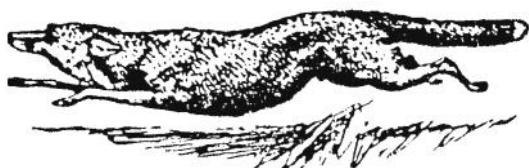


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## From the kennels



It has been 'all change' at kennels for the new season. At the beginning of May, our new kennel huntsman Daron Beeney and his wife Alison moved into the Huntsman's House, and Andrew Hazeltine will be hunting hounds the majority of the time as our master huntsman.

Having joined us from the Llangeinor Pentrych Hunt in Mid Glamorgan, Wales, Daron and Alison seem to have settled in well. Some of you may remember Daron and Alison from before, as Daron was previously kennel huntsman a few years back! Daron grew up surrounded by hunting; his father was huntsman for the Dulverton West,

and Daron entered hunt service at 16. Before Wales, the pair were at the Farmington Hunt Club in Virginia. You'd struggle to find a better travelled KH.

Since moving in, their diary has been a jam-packed whirl of hound parades, puppy and hound shows, grass-cutting and now, of course, hound exercise with the early risers of the SUH – as well as the tough job of learning everyone's name, from the hounds and horses to footies and farmers! With summer over, we have been counting down the days to Opening Meet.



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## Storming the south



The South of England Hound Show at Ardingly is always one of the highlights of the summer, and this year's show didn't disappoint. It was Daron's first real chance to show the SU hounds, apart from the annual pre-Ardingly practice show at our kennels—otherwise known as the Surrey Union Invitational Hound Show. Seven packs entered our classes, and the day was a huge success; although it's fair to say that our hounds didn't steal the show!

It was a different story a week later at Ardingly,



however. Our doghounds in particular stood out, with Arctic and Agnew coming second in the unentered couple class, Arctic winning best local doghound, and Trader placed third in the single entered local doghound class. We were delighted, and our name even appeared in the national press! Congratulations are in order to their walkers, to Daron, and to Harry who started them as puppies.

In the hunt relay, the Surrey Union team of Russell Ingram, Sam Harvey, Catherine Heilbron and Emily Saunders also did very well, finishing up in second place overall.



*The top foxhound titles go to the Chid and Lee and the Heythrop, while the VWH are dominant in many classes, with the Surrey Union also prominent*

*South of England, West Sussex*

THE first major hound show of VWH. However, they failed to clinch the championship. These went to a team from Chiddingfold, Lacock and Cirencester (CLC) who won the doghound title and the Heythrop, who claimed the top bitch prize. Among the nine local packs that were competing, the Surrey Union enjoyed much success with the open and restricted classes.

The day started with the opening of the new bar and main catering area by ex MP and show president Nicholas Soames. He then announced the dedication of the show ring to the late John Smith, former and long-time poster of both the show and *'Old Surrey, Burton and West Sussex'*.

*By MARK HANKINSON and MATTHEW HIGGS*

Trevor Adams, long-serving former master and huntsman of the Duke of Beaufort's North Cotswold Hunt, died suddenly around the ring on a very high benchmark for those that followed in this restricted and unentered class. Not surprisingly, judges

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strong and quality of these hounds sadly shown by huntsman Phil Hague proved unstoppable. The most unentered open class was both well subscribed and produced some quality young hounds. This went to VWH Nomad and Juniper, a male and female with both size, strength and class and conformation. After some deliberation the judges also awarded the unentered championship to Junior, with the part-old British Surrey Union Arctic reserve.

Paragon 17 and Fielding 16 were an evenly matched combination and won the entered couples for the VWH, though even the CLC's attractive bitches ended Dragon and Drifter 17.

Photo: Steve Williams

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## A winning bid



*Above: Some of the Surrey Union members responsible for buying the portrait. R-L: Ed Goodchild, Sarah Godley, Dean Prior, Jane Williams, Ian Agnew, Michael Loates-Taylor, Catherine Heilbron Hon Sec., Mrs Katharine Meller.*

Hon. Secretary Catherine Heilbron – who is particularly good at hunting down SU paraphernalia online – very cleverly spotted a hunting portrait of Tomasz Zamoyski which had been put up for sale at John Nicholson's auctioneers.

Tom was a loyal supporter of the Surrey Union Hunt for many years, famed for his excellent turnout and his fondness for talking in Latin.

The Tom Zamoyski Memorial Cup is still in use at the puppy show, awarded to the best bitch puppy.

A group of Surrey Union supporters very kindly got together and crowdfunded to 'save' the portrait, which will shortly be joining the Surrey Union family. It's yet to be decided where he will 'live', but we will make sure that he is well looked-after.

## Leave a lasting legacy

Writing a will can be a difficult task. But not writing one could end up being even worse than the stress of working out what you'd like to happen to your estate if the worst came to the worst. It is estimated that half of people haven't written a will at all – which might end up meaning that your entire estate reverts to the government.

Perhaps it goes without saying that the Surrey Union are always hugely grateful if someone chooses to remember us in their will – but it can sometimes feel like it takes an awful lot of effort to make changes. The good news is that it needn't be that difficult. The simplest thing to do is to write a codicil and include it

with your existing will. Why would you want to leave any money to the hunt? Well, in case it wasn't an obvious choice, we came up with this jaunty jingle:

*As you care for horn and hound,  
Please mention 'em in your will  
Before you go to ground.*

In all seriousness however, we have plenty of plans in the pipeline to re-develop the Kennels site. But as optimistic as our plans might be, it sadly boils down to funding. We know that everyone has plenty of people vying for their attention. But please do at least consider us before leaving everything to the RSPCA!!

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## Summer at the SUH



© Jeremy Harvie Photography



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## An extract from the Surrey Mirror of 3 May 1895

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The corridors, which run round three sides of the hall, and the fourth side, which may perhaps, be called the reception hall, were also prettily furnished. The orchestra — the string band of the Royal Artillery — was located in the balcony, an arrangement which proved satisfactory. Unstinted praise is due to Messrs Grantham for the excellent results shown, the verdict of all being undoubtedly a favourable one. The ballroom, when dancing was at its height, looked particularly brilliant, the handsome costumes, and the glitter of the jewels, and the constant movement being exceedingly fine. Miss Moore took personal charge of the catering arrangements, and that this department was satisfactorily served, needs no saying. Supper, which was of a recherche character, was laid in the Tower Hall, which is very conveniently adapted for a supper room.

The stewards included Mr A. W. Astor, Mr J. W. Badshot, Mr J. H. Bennett (the master), Major Collis Brown, Mr T. T. Bockhill (Q.C.M.P.), Mr J. E. Bond, Mr F. Butler, Mr H. Butler, Mr H. Gordon Clark (who was absent on his marriage), Mr C. H. Cowie, M.P., Mr W. Dent, Lord Foley, Mr J. H. Hankey, Col. L. Horsey, Mr W. Kewick, J.P., Mr C. E. Lambert, Mr A. T. Miller, Mr F. Morrison, Mr C. P. Murray, Mr Wickham Noakes, the Rev E. W. Norbury, J.P., Mr W. H. Tanqueray, Mr J. B. Tritton, J.P., Mr G. H. Trolope, Mr J. B. Verity, Mr Spencer Whitehead, and Mr F. H. Williams.

The company of nearly 300, included Mr and Mrs Miller, Mr and the Misses Utterback, Mr and Mrs Williams and party, Mr and Mrs Hankey and party, Mr and Mrs Arthur Tritton and party, Miss Helene and party, Mr and Mrs Herbert Helene and party, Mr and Mrs Hankey, Major and Mrs Collis Brown and party, Mr and Mrs Tanqueray, Mr and Mrs Evans and party, Mr and Mrs Evans and party, Mr and Mrs Whinwood and party, Mr and Mrs Bird and party, Mr Jaumbert and party, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Richards, Mr and Mrs Thompson and party, Lady Bickford and the Misses Bickford, Mr Bates and party, Mr Norman Hankey, Miss Emma Hankey, Miss Murray and party, Mrs and the Misses Stimpson, Mr and Mrs Godden, Mr and Miss Perkins, Mr and Mrs Salomon, Dr and Mrs Hard-Wood and party, Mrs Cashmore and party, Mr and Mrs Dent, and the Misses Rundell, Mr Keenish and party, Mr Palms, Mr Warden, Mr Noakes, Mr Horace Avery, Mr and Mrs C. F. Howell, Mr and Mrs Bennett and party, Mr Devall, &c.

*Thank you very much to our hunt Historian for uncovering this extract. Perhaps next year's hunt ball will earn a similar mention in the Surrey Advertiser!*

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### A selection of photographs from the Opening Meet



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## Diary Dates

### Children's Meet

Saturday 22 December, 11am

Thursley

### Christmas Carols

Saturday 22 December, 6.30—9pm

Slades Farm, Bramley. There will be a Christmas Jumper competition, mince pie tasting, a raffle and a cash bar. £5 on the door.

### Boxing Day Meet

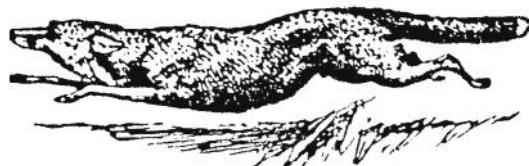
Wednesday 26 December, midday

SUH Kennels, Okewood Hill. Please don't forget a Christmas donation for hunt staff!

### SUH Hunt Ball

Saturday 16 February; please email [suhinfo@gmail.com](mailto:suhinfo@gmail.com) for further details on how to book.

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