

The Farmers Bloodhounds Open Day

The Farmers Bloodhounds enjoyed a rain free afternoon on the 17th August at their Open Day at Plum Park Farm, home of Senior Master Brian Temple, his wife Debbie and the bloodhounds. Ready to meet and greet all the guests were the new Masters Anna Hall and Wayne Clark who join up with Brian Temple and Penny Dowdeswell this season.

The new wing of the kennels has been recently completed and the smell of fresh paint hung the air which certainly did not put the Bloodhounds off from enjoying their new quarters. The Bloodhound pack has swelled over the last 12 months with the arrival of two litters of puppies.

Zoë Stevens, daughter of the Temples and owner of Plum Park Riding School, gave a wonderful side saddle display under the guidance of trainer Ginny Oakley who is also secretary to the hunt. Zoë an accomplished point to point jockey and first whip to the Farmers Bloodhounds was certainly showing her versatility in the saddle. Riding Moon, one of the school horses, the art of jumping side saddle was very well depicted.

The day was finished with a delicious Hog Roast tea kindly put on by Brian's wife Debbie and her band of helpers. The new function room at Plum Park proved the perfect setting and with a visit from some hounds the day was complete.

The Masters are looking forward to welcoming everyone to the start of the new season on August 10th at Plum Park Farm. This will be the first Hound Exercise which is an ideal time to start young horses and the more novice rider in the hunting field.

More information on the Farmers Bloodhounds can be found on www.farmersbloodhounds.co.uk

Ginny Oakley

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