



THE BRITISH MANCHESTER TERRIER CLUB

## BMTC NEWSLETTER -FEBRUARY 2023



Welcome to 2023. Our Chair, Secretary and the Committee would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. May 2023 be filled with much fun, success, and MT mayhem!

### Dates for the Diary 2023

#### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

##### **BMTC Open Show**

Shenstone Village Hall, WS14 0LT  
Online entries close midnight 10<sup>th</sup> Feb.

#### **Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> March – Sun 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

##### **Crufts**

Terrier Day is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
If you are not showing, then why not volunteer to help on the BMTC Breed Stand in the Discover Dogs area of the show. For further information contact [secretary@manchester-terrier-club.co.uk](mailto:secretary@manchester-terrier-club.co.uk)

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**

##### **BMTC AGM**

Shenstone Village Hall, WS14 0LT  
Meeting opens at 10:30am

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

##### **St George's Day Parade – Manchester**

#### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

##### **BMTC Fun Weekend**

Drax Sports & Social Club  
Selby, YO8 8PJ

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

##### **BMTC Limit Show**

Drax Sports & Social Club  
Selby, YO8 8PJ  
Judge: Ms V Saville & Mr C Boot

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

##### **BMTC Companion Show**

Drax Sports & Social Club  
Selby, YO8 8PJ  
Judge: Mr N Keates



### **BMTC Open Show**

The BMTC Open Show, being held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February at Shenstone Village Hall, is now available to enter. Our breed specialist judge is Lyn Hewson. We look forward to your entries and welcoming you on the day. Online entries close midnight 10<sup>th</sup> February.

For any members who do not show, please do feel free to come along on the day. You will have the opportunity of meeting lots of Manchester Terriers, Manchester owners and the chance to chat about the many Manchester Terrier quirks and characteristics with fellow owners (or should that be slaves).

### **Membership for 2023**

Membership fees were due 1st January. If you have a standing order set up, please check it is for the correct amount.

Membership fees are £10 single, £15 joint/family/Europe and £20 rest of world. Fees are best paid by pay pal, standing order or bank transfer.

Our bank has started charging us for paying cheques in so please only pay by cheque if you have no other way to pay.

Please email [lizjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lizjones@hotmail.co.uk) if you have any queries.

### **MT From Belgium at Crufts 2023**

#### **Katrien Weltjens**

Anyone who went to Burghley Game Fair 2022 may remember visitors on the breed stand from Belgium.



Members Rachel and Gary Minnikin's flyball friends from Belgium, Gert-Jan Lemmens and Katrien Weltjens came to visit and stayed overnight on the Saturday and were present on the

breed stand on Sunday. They have won best in breed with Shanti and have qualified for Crufts 2023 in the process.

Well done Shanti and Katrien!

I'm sure the MT folk will welcome you both with open arms come March 2023 and it goes without saying, good luck.

### **Manchesters' Reunited**

The Manchesters' Reunited team had a super end to the 2022 season. Below is a lovely final write up from Jean Walker, who will be handing over the captaincy of the team to Brenda Harrison for 2023.

*"I felt that our heelwork has improved, the exercises were basically sound; a bit too much enthusiasm in the retrieve and scent from Grace and Briar let a few points slip away, but it's better to have too much than too little! So, on the whole, a decent result. I've booked Briar in for ice skating lessons!*

*Thanks everyone for your good wishes. I shall be handing the mascot over to Brenda next time I see her.*

*And as for the future: I would really like to see more dogs and handlers joining us. Now the rules have been clarified we know that working with another team of the same breed doesn't disqualify you from re-joining your original team. So, I would love to see a second team of MTs again, not for rivalry but to showcase the breed, strengthen our numbers, and basically have fun!"*

If there are any MT owners out there who would like to set up a team then how about it?

### **Crowley's Journey – A BMTC Rehome**

In December 2022 our Secretary was contacted by Katie Spragg regarding the plight of her little MT rehome, Crowley. Here is his story by kind permission of Katie.

Crowley's Journey – by Katie Spragg



*"We took on this little lad 3 years ago this month [December 2022] via the Official British Manchester Terrier re-home page as a rising 4 year old dog. Tim saw his story and was smitten!! And drove 7 plus hours to pick him up from Stirling and back. Crowley has Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) (as do his siblings.... Mum and dad were his aunt and uncle!! As well). So, Crowley came in to join Lily and Beau (MTs) and Harvey and StanLee (Pugs) and became very much part of the family. We knew he would finally lose what little sight he had, and that he was at high risk of developing glaucoma.*

*Sadly following a sudden pain episode Friday evening and a visit to the vets on Monday our worst fears were realized and we have two choices.... Completely remove both eyes or .... Well simply call it a day and accept that he has had 3 fabulous years with us. We have opted for the first choice and he goes in this morning to have both eyes removed. Tim, I and our amazing vet discussed it in depth and feel he is worth giving him a chance. It's not cheap and yes we didn't really need a big bill this time of year, but we feel he is worth it. He is not the easiest of dogs, he likes to wind his sister Lily up on occasion. But our holidays to the Gower with him when he can kick his heels up and run along the beach with no fear are just amazing and deeply moving. He should cope well after recovery as he is already blind, but following healing will be pain free. This week though we have connected with two of his siblings which has really been a delight.*

*Crowley's Journey Part 2....*

*Update:*

*Firstly Tim and I would like to pass on our sincere thanks for the support and good wishes sent to us. We read every single message and they were really appreciated and brought lumps to our throats.*

*Tim and I also wish to pass on our sincere thanks to the Friends to the BMTC for their support and kindness.*

*Crowley's operation went well, and we are not ashamed to say that we both had a few tears when we first saw him. Our vet and the nurses did try to prepare us, but it was still a shock to see his face shaved and his eyes sewn shut, given they were such a big facial feature.*



*We know that this was the right thing to do for him, he had lost any sight he had left but the glaucoma had taken over rapidly and would lead to a lot of pain.*

*So, its onwards and upwards for the little chap. Today Crowley has come on in leaps and bounds and pretty much back to his old self. And finally, a bonus for the week was connecting with two of Crowley's siblings and seeing their pictures with the family resemblance.*

*Thank you again everybody xx"*

Thank you, Katie, for allowing BMTC to share her Facebook post on Crowley's journey and we hope all goes well for the future. Keep wagging that tail little man!

Crowley's full story will be featured in this year's edition of the BMTC Yearbook.

### **Carol Dunford Judges Crufts 2026**

Exciting news – Carol Dunford is the judge for Manchesters at CRUFTS 2026.

Carol commented as follows,

*"Looking forward to that I must say, what an honour. New outfit called for!"*

Ray, best start saving now ready for a big spend.

### **BMTC Championship Show 2022 Results**

BCC & BIS Mr C Boot Ysabelkid Calamity Jane.

Res B CC Miss L & M Olbinson & Kelly Rattustrap Citra at Carapast.

DCC & RBIS Mr & Mrs F & P Warner Talanors Time For Fun.

Res DCC Mrs B O'Neill Magellan Artemis Argentis.

BPB & BPIS Mrs V & Miss L Sharpe. Rosettia Keepsake.

BPD & RBPIS Mr D Gray & Mr W Travis. Clanmarshal Edwardian Star.

BVDIS & BV Mrs A Hebb Paucelin Falster.

BVB Mrs J Walker Talanors Treat Me Good at Sizlin.

### **Breed Appreciation Day 2022**

On the 6th November the BMTC ran a Breed Appreciation Day for those interested in learning more about the Breed and interpreting the breed standard. The speakers were our own Carol Dunford on expanding the Breed Standard, Paul Eardley, vice-Chairman of the KC who spoke about judging the Breed from an all-rounders point of view, and Ann Harrison who said, "thoroughly enjoyed sharing some recent research on the history of the breed." This was followed by a Multiple Choice Exam for those on the judging ladder, (congratulations – everyone passed!) whilst others had the opportunity to go over



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members' dogs and chat informally on a one-to-one basis to learn more.

Lunch was then followed by a mentoring session for the Judges. We had wonderful feed-back from the 30+ attendees, and even boosted the membership. Importantly, this day was FREE to all participants thanks to a very generous bequest from the late Miss Nerolie de Lavis-Trafford which is to be used by the British Manchester Terrier Club for the education of Judges. This bequest is administered by the KC who authorised the application for Funds.

We look forwards to holding more of these days (two previous planned events fell victim to Covid) when we hope to welcome even more members.

That's about it for this edition of the Newsletter. Hope you all have a good spring, and we look forward to seeing you over the next few months.

