRS E M LEWIS)

Open - Dog

Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1ST

CORTEX DU PIC D'ESPADE IMP FRA
(MRS PM & MRS C PHILLIPS & WILLIAMS)

Post Graduate - Bitch

Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

1ST

IVYDALE CERISE WITH KIMRAND
(MR F J & MISS K RANDALL)

Open - Bitch

Entries: 3 Absentees: 1

1ST

MERRYWOOD DANCING QUEEN AT KELLTARA
(MRS P M PHILLIPS)

2ND

KIMRAND BONNE AMIE
(MR F J & MISS K RANDALL)

National Working & Pastoral Breeds 2012

14th July

Pyrenean Sheepdog (Long Haired)

Judge: Mr V Salt

BEST OF BREED :

Swe Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of Jentilima (Imp)
Mrs C MILNES

Best Dog :

Swed Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of Jentilima (Imp)
Mrs C MILNES

Res Best Dog :

Cortex Du Pic D'espade (Imp)
Mrs P PHILLIPS, & Mrs C WILLIAMS

Best Bitch :

Rozimba Celeste Avec Sandytrail
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

Res Best Bitch :

Merrywood Dancing Queen At Kelltara
Mrs P PHILLIPS

Best Puppy :

Gazost II Dit Oscar Du Pic D'espade at Kelltara
Mrs P PHILLIPS

Best Veteran :

Merrywood Gold Dust Of Jentilima
Mrs C MILNES

PD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Gazost II Dit Oscar Du Pic D'espade at Kelltara
Mrs P PHILLIPS

2nd: Gastibelza De L'oustaou De Padel (Imp)
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

JD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Gastibelza De L'oustaou De Padel (Imp)
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

PGD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Norlyght Biassono
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

2nd: Ivydale Choirboy
Mrs R ROBSON

OD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Swe Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of Jentilima
Mrs C MILNES

2nd: Cortex Du Pic D'espade (Imp)
Mrs P PHILLIPS & Mrs C WILLIAMS

VD/B (2 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Merrywood Gold Dust Of Jentilima
Mrs C MILNES

PGB (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Jazlyn Du Pic De Pioulou (Imp)
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH, & Dr J HILL

2nd: Ivydale Cerise With Kimrand
Mr F J RANDALL & Miss K RANDALL

OB (5 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Rozimba Celeste Avec Sandytrail
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

2nd: Merrywood Dancing Queen At Kelltara
Mrs P PHILLIPS

3rd: Carabrae Pink Petunia With Thymewinds
Mrs W A SMITH

Res: Ivydale Nightjar Sh.CM
Mrs R ROBSON

Judging for Best in Pastoral Group
Judge: Mr D Smith
BEST RARE BREED :

Swed Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of Jentilima (Imp)
PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG (Long Haired) - Dog
Mrs C MILNES

LEEDS 27-29 July 2012

AV Not Separately Classified
(Pastoral)

Judge: Mr Paul S Singleton

PD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Gastibelza De L'oustaou De Padel (Imp)
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

OD (3 Entries) Abs: 0

2nd: Swe Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of Jentilima (Imp)
Mrs C MILNES

PGB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

2nd: Rozimba Piau Engaly Avec Sandytrail
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

BAKEWELL SHOW
1st-2nd August 2012
AVNSC PASTORAL

Judge(s): RAY WILKINSON (POCKETHALL)

Open - Dog Or Bitch

Entries: 6 Absentees: 5

1ST

SWE/NOR CH HOB-NOB'S SOLEIL OF JENTILIMA
(IMP SWE)
(MRS C M MILNES)

PAIGNTON

5th-8th August 2012

Judge: Mr Terry Nethercott

BEST OF BREED : Norlyght Biassono
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

Best Dog : Norlyght Biassono

Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

Res Best Dog :

Cortex Du Pic D'espade (Imp)
Mrs P PHILLIPS & Mrs C WILLIAMS

Best Bitch : Jazlyn Du Pic De Pioulou (Imp)
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH & Dr J HILL

Res Best Bitch:

Rozimba Celeste Avec Sandytrail
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

Best Puppy :

Gastibelza De L'oustaou De Padel (Imp)
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

JD/B (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Gastibelza De L'oustaou De Padel (Imp)
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

2nd:

Gazost Li Dit Oscar Du Pic D'espade at Kelltara (Imp)
Mrs P PHILLIPS

PGD/B (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Norlyght Biassono
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH

2nd: Norlyght Serraglio
Mrs S & S MAY

OD/B (5 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: Cortex Du Pic D'espade (Imp)
Mrs P PHILLIPS & Mrs C WILLIAMS

2nd: Jazlyn Du Pic De Pioulou (Imp)
Mr C J & Mrs P M SUCH & Dr J HILL

3rd: Rozimba Celeste Avec Sandytrail
Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

Res: Carabrae Pink Petunia With Thymewinds
Mrs W A SMITH

D.L.C.S. Monkstown

5th August 2012

Judge(s): MR J DALY

GREEN STAR DOG

GHOST BLACK DE LA CRESTELIE (FRA)
(Ms J Clark)

BEST OF BREED

GHOST BLACK DE LA CRESTELIE (FRA)
(Ms J Clark)

Junior Dog

Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1st

GHOST BLACK DE LA CRESTELIE (FRA)
(Ms J Clark)

Welsh Kennel Club 2012

AV Not Separately Classified (Pastoral)

18th August

Judge: Mr R Price

BEST OF BREED :

Rozimba Celeste Avec Sandytrail

Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

Best Dog :

Swed Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of Jentilima (Imp)

Mrs C MILNES

Res Best Dog :

Gastibelza De L'Oustaou De Padel (imp Fra)

FLINT Mrs S & Mr E

Best Bitch : Rozimba Celeste Avec Sandytrail

Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

Best Puppy :

Gastibelza De L'oustaou De Padel (imp Fra)

Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

JD/B (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Gastibelza De L'oustaou De Padel (imp Fra)

Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

OD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Swed Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of Jentilima (Imp)

Mrs C MILNES

OB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: Rozimba Celeste Avec Sandytrail

Mrs S & Mr E FLINT

Additional results for:-

Swed Ch Hob-nob's Soleil Of Jentilima (Imp)

Mrs C MILNES

Crewe and Dist C.A. Open Show.

3/6/12

Judge Mrs C Burscough

1st AVNSC Pastoral D/B

Best AVNSC Pastoral.

Pastoral Group 2

Northwich & District C.S. Open Show.

17/6/12

Judge Mrs K Kennedy

1st PSD Open D/B BOB

JUDGES CRITIQUE CRUFTS 2012

SJD (2) 1. Such's Norlyght Biassono, merleof good type, with lots to like about him. Front could be freer, lively temperament, tail acceptable. 2. May's Norlyght Serraglio, litter brother to winner and similar for type but no upward hook to tail. Presented in good coat would benefit from some ring training.

OD 1. Phillips and William's Cortex Du Pic D'Espade, mature male and sire of class winners here, correct for type and proportions, movement in keeping with his construction. Outgoing temperament. Well presented and in good condition. Best Dog & Best in Breed

2. Milne's Swed Ch. Hob-Nob's Soleil of Jentilima. Different type to winner but still a nice exhibit with a good character. Masculine head and good expression, lovely coat and condition, moved freely against a taller dog. Reserve Best Dog

3. Flint's Merrywood Efren At Sandytrail. Fawn male, ok for type.

VB 1. Randall's Kimrand Bonnie Amie. Fawn. 8 years of an active disposition. She took her time to settle but when she did I saw enough to see her qualities. Correct for type presented in a pleasing coat and condition. Res. Best Bitch

PGB A mixed class so placings could change on another day.

1. Phillip's Ivydale Suzette For Seacourt. Fawn daughter of my Best in Breed winner and of correct type, lovely moving and in stance, very good in temperament.

2. Randall's Ivydale Cerise with Kimrand. Fawn, similar in type to winner and another sired by BOB. I liked her head and expression coupled with lovely head carriage. Clean front moved well.

3. Readman's Ellenora Du Champ D'Onix avec Louslitges. More rangy than 1 & 2.

OB Another mixed class. The first two are half sisters by the same sire.

1. and Best Bitch. Phillip's Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara. Fawn. Correct for type, lovely temperament, pleasing in outline. Flowed round the ring. In very good cat and condition.

2. Morley & Rogerson's Merrywood Rising Star Avec Chikaramor. Fawn, mature in build, free mover, nice neck and feet.

3. Flint's Rozimba Celeste Avec Sandytrail

GCDS (Bitch) (4) All seen previously

1. Morley & Rogerson's Merrywood Rising Star Avec Chikaramor 2. Readman's Ellenora Du Champ D'Onix Avec Louslitges 3. Robson's Ivydale Nightjar.

Michael Quinney

THE PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The first Pyrenean Sheepdogs were introduced into the UK by Maryse Gunderson and were registered with the British Kennel Club in 1987. The first litter was born in December 1987. Since then 350 plus dogs have been registered with the Kennel Club. Brenda Judson (Carabrae) and Paul and Ann Butcher (Lukeanna) then built on these foundations by importing more dogs from France in 1990. Brenda, in particular, continued to import and breed many dogs. The breed has been introduced very slowly. Enthusiasts have taken the time, with a great amount of effort, to put into place the correct foundations to offer the breed the protection it rightly deserves, so that its appearance and characteristics are preserved. Meriel Weston (Rambauds) and Mike Cafferata (Merrywood) have also bred many dogs and helped to establish the breed. A record litter of seven puppies, bred by Pat and Toni Wescott, was born in March 2010. Others have also imported dogs from Europe and some bitches have been taken across the channel to be mated in order to widen the gene pool and introduce new lines. Two Face Rase dogs have been imported recently but they are not yet recognised by the Kennel Club. Since the untimely death of Brenda Judson, there has been a decline in the number of litters born, as those who are breeding do not do so on a regular basis. It is therefore sometimes difficult to supply demand.

The Pyrenean Sheepdog Club of Great Britain was formed in 1992. The breed came off the Import Register in January 2006 and there were classes for the breed for the first time at Crufts in March 2007 when Carabrae Daniel Deronda took Best of Breed. The club maintains links with the RACP (the French club). The club has held three breed seminars the speakers being Jean-Jacques Dupas the then secretary of the RACP and Alain Pécoult, the current President of the RACP twice. Our next seminar will be in October 2012 when the speaker will be Elina Haapaniemi from Finland. Alain Pécoult, is also President of our club. The club has an average membership of 120. Members receive a Newsletter three times a year and we hold an annual Fun Day. Committee and club members

promote the breed in the Discover Dogs section at Crufts and at Discover Dogs in London every year. Pyrenean Sheepdogs in this country successfully compete in a variety of activities including Obedience, Agility, Working Trials, Cani Cross and Herding. Several Rambauds dogs have done very well in agility. Rambauds Ortie has competed in the Irish Agility team and has also gained UDEx and CDEx in Working Trials. Rambauds Ouste has also competed in the Irish agility team and is the first Pyrenean Sheepdog to enter the Kennel Club Stud Book. Ch Hob-Nob's Soleil of Jentilima is a PAT (Pets As Therapy) dog.

Carabrae Daniel Deronda has represented Great Britain in the European Cani Cross Championships. Riacaud Ulric de Picors has gained UDEx, CDEx and WDEx in Working trials at Championship level.

A relatively small, but dedicated group of people regularly campaign their dogs in the show ring. Merrywood Rising Star avec Chikaramor was Best of Breed at Crufts in 2010 and Merrywood Dancing Queen at Kelltara was the first Pyrenean Sheepdog to win a Puppy Group and a Pastoral Group and is currently the breed record holder with 32 Best of Breed titles. Carabrae Mad as a Hatter at Kelltara made breed history by winning Best in Show at the North East Working and Pastoral Breeds Show in August 2008. The club has held two Breed Matches inviting other numerically small breeds to take part. Several club members travel to Argelès-Gazost each year for the Nationale d'Élevage. Some show their dogs there while others are content to spectate. Several dogs are also being shown fairly regularly at other shows on the continent.

We are keen to portray these lovely little dogs in the correct light and hope that the breed will continue to grow slowly and successfully in Great Britain

This article was put together after we received a request from the Finnish PSD club who wanted information on other clubs. All the committee members contributed to the article and it proved to be a very useful exercise. We don't often take the time to look back and we are quite proud of what we have achieved over the years.



NEWS RELEASE

KENNEL CLUB WARNS PEOPLE NOT TO COOK THEIR DOGS

With today's welcome sunshine, and summer fast approaching, the Kennel Club is warning people that they risk cooking their dogs alive if they leave them unattended in a car.

Dogs are extremely sensitive to the heat and should never be left in a car alone, even on a fairly warm or cloudy day. Surprisingly, leaving a car window open or supplying water makes little difference and the dog will suffer, as a car can quickly heat up to around 50°C.

Each year the Kennel Club receives reports of dogs being left in cars, and many incidents where dogs die from heatstroke as a result. The Kennel Club is calling for urgent action to prevent irresponsible dog ownership this summer.

To promote the seriousness of the issue the Kennel Club has produced a three minute video called 'Don't Cook your Dog', which is supported by Dogs Today magazine's Don't Cook Your Dog campaign. The video is available through Youtube from today (25th June) and demonstrates how easily dogs can suffer from brain damage, organ failure and death, if left in a hot car.

Caroline Kisko, Kennel Club Secretary said: "We might not be experiencing a scorching summer but today's sunshine reminds us that even on fairly warm and cloudy days cars can heat up at an alarming speed that can be fatal to dogs. Every year dogs die traumatic deaths after being left in cars so we urge people to take care when out about with their dogs. Whether in the sun or the shade, cars heat up quickly and it can be unbearable even for us before the air-conditioning comes into effect, never mind for dogs.

"Dogs can only cool down by panting and sweating through their paws, so they will find the heat far worse than humans. Owners must realise that dogs cannot handle heat like we can and that it is never safe to leave the dog in the car alone, whether the windows are open or not."

The Kennel Club has issued the following advice regarding travelling with your dog during warm weather.

ALWAYS

- Consider the weather and your journey in advance, especially if you don't have air conditioning in your car. Think about whether the journey is absolutely necessary for your dog.
- Plan your journey and check out the Kennel Club's Open for Dogs site and use the Dog Friendly app to find places that will allow dogs in with you
- Make sure your dog has plenty of space in the car and isn't squashed or forced to sit in direct sunlight.
- Always make sure there is shade provided: even in an air conditioned car a dog can become too hot if in full sun.
- Make sure plenty of stops are taken with lots of water available to drink.
- Take cold water in a thermos rather than a plastic bottle so it stays cold rather than being lukewarm. Ice cubes are helpful in a thermos for cooling too.

NEVER

- Leave a dog unattended in a car, even with the window open and water available. Take them out of the car and leave them in a secure, cool place with access to shade and water or take them with you, there are plenty of places that are part of the Kennel Club's Open for Dogs scheme and will allow dogs in.
- Let your dog take part in unnecessary exertion in hot weather, or stand in exposed sunlight for extended lengths of time.
- Pass by a dog if you see one suffering in a car. Whether it be in a supermarket car park or at a show, make sure you let someone in authority know and if in doubt call the police or the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999.

To help avoid the need to leave dogs unattended in cars, the Kennel Club 'Open for Dogs' campaign encourages more businesses and services to welcome dogs. Thousands of dog-friendly attractions are listed on the website www.openfordogs.org.uk, making it the ideal way to plan for trips for the whole family including your dog over the forthcoming holiday season. To view the Youtube video 'Don't cook your Dog' visit <http://youtu.be/SK0zxTtHsaQ>



2013 Calendar

now on sale

ONLY £5

plus £1.25 post and package

Contact Kim Randall

PYRENEAN SHEEPDOG (LONG HAISED) JUDGING SEMINAR



SPEAKER: ELINA HAAPANIEMI

Internationally renowned judge from Finland

WHEN? 20th October

WHERE? The Fieldhead Hotel Markfield Leics. LE67 9PS

TIME? Seminar 2pm

Buffet Lunch 12.30

COST? Seminar £14

Seminar + Lunch £20

CONTACT:- Mrs E Lewis

Tel. 0116 2881174