

## Pat Newton : An Appreciation

English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan) Club Secretary 2013-2022



***The ETT (Black & Tan) Club are truly grateful for the time and effort which Pat has put in to the Club over the last 18 years, firstly as a Committee member and latterly as Club Secretary. Everyone on the Committee and in the Club send her the very best wishes for the future. (Nick Gourley, Witchstone, Club Chair)***

After nearly 15 years of sterling service to the English Toy Terrier ( Black & Tan) Club - the last 9 of them as Club Secretary - Pat Newton decided to step down at the 2022 AGM and pass the baton of responsibility for the administration of the club to a new Secretary. Pat is part of a line of club secretaries who have served the club with distinction since it was formed in 1938 and sits alongside some of the great secretaries since the 1960's including Frank Palmer, Edith Holdstock, Shirley Ellis – Jones, John Cottrell, Carrie Graham-Weall and Nick Gourley (current Club Chairperson).

Dogs have played a huge part in Pats life. As a young girl she had her own mixed breed dog. In 1973 Irish Setters joined Pat, Graham and daughter Sarah at their home in Sutton on Sea on the East Lincolnshire coast. The family returned to Pats home town of Scunthorpe in 1979 where they bred two litters of Setters (and a son). With the passing of the last Setter - "Sherry" - in the 1990s the family was without a dog for a time until Zak the Sheltie puppy arrived. Zak died in early 2003 and like many dog owners Pat decided she would never have another one because of the huge loss.

Pat's career as a school business manager gave her weekends off and plenty of holidays so the Newtons made good use of their narrowboat "Rainbowchaser". The boat was moored at The Retford and Worksop Boat Club on the Chesterfield Canal and they enjoyed weekends at the club during the winter and cruising the inland waterways in the summer.

***" When I served as chair of the Club I saw at first hand how efficient and effective Pat was at administering the club's business. She was an absolute gem who did everything by the book and never put a foot wrong"(Jan Fiers, Lokeren)***

The missing element from this semi-nomadic life was of course a dog, and so the search for a suitable "narrow dog" began. Pat did her research and settled on an English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan). Pat had never seen an ETT in the flesh before visiting a Championship Show at Stafford where they met several dogs and their owners round the ETT ring. In 2004 they were invited to the Witchstone kennels in Derbyshire where they met Pippa (Amalek Dancing in the Dark) who was then four years old. With the blessing of the Amalek breeders (Mary and Roy Wilson) Pat and Graham were offered Pippa as a Pet. Pippa was joined by puppy Holly (Witchstone Party Party) later that year and in addition to becoming inseparable ETT friends they quickly adapted to the semi nomadic lifestyle. Both Pippa and Holly died at the grand age of 16 years old, having had happy active lives.



Husband Graham was persuaded to have a go at showing and after some training at Trent Toy Training Club in Scunthorpe they ventured into the dog showing world. Holly qualified for Crufts 2006 and they realised an ambition to compete in the world's most prestigious show. In 2005 two ETTs became three when Poppy (Witchstone Copy Cat) joined them. Holly and Poppy enjoyed some success at local open shows and at the occasional Championship show within a couple of hours drive from home. Poppy is now 16 years old, still going strong, and living with Pat's son and family in Scunthorpe. She went for a sleepover with the grandchildren 4 years ago and they never brought her back !

***The words "Thank you" don't seem enough for all of the time and effort that Pat has given to the ETT Club over the years. Her successor has big shoes to fill (Lisa Dixon, Lasagesse).***

In 2007 Pat and Graham acquired Witchstone Centre Fold from a pairing of Ch Witchstone Party Politics x Ch Amalek I Got Rhythm. Betty gained her stud book number after winning her first RCC – one of seven - at East of England Champ Show. Her first CC was at Windsor in 2008 judged by Ellis Hulme and her second (and BOB) the same year came under Terry Nethercott at South Wales. At Crufts 2009 she gained her 3rd CC and her Champion crown under Ferelith Somerfield. To add to

the Crown in 2009 Betty won BOB and Toy Group One at the Birmingham National Dog Show in Stafford under Sandra Arroyo (Breed Classes) and Bryan Mitchell (Toy Group). 2009 was rounded off with another CC at Darlington under Jill Peak. In April 2010 Mary Wilson awarded Betty CC and BOB at WELKS after which she took four years out to produce some offspring. She returned to the ring in May 2014 for a final farewell and promptly won her final CC, awarded by Julie Sparrow from the Veteran Class at SKC. A feat seldom achieved by an ETT and a testament to the quality of both her breeding and the quality of the care given to her by Pat and Graham.

In 2010 the Kennel Club approved and registered the Kennel Name "Tettoy". The name came after the attempt to register "Trentoy" was refused. At the time Pat was very active delivering show training with Trent Toy And All Breeds Training Club. Pat's home overlooks the northern river Trent flood plain hence the desire to use Trent and Toy in the name. The outcome was a more subtle kennel name incorporating the breed's abbreviated name and the breed group.



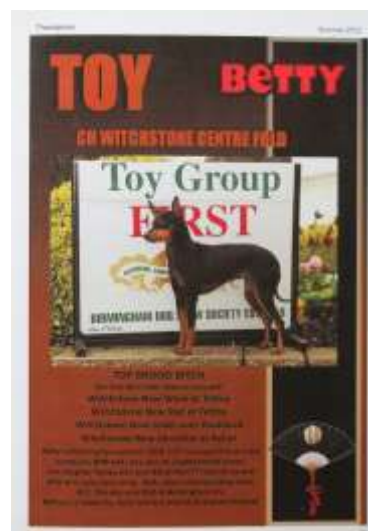
In 2010 they sold the narrowboat, bought a new caravan, and focused more on attending dog shows which they combined with caravan holidays. In the same year Betty delivered her first litter and Pat and Graham kept two puppies - Witchstone New Wave At Tettoy (Honey) and Witchstone New Star at Tettoy (Stella). Pat handled Honey and Graham handled Stella. Both went on to become Champions with Stella going on to win the Toy Group at Southern Counties Champ Show in 2013.

***To officiate in this position is always a thankless task. Pat stepped up to the plate and has remained a conscientious, hardworking and very approachable person, always there for advice and a chat. A very good club secretary (Jan Harman, Boimans)***

Stella and Honey would often compete against each other. Pat recalls Frank Kane taking an age to decide between Stella and Honey at one particular Champ show. Having chosen Honey he asked if they were litter sisters to which Pat replied "yes". Frank then commented "you have a lovely pair madam" before slapping his head as he realised his faux pas.

***Pat has always been an incredible stalwart who has been so dedicated to the breed (Kim Ross, Poshpins)***





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Betty delivered another litter in 2013 from which Witchstone En Vogue won her Championship crown, and Witchstone Next Top Model won two CCs. They kept Witchstone Wears Prada who did well as a puppy but never quite made it in the ring as adult. In 2015 Betty's final litter included Witchstone Now Your Talking with Tettoy and Champion Witchstone Talk of The Town with Tettoy. Nessie Love joined the Tettoy team in 2017 and has been entrusted to carry the kennel name forward into the future.

***Pat has done what a good club secretary should do. Operating away in the background, doing whats needed to be done, having her finger on the pulse, and doing it all efficiently and effectively. She will be a hard act to follow. (Steve Inch, Edalene)***



Pat joined the English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan) Club committee in 2008 and took over from Caroline Graham-Weall as Honorary Secretary in 2013. As Club Secretary she has worked tirelessly on behalf of the members, doing all the basic administrative work required to keep the club functioning while providing the level head needed to steer the club through what have occasionally been choppy waters and difficult circumstances. If that was not enough Pat also found time to be the Club Breed

Stand Manager and (with husband Graham) worked hard to help deliver an outstanding Discover Dogs experience for a number of years, culminating in winning “Best Overall Booth” at Crufts 2015. The first time the Club had won this particular honour for over 20 years. The Newtons also led the effort to develop the Clubs initial website and social media presence which stood the club in good stead for nearly 10 years.

***Pat was the first person I spoke to in the ETT world. She was so kind and has always been at the end of the phone or first to text messages of support. A lovely lady who is so passionate about all things ETT (Hazel Haffenden, Nasabe)***

The last year Discover Dogs was held at Earls Court it coincided with the Club Championship show at Shenstone. Pat and Graham took two cars and a caravan to a site near Shenstone on Friday and on Saturday Graham set off for Discover Dogs London at 5am and Pat officiated at the Shenstone Club Champ Show. They both then returned to Earls Court on the Sunday then back to the caravan Sunday evening and home Monday. They also attended a number of All About Dogs events representing the breed and the club. This is an example of the dedication of the pair to promoting and representing the breed.

***If you want an opinion on something, ask anyone. If you want the truth, ask Pat (Julie Baldwin, Kadaz)***

During her tenure as Club Secretary Pat has proved to be an excellent steadying influence on the Club. The work of a club secretary is like an iceberg with the club members only seeing one tenth of the effort behind the scenes to ensure successful shows and meetings. The other nine tenths of the work is undertaken in the home – and mostly on the dining table! Addressing over 100 envelopes twice a year and stuffing, then posting them, all takes time and effort. And there is lots of other work members never see. Booking Halls, preparing schedules and catalogues, completing KC returns, arranging and minuting meetings, responding to club emails and correspondence, and dealing with Phone calls and enquiries on all and every subject from club members, prospective members, and people who simply want to know more about the ETT. Pat has undertaken this with professionalism, diligence and nary a complaint for over 9 years.

In 2022 Pat decided to retire as Club Secretary and enjoy more “me” time. She intends to spend time in her caravan which is on a twelve month pitch near Filey on the Yorkshire East Coast. The site has a dedicated dog walk and lovely scenic view, and is only a ninety minute hop over the Humber Bridge from home. She is looking forward to keeping in contact with Club members by visiting shows and at ETT meet ups. The Club owes her a huge debt of gratitude for the service she has put in.

***I've always thought we were lucky to have her in the breed, And doubly lucky to have her services as our Club Secretary. She can enjoy her retirement knowing she leaves the club in a good state, in no small part down to her efforts and professionalism (Derfel Owen, Sirfon)***



