



THE STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB CELEBRATING 80 YEARS FROM 1935-2015

by Helen Reaney

*The Staffordshire
Bull Terrier Club
Championship Show
held at the Kennel
Club Building on
Sunday 8th
November 2015.*



With a new committee at the helm it was time to put on a show. Our Team comprised of the following:

*President – Fred Gadd
Chairman – Frank Gough
Secretary – Alan Hedges
Treasurer – Helen Reaney
Asst Sec/Show Manager – Karon Jackson
Vice Chairman – Patrick Enfield*

Committee

Pau Baker, Neil Binder, Spencer Cox, Jeff Ford, Joan Gadd, Tina Hubble, Wayne Jackson, David Molineux, Kirstie Molineux, Clare Robinson-Cox, Jill Studley, Tina Walker, Christine Whitehouse and Steve Whitehouse.

Judges for the day

Dogs – Mr James Beaufoy (Wyrefare) and Bitches – Mr Colin Powel (Bowtmans) both were highly experienced judges and with an entry 317 dogs it was going to be a long day. We also had a Referee

for the day Miss Jaci McLaughlan who was called in at the end of the day.

The committee had set up the venue the night before with final preparations being done on the morning of the show. There were super-size special rosettes for the principle winners with all 1st to 6th place also receiving a special rosettes as well as Special prizes. The top table looked amazing with all the specials and rosettes neatly laid out for everyone to see.

The committee opened its doors at 8.00am, people were already outside waiting to enter, everyone was greeted by the Chairman – Mr Frank Gough with Clare Robinson-Cox and Jill Studley on the door handing out the pre-paid catalogues and selling the few we had on sale.

We had a few stalls on the day of the show namely the club Stall run by Neil Binder, we also had Bev Harrison, Martin and Karen Johnson, Paddy Enfield and also the people from Room for One More Staffie were present.



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On the top table were myself and Karon Jackson our Asst Secretary/Show Manager already busy with the day's events unfolding. Our Secretary Alan Hedges was working the room welcoming everyone as he and David Molineux sold raffle tickets for the Hamper raffle. Five hampers had been donated by various people

In the hospitality we had Joan Gadd and Christine Whitehouse who looked after the VIP's who we invited and the Judges and their guest. Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake were in abundance. Both worked extremely hard all day. The outside caterers Farmers Fayre were in the kitchen supplying various food and

refreshments to the very large crowd of people we had all day.

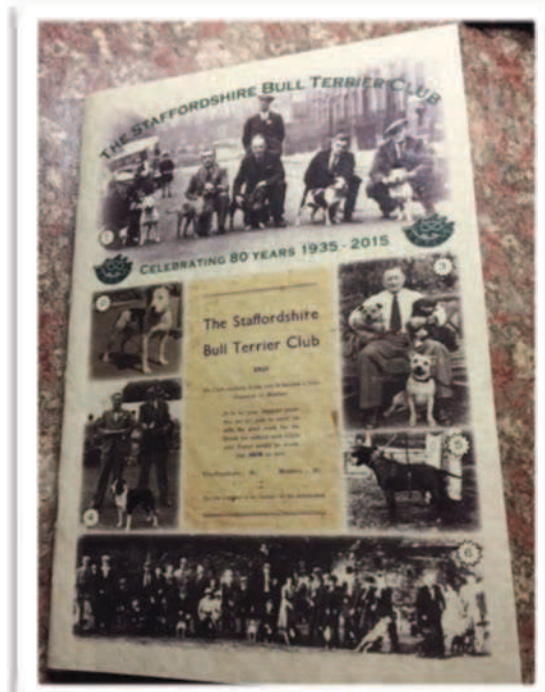
Our President Mr Fred Gadd opened the show at 9.00am and thanked everyone for attending, Our Chairman Frank Gough presented the Judges and the Referee with their gifts and judging then commenced. Our stewards for the day were in the dog ring Peter Rhodes and Frank Reader and in the bitch ring

were Wayne Jackson, Craig Stokes and Steve Whitehouse.

Paul Baker would be taking the club photos' and also doing a short video of each class line ups to post on Facebook to send around the world to

ensure those who couldn't make it at least saw the day's events unfold.

At 11.00am all judging ceased as we remembered those who had been killed in conflict around the world as this was also Remembrance Sunday... we played the last post and as this echoed around the room you could hear a pin drop, not one person not one dog made a sound. It was truly an amazing 2 minutes.





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At lunchtime we drew the raffle and then shortly after we did the Parade of Champions I gathered them outside the venue in ring number order and they entered the venue to the sound of Emerson Lake and Palmer playing Fanfare for the Common Man. All did a lap of honour before each one walked up and down the mat as Alan Hedges read out their brief resume, each received a special rosette.

After this interlude judging recommenced and the afternoon proceedings took place it was turning out to be a long day but with the end of the main show drawing to an end it was time to sort out the Stafford of the Year Exhibitors (these are dogs/bitches who have won a CC's since the last SBTC championship show) These would be judged by three other judges who had been invited for the day. They were Colin Davies, Mansell Frayne and Brian Bates. Collating the points and ensuring fair play were myself and Paul Gardner the KC Building Caretaker as the independent scrutineer.





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Principle winners for the day were:

Bitch CC and Best In Show Ruadonia Delialahs Delight owned by Mr & Mrs Elrick

Dogs CC and Reserve Best In show & Best Opposite Sex In Show – Ch Eclypstaff Cuz I Can owned by Mr & Mrs Davies

Best Puppy In Show – Dazmarnic Cetewayos Kraal – Owned by Mr & Mrs Asker

Res Best Puppy In Show – Biggleswick Fifty Fifty – owned by Mr & Mrs McKimm

Best Veteran in Show – Terrocota Hells Angel – owned by Rhodes and Foxall

Res Dog CC – Ch Kyraloebis Italian Gigalo Jw ShCM – Owned by Mrs R A Plant

Res Bitch CC – Ch Berrystock Charlies Angel JW – owned by Mr & Mrs Rogers



Stafford of the Year commenced after all judging had been completed – the judges were in place and dogs came in three at a time and each of the judges went over each dog. Once all the dogs had been in the ring they all came back in for a final line up and the judges placed them on a marking sheet which was then handed to myself and Paul for marking while they judged the bitches. After all judging had been done myself and Paul marked up the bitches and then collated the two sexes to find out who was the overall Winner of Stafford of the Year.

That honour went to Elitebulls Heartbreaker for Regalbull JWShCM owned by Mr & Mrs Fulford bred by Mrs D Desmond.

After a long day it was time to say thank you to everyone who attended and to wish everyone a safe journey home. All that was left to do was take down the show and tidy away.

A truly fantastic day was had by all who attended the atmosphere around the room and in the ring was electric everyone was enjoying the whole day.

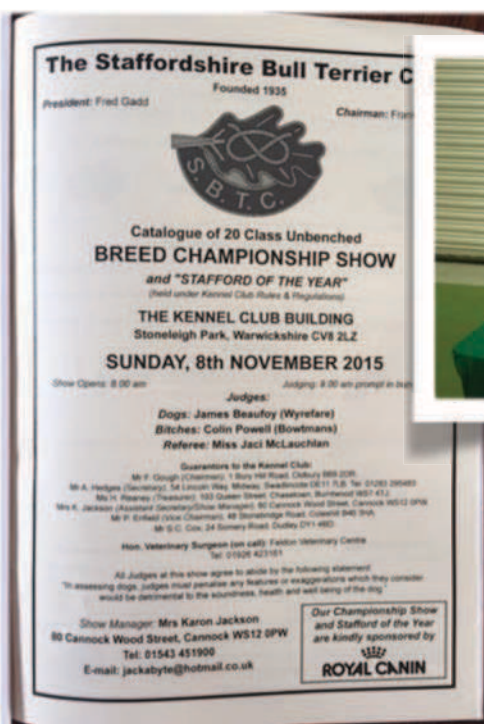
The new committee worked well a team and produced a truly spectacular day.

Helen Reaney
Hon Treasurer/Membership Secretary



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