

ASSOCIATION OF MASTERS OF HARRIERS AND BEAGLES

Suggested Reading List

Beaglers by Jack Ivester Lloyd 1971: A fresh look at hare hunting with beagles, harriers and bassets.

Beagles and Beagling. Paget O. J. 1923 Hutchinson and Co And 1931

The Art of Beagling HF & G Wetherby – Otho Paget was master of the Thorpe Satchville Beagles in Leicestershire.

Beagles, their History and Breeding. Courtney Williams A 1974 Grayling Books, Penrith- a thoughtful study of beagles and their breeding. Bill Williams was master of the Warwickshire Beagles

Beagling. Hobson JC 1987 David and Charles, London –a more recent take on the sport

Beagling. Ivester Lloyd J.1954 Herbert Jenkins and 1973 Hounds of the World Adam and Charles Black, London – Jack Lloyd’s father the sporting artist, Tom Ivester Lloyd, was master of the Sherington Foot Beagles in N. Buckinghamshire.

Beagling. Lovell Hewitt, W. 1960. Faber & Faber, London – in our opinion the best of the many “manuals” on the subject. Lovell Hewitt was master of the Trowbridge Foot.

Beagling. Shepherd, C. B. 1938. Seeley Service & Co. Ltd, London - useful introduction by the founder and Master of the South Herts Beagles. This also forms part of the The Lonsdale Library Deer, Hare and Otterhunting Seeley,Service & Co. Ltd, London which also has a section on harriers

Bellman the Beagle. Barker KF 1929 and its sequel Bellman Carries On A&C Black, London – a fictional account of a beagle particularly suitable for children

Compte Elie de Vezins 1974 JA Allen, London – a translation of a fascinating treatise on venery by a French master of harehounds first published in 1882 in France.

Fox and Hare. Morrison E. 1954 in Leicestershire Eyre and Spottiswoode, London – Eric Morrison was master of the Westerby Bassets and developed the “harehound” there.

Foxhunting by the 10th Duke of Beaufort: Published by David and Charles: Well illustrated, the book covers hounds, hound management, kennels etc.

Hare Hunting by W. Lovell Hewitt & published by The Lonsdale Library: A very useful book on all aspects of beagling.

Harehunters All compiled by David Wathen. A now out-of-print book containing ‘one hundred articles concerning beagles and other harehunting hounds which are followed on foot’. Published as a limited edition in 1951.

Harehunters All. Wathen, D. 1954 (Late Jellydogs All): One Hundred Articles Concerning Beagles and Other Hare-Hunting Hounds Which are Followed on Foot. Burrow's Press Limited, Cheltenham - has very useful little histories of almost all packs

Hotspur the Beagle. Vickerman, J. 1934. Constable & Company, London - brilliant book, actually a fictional story but very informative.

Hounds First. Pyper AC 1937 AB Campbell and co, London – an account of his hunting life by the master of the Uxbridge Beagles

Hounds for a Pack by Comte Elie de Vezins.

Hounds of the World. Sir J Buchanan-Jardine reprinted 1979 Grayling Books, Penrith – A comprehensive overview of the various hound breeds first published in 1937. Sir John was master of the Castle Milk Bassets as well as the Dumfriesshire Foxhounds.

Hunting. The Duke of Beaufort 1885 The Badminton Library:– there is a section on beagling

In Nimrod's Footsteps by Daphne Moore with text illustrations by Michael Lyne. An excellent book, covering the wide travels of Miss Moore over countless years before and after the Second World War. Covers kennel visits, foxhounds, beagles and otter hounds. The book has a foreword by Captain Ronnie Wallace and is dedicated to the 10th Duke of Beaufort, in whose country Miss Moore lived latterly. First published in 1974, with a new edition, limited to 200 copies, in 1994.

Letters to a Young Beagler. JA Allen, London – a practical guide to the sport

Rycroft on Hounds. Sir Newton Rycroft 2001 Derrydale Press (USA) - A collection of articles written by Sir Newton, founder of the Dummer Beagles and an extraordinary thinker on hunting and hound breeding.

Seventy Years A Master. Race G. c. 1910 privately published – George Race was master of the Biggleswade Harriers.

The Hunting of the Hare. Woolner L 1971 JA Allen, London – an anthology of writing and poetry concerning hare hunting collected by the master of the W Lodge Harehounds

Thoughts on Beagling. Wood, P. 1938. Country Life Limited, London - enjoyable introduction by former Master of both the Eton College Hunt and Christ Church Beagles, written when he was still a boy. Peter Wood was killed in action in N Africa.

Thoughts on Hunting by Peter Beckford.

A by no means exhaustive list. We have excluded the many Hunt Histories including Phil Burroughes and the Bolebroke Beagles which perhaps ought to be included and the many books on foxhunting (Ikey Bell's, Henry Higginson's and Daphne Moore's particularly) which have much good sense within them as relevant to harehounds as foxhunting.

N.B. Members are requested to forward suggestions of other useful publications that might be included on the list to the Director for