

# SOUTHERN BOSTON TERRIER CLUB

## NEWS LETTER



Summer 2024- Edition 5

### Welcome from the new Membership

**Secretary-** Chris Mewse



Hello, members; I would like to introduce myself as the new Southern Boston Terrier Club membership secretary.

Some of you will have seen me around the show ring and the club meet-ups we have carried out. My name is Chris Mewse; I am one of the original founding members. The opportunity came up to carry out this significant role, so I was more than happy to agree to take it on. It means so much that we have been able to set up a new breed club in the South for this wonderful breed we all love. What is key for the club is education on the breed, so we have a new website that helps with that goal and going from strength to strength. Here you can find information on events such as shows/meet up's/breed standard/newsletters/judging and membership information etc. We also have a photo gallery where you can send in your lovely photos for inclusion. If you haven't seen it yet you can find it at

<https://www.southernbostonterrierclub.org.uk>

We would love to hear from you about any ideas you might have that you feel would benefit the club moving forward.

[Contact me](#) with your stories. This is your club, so any ideas

would be more than welcome. These could go into the club newsletter for everyone to see. We all know how our Bostons put such smiles on our faces; they are so full of character.

For those who show their Boston, entries are now open for our final members' Limit Show, which will be held on 25 August. This is a partnership show held in conjunction with Horley & District Show Society, so you will have the opportunity to show under three different judges on the same day. Details can be found on the Fosse Data website [here](#).

I'm very excited to tell you we have gained permission from the Royal Kennel Club to hold our first Open Show. Please keep an eye out for the entry form when it's advertised in the new year and make a note in your diaries for April 6th, 2025. It will be held at Steventon Village Hall, Oxford, a new venue for many of you. It would be great to see as many members there as possible.

As membership secretary, I have one last request that you all shout from the rooftops and tell all your Boston Terrier friends about this new club. We would love for the membership to go from strength to strength. All information and forms can be found on the club's website. All the best for the remainder of the year, and I hope to see lots of you at our next event.

Chris Mewse-

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## Discover Dogs at Crufts 2024 by Andy Strickland

After the excitement and slight disappointment of the show, we stayed at a local(ish) hotel in preparation for manning the Boston Terrier Stand at Crufts on Friday, March 8th, 2024. We set off not quite so early this time, as we realised DD exhibitors had VIP parking, making the walk to the halls much closer—bonus!

We arrived at the stand at 08:30 and set it up ready for the public at 09:00. We were joined by Deborah Knight with her puppy. It was not long before the visitors started arriving, and they continued to arrive all day until 16:00. We had hundreds of people visiting the stand, and all three dogs were in their element with the attention and were good as gold. Nia loved the attention and being made a fuss over. At one point she went to sleep on the table while people were still wanting to stroke her. Harvey was also having a great time and loving the attention but he got to a point where he just wanted a snooze away from people. So, we put his mat down inside his crate, covered him with his blanket and he went off to sleep.

The public was very interested and asked many questions about Boston Terriers. It was not long before I had a good set of lines to use to explain as much as I knew. I gave as much clear information as possible, directing people to the four Boston Terrier Clubs. One small setback we encountered was that we did not have any information to hand out to people who were interested in Boston Terriers. I did, however, send Fiona King a quick text message to establish if she was able to provide me with the QR code for the SBTC Facebook page. Having a QR code allowed us to point any interested public directly to the SBTC website as well as The Boston Terrier Club.

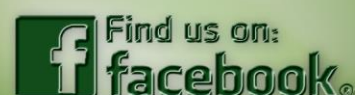
As a side note, in the afternoon, Rintintina (Tinova) asked me if I would take some photos of her and her group doing the Rally Display with her Boston Amy, which I was only too happy to do. Wow, they did do well, and hopefully, I provided her with some lovely photos of them all doing their stuff.

By 15:45, the public started to thin out, and we were instructed by the organisers to start closing down the

stand by 16:00. We packed away everything ready for the next group of volunteers to man the stand the following day. One nice touch, a container of sweets for the humans and treats for the dogs, was left as a thank you from Julie Glynn of The Boston Terrier Club. As we departed, I collected the Crufts 2024 Qualifier rosettes that I ordered earlier in the day, which will take pride in our rosette display for Harvey and Nia.

One endnote, not sure what caused it, but I went down with a bit of a chest bug and it made me quite poorly. I noticed I was not the only person affected and it was put down to the NEC Crufts Bug! Personally I think it could have been a combination of the air conditioning and amount of dust in the air from the dogs, but who really knows!

We thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and have already decided that even if Harvey and Nia do not qualify for Crufts 2025, we will consider manning the stand again if volunteers are sought.



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## **Boston Terrier Meetup March 24, 2024 by Chris Mewse**

The sun was shining on the Boston meet up!



What a great day at the last Boston meet-up at Queen Elizabeth Country Park on 24th March. We arrived with fingers crossed that we would get a decent turnout as this is a great opportunity to see new people and their 4 legged friends. It turned out no crossed fingers were needed, 20 dogs in total and 17 of them were our beloved Boston's.

To me, the day was worth all the effort just for that. It was great to see Jo and Ian King, as we hadn't seen them for some time, and it was fantastic that Maureen and Peter Hounslow showed their support for the club as usual. There was Sally and Nick from Pagham with their 2 Bostons. We had Emma and her daughter with a lovely little Dandy Dinmont who attended so they could learn a little more about the breed before Emma decides to get a Boston.

The walk took 45 minutes to an hour, and the sun was shining on us all. All the dogs behaved impeccably. The walk was nice and relaxed, with not too many inclines, so it was easy enough for all of us. We stopped halfway around so Fiona could take a nice photo of those who were there, dogs happy and owners smiling. What could be better?

The walk was completed with drinks and eats from the little food kiosk and everyone chatting. It was a great end to a fantastic day. Well done to Karen and Rob for helping with the organisation.

The funniest part of the day for me was

watching Brian running down the track after a rogue Boston, absolute quality.

Hope to see you all at the next organised meet up!

## **Boston Terrier Meetup 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024 by Lucy Dearn**

On June 15, 2024, a group of Bostons descended on Bovey Tracey, Devon. Connor and I went along with Peter and Karen Prior, who were, as always, the best hosts.

We met at Mill Marsh Park, and there were around 6 Bostons flying the flag for the breed. The Bostons had a great time socialising, I always find it a pleasure to watch Bostons interacting with their extended family.

We took a slow walk to Josie's Ice Cream Parlour (I can confirm the ice cream to be 10/10)! It is situated within The Jolly Roger, which featured a cool motorbike collection and life-size models.

Humans and pups alike were entertained and treated to dry weather for the afternoon.



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## **Show Manager's Report: 18 May 2024 by Brian King (Chairman and Show Manager)**

Our second limit show was held in conjunction with the Wickford, Basildon & DCS open show; I am involved in both clubs, so I was able to have input into the preparation for both shows.

I have been on the committee of WBDCS since the early 1990s when Fiona and I first started showing our Bull terriers! Recently, I stood down as Chair and Show manager of WBDCS to focus my efforts on forming the SBTC! This would always be a busy day for me, with a foot in each camp, and a relatively new WBDCS committee formed in March of this year. It was quite a big ask with a new secretary and chair in place, but I must say they/we smashed it!!

The show preparation started on Thursday with the marking out and cutting of the grass for the rings; on Friday, Fiona and I set up the SBTC ring with our gazebos, ring chains and club banners, and we also decorated the ring chains with gold ribbons. All looked fab and worth the effort. Whilst setting up on the Friday we were pleased to see Jo and Ian King had taken the opportunity to stay overnight in their motorhome in the site adjacent to the show site.

Our Committee team arrived nice and early on Saturday morning. Andy and Julie took on the stewarding duties, Fiona the club stall, Dawn on photographic duties and Jan and I kept ourselves busy as show secretary and show manager meeting with our first visit from an RKC field officer, which all went very well as he was very pleased with the organisation and set up of our show!

The WBDCS open show pulled an unprecedented entry of some 32 dogs for breed specialist judge Debbie Rodaway, our own SBTC classes drew an entry of 40 dogs for well-respected judge Mr David Matthews, and our Stacey Mewse memorial classes drew an entry of 23 dogs for breed specialist judge Mrs Lisa Batty. We were blessed with a nice dry day. Judging by the comments afterwards, everyone had an enjoyable day. Thank you to everyone who entered and came along to support the club.

### **Well done to all our winners:**

Mr David Matthews (Limit show) awarded:

- Best bitch and BIS – James' Aprika Fifth Avenue JW
- Best Dog and RBIS – Trevett's Sarkay Ricochet
- BPIS - Walking Silver
- Best Veteran – Trevett's Sarkay Pocketfulsunshine
- RBD – King's Kingsline Rock Star.
- RBB – Gunther's Indiana at Crissiguns.

Lisa Batty (Special Award Classes) awarded.:

- SAPG – James' Aprika Fifth Avenue JW
- SAO – Tanner's Wynele Valentina at Tanner.

## **Show Secretary's Report: 18 May 2024 by Jan Mason (Treasurer and Show Secretary)**

The SBTC held its second member's limit show on 18 May in partnership with the popular Wickford, Basildon & DCS. The venue does not offer wet weather accommodation, so we were hoping for a dry day. Although a little grey to start, that is what we got—dry and sunny.

Fiona had worked very hard to make our ring look different from the others with Club banners and chain fencing; it looked lovely. For various reasons, we were a few committee members missing, but we pulled together, and everything ran smoothly; the visiting RKC Field Officer was very happy with our efforts, and so were the exhibitors, according to their comments.

We appreciate everybody's continued support for the Club through their entries, sponsorship of classes, and help on the day of the show.



# Show Gallery

## 18/05/2024



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# IMPORTANT DATES!

Entries are open for our next Member's Limit Show on 25/08/2024.


There are multiple opportunities to have your dogs judged, and this will be held in conjunction with Horley and District Canine Society.

The judges are as follows:

- Mrs Yvonne Rawley MBE (Sharbonne/Toydom)- Limit Show
- Faye Gardener (Labrastaf) – Special Award Classes

Please follow the following link to join us on what will be a fabulous day!

<https://www.fossedata.co.uk/shows/southern-boston-terrier-club-august-2024.aspx>



**SOUTHERN  
BOSTON  
TERRIER CLUB**

**SCHEDULE of Unbenched  
11 Class (+ 3 Special Award Classes)**  
*(Held in conjunction with Horley & District Open Show)*

**SINGLE BREED MEMBERS' LIMITED SHOW**  
*(Challenge Certificate/ CAC / CACIB / Green Star winners are not eligible for entry)  
(held under Kennel Club Limited Rules & Regulations)*

at **THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND**  
Ardingly, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH17 6TL

**SUNDAY, 25th AUGUST 2024**  
*Show Opens: 9.30 am Judging not before 11.00 am  
Show closes half an hour after completion of judging*

**Judge: Mrs Yvonne Rawley MBE (Sharbonne/Toydom)**  
**Special Award Classes: Faye Gardner (Labrastaf)**

Jurisdiction and responsibilities: The Officers and Committee members of the society holding the licence are deemed responsible for organising and conducting the show safely and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Club and agree to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation F17. In so doing those appointed as officers and committee members accept that they are jointly and severally responsible for the organisation of the show and that this is a binding undertaking (vide Kennel Club General Show Regulations F4 and F5).

Hon. Secretary: Mrs Fiona King, Black Cottage, Gusted Hall Lane, Hockley, Essex SS5 4JL. Tel: 01702 205077  
Hon. Veterinary Surgeon (on call): Oathall Veterinary Group  
30 Oathall Road, Haywards Heath RH16 3EQ. Tel: 01444 440224

All Judges at this show agree to abide by the following statement:  
"In assessing dogs, judges must penalise any features or exaggerations which they consider would be detrimental to the soundness, health and well being of the dog."

**On-line entries can be made up until midnight on Sunday, 11th August 2024  
at [www.fossedata.co.uk](http://www.fossedata.co.uk)**

**PLEASE NOTE: POSTAL ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS SHOW**

Show Enquiries please contact:  
Show Manager - Mr Brian King - Tel: 07969 372178 (no calls after 9.00 pm)  
Show Secretary - Mrs Jan Mason - Email: [treasurer@southernbostonterrierclub.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@southernbostonterrierclub.org.uk)  
Only undocked dogs and legally docked dogs may be entered for exhibition at this show

**Officers and Committee will not handle any dogs at this show**

## \*\*\*Breaking News\*\*\*

### Member-only website section

We're excited to let you know we've been building a paid member-only section on our website. It will be home to the Newsletters going forward and will contain a growing number of articles, from opinion pieces about the Boston, to articles about judging the breed and breed health. We have more ideas in the pipeline for its content, including galleries of past kennels and interviews with breed experts.

Now here comes the tricky part! In the next couple of weeks, **you will each receive a sign-on password to gain access** to this private section. Please note there will only be one password per email address, so for those of you sharing an email with us, we will only send the password to one of the holders, so unless you send us a separate email, you will need to share the password between both of you. Junior members will not receive a paid member access code. Please note, access to the member zone is restricted to paid members only, so you may not share the password with anyone else, after all, it's your subscriptions that help fund this work! We will be monitoring traffic and can detect access from unknown addresses, so please be vigilant.

We'd love your feedback and ideas or contributions for future content. Thanks for your continued support to the club. We're growing in strength and popularity all the time and hope our website becomes a valuable resource for all our paid members.



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