

BMTC NEWSLETTER -Autumn/Winter 2023



Welcome to the autumn (we know it's here because our MTs are donning their blankies) and the BMTC Autumn Newsletter. Well, what a summer it has been. We have had heat, rain, thunder and lighting. But whatever the weather, we hope you have all had a good one with plenty of Manchester Terrier fun.

Club Hon. Secretary



Due to personal circumstances Estella Saxton has taken the difficult decision to stand down as British Manchester Terrier Club

Hon Secretary effective from 1st September 2023.

Following consultation with the Kennel Club, a BMTC committee meeting was held where it was proposed that Sonia Owczarek (Assistant Secretary) should step up into the role of Hon Secretary until the 2024 AGM. This was agreed unanimously by the committee.

To support and guide Sonia it was also proposed, and unanimously accepted, that Estella should take on the role of BMTC Assistant Secretary until the 2024 AGM.

The Club and Committee thank Estella for all her hard work for the Club and our Breed whilst in the role. Estella will continue to maintain her role and responsibilities on the BMTC Health Committee.

Lesley Olbinson – BMTC Chair



Dates for the Diary 2024

24th February 2024

BMTC Championship Show
Judge: Carol Wicker

BMTC Open Show

Judge: Dr S Smith

Venue: Shenstone Village Hall, WS14 0LT

7th April 2024

BMTC AGM
Shenstone Village, WS14 0LT

15th-16th June 2024

BMTC Fun Weekend
Drax Sports & Social Club, YO8 8PJ

6th October 2024

BMTC Championship Show
(In conjunction with Vulnerable Native Breeds Show)
Judge: Victoria Reeve
Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, CV8 2LZ

12 October 2024

Breed Appreciation Day (BAD)
Shenstone Village Hall, WS14 0LT

BMTC Fund Weekend 2023



Once again, our Fun Weekend was held at Drax Sprots and Social Club in Selby. We had fun, games, raffle prizes, games prizes, food, wine, shows, thunder, lighting, sunshine and a totally Manchester Terrier experience.

There fun included have a go at fly ball, lure racing, games galore and an agility workshop and competition.

Funds Raised

The 4 Raffles, Auction and splat the rat raised a fabulous £2256.50 for the renal fund!

The Winners of the Star Raffle Prizes:

Gwendon Holiday

Gwendon Holiday won by Paul Clarke (and his syndicate!)

We look forward to seeing pictures and a review on the Facebook Members page in due course 😊.

Pawsome Portrait

Won by Dot Ward.

Please do put a pic of the portrait on the BMTC Members Facebook page.

Our thanks go to the kind members who sponsored these super prizes.

Thank you everyone for your support, we raised well over the stated values of both prizes for the Renal Failure fund, but most of all, to Ged, Neil and Alison for your amazing generosity in giving these prizes, a huge, heartfelt Thank You.

Winners of the Games:

The Great Egg and Spoon Hurdle



1st – Daren Templeman with Archie (corners like a formula one driver) 6.39.

2nd – Rick Sharp with Otto (aka Steve) - 6.97.

3rd – Ann Harrison with Teal (aka Marm) - 7.00.

4th – Kaz Spence with Roxy (aka I try very hard) - 7.94.

5th – Claire Murphy with Branagh (aka I came over the ocean) - 8.16.

6th – Chris Boot with Edie (aka Mr Boot) - 8.25.

Great Egg and Spoon Race Under 16

1st – Rex with Xena- 8.00

2nd – Nial with Reggie – 8.75

Novelty Dog Show

Class 1 – Any Breed of Puppy (6-12 Months)

1st – Chris Harrison with Raine (Manchester Terrier)

Class 2 – Any Breed of Non-Sporting

1st – Cym Beasele with Evie (Australian Kelpie).

Class 3 – Any Breed of Sporting Hounds Terrier Gun

1st – Judy Thurlow with Tilda (Manchester Terrier).

Class 4 – Manchester Terrier Puppy (Dog or Bitch) 6-12 Months Old

Mandy Williamson with Eddie.

Class 5 – Manchester Terrier Bitch (Open)

Christy Straughan with Faith.

Class 6 – Manchester Terrier Dog (Open)

Ann Hebb with Freddie.

Class 7 – Handsomest Dog

Carol Wicker with Blue.

Novelty Class 8 – Prettiest Bitch

Rachel Minnikin with Sapphire (Border Collie).

Novelty Class 9 – Best Junior Handler

Niall McConville with Reggie (Manchester Terrier).

Novelty Class 10 – Cutest Puppy 6-12 Months

Rex Castillio with Xena (Manchester Terrier).

Novelty Class 11 – Dog with the Waggiest Tail

Rachel Minnikin with Tia (Parson Russel).

Novelty Class 12 – Best Six Legs

Claire Murphy with Brannagh (Manchester Terreir)

Novelty Class 13 – Best Resue or Rehome

Linda Walker with Penny (Manchester Terrier)



Novelty Class 14 – Golden Olide (over 7 years)

Kaz Spence with Rosie (Miniature Pincher).

Fancy Dress

Best Human & Dog Combination Fancy Dress



We had a fantastic entry to our fancy-dress competition and the winners were:

1st – Centurion Paulos Cee & Rubicus Rubicus (Paul Clarke with Rubicus Rubicus)

2nd – Bubbles, Bubbles and More Bubbles (Claire Murphy with Spongey Blue and Spongey Pink)

3rd – Darth Vader and Team.

(Louise Plant with Princess Laia and Storm Trooper)

Rosie – Our Honorary Manchester Terrier

Many of you will know Kaz and Dave Spence. Both from the many game and country fairs that they attend during the summer showcasing our lovely breed and for their enthusiasm and gregarious company at the BMTC Fun Weekends.



Most of us will know Rosie, their little Min Pin, who accompanies them on all their MT adventures. What some of you may not know is that little Rosie was

diagnosed with diabetes at age 2, but through the dedication and care of the Spence's Rosie was still with us at the Fun Weekend in July 2023, at the ripe old age of 14. Indeed, little Rosie won the Golden Oldie class in our fun show.

Sadly, this September little Rosie left to cross the rainbow bridge. Below, by kind permission are Kaz's words from her Facebook page:



Heart Breaking Day. 😭 Rosie our beautiful princess gained her angel wings and crossed over to Rainbow Bridge 🌈🐾 hopefully now back with Polly and Gromit. Diagnosed with diabetes at 2 years old we had to overcome insulin jabs, blood testing and blood glucose curves. Just shows what an amazing girl she was. None of it phased her. We miss her so much already. So many memories and was a big part of Team MT. We loved every minute of her 14 years. Run free baby girl. 🌈🐾😘xxx

I think this says it all and I know many of us will also miss little Rosie.

Hadrian's Wall -The Epic Journey

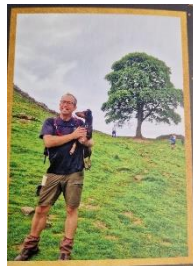


During the summer of 2023 Centurion Maximus Rubicus, together with her trusty companion Centurion Paulus Ceeus the Epic Journey of Hadrian's wall took place. The Epic Journey was undertaken to raise funds for the BMTC Renal Fund.



Friend joined them along the route and some very Epic photos and memories were made.

A full feature of the walk, in Centurion Maximus Rubicus' own words will be available in the BMTC 2024 Yearbook. In the meantime, details of the walk are also on the BMTC Fan Page Facebook page.



The walk was completed on 10th September and raised a total of £1683.81. Here are Centurion Maximus Rubicus' concluding statements in her own words:

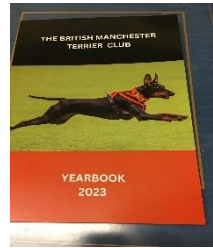


"Today 10th September 2023, Centurion Maximus Rubicus formally handed your kind donations and sponsorship, in a form of a special cheque, to BMTC committee member Chris Boot. An absolutely fantastic final total of £1683.81 has been raised for the Renal Fund, and you all deserve a massive congratulations for your amazing support. Signing off, Rubicus x 🐾❤️🐾❤️🐾"

All that's left to say is, "We love you Ruby Ruby Ruby". Oh yes, and well-done Paul too.



BMTC Yearbook 2023



We hope that all our members have now received the 2023 Yearbook.

The Committee would like to express their apologies for the late publication of this year's issue.

This was because we used new software to produce this issue and, like with all new technology, we had some teething problems.

Halloween

It was lovely to see a lot of Manchesters in their Halloween costumes on our Facebook pages.



And, for no other reason than we have the only Manchester who has mastered the technique of being able to ride a broomstick, this picture stole the show.

Christmas and the New Year

On a final note, we hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and a very happy New Year.



We look forward to seeing all your Manchester Terriers in their festive costumes on our Facebook pages and remember, a real Christmas tree in the lounge is not an indoor cocky leggy uppy.

Don't forget, 2024 calendars are still available to purchase, and membership subs are due by 1st January 2024.

The BMTC Committee wish all our members and their Manchester a very merry festive season and we look forward to seeing you at BMTC events in 2024.

*BMTC Committee
Autumn/Winter 2023*