I had no intention of doing any news this week but as Karen Gold's mother passed away quite suddenly and unexpectedly but peacefully last week, I felt I ought offer condolences and include Karen's sincere thanks to everyone who contacted her.

She wrote,

"Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to send cards, messages & flowers. They are all very much appreciated. Mum's funeral will be at Cardross Crematorium on Monday, 30th December.

A bittersweet day as Alan & I went to the garden centre for a special Christmas afternoon tea which I had bought for Mum's Christmas. We raised a cup of tea".

We all know we will lose our parents at some point but it seems so much harder at Christmas time.

On a brighter notes, many congratulations to Maggie and Sally and the Kamgaards on winning Top Dog with Klementina and Top Breeders in the Our Dogs League tables. To achieve so much in their first full year in this country is quite an achievement. I think Klemmie's dam will tie with the Middletons for Brood bitch and the Simms' Earl Grey w

ill be top stud dog with Barbara Barganska's puppy taking top pup but must wait for the final results to be published for confirmation. If you are sure I'm wrong do let me know.

I hope no one suffered any damage from the strong winds this weekend and I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and successful New Year.

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