

THE TEDWORTH HUNT SUPPORTERS CLUB



FOUNDED IN 1964

When the club was founded by Group Captain Peter Stansfeld DFC, nearly fifty years ago, its first and only function was to act as the public relations arm of the Tedworth Hunt; any thoughts as to how best to raise money for the Hunt committee did not feature on the agenda. Then came a terrier show and, more by accident than design, a profit, which, in turn, led to the ticklish problem of what to do with the money! Needless to say that it found its way to the Hunt committee.

Today it is an important part of the Tedworth fabric having its own constitution and committee, independent from the Hunt, with clear objectives which are in place for the benefit of the Hunt. Perhaps the most important of these is the raising of funds for the Hunt committee.

With this in mind the club has, over the years, been diligent in its pursuit of how best to achieve this and among the many functions and events none are more important - and well received - than the THSC Hunter Trials and the terrier show. And let's not forget the two annual events at the Woodborough Social Club, namely, the Burn's Night and St. George's day suppers' - always popular and always supported by an eclectic mix of people who love hunting. But none of these events would take place if it were not for the support and assistance from members of the club, and, of course, the organisers'. Other fund raising events include quiz nights and skittles matches. The club also markets and sells its own range of merchandise including club ties, T-shirts, sweat shirts, baseball caps, aprons, fleece jackets, cards and calendars and the distinctive green and gold club badge.

The money raised is spent primarily on the maintenance and upkeep of the kennels, the purchase and servicing of the lorry - without which hounds could not leave kennels, (*ergo* - no hunting!) and the pickup truck.

Membership is currently around 150. Each receive club newsletters and Meet cards and for those with access to the Hunt e-mail network up to the minute information regarding Meets and other Hunt activities. The club is keen to increase its membership and it expects Hunt Subscribers to join as the club is vital to the Tedworth. The cost is a modest £12 per person or £15 for a family membership.

The club's treasurer, Angela Bowerman, would be delighted to hear from you with regard to joining. She can be reached on 01672 562233 or at Pewsey Hill Farm SN9 6NJ.



Thomas Assheton Smith

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Thomas Assheton Smith

During the uneasy peace between England and France following the treaty of Amiens in 1802 Assheton Smith had occasion to visit Paris where he was presented to the Emperor. Having heard of his prowess as a foxhunter, Napoleon turned to his officers and said, "Voici, messieurs, le premier chasseur, d'Angleterre. And it was no wonder that he later earned the soubriquet 'the British Nimrod' for his exploits on the hunting field.

Between 1806 and 1816 he was Master of the Quorn Hunt in Leicestershire and then, from 1816 to 1824, Master of the Burton Hounds in Lincolnshire. He also hunted with the Craven and the New Forest.

In 1826 he returned to live in Hampshire where he established a pack at Penton Lodge near Andover, with draft hounds purchased from Sir Richard Sutton. But his father warned him off the Tedworth coverts. However, his father died in 1828 whereupon he inherited the estate, and

between 1828 and 1830 he demolished and rebuilt the house and had new kennels erected at New Farm in Tedworth Park. In 1830 he moved his hounds from Penton to South Tidworth. He then began clearing and establishing rides through the vast tracts of woodlands – Wherwell. Doles, Faccombe, Collingbourne et al – so he and his hunt staff could work hounds.

In 1834 he bought many of Sir Thomas Burghley's hounds and in 1842 the whole pack of the Duke of Grafton together with the huntsman, George Carter. Between 1842 and a year or two before his death he hunted hounds (two packs) on four days a week, those being Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. George Carter hunted with a third pack on Wednesday and Saturday.

Thomas Assheton Smith died in September 1858 and his widow, Matilda, donated the hounds to the country. The hunt was then in the hands of a committee with the 2nd Marquis of Ailsbury taking on the Mastership. It was at this time it became known as the Tedworth.

During his life he served as a Member of Parliament, representing Andover (1821-1831) and Caernarvonshire (1832 – 1837). He was High Sheriff of Wiltshire in 1838. He also made 45 known appearances in first class cricket as a batsman, including the inaugural match, in 1806, between The Gentlemen v. The Players

NB. In the 1850 edition of Hobson's Hunting Atlas the country is shown as T.A.Smith's country and not the Tedworth. The neighbouring hunts are listed as the Beaufort, the Craven, the Hampshire, the Hambleton, the New Forest and the South Wilts. The 1870 edition, however, lists the former T.A.Smith country as the Tedworth.

“Tuesday Nov 30th
Upavon Village

Six scarlet and about thirty black coats composed the field. A still morning; twenty couple of hounds. Drew the osier bed near Rushall, a brace of foxes at home. Away directly with one who swam the river, and over the meadows up to Wood Bridge; across the high road pointing straight through the Pewsey Vale, by Manningford, over the fields to the Great Western Railway, then up the line and on to Wilcot, leaving Lord A St.Maur’s place to the left, over the canal bridge by Stowell to Draycott and away over the heavy fields towards Oare Hill; then to the left, and up the hillside through Coker Wood, over the open downs to the Wans Dyke, close to Hewitt’s Gorse, where the fox lay down in a sheep field. Got a view and rolled her over – a wiry old vixen as stiff as a poker. A hunting run of one hour and fifty minutes and an eight mile point – a fact worth recording, as they ran some twelve miles. A sporting hunt enjoyable to those who care to see a dog pack do their work and throw their tongues really well”. The diary of a foxhunter. Circa 1892



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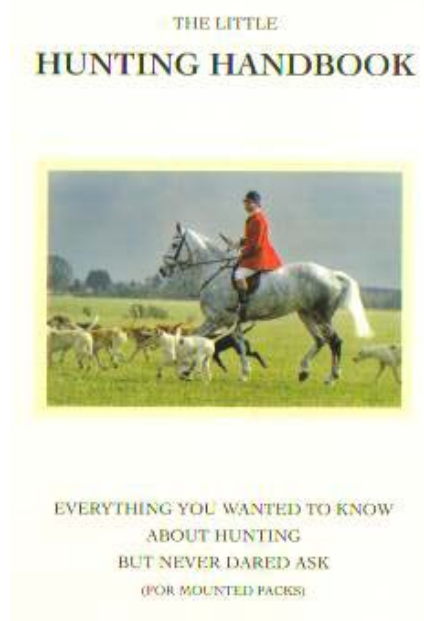


“No one could say that the Tedworth was a really good hunting country, or, indeed, a good scenting country but I think it was the best for foxes I have ever known. You could find them everywhere, and the farmers were, one and all, fox-hunters, and with them Jack Fricker was quite an idol, honest man, patient and persevering”.

Sir Reginald Graham Bt. Master of the Tedworth Hunt 1879 – 1882.

Much has been written about what are good and bad scenting conditions. Black hedges are believed to be a sign of good scenting conditions whereas hounds’ rolling at the Meet is considered bad news! Windy days are not good either. To quote that famous foxhunter, Jorrocks, “take not your hounds out on a wery windy day! Scent is a vapour and the wind blows it hither and thither”. Some countries are fabled for their good scenting conditions while others fare less well. Livestock, particularly sheep, muck spreading, crop spraying and exhaust fumes all help to lessen the ability of hounds to pick up a scent and a lot also depends on the difference in temperature between the ground and the air. Many’s the time when, as the air cools later in the day, hunting is at its best. A lot, of course, depends on Charlie, and many a wily fox has outsmarted hounds with a variety of tricks best known only to himself! One thing for sure, however, is that scent

improves as the fox warms up. And for those who may be unaware a fox’s scent is left through its pads – not its coat. If you don’t believe me just rub yourself with a pad of a freshly killed fox. It will still be with you a week later. But as there’s a ban on foxhunting you’ll just have to take my word for it!



We thoroughly recommend this book little though it might be! It is really a mine of useful information, whether you are new to hunting or not. It costs a very modest £10 and all profits from its sale go to the Hunt Staff Benevolent Society.

To order a copy just give the Hon Treasurer a ring on 01672 562233.



GEORGE CARTER.

When Thomas Assheton Smith bought the Duke of Grafton's pack in 1842 it was with the understanding that the Duke's huntsman, George Carter, was to come with them.

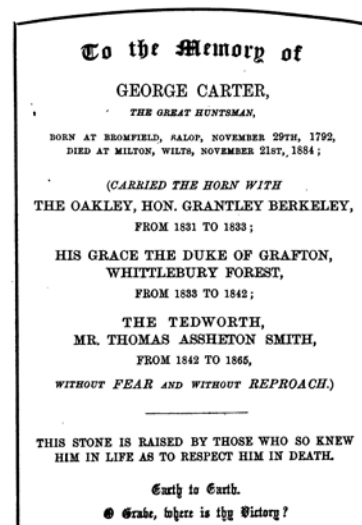
“As a huntsman, whether in the kennel or in the field, George Carter has never been surpassed. Of a fine commanding figure, which he carried upright as a dart, almost to the last, whether he were on foot or in the saddle; with a sedate and rather stern expression of maintenance, till his face lighted up with a smile; with a wonderful, rich cheery voice, and with a manner noted for its courtesy and a man who never forgot himself by taking a liberty or venture on an impertinent familiarity. George Carter stood as it were alone, or at least one of that very rare class called ‘nature’s gentlemen’.

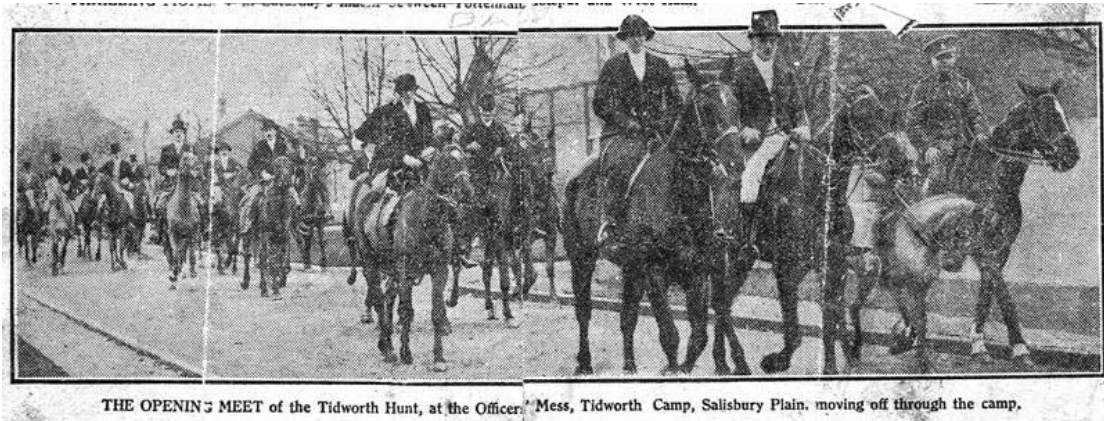
‘The Life and Recollections of George Carter’ published in 1885.

George Carter was born in Shropshire in 1792 and from an early age had his sights set on becoming a huntsman. During his early twenties he donned the green coat and hunted harriers, first for a Mr. Forrester of Elmley and then for the Reverend Mr. Graves at Mickletown.

His first appointment wearing the Scarlet coat and hat was in 1823 when he joined the Warwickshire as whip. In 1827 he joined the Grafton as whip and then in 1831 came his promotion to huntsman when he joined the Oakley. In 1833 he re-joined the Grafton, as huntsman where he stayed until the pack was sold to T A Smith's Hunt in 1842 and he became huntsman. .

George Carter continued to carry the horn after the death of Thomas Assheton Smith until he retired in 1865 aged 73. He died on the 21st November 1884 eight days short of his ninety-second birthday and is buried in Milton churchyard





THE OPENING MEET of the Tidworth Hunt, at the Officers' Mess, Tidworth Camp, Salisbury Plain, moving off through the camp.

A little piece of the Tedworth Hunt's history in pictures.



These pictures depicting the Tedworth (Tidworth!) Hunt were sent to Sammy Ryan from a lady in Australia whose family ('Fred' Perrin of Shipton Bellinger - Grandfather) were connected to the Hunt in latter part of the 19th and early 20th centuries.



The picture at the top of the page is self-explanatory. The picture below, left, is that of Frederick Alvin Perrin, huntsman to Mr W.J. Yorke-Scarlett of the Tedworth Woodland. He was also huntsman to Tedworth Hunt Master, Mr. C.P. Shrub, pictured above, second from the left, with Frederick Perrin first left. Directly behind Mr. Shrub is the 2nd Whip and (extreme right) Mr. Shrub's son. To the top left corner of the picture inset in the brickwork of the house is the date 1878. Note the pony and trap approaching and the figure of a woman (in white) with a small child standing by her side.

Should anyone have any further knowledge with regard to this please get in touch so it may be passed on – many thanks.



Tedworth Hunt Supporter Jenny
Hatfield's Great Uncle Fred,
founder of the BFSS.

A little over eighty years ago two brothers, John and Fred Beadle, became increasingly concerned about the anti-hunting activity by the League Against Cruel Sports. The League, founded in 1924, had begun to attack hunts mainly in the South and South East of England, and one in particular – the Mid-Kent Staghounds – where John Beadle was Chairman of the Hunt. John Beadle's elder brother, Fred, farmed in Somerset where he bred pedigree cattle and sheep and when the League began attacking hunts in the South-West, in particular the Devon and Somerset, the Quantock and the Tiverton Staghounds', he decided that the only way to counter the threat was to create a Society which would promote not only the interests of the hunting community but also those involved in all branches of field sports.

Attacks by the LACS on staghunting increased; these were reported in the newspapers; tempers flared and claims

were made by the opposing sides by way of biased and outrageous statements. To begin with, however, the idea of an organisation whose aim was to unite all field sports and protect the interests of everyone involved was not well received, particularly amongst the staghunting fraternity, despite the best efforts of the brothers to whip up support. And then, after the private publication of a small book, by the author, naturalist and farmer, Henry Williamson, in which he argued for the continuation of the sport, things started to move. A number of influential people, among them the West Country brewer, Froude Hancock, the MP Sir Robert Sanders and the committee of the Devon and Somerset Staghounds, became vociferous in their support.

By now the Society was clear in its objectives which included, "keeping a clear watch on all legislation which would adversely affect Field Sports, and the organisation of a proper opposition to any measure to their detriment which might be introduced by Parliament". Furthermore, "It would also be the duty of the Society to reply to the inaccuracies and misleading propaganda which, through the agency of the press and other methods, is being broadcast to the public". In January 1931 the Society appointed a full time secretary, Toby Fitzwilliam and further help came from the likes of the Lord Lieutenant of Devon, the 4th Earl Fortescue, the MP Sir Robert Sanders and Kenneth Diplock (later Lord Diplock). A little while later, when the 10th Duke of Beaufort agreed to become the Society's first president, it was the signal to everyone involved in Field Sports to unite in a common cause and it was not long before the BFSS was to become a force to be reckoned with.

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“The Meet”

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Formerly with Reuters and Associated Press Sarah-Jane Bullock is a well known professional photographer now based in Wiltshire. Her work has been published in the New York Times, The Times, The Telegraph, Newsweek and Rolling Stone magazine among many other major publications... Her portfolio covers a range of subjects including Portraiture, Weddings, Hunting and Equine Sports and her ability to capture the immediacy and detail of the moment is particularly telling in her pictures. Samples of her work can be seen on her website and her Facebook page.



“Hounds on the Plain”

Sarah-Jane Bullock

THANK YOU - TO THE TEDWORTH HUNT SUPPORTERS'
FENCE STEWARDS

You may not know that we have a very committed team of Fence Stewards who turn out in all weathers to look after horses, jockeys and fences at two Point to Points held at the Barbury course every year.

We receive a donation from the PPORA from their event, usually in January, which goes towards Club funds and volunteer again to support the Tedworth Hunt Point to Point Committee, for what is quite often a much warmer event in April.

Two Fence Stewards are stationed on each of the eight fences around the course. They bring along a picnic, which is consumed between treading in the divots and patting the brush level.

Fence Stewarding is rewarding, social and good fun and without the dedication of our team these events would not take place. Thank you.

Property developer Harry Marriott celebrated his first season as Tedworth Joint Point-to-Point Secretary by making all the running on his Rowdy Yeats in the Confined race at Barbury Castle. After the race he said, "I'll be 50 in August and it's my second win from five rides after a lifetime's fun hunting with the Tedworth and the Portman".



Caught on camera former vice-chair on the hunt committee and now the Tedworth Hunt's new Joint Master, Sarah Crean MFH pictured at an earlier Meet and obviously enjoying the moment



CLEAR ROUND JUMPING

First Saturday of the month

June 5th – July 2nd – Aug 6th - Sept. 3rd – Oct 1st

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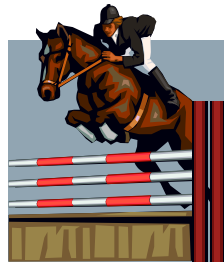
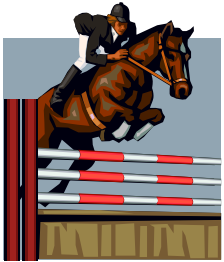
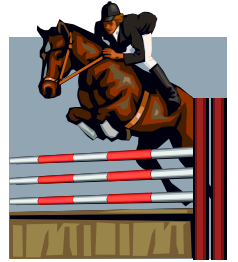
Summer Update from The Joint Masters

Puppy Show. This year's Puppy Show will take place [on Sat 18th June at 3 pm.](#)

There are 6½ couple of puppies being entered this season. There are currently 32 couple of working hounds in Kennels, both Old and Modern English, Welsh, as well as American blood lines. We are delighted to have the Hon Kieran Guinness (Chairman of the West Meath) and Henry Berkely MFH (Master of the Berkeley) judging hounds.

Enduring Prize for Best Entered. Following the sad death of Roger Wheeler, Jo Crossland donated a silver trophy as a token of remembrance and kindly agreed that this could be given as an enduring prize for the Best Entered Hound. This will be awarded for the first time at this year's Puppy Show and Roger's great friend, Ted Burton, has kindly agreed to present it. With Roger's love of hunting and life long support to the Tedworth, we feel it is very appropriate that this prize, which will bear his name, is for hound excellence in the hunting field.

Week Commencing [29th Aug](#) – Autumn Hunting. Details for Autumn Hunting are still to be finalised, but it is envisaged that we will start the week



commencing [29th Aug](#). Crops will dictate much of what we will be able to do, but we are likely to initially concentrate on Salisbury Plain

[Sat 3rd Sep](#) – Bike Ride, BBQ and Party at Kennels. We will run the bike ride again this summer to exercise hounds and then return to Kennels for a BBQ and party. There will be a marquee on the bottom grass yard and a live band to dance to. Symon Robinson will send out more details in the next few weeks.

[Sat 29th October](#) – Opening Meet. The Opening Meet will be [on Sat 29th October](#).

Tedworth Hound to India – Ootacamund Hunt. Through Guinness family links the Tedworth has had a relationship with the Ootacamund (Ooty) Hunt for some years now. Indeed Alice Helme, who is working in Delhi, hunted with them last season and when over on business Roddy Sale, an Ooty subscriber, hunted with us when we met at Crawlboys in January this year. Dabblers 08, whose sire was Daystar 04 (VWH) and dam Woodbine 04 (Garth & South Berks), is due to be shipped to the Ooty in July to help them with their hound breeding.

The Ooty was established in 1835 by members of the 74th Highland Regiment and initially went after sambur deer, wild boar and the odd tiger. There remains today no shortage of riders joining the hounds to gallop over the Ooty Downs. The hunt may also be the only one in the world officially allowed to stampede across a golf course - on the Wenlock Downs - where golfers must give priority to riders.

The Ooty hunt is in southern Tamil Nadu state. Hunt members are resplendent wearing knee-length scarlet coats with green collars, the dress code was instituted in 1907 by the British and has been observed ever since. Barring a couple of years during the 1857 Mutiny - which Indians call the first war of independence - the Ooty Hunt Club has continued uninterrupted for 169 years.

Since independence in 1947 the hunt has been supported by the Indian Defence Services Staff College in Wellington as successive College Commandants have continued to support for the hunt. The college provides horses for the hunt and maintains the pack who trace their ancestry to England.

HUNT SUPPORTERS TERRIER, LURCHER & FAMILY SHOW

Sunday 26th June 2011

The Kennels, Westcourt, Burbage, Marlborough, Wiltshire SN8 3BW

First Class 11.00 am

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“ One and a half couple”

Photograph by Sarah_Jane Bullock

The Newsletter is published by the Hunt Supporters Club and contains reports of Hunt events etc and articles of general interest to supporters and followers of the Hunt. Contributions are welcome from anyone on any relevant topic preferably in electronic format but typed or handwritten articles are also most welcome, so please, send them in.

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