



BRITTANY CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

'Le Weekend'

Saturday 7th, Sunday 8th July 2018

At

**Walford College Campus, North Shropshire
College,**

Baschurch, Shropshire SY4 2HL

Walford Campus is located in 600 acres of grounds in a beautiful rural setting, but within easy reach of Birmingham and Manchester and half an hour from the M54.

We invite Members to bring any breed of dog they own not just Brittansys. Have a go at the fun events

and general activities and join us for the weekend book in to the accommodation and join us for the Club Dinner.

PLEASE NOTE THE WORKING DAY IS ON SATURDAY AND THE SHOW ON SUNDAY JUST FOR THIS YEAR.

The accommodation on site consists of well appointed single or twin rooms, with ensuite facilities (£45 double or £35 single) or non-ensuite singles (£25). There are kitchens for each section where you can make hot drinks or breakfast. Rooms are available Friday and Saturday nights.

Large Car Parks and plenty of dog exercising area (pick up after your dogs, please). Dogs are allowed in the rooms provided they are well controlled but if you intend leaving your dog(s) in the room at any time we suggest you bring a suitable indoor kennel.

Caravans, Motorhomes and tents can also be accommodated at £10 per night, there are water points and use of showers and toilets but no electric hook ups. The site is adjacent to all activities.

CATERING

The campus restaurant provides snacks and full meals at very reasonable prices and will be open all day Saturday & Sunday and pre-ordered Buffet will be available 5p.m. to 7p.m. Friday.

The Menu for the Club Dinner on Saturday evening is shown with the booking form.

There will be no Bar facilities but we can bring our own drinks.

WORKING AND ACTIVITIES DAY

Saturday 7th July 2018 9.30 am

Meet in reception area adjacent to Cafeteria for information on all the days' events and for introductions and instructions for the day. **Each participant will receive a timetable and map of the area on registration – enlarged copies of these will also be at strategic points.**

NATURAL APTITUDE ASSESSMENT (TAN Test des Aptitudes Naturels) Your dog (6 months +) needs no previous training and is assessed on its natural ability in Hunting and Pointing, and on its response to its handler. It takes place in a secure field where caged birds have been hidden. The Judge wants to see it hunt the area thoroughly, use the wind instinctively and its reaction to finding game. It is a relaxed and informal assessment of your dog's working potential.

Dogs who have not previously passed their TAN will receive a certificate of attendance and a critique. Those gaining a pass, in the assessor's opinion, will receive a Diploma of Merit. The Stan Smith Memorial Trophy will be awarded for Best TAN participant on the day. **NB Former winners are excluded from competing.**

HUNTING An **afternoon training session** is designed to help you to understand use of the wind and more about teaching your dog how to quarter ground thoroughly, etc.

REEP – Deep water retrieve Dogs are asked to retrieve a canvas dummy from water requiring them to swim. Achieving this earns your dog a Diploma of Merit. More experienced dogs can try a higher degree of difficulty, where the dog is sent across a wider expanse of water for an unseen dummy. Bring dog (and human) towels.

RETRIEVING This is the third element of the HPR's skills. **Introductory training sessions will be held throughout the morning** – dogs can retrieve favourite toys or canvas dummies. In the afternoon there will be two competitions, for Novice and Advanced dogs, where different types of retrieves are attempted – of increasing complexity. You will see exercises to teach your dog in preparation for next year's Le Weekend!

A dog that retrieves can be exercised in a relatively small area, so it is a boon to urban owners without access to open countryside.

CANI-X A relatively new sport where owners and dogs compete as a team – running trails over differing distances according to your ambition and fitness! Dogs wear a harness and are attached to you by a bungee line fastened to your belt. This is a safe and enjoyable way of exercising and building a good rapport with your dog. **Advice will be available on the day.**

AGILITY An excellent outlet for energy and high intensity exercise that encourages responsiveness. A selection of jumps, tunnels, etc. will be available for practice throughout the day, with experienced handlers on hand to coach you and your dog. Ask them about this popular sport.

RALLY: Fun event this year This is a less strenuous canine sport based on the heelwork element of Obedience. Primarily you follow a pre-set course. Signs, placed at intervals, give you a simple exercise to do with your dog, e.g. sit on command, or allowing you to examine its teeth, before moving on again. The signs are all the guidance competitors receive, so you do not have to listen to directions from a judge or steward. Dogs may compete on a loose lead or free, and you may give as many verbal commands and as much encouragement as necessary. **Basic training will be available.**

OBEDIENCE Sessions in both morning and afternoon will deal with behavioural problems, basic obedience, and your relationship with your Brittany. Experienced Canine Behaviourists will be on hand to help with individual problems. Covers heelwork, recall and staying, etc. Advice on developing a deeper interest through Kennel Club Good Citizen Scheme and Obedience Clubs

TIMED STAY Competition with trophy for longest stay.

SPRINT Over about 50 yards to find quickest dog with trophy for fastest.

SHOW HANDLING

Demonstrations on grooming, presentation and handling will be available by arrangement.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday 8th July 2018 10.30 a.m.

Main Judge: Mrs Jenny Miller (FEORLIG)

Has been exhibiting and handling dogs since 1958. Been breeding and showing English Springer Spaniels since 1962 and has made up 15 Show Champions. Also owned Cocker Spaniels, Sky Terriers, German Shepherds, Basset Hounds and Papillons. Awards CCs in 16 Breeds and passed for the Gundog Group. Has judged abroad on many occasions awarding CACs and CACIBs. Always shown a keen interest in the Brittany.

Memorial Classes Judge: Mr E Webster (BENJCROFT)

Been involved with Golden Retrievers since 1976 – owning, working, showing and eventually judging. Began judging other gundog breeds and hound breeds in 2001 and has judged abroad on several occasions. Has been interested in the Brittany for many years and has handled the breed in the Show Ring.

There is a full-sized Sports Hall (45mx22m approx) available if we have to use indoor facilities and well mown grass rings nearby if weather is good.

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WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE ANY OFFERS OF HELP OR IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR WEEKEND

*Summer 2018
Gala Dinner Menu*

Cream of Tomato soup

Rich cream of tomato soup finished with fresh cream and basil

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Chicken Liver Parfait

Smooth chicken liver parfait served with Melba toast and salad

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Cheddar and Leek Tart

*Warm cheddar and leek tart served with salad and a
Honey mustard dressing*

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Chicken Forestier

*Chicken breast cooked in a red wine sauce with bacon, mushrooms and silver skin
onions served with new potatoes and summer vegetables*

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Pork Stroganoff

*Strips of pork in a rich cream and mushroom sauce scented with brandy
Served with brazed rice and summer vegetables*

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Roasted Aubergine and Tomato Stack

*Layers of roasted aubergine, tomato compote and cheese
served with new potatoes and summer vegetables*

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White chocolate cheesecake

*Rich white chocolate cheesecake topped fresh raspberries and drizzled with a
raspberry coulis*

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Eton Mess

Mixed berry's fresh cream and crushed meringue

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Cheese Plate

Selection of cheese served with biscuits and grapes

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Tea or Coffee