



# Usk Valley Working Gundog Club Newsletter 2020



## Chairman's Report

It is very difficult to know what to write after one of the strangest years experienced by us all. For us as a Club, we have socialised via the wonders of Microsoft Teams and held more meetings than usual in the hope that we could provide an offer for our members.

Our AGM was held remotely and we had the pleasure of **WELCOMING** new committee members Nathan Quinn, Alex Matthews, Linda Newnes and Abigail Bird.

In the light of us having to cancel all our working tests, field trials, training and fun days, the UVWGC Training Tips for Working Dogs Facebook group was born.

Thank you to Nathan Quinn, Russ Woodward, Simon Kirby, David Thomas and Richard Price who stepped up to the challenge and made some short videos for us. An extended **THANK YOU** to our field trial landowners who supported the club up until the 9th hour with hosting our events. Unfortunately under KC and government guidance these were cancelled.

In the hope that we will experience a more positive 2021, the committee have put together working test, field trial and training dates. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for more details.

I would like to wish all our members and their families a safer 2021 and we all look forward to seeing you soon.

*Debra Bird*

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR



If you would like to learn more about our sport, meet like minded people and work alongside a team committed to providing events for their members, why not consider joining our committee. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please email  
uvchairman@outlook.com



Huge thank you to  
Skinner and BASC for their  
continued sponsorship of  
the UV Club



to our members, the judges, landowners and volunteers who have continued to support the Club despite the unfortunate events of Covid-19. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in 2021, but in the meantime wish you health and happiness.



## AGM

will be held on Monday  
10th May 2021  
from 8pm

## Diary Dates

Subject to the government and KC guidance, UVWGC are hoping to run a number of working test, field trials and training days in 2021. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for further updates.  
[www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk](http://www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk)

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## MEMBERSHIP

Please remember to renew your membership from 1st March. Payable via BACS or Cheque.  
Single £10.00 / Joint £12.00 / Juniors £1.00



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## Working Test Dates



### RETRIEVERS:

5th June @ Glan Usk (Novice)  
3rd July @ Clytha Estate (Novice)  
7th August @ Big Pit (Open)

### SPANIELS:

14th August @ Big Pit (Novice)

### HPRS:

6th June @ Charlton Park (Classes tbc)

We have restricted class offer and no of competitors in each WT inline with KC and Government Guidance. Should restrictions become relaxed, we will look to open up our offer to accommodate more classes and larger group sizes. Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates.

**APPLICATION SUPPORT:** If you would like to support Usk Valley in their application to host an All-Aged and Open HPR Field Trial, please send your letters of support to Simon Kirby, hpruv@outlook.com before 31st May 2021.



## Field Trials

**SUBJECT TO KC LICENCING & APPROVAL**

**TBC August**—Novice (AV) HPR, venue tbc

**Saturday 2nd October**—Novice (AV) HPR, Penllyn Estate, Cowbridge

**Wednesday 16th October**—Novice (AV) Retriever, Bitterley Lodge, Ludlow

**Friday 29th & Saturday 30th October**—2 Day Open (AV) Retriever, Bitterley Lodge, Ludlow

**Date TBC**—Novice (AV) Spaniel, Edwingsford Estate, Llandeillo

**Date TBC**—Spaniel (excluding

Spaniel {cocker}) Open,



Your feedback is always very much appreciated. If there is anything that you think the club should be offering but isn't, please let us know and we will review at our quarterly meetings / AGM.

**DEMONSTRATION DAYS:** We will be at Clytha Garden Party on Sunday 18th July and Usk Show on Saturday 11th September 2021.



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## Training Dates

- \* FTMS Working Test Management Training 28th March 2021
- \* DAVID LATHAM TRAINING DAY 16th June
- \* YOUNG HANDLERS FUN DAY 4th September

More training opportunities will become available over the course of the year. Keep an eye on our website for further information.

