

Sherborne Castle Country Fair & Rare Breeds Show

**Organised by volunteers raising funds for Children's Charities
Bank Holiday Monday 30th May 2011**

It was a disappointingly wet and misty day for the fair on Bank Holiday Monday all over Dorset, but it did not stop around 6,000 visitors attending the Fair. The committee and volunteers who run the event were very grateful for their support and to all the traders and entertainers who bravely carried on throughout the day doing what they do best – entertaining the public.

Although the number of visitors was down by at least half this year we hope to donate useful sums of money to our **chosen charities** for this year, they are: A-Stars @ www.a-stars.org.uk; Coping with CHAOS 01202 855105; Contact a Family 0207 608 8731; Dorchester Opportunity Group 01305 751707; Dorset Youth Association 01305 262440; Families for Children Adoption Agency 01364 645480; Holwell Youth Club 01963 230035; Julia's House 01202 607400; Life Education Dorset 01305 871050; Parley Riding for the Disabled 01202 874092; ReRun 07958 475075; Dorset and Somerset Sea Cadets Branch 0117 9531991; St John Ambulance Dorset 01305 751169; The RendezVous Sherborne 01935 814496; Toby's Shaftesbury 01747 850860; Victoria Education Centre & Sports College 01202 758333; Wessex Autistic Society 01202 483360 and finally Yeovil Opportunity Group 01935 384157.

Despite the weather the competitions took place around the fairground, but sadly some of the music and all the gymnastic display were rained off. By 4.30 the sun had come out the finale in the main ring of the **terrier racing** was seen in lovely warm sunshine as if the rain throughout the day had never been. The rosette winners were 1st Slix with her owner Peggy Holliday, 2nd Gnzo owner Lian Carpenter, 3rd Tess owner L Jeffrey and 4th Ted Foot owner Michelle Foot from Buckland Newton.

RETRIEVER TEAM CHALLENGE 2011

In a fine performance against a high class field and across a testing course in wet conditions the 2011 Retriever Team Challenge at the Sherborne Castle Country Fair was won by the United Retriever Club (Hants and South West). The Wiltshire Working Gundog Society came 2nd with the Westward Gundog Society 3rd. The Top Dog was a splendid 2 year old Kaiature Black Spruce who faced stiff competition. His rival in 2nd place was only 2 points behind. The Retriever Challenge was well supported by our sponsors the British Association for Shooting and Conservation, Chudley Dog Foods and Gaymers Cider. The Judges were Dr Gareth Davies, Mr Chris Brain, Mrs Jane Mann and Mr Mike Anderson. The event was organised by Mrs Sheila Gussey, Mrs Caroline MacGregor, Mr Christopher Le Hardy and Mr Mark Salter and a superb team of volunteers of guns, throwers, placers and scorers. The prizes were presented Captain Colin MacGregor RN.

United Retriever Club Team comprised 4 Black Labrador Retrievers: Hoffbank Mr Chips, a Labrador Retriever dog handled & owned by team captain Mr Ken Green a 6 yr old Labrador retriever Dog bred by Mrs D Gorst; Quardray Lark of Lenyam, a Labrador Retriever Bitch, handled & owned by Jane Manley, bred by Mrs J Elsom; Kaiature Black Spruce, a Labrador Retriever Dog handled & owned by Keith Broomfield, a 2 yr old dog bred by Mrs L Mixture; and, Hailey Deacon handled & owned Dawn Marks, a 6 yr old Labrador Retriever Dog bred by V Williams.

This a sought after event attracts the best teams in the West Country. The participating 8 teams selected after a ballot were: The Wiltshire Working Gundog Society, the South West Golden Retriever Club, West Dartmoor Working Gundog Club, Team Cotswold, West of England Labrador Retriever Club, Westward Gundog Society, the Cornwall Field Trial Society and the United Retriever Club (Hants & South West).

RESULTS FOR : SCURRIES

Pick 'n Mix - First: Bob /Owner A Bridgeman; Second: Ben /Owner Swatheridge; Third: Lilly/Owner: Durkin

Over the Bales - First: Ben/Owner Swatheridge; Second: Tilly/Owner Mick Fowler; Third: Tash/Owner Susan Taylor

Two Marked Retrieves - First: Gem/Owner Reynolds; Second: Fred/Owner Steve Taylor; Third: Jack/Owner D Burton

Young Handlers: No Qualifiers

Chestertons Humberts Victor Ludorum Trophy Over all winner of the day:
Fred/Owner Steve Taylor

Trade stand rosettes went to: Craft and Rural Crafts: 1st WhiteHall Farm for their beautiful presented stand of woollen Gotland sheep products; 2nd Fiona Potts with her unusual blue and grey pottery and 3rd Martin Symes Wheelwright. Tradestands: 1st James Harvey Furniture with his modern stylish furniture and eye catching carved rocking elephant and rhino; 2nd Townsend Fencing and 3rd Alpha Alpaca and Concepts of Peru for their display of wool on the hoof with live alpaca and lovely ladies knitwear. Arcades: 1st Indigo Boo Ltd with their distinctively designed ladies jackets; 2nd Social Seasons Hatters and 3rd Gemini Trading. Food Hall: 1st Thoroughly Wild Meat Co and 2nd Cup Cakes with the outside caterers 1st Shell Seekers and 2nd The Chocolate Musketeer.

For more information or photographs contact:
Jan Lowe on 01963 220 490 or email: jan@jelowe.com
May 2011