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Front Cover Image

Photo of Bentley during lockdown 2020, owned and loved by Lyn Batchelor

If you have any images of your Irish Red and White Setter for use on the front page, please email them to roxanne@roanjora.co.uk.

Chairman notes

Certainly in my lifetime there has never been a period of absolute crisis as there is right now. The outbreaks of SARS, MERS, HIV, and Ebola were terrible times for those involved, past and present, but we are now witnessing a true pandemic that is of such proportions that it will never be forgotten.

January brought us early signs that yet another virus was loose from China. In February China was releasing dramatic details of deaths from the rampaging virus in Wuhan and a growing number of other cities. Embassies were now telling people not to travel to those areas and to leave if they could. Increasingly frightening news arriving was that the number of deaths was rising from places other than China. Through March and into April Italy and then Spain were recording alarming numbers of deaths so much so that reactions on a national scale were underway. Flights, holidays, cruises, were all being cancelled and people were becoming desperate to get home. Lockdowns to shops, factories, industry, manufacturing, stores, and parks started happening with people being told to stay off the streets and stay home as the terrifying numbers climbed 900 a day in Italy, 800 a day in Spain and 700 a day here in the UK, and other stories from all over the world. Government was being affected, our own PM hospitalised, and nurses, carers, police, firemen, doctors, armed services, public transport, were all risking their lives as protection against the virus became inadequate and the need for equipment was ramped up.

Amazing feats were being achieved as the emergency created the need for thousands more beds than were available and the new Nightingale hospitals with enormous capacity were started and becoming operational in a matter of weeks, breathing apparatus was being built by vacuum cleaning companies and formula 1 racing teams, personal protection garments were being made anywhere there was a sewing machine, and testing labs, mobile and otherwise, were set up to manage 100,000 tests a day, every Thursday the nation stood outside their houses and clapped and cheered for the NHS, captain Tom Moore at 99 years old raised over £27m from people throughout the country,— truly inspirational times bringing out the very best in people.

In our own small world of dogs, paling into insignificance against this, meetings, AGM's, shows, events, have all been cancelled and while it changes our method of enjoyment it also brought us together through the technology of Facebook, Skype, Facetime, Zoom, WhatsApp, text, and email, which has provided us with contact, cheer, and sanity, thank heavens.

The powers that be are working tirelessly on a solution which could be some time

away but it will arrive, until then stay safe, stay indoors, take care, and we will survive and recover. My love and best wishes to everyone.

Jim Cuddy
Chairman



Message from the editor

Many of you would have seen the publicity around the breed in the national press following the lowest registration figures of all breeds recognised by the UK Kennel Club. As with everything this comes with the benefit of more people knowing about the breed, more potential homes and more people thinking of breeding. But in turn there will be negatives. Headlines showing puppies going for a grand each, rarer than giant pandas and the like will bring the attention of not so ethical breeders. In this newsletter we have tried to highlight some key bits around breeding, stud dogs, health tests and selling puppies. It isn't all doom & gloom!

Crufts came and went, and so soon after all the press publicity, I personally noticed the difference in just walking around. I usually get comments such as "oh how beautiful, what are they?" while this year it was more "Is this the Irish Red & White Setter. They are beautiful". Of course, the comment about how magnificent they look remains, but we all know that already!

Who would thought back in March, that the summer in the UK, like many other countries, would be in a state of lockdown. Our dog related events and otherwise are cancelled with no firm date of when they will return. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing events return and when we can meet again. In the meantime I hope everyone is keeping well and enjoying those full weekends to get out with the dogs to work on something new, or to enjoy just spending time on walks, waiting, hoping and praying your setter returns!

Roxanne McDonald
Newsletter Editor



Spring Open Show report

Our judge for the 2020 spring show was breed specialist, Alan Bamford, who had an entry of 14 dogs and 15 bitches and found his top honours as below;

Best Dog & Best in Show	Sh Ch Corranroo Camero At Hitides—Mrs E Birch &
Best Bitch & Best Opposite Sex In Show	Sh Ch Zendarric It's A Kind Of Magic Within Wroxham—Mrs E Walker
Reserve Best Dog, Reserve Best in Show & Best Veteran in Show	Sh Ch Countdown Finnian's Rainbow—Mrs V Meesschaert
Reserve Best Bitch & Reserve Best Veteran	Rustasha Raison D'Etre—Mr G & Mrs S Tong
Best Puppy in Show	Alanea Obsession of Hodgehall—Mr J & Mr W Hodgetts
Reserve Best Puppy	Daithi Shadow Dog With Ferngate (Imp Pol) - Mr S



Annual Awards

The formal presentation of the annual awards for 2019 was unable to take place due to having to postpone the 2020 AGM, however, it's still a huge achievement for everyone and all the dogs below. Congratulations to all.

Championship Show Points Competition

Full details of the points and how they are awarded can be found on the clubs website.

Top awards

Top Dog:	Sh Ch Alanea Game Reserve with Danwish
Top Bitch:	Sh Ch Alanea Holly Fern At Charnborough
Top Puppy:	Cordanore Bia Becomes Copperwhite (Imp Pol)
Top Veteran:	Sh Ch Ballakinnish Malachi At Oldestone
Top Stud Dog:	Sh Ch Ballakinnish Malachi at Oldestone
Top Brood Bitch:	Temynloah Tanya at Alanea
Top Breeder:	Alanea
Top Working (show):	Not awarded

Top 10 places

1. Sh Ch Alanea Game Reserve with Danwish
2. Sh Ch Alanea Holly Fern At Charnborough
3. Sh Ch Taxus Golden Prince in Balbriggan JW
4. Sh Ch Gilliegrae Swift N'Chic

5. Sh Ch Ballakinnish Malachi At Oldestone
6. Carrick Shadow Dog With Alanea (Imp Pol)
7. Sh Ch Zendarric It's A Kind Of Magic Within Wroxham JW
8. Cordanore Bia Becomes Copperwhite (Imp Pol)
9. Sh Ch Ballakinnish Mischief Making Copperwhite JW
10. Sh Ch Corranroo Consort

Working together award

Not awarded

Recognition of Achievement

An award to recognise those who had made a significant contribution to the breed outside of showing to help promote the breed

Bradley Stevens—for his achievement in Junior Handling and supporting the breed at Discover Dogs both in London and at Crufts.

Helen & Graham Farrow—for their organisation of breed walks in Norfolk

Open show points competition

Laoirebay Steel Blue Ocean At Shannonstyle

Ianbro Kamino Sapphire To Foregeway

2019 new Show Champions

Sh Ch Corranroo Camero At Hitides

Sh Ch Killary's Class Act At Alanea

Sh Ch Alanea Game Reserve With Danwish

Sh Ch Gilliegrae Swift n'Chic

Sh Ch Corranroo Consort

Sh Ch Zendarric It's A Kind Of Magic Within Wroxham

2019 Junior Warrant winners

Ianbro Mystic Quartz Shines At Gilliegrae JW

Spyefire Secret Agent JW

Laoirebay Steel Blue Ocean At Shannonstyle JW

Laoirebay She's Leaving Home To Siorrudh JW



Cancelled Club events 2020

The Officers and Committee of the IRWS Club of GB regretted to announce the cancellation of two of its shows due to be held this year. The Championship Show, postponed originally from 11th July to 4th October and the Autumn Open Show on 22nd November. This decision was not taken lightly but the safety of everyone who

would be expected to attend the show is the most important and significant factor in this decision.

We fully understand and regret the sense of disappointment and sadness this announcement will cause to our members, however, in line with Kennel Club recommendations we have applied to have our 2020 Championship show sometime during 2021 and will inform everyone when we have confirmation.

Additionally the decision was made to postpone the 2020 AGM in accordance with a recommendation from the Kennel Club we will hold the 2020 meeting immediately before the 2021 meeting.

The Kennel Club have also announced that they have cancelled Discover Dogs 2020, due to be held at the Excel in London.



Crufts 2020

Breed Ring

Crufts was judge this year by Mrs Lyn Goddard who had a entry of 73 (36 dogs, 37 bitches). Her principal winners are as follows. The full results and critique can be found on the club's website.

BCC & BOB	Sh Ch Alanea Holly Fern At Charnborough
RBCC	Sh Ch Zendarric It's A Kind Of Magic Within Wroxham JW
DCC	Sh Ch Corranroo Camero At Hitides
RDCC	Romaunt Bloomin Grand At Forestpoint
BP	Alanea Silhouette
BV	Sh Ch Ballakinnish Malachi At Oldestone

Looking through the entries, 14 exhibits, from 9 exhibitors had entered from outside the UK. This included 6 dogs from Poland, 2 from Germany, 2 from Ireland and 1 each from Russia, CZE, Italy and Canada.

Interestingly I also looked at the kennels with the most entries by dogs bred. The below 8 kennels contributed to over 60% of the total entry.



How many Irish Red and White Setters can you fit into a photograph?

Shadow Dog	8	Laoirebay	5
Cornadore	7	Lovenjoel	5
Alanea	6	Corranroo	4
Roanjora	6	Rustasha	4

Discover Dogs

Another Crufts Discover Dogs comes and goes and thank you to everyone who supported the breed by giving up their time to talk about the Irish Red and White Setter and let their dogs be fussed by the public.



Discover Dogs stand all packed up ready for another year

Big thank you goes to Debbie & Roxanne who also helped with the set up on Thursday morning. Kathy Attwood, Maureen Whitaker, Jan & Ned Bardey, Liz Hargreaves, Eamon O'Connor, Steven & Gail Camberry, Gill & Graham Hart, Graham & Helen Farrow, Eve Sherlock, James & Will Hodgetts, Nicola Green, Bev & Bradley Stevens and finally Roxanne McDonald and Guy Wells, who also did the Sunday take down and brought the stand home.

We knew this year would be busier with the press interest at the start of the year and Eve was caught by surprise with C4 wanting to ask a few questions for the evening Crufts programme as well as lots of visitors adding our wonderful breed on their list of must visits.

Young Kennel Club (YKC) handling



For the first time in many years, an Irish Red and White Setter once again found themselves in the Young Kennel Club (YKC) ring. I don't think this has happened since Joe McDonald, over 10 years ago.

The YKC encourages young handlers in all disciplines of the dog world and every young handlers aim is to get to the Crufts ring. This year Bradley Stevens had qualified for the YKC handling (Gundog) 6-11 years and was one of 13 entrants and the only setter handler in this class.

I asked Bradley about his day and he said;

"I found it very enjoyable and I had a great time performing in the ring. I am proud of LC she was a very good girl. I am going to work hard for the opportunity to be there again next year."

Good luck for the future Bradley



Puppy registrations

Breed registrations in 2019 were an all time low that saw us with just 39 registrations, which was the lowest of all breeds.

This year shows a better figure. So far in the first quarter of 2020 (January to March), there were 16 puppies registered from three litters and two imports registered.



The experience of a first time breeder of Irish red and white setters

It was in Dawros Bay, Donegal, 6 years ago that I first encountered an Irish Red and White Setter in person, Timmy, I had heard of the breed and I instantly fell in love. I have kept Irish Wolfhounds for nearly 50 years and felt that a R&W would be a perfect fit in my household. Both being Native Irish breeds with National Heritage Status granted by the Irish Government, and the Irish Red and White Setter being on the endangered list clinched it for me.

I researched the breed as much as I could, bearing in mind I am a complete technophile, so no google for me! I found it fascinating when I came across a lovely photograph in Pat Brigdens book of a Mrs James standing outside her house in Rutland in 1945 with 1 Irish wolfhound, 2 Irish Red Setters and 1 Irish Red and White Setter. I learnt she was a Kerry lady hence her passion for Irish breeds.

In 2017 I travelled several hours to County Kerry to buy a pup and I got the pick of the litter! I brought home a bitch whom I have called TillyTu, I was delighted that both my wolfhounds adored her and since my eldest dog died, Tilly has been a wonderful companion to my 9-year-old bitch Tullagh.

In 2018 I went to Crufts and met Pat Brigden and Maureen Newman again having last seen them at Maureen's in October 2016, I was sounding out what people thought of Tilly and looking out for a potential sire. I had a great conversation with

Jim Cuddy who was attending without his dog and in the following months he agreed to let me use his stud dog on Tilly. I have a wonderful dog handler; Marty Potts and he was willing to run the whole project for me.

In July 2019 Marty took Tilly to the vets for test confirmation that the time was right for mating, her season was expected in September so it was a shock for all of us especially Jim Cuddy! Marty and Tilly boarded a ferry to England immediately to visit Jim Cuddy (and his dog!). In the following weeks there were 6 puppies booked via word of mouth and the public who fell for Tilly on sight. I mistakenly thought it would be simple enough to garner interest in a litter, after all they are in short supply and I had great bloodlines.

A straightforward pregnancy and delivery ensued, and 9 robust pups were born on 19th September - 2 bitches and 7 dogs. As I am semi disabled Marty undertook the whole whelping and the puppies thrived in his care. He advertised the litter online in early October and we had a good amount of interest as buyers wanted Irish blood. Unfortunately, due to various changes in personal circumstances, many of the original buyers withdrew and it became increasingly difficult to garner interest. However, Marty updated the online advertisements to reflect which pups were still available and gradually found new homes for them all! I am so grateful for Marty's support and commitment, the pups all left so well, socialised and happy. I think he enjoyed the experience and one could see he was sad to them leave.

I kept a bitch for myself and the other bitch went to Co. Down, NI. As for the dogs, 3 went to the Republic of Ireland, 1 to Scotland, 1 to Cumbria, 1 to Cornwall and 1 went all the way to New York state in the USA!

I am delighted that the gene pool has been expanded with my contribution as I am very fond of the breed as a whole. My puppies are all registered with the Irish Kennel Club and can of course be registered with The Kennel Club, UK if their new owner desires.

It is my hope that in the future the 'mainland' breeders would look to the island of Ireland for sires/dams to keep the size and colouring true to the breed specification and to maintain bloodlines. Many foreign judges at Irish championship shows in 2018/2019 top graded Tilly saying in their opinion the breed was getting too big in Europe.

It seems that those who wish to breed their own litter should keep updating their photographs and information regarding the pups in online advertisements so potential owners have as much knowledge as possible regarding your litter; I

followed the club literature advice and offered a lifetime guarantee to said new owners. that if there are any issues in regards to changes in circumstances or reasons why one of your pups should require a new home, that I will always take the pup back.

At time of writing we are in the midst of a pandemic and a dreadful time for both two and four leggeds! I hope all stay safe and well.

Shirley Scott
Northern Ireland



Rescue news

Our long term rescue sub committee secretary, Ann Jeffery, has stepped down from her post and Alison Bennett has stepped into the secretary role. Alison has been involved in the club rescue for 25 years so it well prepared for the mammoth task.

The club would like to extend their thanks and best wished to Ann who over the years has helped so many dogs find their forever homes.

Below is a little about Alison;

Our 1st red and whites came from the late Sue Jackson (Spearpoint) in 1987 and 1989. We were looking for a red setter but when we saw her red and white, our love for the breed was founded. During the following years we enjoyed showing our beloved pets, gaining a CC and reserve CC with our youngest male Spearpoint Ritz Spritza of Sureayne. We added to our brood with 2 bitches (mother and daughter) from Trudy Walsh (Ardraccon) in Ireland and continued showing and gained another CC and reserve CC and a CACIB in Ireland with the daughter, Ardraccon Classic Charm of Sureayne.



We had just the two litters from our bitches but the second litter from Spearpoint Ritz Spritza at Sureayne and Ardraccon Classic Charm of Sureayne, made their mark on the breed with the Sureayne affix cropping up behind many of today's pedigrees from this one mating including a foundation bitch going to America.

In 1998 I was elected on to the main committee and served for 3 years. We also held exemption dog shows in aid of Rescue and in 1995, when the Red and White

Setter Club of GB were looking for volunteers for the Rescue sub-committee members, I offered my services. Little did I know that I would still be on the committee 25 years later.

During the later years we stepped back from showing as my mother in law came to live with us and we were caring for her up to her death in 2009. We now have just the one red and white setter which we got from Margaret Sierakowski's Dalriach kennel. Although he was lightly shown when we first had him, we soon realised that he didn't enjoy it and retired him gracefully. We are now nearing our retirement so helping more with rescue seems to fit in quite nicely. I'm looking forward to finding forever homes for all of the waifs and strays out there that come our way.

I have an impossible act to follow in Ann Jeffery who has served the club so well over so many years, not forgetting Pete her husband who I know has been there for her every step of the way. I know Ann has had many a sleepless night over dogs as they have come through rescue and time and time again, she has gone over and beyond the call of duty in her quest to get the very best for these poor dogs. The club is indebted to her for all her hard work she's done over the years. I wish both Ann and Pete well in their well-earned rest but I'm sure (hope!) Ann will still be helping behind the scenes. I will do my best to continue in her footsteps with the help of my husband, Geoff who has been so supportive over the years and I know I wouldn't be able to do this without him by my side.



Muriel Iles—Glennessa



My first encounter with Mrs Muriel Iles was at the Bath Canine Society in the late eighties, along with her charming husband Jimmy Iles. I was showing my first IRWS in AVNSC Gundog, and afterwards they both chatted to me for some time. I remember that Muriel was very interested in my dog, and we also chatted about the breed, it was good to know that finally I'd met someone fairly local whom I could confide in. Muriel knew about the breed in the 'early-days of its history' and this was a great way to learn from our chats.

In the coming years our friendship grew, and I paid many visits to Crofters Heron the beautiful home, that they owned down in the depths of Hampshire. I was always made so very welcome, with tea and home-made cakes on offer after another one of our lengthy breed history chats. Her helpful hints on dogs, and breeding came in very useful, eventually

leading to me purchasing my first 'Glennessa' bitch from one of their litters of IRWS.

Muriel was the 'Founder' and Chairman of the Southern Society for Irish Red and White Setter, which eventually became a registered in 2003. It was one of her great passions in her lifetime to see the Society become a fully-fledged registered one. We had some wonderful times and her enthusiasm never faltered. She had great determination in all that she aspired and it began to rub off onto me and many others. It was 'catching' as one would say! I then became a Committee member, along with others. It was a friendly Society which ran for over 20 years.

Many other friendships were made in the Society, and the activities such as gundog training, showing, Canine Carousels, were held in their huge garden, and the 'Spinney' beyond. Meetings and shows were never boring, but Muriel always stood firm with a no nonsense attitude. Rules had to be upheld at all times, and we knew it.

I always looked forward to meeting up with Muriel; it was an enjoyable experience which led her to be one of my 'Mentors' for a long time. She was someone who one could easily listen to and she gave her knowledge freely, with a smile to go with it all.

I have many fond memories of her, and the last time we met was at the Bath Canine Society in 2018 where she greeted me like an old long lost friend. I will miss her in so many ways she was an inspiration to me. Thank you dear Muriel you will always be remembered and missed by many.

Suzanne Humphries. June 2020.



Quest to become a search dog

The time was right for Grace, I decided that we needed to change tack and embark on a new challenge together and this was in the form of Bridgend Search Dogs.

When I booked the induction session online I thought it was a great idea, then on the day I was nervous as I arrived at Bedford Park on a hot Sunday afternoon with children playing on their bikes and parents walking along the path. I immediately thought this is going to end in disaster.



When I met Tom (the instructor), he was very warm and cheerful. It was very reassuring and he took my nerves away completely. He was intrigued by Grace because he had never seen an Irish Red and White Setter before but he knew what they were capable of and was keen to put her through her paces.

We did a couple of exercises to get the dog to use their nose for scenting before we had to do a search exercise for a missing person. It was an L-shaped course going along the Footpath and then turning into the woods. To locate the missing person, at no point were we allowed to watch where the person had gone. I was completely relying on Grace.

I donned Grace up with her search harness and I could immediately feel the adrenaline running through her body. Tom then told me to let Grace sniff the glove and then give the command to Grace to 'Trail'



I now know the true characteristics of a Irish Red and White Setter's drive, stamina, focus. All this was flowing through Grace's body and we were off I could see people ahead of me along the path Grace showed no interest in them at all we were on a mission!!!! We even had a cameraman taken photos and Grace paid no attention to him either.

Tom was behind me and telling me to give Grace more rein and go with her, at one point I wanted to keep Grace on the footpath and Tom shouted 'Trust Grace'. We went through the woods parting brambles, nettles, mud and water where I am glad Stuart told me to 'wear my walking boots'. Then we arrived at this tree and Grace just started barking and dancing on the spot. I didn't know at this point what she was telling me, then Tom told me to look up into the tree and then I saw that she had located the missing person. I immediately praised Grace and let her play with her ball.

Afterwards we received our induction certificate from Tom, he was telling me she is a natural and that we should continue.

I felt on top of the world with Grace and when everybody left I cried into Graces soft ears. Grace looked at me as to say when are we going next mum!! I have truly found graces calling card!!!!!!

Mandy Martin



Our pets through Covid-19



Enya the lockdown puppy, at 5 months. Has kept us on our toes and thoroughly entertained - Denise Beasley



Paddy has been my lifeline. Having RA is a battle everyday to do the simplest of tasks but he has given me such a renewed lease of life—Emma Fitzgerald



Bentley keeps me smiling when I can't get out.—Lyn Batchelor



They've kept us sane.—Rhona-gail Skene



Dates for your diary - club events

Dates are 'fluid' due to Covid-19. The website will be kept up to date and all members will be contacted with any updates and changes.

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Open Show - Autumn
Date: CANCELLED
Venue: Hasland Village Hall, Eastwood Drive, Chesterfield. S41 0A
Judge: Peter Pavey

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Open Show - Spring
Date: Sunday 7th March 2021
Venue: Steventon Village Hall, Oxfordshire. OX13 6RR
Judge: Jane Eyeington

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB AGM (2020 & 2021)
Date: TBC—April 2021
Venue: Shuttington Village Hall, B79 0DP

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Championship Show
Date: Sunday 18th July 2021
Venue: The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire,
Judge: Suzanne Humphries

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Open Show -
Date: Autumn Sunday 21st November 2021
Venue: Hasland Village Hall, Eastwood Drive, Chesterfield. S41 0A
Judge: Jacqueline Ward

Autumn / Winter Newsletter deadline: Friday, 1st November 2020

Working events

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