

September 2020 Newsletter
Brentwood and District Dog Training Society
Affiliated to The Kennel Club

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We have started to have Classes in the Hall again as the evenings have become too dark to continue outside, but don't get your hopes up, as so far, we are still just continuing with the Puppies.

We can only have Six people in a class training, and that has been the case ever since Classes were allowed to start. Now with 'the Rule of 6' that may even make it one person less. Also to allow for the Hall to be thoroughly cleaned we have to stop classes early, so can have fewer classes a night.

We manage social distancing by using the three mats, and half the hall, so each person has half a hall's worth of mat each. This is obviously sufficient for Puppies, but would be very limiting with what you could do with the older dogs.

For the moment we are intending to just continue with the puppy classes for their 12 week course.

The Kennel Club has said that there are no Good Citizen Tests to be taken because of the difficulty with social distancing, so you won't be missing out on them, and we will certainly let you all know when we can get back to normal.....Your guess is as good as ours!

Those of you who are missing out on the social dog chat, we suggest you see if anyone on our Facebook page would like to join up for a walk somewhere different. If you are not on Facebook, you can give us permission to put your e mail or phone number (or Whatsapp) out on a newsletter to join up with other members. 'Have you been to Hylands Park?', for instance. Or if South Weald is your usual haunt perhaps you could show someone who usually goes to Thorndon the way round and vice versa. Dogs like a change of sniffs!

Your membership will be valid for the first year after we can all meet up again, and you are still members of the Society.

Keep safe, we miss you too!