

## Happy New Year

Hello everyone it's almost a year since the Sittingbourne Retired Greyhound Trust was set up and at the time of writing this news letter we have managed to home 32 greyhounds.

August saw the start of the Dog and Bitch of the Month awards sponsored with the help of the Trophy Shop in Dover, many thanks to Greg for doing this with us. Thanks go also to KimFresh foods for sponsoring the Kennel Hand to the Dog / Bitch of the month award it is always nice to see those behind the scenes getting some recognition. In the main it was very well received by everyone and we will be looking to continue this into 2007.

In September 2006 we held a quiz evening at the Stadium which was very well received and raised £563. Many thanks go to John & Kay Chapman who organised it and to all the volunteers who helped on the night and to everyone who attended to make this evening a success. We have had a lot positive feed back and will arrange another quiz evening soon.

On Saturday 23rd September we were at Sainsbury's in Canterbury and once again we were made to feel very welcome by Sainsbury's staff. Many thanks to everyone who came to see us and to our volunteer Alison who helped Lorna greet everyone. Thanks to everyone's kindness and generosity we raised £120 and gave away a lot of information on homing these lovable and rewarding dogs.

Sunday 22nd October the very well known Greyhound Artist David French was at Sittingbourne on his farewell tour of the tracks. He displayed his final 5 pictures as well as other well known prints which could all be purchased on the night. If you were unable to get to the track that night, the RGT shop has purchased some of his prints which are now in stock for sale.

Our Charity night on November 25th was once again a great success with a record number of people at the track to support us, so a big thank you goes out to them. The amount raised on the night was approximately £1400. Many thanks also to all the sponsors and the South East Afghan Racing Club for coming along to help us make the evening a fun one.... Twiggy once again came out victorious for the third time (we'll have to ban her from coming next time to give the others a chance hahaha). Thanks to Mark Warner for running the book on the Afghan race and for donating all his profit of £130. The raffle did very well with all tickets sold.... first prize was a huge hamper full of goodies worth £100 kindly donated by Peter Bailey and was greatly received by the winner who couldn't believe how much stuff was crammed in there! Thank you also to Ann for putting the hamper together. The Sittingbourne RGT shop raised £140 on the night many thanks to Lindsay and Lesley for manning it (or should I say womaning it?) all evening.

The website is still going strong with over 6400 visitors since February and is well worth a look.

### VOLUNTEERS

When the Sittingbourne Retired Greyhound Trust was first set up it was received with much scepticism and volunteers were few and far between and it was like trying to knit fog. Almost a year has passed and as people got to know about us, and could see that the few people we had were committed to making it work, more volunteers came forward to help with the dog walking and events for which we thank them all for their support. As with any organisation volunteers are always appreciated, so if you think you can help please contact us.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Now we have got the hang of the meet and greets we will be doing a lot more this year so if anyone has a suggestion of places to visit, or want to help, please get in touch. **The aim of the meet and greets is to raise the awareness of the RGT's existence and to give information on the benefits of sharing your home with a retired greyhound. So if you can help, even if it is only for an hour we would be most grateful, please contact Lorna on 07787 582698.**

### Frank Jackman is organising a golf day at Upchurch River Valley Golf Club.

We are trying to get each hole sponsored and hopefully the whole event sponsored. So there will be plenty of prizes on the day to hand out. The object of the day is to raise money for the Sittingbourne RGT, but also for a great day out to be had by everyone in attendance.

If you would like to sponsor this event :-  
Hole sponsorship is £50 each hole. (£100 for a par 3 or longest drive challenge)

Further details of sponsorship are available on request.

Arrive 8am for bacon rolls at 8.30am

First tee 9.30am (18 holes)

Evening meal from 5.30pm followed by prizes and auction.

The golf day will be held at Upchurch River Valley Golf Club  
Oak Lane, Sittingbourne, Kent

Cost per team is £200 for a team of 4 players...

Frank is putting a lot of time and effort into this so please e-mail him at [frank\\_jackman@btconnect.com](mailto:frank_jackman@btconnect.com) to enter teams, sponsor, donate auction items or just to support this day.

With your help we can ensure that even more of these lovable and rewarding dogs get the future they deserve.

All profits will go to the Sittingbourne Retired Greyhound Trust.

### RGT FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all our fund raisers and sponsors.

Thanks also to Jeff and Liam for doing the Saturday 100 - 1 raffle and to everyone who has supported us by participating.

Since they started they have raised over £5000 **WELL DONE**

If I have forgotten to thank anyone please let me know so I can add them in future news letters.

**Many thanks to everyone for their continued support.**

### INFORMATION

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