

GRF



NEWS

March 2017

Welcome to the March edition of the Greyhound Rescue Fife Newsletter. Edited by Kaz and Pat Brundell

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Dogs in and out since the last newsletter

IN: GLEN, JAKE, BELLE

OUT: SHAN, SPOT, EAGLE, NED, TRIGGER

Unfortunately, Jimmy has computer problems which is why some of these dogs do not appear on the forum as rehomed yet.

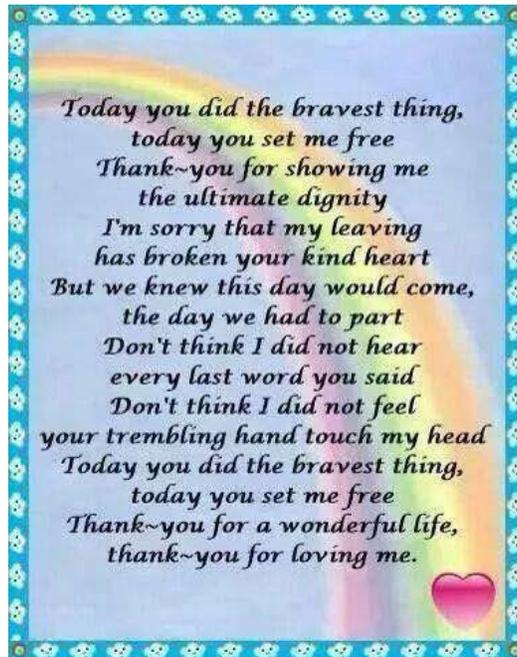
For the time being, if you need to contact Celia or Jimmy it is best to give them a ring rather than using the forum or emailing them. Hopefully the computer problem will be sorted soon.



SAD NEWS FROM CELIA AND JIMMY

As some of you may already know, Celia and Jimmy had to say goodbye to their beautiful girl Indi on 16th March. Indi was a lovely girl, born 22/04/04 and was 12 ½ years old

She will be very sadly missed by Celia and Jimmy and we all send them our love.
It is so hard when we have to say goodbye.



BOARDING



Now that the better weather is on the way, we can once again take a small amount of boarders at £8 per dog per night from April onwards. This is only for greyhounds who have been rehomed from GRF. It is a wee perk for our own people and an extra amount of income for the kennels.

However, rescue dogs come first so we can only take boarders when space allows.

Belwade Farm Dog Fun Day 2017

An invitation from Lisa at World Horse Welfare, Belwade Farm. 9th April is Belwade's annual Dog Fun Day and any interested GRF supporters have been invited along. Unfortunately, it clashes with April's dog walk but please keep in mind for a potential future visit that Belwade is dog-friendly and dogs can dine with their owners on the balcony at Belwade's bistro.

For more details, please contact:

Person: Lisa Gardiner

Tel: 013398 85398

Email: LisaGardiner@worldhorsewelfare.org

www.worldhorsewelfare.org/Event/Belwade-Farm-Dog-Fun-Day-2017

Recycling for GRF.

With the introduction of stricter control on recycling metals GRF now has an account at Kelbies Scrap Merchants, Milnbank Road, Dundee. If you have any non-ferrous scrap metal e.g. aluminium cans, lead, copper.... you can drop it off with them and let them know it is for Greyhound Rescue Fife. At the end of the year GRF will receive payment. Please make sure your cans are all aluminium ones, Pepsi, for example, use steel cans which are magnetic.

Easy Fundraising for GRF

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Greyhound Rescue Fife?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

- 1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greyhoundfife/> and join for free.**
- 2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.**
- 3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!**

There are no catches or hidden charges and Greyhound Rescue Fife will be really grateful for your donations. So far £1473.93 has been raised!!

Thank you for your support.

DOG SHOW UPDATE FROM ALEX

10th Annual Greyhound Fife Dog Show - sponsored by



Sunday 14th May at Caldwell's farm

The organisers are busily putting together the finishing touches, behind the scenes, to ensure another successful show. The purpose of the show has always been to raise awareness of the plight of the greyhound under the auspice of a fun dog show, which also allows us to raise much needed funds to keep our ever growing kennels going. Greyhound Rescue Fife has come a long way since its inception and found forever homes for 1036 dogs! This is an amazing number but, unfortunately, it is only the tip of the iceberg and, as quick as we re-home one dog, another arrives. Being one of the largest greyhound sanctuaries in the UK we depend on donations from all of our supporters, with every penny that we raise at this show going to ensure a better quality of life for our current incumbents until they find their forever homes. We hope that, once more, we can count on your valued support.

Tickets are now on sale and can be bought from our kennels at Baltree, from myself at the monthly walks or if you would like me to post tickets out please contact me at alexmorrison1965@btinternet.com and I will send you back the relevant payment details etc.

Once again this year kids under 16 will be free and advanced adult tickets will cost **£4.00** with the cost being **£5 on the day**, so there is a saving to be made if buying in advance. Full details of the show program and how to get there will be on our web site shortly. In the meantime, we are looking for any items that maybe used as raffle prizes, tombola prizes and even show prizes, these can be dropped off at the kennels or passed to myself at any of the upcoming dog walks (see dates for the diary). So if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or if know of some organizations that may wish to donate to our cause then please feel free to approach, my details are above if you need to get in touch.

On the day we will also have a home baking stall (which usually goes down well !!!!), hopefully we can get many people to contribute some of their wares on the day. So look out those favourite recipes now and help raise monies for our cause (as well as increase our waistlines !!)

Once again we will be running our GRF stall. So if you are looking for some GRF merchandise on the day this is the place to go. Apart from our own merchandise stall this year's show also has a real local independent feel about it with all our stalls now taken up! many of which come from the Fife area, so why not come along and not only support GRF but also your local communities. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of these companies (some of who have been with us since day 1 !!) for once again supporting our event, it is always appreciated

At the time of writing we still have a couple of opportunities to get involved, even if you cannot make it along.

Sponsorship opportunities:

To help us maximize exposure and revenue from our annual dog show we once again have some excellent sponsorship opportunities whether for individuals or for companies there is something for everyone. All sponsorship will be acknowledged on our web site (with any company links) and show program along with any adverts and logos. A thank you certificate will also be sent to every sponsor.

Show class sponsorship (£50)

Demand for this has been excellent to the extent that as going to print we only have two classes available to sponsor. Certificates will be sent out shortly with sponsor's details appearing on our web site and also includes 2 free tickets for guests

Best non-greyhound and Loveable face (the latter class one year having 62 entries! A show record !!)

Hall sponsorship (£100)

Included in this price is all of the above sponsored items plus any advertisement around the hall and 4 free tickets for guests.

Rosettes sponsorship (£100)

Included in this price is all of the above sponsored items plus any advertisement around the hall and 4 free tickets for guests.

Show programme sponsorship (£100)

Included in this price is all of the above sponsored items plus any advertisement around the hall and 4 free tickets for guests.

Winners Bandanas sponsorship (£100)

Included in this price is all of the above sponsored items plus any advertisement around the hall and 4 free tickets for guests.

Details of all of these can be found on our web site.

Finally, just a reminder that doors open at **11:00** on the day, with the first class beginning at **11:30**. Remember, we are getting the use of an **indoor** facility on a working farm - please respect this by ensuring that you do not drop litter, and that you clean up after your dog. There will be plenty of rubbish bags available, dotted round the hall, so please use! We will have plenty of parking, but please park considerately, and where our helpers show you. We also have use of a large field, where your dogs can be walked before, during or after the show (ensure you wear your wristband at all times which will allow you freedom to go in and out).

Please note that **DOGS MUST BE ON THE LEAD AT ALL TIMES** - it will be the owners' responsibility to ensure this, and be aware of their dog at all times (especially as there will be a lot of nice tasty snacks at head height !!!!).

All that remains for me to say is that I hope to speak to as many of you as possible on the day - let's make this another roaring success for our cause :O)

GRF DOG OF THE MONTH



HARRY is a black and white boy and a wee gem. He loves people, though he enjoys his own company too. He is a great lead walker, giving you no trouble on walkies. He is quite calm around other dogs though cats might push him too far. He travels very well in a car and is quite a laid back fellow



Monthly walks



The first walk of the year was on Sunday 12th March at Pittencrief Park, Dunfermline
We had a good turnout and here are a few pictures



The draw for the Super Dooper Hamper Raffle was also drawn after the walk.
Congratulations to all the prize winners.
Thanks also to everyone who bought tickets. We raised over £250.00 for GRF!!

The next walk is Sunday 9th April at Lochore Meadows, Lochgelly

Please come along and support Greyhound Rescue Fife – these are always a good way of meeting other owners and their dogs and having a chat and exchanging tips, and for anyone thinking of adopting a greyhound, and want to meet some owners and hounds, you would be warmly welcomed.

There is always a raffle at the end of each walk,
Dog Show tickets will also be for sale and often people bake cakes and biscuits to sell on the day to raise more funds

Please check on the forum before setting out for a walk in case there has been any change.

With *greyful* thanks to Steve and Julie Dowd for organising these walks and to Michelle and Nic for organising the walk raffles again this year,

Sofa News from TH



Let me introduce myself. My name is Tippikal Hound or **TH** for Short.

I had a bit of a treat the other day. The humans came home from shopping and left two scrumptious pizza's on top of the cooker. I had a bit of trouble getting the cellophane wrappers off, but they were really nice, especially the ham and pineapple one. For some reason the humans were not very happy with me – really don't understand why?? And to top it all, I had no tea that night," in case I was sick after eating the Pizzas" they said. No chance of that happening, even if I had eaten the wrappers as well.

More observations next month.



Take care **TH**

In loving memory of our boy Ace. 2005 - 2016



Each month we feature an article from across the globe.

Shelters and Sighthounds in Belgium

In Belgium we have about 200 animal shelters. 60 of them are legit dog shelters. They are supervised by the government. But that doesn't mean the animals live in good circumstances. Dog shelters depend on volunteers and gifts.

Belgian families spend 1.3 billion Euro on domestic animals each year. So you could say we are an animal loving country. In Belgium we have about 1.497.000 dogs living with families. Unfortunately we have also many dogs in shelters. Here we have all kind of breeds. Most shelter dogs are German Shepherds, Labradors, Pitbulls and Chihuahuas. We rarely find a sighthound in shelters here. 99% of the sighthounds (Greyhounds, Galgos, Salukis, ...) we have come from Rescues. They all come from abroad brought here by Rescue groups. In Belgium we only have two Rescues for Irish Greyhounds.

December 2016 I found out there were two Greyhounds unfortunately in a shelter over here. I called the shelter to ask how they got there. The president did not want to give me much information at that time. He only said it was a very "delicate" situation and that they had been taken from their owner by the police and that they were available for adoption since a few weeks.

I knew they had no chance here. The shelter was not a place for them and I also knew nobody would take them. Belgians are not much interested in adopting Sighthounds and certainly not when they come from a shelter here in Belgium. People think they are all traumatized dogs, need lot of space, cost a lot on food, etc.... The president of the shelter also told me this: "Small dogs have a good chance of being rehomed, large dogs is more difficult but sighthounds... they have no chance".

I was very upset and at that time I thought these two dogs, male and female, originally had to come from a Rescue. So why did the Rescue did not get involved to get them out of there? Little did I know!

So after my call to the shelter in December I contacted a Rescue here. They said they could not help unfortunately, because they had no foster homes. I also could not take them because having 4 dogs already, it would be too much.

The only thing I could do was to post their pics on Facebook, to tell their story and to ask for help. Only just two hours after my post Kerry Elliman from Birmingham Greyhound Protection contacted me and offered help. She contacted the shelter, explained who she was, what she did and said she wanted to adopt them and find a forever home in the UK for them.

The shelter told us the two dogs were taken from a Pakistan Man. He was going to breed them and send them off to Pakistan together with their pups. The two dogs, who were named Tiger and Tigris, lived outside on a chain. They had a horrible life here. They originally came from the UK where they have raced. Their trainer sold them afterwards to the Pakistani man and that is how they ended up here in Belgium. Lucky the police was informed.

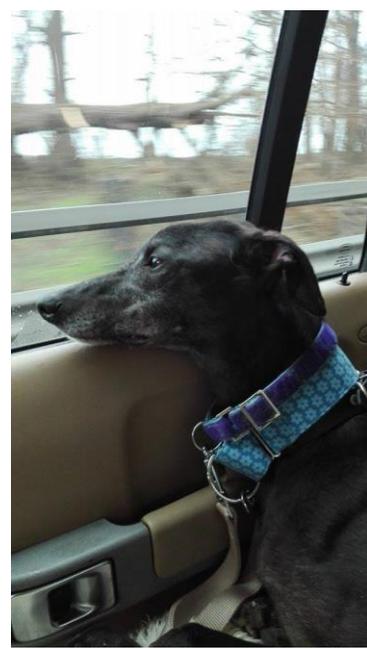
The board of the shelter had to have a meeting about the two dogs to see if they would let them go to Birmingham. It took weeks for them to decide. But then finally the long waited call came and they agreed. I could pick them up on Saturday the 4th of March. I drove them to the coast of Belgium.

There they were picked up and transported to the UK.

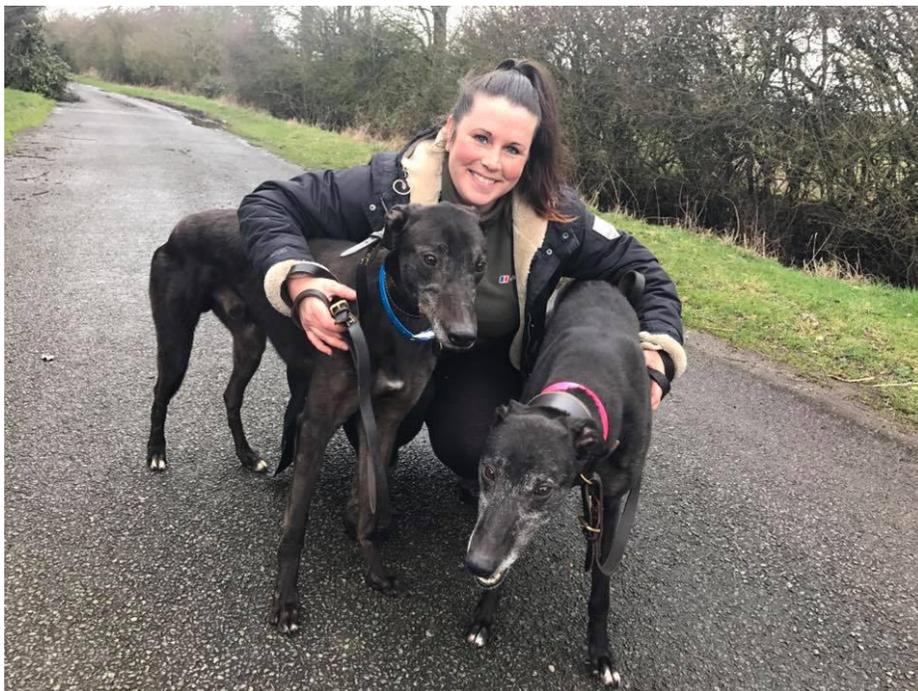
These two dogs are safe now and are looking for a forever home after they got neutered. They were the sweetest pups. Very happy, not traumatized at all. I am sorry no Belgian Rescue or family could help them. I am sorry many people have no feelings for dogs. I am sorry dogs are used to gain money. I am sorry we cannot do more against animal abusers.

But I am happy the world has changed for these two Greys, Tiger and Tigris. I am happy different countries can work together to “save” dogs. I am happy I met these two gorgeous pups and could hug and cuddle them. Have a great life Tiger and Tigris!

PS: Tiger and Tigris are now called Ben and Holly.



A Galgo in the shelter in Belgium (now happily reunited with its owner) , Tiger and Tigris en route across Belgium and finally safe in the UK with Birmingham Greyhound Protection.



Thank you to Danielle van Com in Belgium for sharing this story and to Kerry Elliman of BGP who worked with Danielle to rescue Ben and Holly and give them a future. Thank you to Isa Stoff from A Greys Home Belgium who saw the dogs safely across the channel.

Fife Flyers Ice Hockey

We all know Jimmy is a big Fife Flyers Fan

Recently they asked Jimmy for an interview and it appeared in their programme

FAN INTERVIEW...JIMMY FERNIE



What's your earliest memory of a Flyers game?

1950. Flyers versus Dunfermline Vikings. Flyers won 2-1 and the first goal was a beauty from Kirkcaldy's own Bert Smith!

Who are your favourite Flyers players from the past?

There has been a lot of great players like Doug Smail, Dave Stoyanovich, Laurie Boschman, Mark Morrison and Todd Dutiaume. But if I was to choose one it would have to be Doug Smail. He once scored a goal after four seconds in the NHL and no one else has been able to do that. A goal he scored for the Flyers I remember was when he skated right around the back of the goal from one side to the other and fired it into the net while making the goalie very dizzy!

What is your favourite Flyers game from the past?

Probably that first game I went to against Dunfermline. That game had me hooked and has kept me coming back for the rest of my life.

What is your favourite Flyers game of the Elite League era?

We were once 4-0 down to the Braehead Clan but managed to score six goals to win the match 6-4! Turning that game around turned our season around and we started winning more games after that.

Who is your favourite Flyers player of the Elite League era?

For excitement I would have to say Matt Nickerson. He seemed to inject something into the team and it always seemed like something was about to happen when he was on the ice. That excitement ran

through the crowd and it was a lot of fun. He was a true enforcer and made sure his teammates were protected. Off the ice he was a very nice guy who had a lot of time for the fans.

Who is your favourite current player?

Ryan Dingle. He's a great leader and is someone who can turn the game around for us. What he does on the ice and his leadership makes the players around him play better as well. He lifts his teammates. He also scores a lot of goals for the team. Off the ice he's a nice guy who's very pleasant.

If you were asked to play for the Flyers which number would you take and why?

99. That's the highest number you can get so it would be the only record I would be able to get at ice hockey!

Do you follow an NHL team?

Yes, the Chicago Blackhawks. We had volunteers at our Greyhound Rescue Centre who supported the Blackhawks. They came from St Andrews uni and when they came in they used to have a joke and a bit of banter with me if the Flyers had lost the weekend before. I used to do the same with them if Chicago had lost and that made me look out for the scores and since then I've been following how they've been getting on each season like winning the Stanley Cup in 2015. I wear a Blackhawks hat to Flyers games, which was a gift from those volunteers.

What do you like to do in your spare time apart from supporting the Flyers?

I don't have much spare time because I have 56 greyhounds to look after!

Which away rink is your favourite?

Dundee. I think because every time I seem to go there the Flyers win!

What do you enjoy most about being a Flyers fan?

I like being part of the atmosphere. I know a lot of people there and have met quite a lot of the players, and some of them I look on as friends.

RECIPE FOR SARDINE WHIRLS – YUMMY!!

Sardine Whirls



8oz Self raising flour
4 oz Wholemeal flour
½ cup Olive oil
2 cups Water
A 425g can of Sardines in tomato sauce

Pre heat oven to 200 degrees C, 400 degrees F or Gas mark 6.

Mix flour and oil together in a bowl, adding the water gradually to make a dough.

Roll dough out on a floured board until it is a ¼ inch thick oblong.

Mash the sardines in a bowl and spread over the dough.

Roll the oblong up like a Swiss roll.

Cut into 1 inch slices and lay them on a non stick backing tray.

Bake for 25 – 30 minutes.

Cool and serve. Makes 12 large whirls

To make smaller whirls, divide the dough into 2 pieces and make smaller oblongs.

GRFAS to be known as Grass or the Greyhound Rescue Fife Angling Society



Michelle, Nic, Pat and myself often fish on the River Tay in Dundee by the Bridge View Station Restaurant. Often the hounds come with us. We don't catch anything impressive, only small flatties, codling etc, (and the odd Eel much to Nic's disgust and quite a few funny little crabs) but we always have a great laugh and lots of fresh air for us all.

(The Bridge View Station Restaurant has a café where you can buy hot food and drinks and they don't mind us using their toilet facilities)

We have also met other hounds while we are there, and always have a chat and promote GRF.

Often people come to chat when they see the Greyhounds or other anglers stop by for a blether. If anyone fancies joining us, drop me an email and I will let you know when we are next meeting.

So we formed this little group and decided between us that Celia would be the patron!!

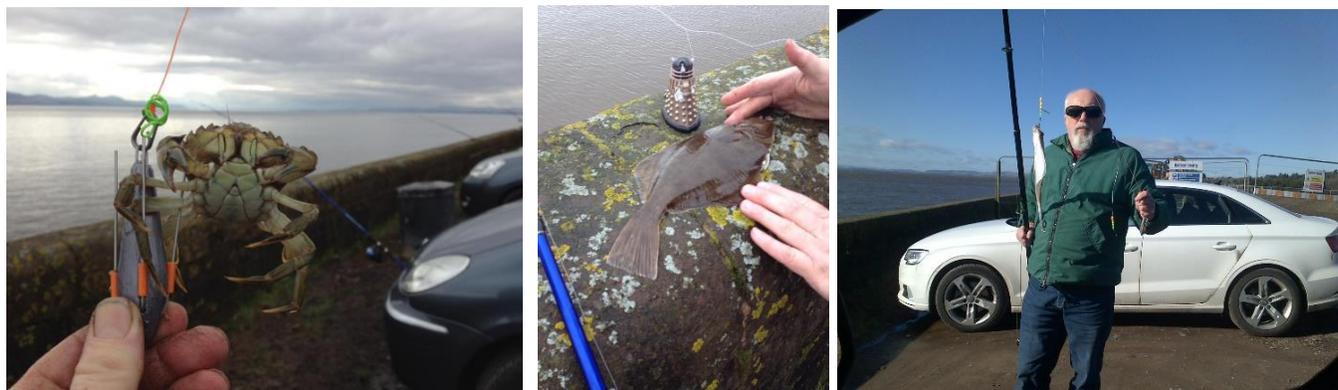
Celia does know ☺

If you go angling with your hounds, why not send us a photo which will appear in the next newsletter. At the end of the year we will ask Celia to pick the best one and the winner will get a little trophy.

(Obviously, as founder members, we will not be included in this little competition)

It's all for fun, so if you enjoy angling please feel free to join us, or join in the competition.

A couple of recent photo's





Trivia Quiz

Each month we will have a quiz or puzzle just for a bit of fun. So have a go while you enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit (don't forget a treat for your four legged friends)

Answers to February Quiz

- .1. Robin
2. Morocco Mole
3. Penfold
4. Dr Watson
5. Lewis
6. Terry McCann
7. Mr Smee
8. Gabrielle
9. Dana Scully
10. Butthead
11. Dr Temperance Brennan (Bones)
12. Sam (Samwise "Sam" Gamgee")
13. Jess
14. Bullwinkle
15. Sancho Panza
16. Waylon Smithers
17. Goose
18. Arthur Dent
19. Igor
20. Obelix
21. Kato
22. Fallout Boy
23. Tonto
24. Captain Haddock
25. Xander Harris

March QUIZ

A little cryptic quiz this month – all the answers are names of trees

1. Not the youngest tree around
2. Someone crazy about bricks and mortar?
3. A description of Shylock as a young boy?
4. There's always two of these trees by the sound of it
5. Not so much a tree - sounds like an island
6. Would you find this tree close to the ocean
7. Give Margaret a "Glasgow kiss"
8. There's nothing fancy about this tree
9. If you're up one of these, you're in lumber!
10. Morecambe, San Francisco and Bengal have this tree in common

Answers will be in the next newsletter





For our younger readers

FUN TRIVIA QUIZ

- 1 True or false: Caterpillars turn into toads?
- 2 What number must be added to 20 to make 92?
- 3 Which country is Beijing the capital city of?
- 4 What is the name of the little girl who meets a big, friendly giant in the book and movie called The BFG?
- 5 How many centimetres are there in 1 meter?
- 6 Which girl group do Camila, Lauren, Ally, Dinah and Normani belong to?
- 7 Which of the following is not a name of a continent: Europe, Asia, Russia?
- 8 Two of the planets in our solar system begin with the letter M, can you name them?
- 9 Who became President of the United States in January 2017?
- 10 What is the name of the fairy in the movie Peter Pan?
- 11 Can you unscramble the following word to reveal a type of animal that hops: BTBIRA?
- 12 What are the following names all types of: Mississippi, Thames, Volga?
- 13 Can you put the following cities into alphabetical order: Paris, Washington, Sydney, London?
- 14 What type of animal is a crocodile: a) Fish, b) Bird, c) Reptile?
- 15 How many days are there in the month of January

Answers next month!! Have Fun





With grateful thanks to all who helped with this newsletter

The next GRF newsletter will be published mid-April

If anyone has an article they would like included in future newsletters, please feel free to email Kaz Brundell on kbrundell@btinternet.com.

This is your newsletter so if you would like to see something else, please let me know.

Your feedback is important so let us know your thoughts.