

RED & WHITE STANDARD



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Welcome to the Christmas edition of the
Red and White Standard

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT UP LINE

Hi everyone, it's me again! My, how time flies, it only seems a short time ago that our editor was asking for my autumn report and now we're getting close to Christmas and all that goes with that time of year.

I represented the breed at a British Heritage Dog Breeds event that was being filmed for Sky TV at a golf club near Cambridge at the end of September. Some of the rare breed handlers were in period costume associated with their particular breed, but as I had just got back from my holiday I didn't have enough time to arrange for Lord Rossmore's outfit. The heavens opened and we all got very wet but the film crew managed to film the parade of rare breeds inside a marquee which is not quite the same as being outside but then 'the show must go on'.

We had our October open show in Hasland Village Hall. Again it was pouring with rain so the Committee members got a trifle damp to say the least, unloading all the show mats, food etc for the event. When I arrived at 8.00am I was informed that our judge for the day had been taken ill during the night, so after a quick Committee meeting we put a plan "B" into operation. Graham Bayne who is our vice chairman, stepped in to fill the vacancy and did a very fine job at such short notice, and was given a free lunch as well. I am very pleased to inform the members that Susan Tong (Kellizlot) has since made a complete recovery.

The breed was represented again this year at Earls Court in London on 13th - 14th November at an event called Discover Dogs, which is organised by the Kennel Club. It allows members of the public to see and ask questions about every breed of dog from their owners. They get the chance to see and realise that this little bundle of joy may grow to be quite big and strong and can they afford to feed, exercise and look after these animals that give us so much trust and affection.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas with a happy and healthy New Year for 2011.

Regards
Bob Knapton
Chairman

AUTUMN OPEN SHOW Judge: Graham Bayne (Corranroo)

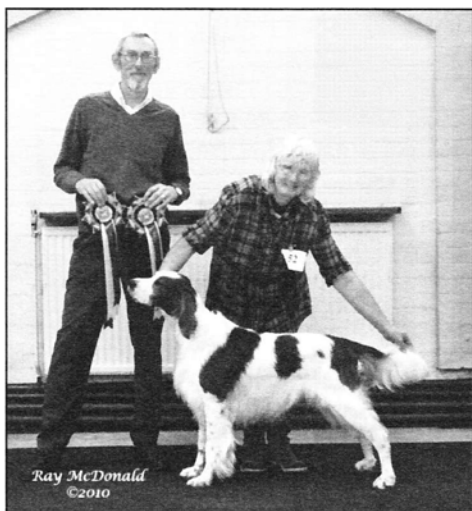
The Club held their Autumn Open Show on a very wet 3rd October at Hasland Village Hall. Many thanks to all of the exhibitors who accepted me as a very late replacement judge owing to the unfortunate indisposition of the scheduled judge. It was no less an honour to judge a Club Show under the circumstances than if I were the original judge, and for that, thanks to the organisers for asking me to stand in, it was very much appreciated and a delight to do.

In overall terms the exhibits were all presented in a clean and tidy condition and were a credit to the owners, particularly given the weather outside. If I have any particular general observations then they are threefold: lack of hard muscle, absence of adequate forechest, that is to say sternum projected forward of the brisket, and weak pasterns. Points 1 and 3 apply to the mid range classes rather than the pups or veterans and point 2 to dogs across the range.

On a positive note, fronts are improving from years of old. Also colour, coat condition and rear end drive all seem to be improving. There are a few untypical heads about but not on the increase. Tails seem to be "on the up" and this should be a matter of concern for all breeders to consider amongst all else.

On the day the strength lay in the bitches for overall quality and they were by far more difficult to judge than the dogs.

VETERAN DOG (6, 3abs)



1. WADE'S SH CH VANDERS VENATIC LEGEND AT OLDSTONE

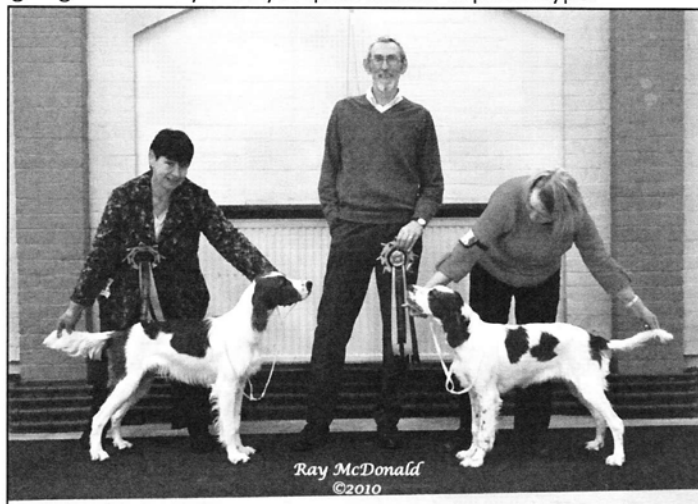
A true delight to go over this great old chap. Very typical head with soft expression and a hint of something else! Strong neck and good shoulder placement well balanced and well let down at the rear giving him a good collected drive, moving true and easily, easy to award him:

**BEST DOG, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW &
BEST VETERAN IN SHOW**

2. TAYLOR'S LAOIREBAY FEET OF FLAME A little older than the winning dog though still a grand old chap a little bit straighter at the rear meant he lost out on drive and he was a little bit down on his pasterns. Yet still a credit to his owners.

PUPPY DOG (3, 1abs)

Two young dogs differently bred yet quite similar in phenotype.



1ST DAVIES' ZYMORE IRISH CREAM (pictured left) Confident and well behaved showing a good picture of balance for his age. Head needs time to develop and broaden but is correctly proportioned good neck and shoulders a well angled rear giving him sufficient drive, has a bright future I am sure. **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.** (Pictured right is Reserve Best Puppy in Show – see puppy bitch)

2ND HART'S KILKERRIN SWIFT FOR GILLIEGRAE Many of the comments above apply, not as well behaved as 1 but has all the attributes required to mature well.

JUNIOR DOG (4, 2abs)

1ST DAVIES' ZYMORE IRISH CREAM

2ND MCDONALD'S ROANJORA PINOTAGE Bigger and rangier dog than 1. Still very loose on the move needing time to come together coat colour also not as well defined as the winner.

YEARLING DOG (3, 1 withdrawn)

1ST MCDONALD'S ROANJORA PINOTAGE

2ND HARGREAVES' CHARNBOROUGH MARATHON MAN AT FORGEWAY Well proportioned youngster on a lighter frame than 1. Good front and shoulder a pleasing head and of good colour, with time and practice has the potential to do better.

GRADUATE DOG (3, 0 abs)

1ST DAVIES' ZYMORE IRISH CREAM

2ND MCDONALD'S ROANJORA PINOTAGE

3RD HARGREAVES' CHARNBOROUGH MARATHON MAN AT FORGEWAY

POST GRADUATE DOG (2, 1abs)

1ST WALKER'S VANDERS VA VOOM AVEC WROXHAM (pictured right)

Very well presented, beautifully clean and in lovely coat and condition. Presented a picture of balance. Not the biggest of dogs though all in proportion. A quality head and expression, strong neck and good shoulder. Good angles and moved with drive and ease and a rather proud tail.

RESERVE BEST DOG

LIMIT DOG (5, 1abs)

1ST TAYLOR'S LAOIREBAY OCEAN SUNSET

Imposing dog of good colour and with presence. Very pleasing head and eye with very sound shoulder and good topline moved soundly.

2ND COLLINS' CASAFELICE ELLIOTDALE AT FORESTPOINT Larger dog than the class winner standing on good tight feet a little looser all round than 1 and this showed on the move not quite as measured, yet none the less easy and economical.

3RD WADE'S VIEWLAND ACE OF HEARTS

OPEN DOG (1 withdrawn)

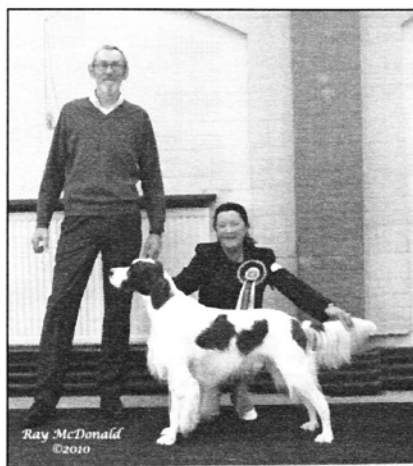
VETERAN BITCH (1)

1ST BARCROFT'S SH CH BALLAKINNISH MINUET Compact lady with a lovely quizzical expression. Well proportioned and balanced moved soundly and easily, not the best of feet, but she is an old lady.

PUPPY BITCH (2, 1abs)

1ST HORROCKS' SPIRALWOOD SECRET LOVE FOR ITCHENWYCH Very much a baby and I believe this was her show debut, this taken into account she behaved passably well. Cute expression and has all the essentials to come together well in the future, will keep my eye on her.

BEST PUPPY BITCH & RESERVE BEST PUPPY IN SHOW (pictured on the right of the photo on page 4)



JUNIOR BITCH (7, 4abs)

1ST PILMER'S CORRANROO CELTIC CONECTION WITH ANISBRIG Very promising quality bitch well balanced and a very confident mover.

2ND HENDERSON'S CORRANROO CARO All of the remarks for 1 apply, on the day she was just that tiny bit less mature than her sister but should fight it out many times in the bright future.

3RD CALLAGHAN'S MIZEN CAIT VIA LAOIREBAY

YEARLING BITCH (5, 3abs)

1ST PILMER'S CORRANROO CELTIC CONECTION WITH ANISBRIG

2ND HENDERSON'S CORRANROO CARO

GRADUATE BITCH (7, 5abs)

1ST TUBBY'S TANISWOOD ANYTHING GOES Very pleasing young bitch nicely put together all the angles are good and she was handled with care and presented well. Very steady confident mover, perhaps not enough all round to really fill my eye but none the less very worthy of the class.

2ND HART'S CASAFELICE BALWEN Larger girl than the class winner though proportionate, not as good on the move and tends to pin in at the front a little, good drive from the rear end.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (7, 4abs)

1ST HOWATSON'S VANDERS VIDA LOCA My notes say "my kind of bitch" and she is. Lovely balance, beautifully proportioned head and neck, nice level topline with coat of good colour. For some reason came a little unstuck on the move. Would still like to bring her home.

2ND TUBBYS' TANISWOOD ANYTHING GOES Unlucky to meet a bitch of the type and quality of 1.

3RD WADE'S OLDESTONE ICE MAIDEN



LIMIT BITCH (5, 3abs)

1ST SHERRATT'S CASAFELICE CORMO AT CHARNBOROUGH

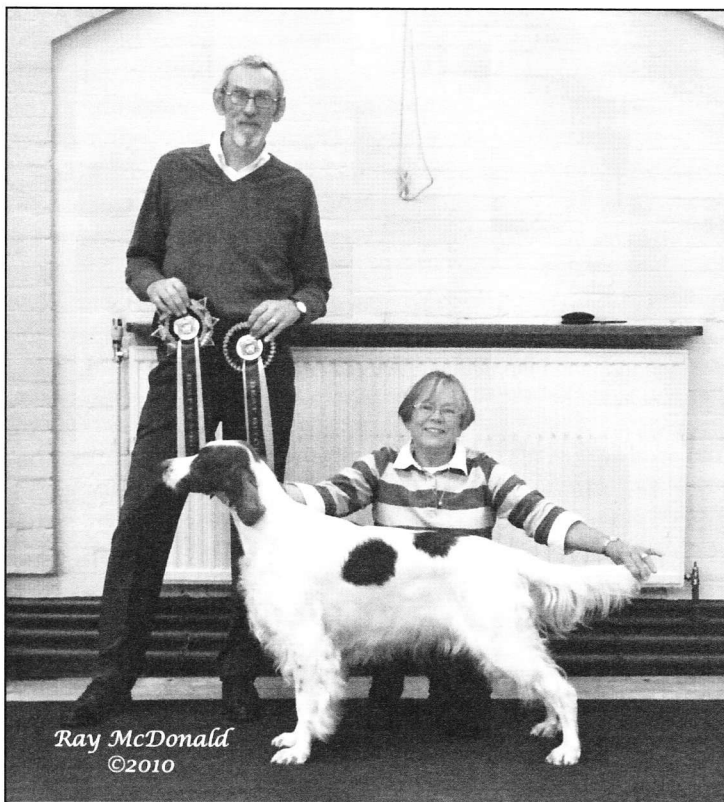
Well balanced picture though a little short on coat today, pleasing feminine head lovely neck and well placed shoulders very sound on the move, made it look easy which helped her to:

RESERVE BEST BITCH

2ND HOUSBY'S TULLAMORE TIGGYWINKLE Another well made lady of some quality not quite the overall balance of the class winner, moved well enough but never really extended herself.

OPEN BITCH (4, 3abs)

1ST BARCROFT'S SH CH/IR SH CH BALLAKINNISH MISTINGUETTE Not the smallest of ladies but very classy and stylish on the move which was no surprise to me as she is very well constructed. Good balance, strong topline held on the move. Good strong head with fine expression on sound front assembly, strong in the loin and coupling allowed her to move with considerable ease and effortless style. Very happy to award her:



BEST BITCH and BEST IN SHOW

A DIFFERENT SORT OF DOG SHOW by Pat Brigden

I recently had the pleasure of a trip to the United States where there was a series of events in Pennsylvania. The Irish Red and White Setter Association (The American Breed Club) holds its equivalent of a breed championship show in a different location each year. This year it was the East Coast's turn. There were shows and a hunt test spread over four days so it was a pretty intensive programme but very enjoyable.

It was the first show that we went to that really caught my imagination. The history of this show takes us back to the thirties. At that time a wealthy heiress was living in New York. She was a Rockefeller and had married a Dodge and their combined fortune was estimated to be 100 million dollars!! Mrs Rockefeller Dodge loved animals and moved from New York to the country in New Jersey where they bought an enormous estate and she was able to enjoy her dogs and her horses, which became an important part of her life. She liked the dog shows and decided to hold her own show, and this became an annual event in the Polo Grounds on her estate (sounds good!). Mrs Rockefeller Dodge made the venue available free, and in addition provided staff to carry out all the administrative work, and a hot dinner served on china plates was given to all the exhibitors at her own expense. Naturally she was a very popular lady. About 4000 dogs were entered at the show. Mrs Dodge much admired the American Kennel Club and its work for the dog showing community and rumour has it that she decided to leave her fortune to the American Kennel Club. However one year the AKC or one of its staff raised a query on some of the paper work which had been sent in. Mrs Dodge was so furious she changed her will. I think someone in the AKC may have then been looking for new employment!

The shows stopped during wartime and were never revived. The Morris and Essex Show, now held near Madison, of New Jersey, still remember Mrs Dodge. Their Show is only held every five years and they try to make it as special as possible and this was the first one that I went to. It was held in a vast country park and we were blessed with the most beautiful autumn weather. When we arrived, I offered to go and get some coffee while my friends were getting their dogs ready. I was directed to a large tent some little distance away. Imagine my surprise when I walked in. A very pleasant young man in a white coat was serving coffee from several shining chrome urns with gleaming brass lids. The coffee was superb and when I went to pay was told it was free. Further into the tent I found a huge table, at least twelve feet long loaded with bagels, rolls, Danish pastries, melons, fruit salads, and cheeses. All of this was a free help yourself breakfast for the exhibitors. It was provided by a local welfare society as a thank you to the dog people for all they do.

The club had encouraged people to dress up in period clothes and quite a few did this. I saw several lovely thirties outfits with ladies wearing hats with feathers. One man looked wonderful; he was very slim and wearing a pale grey silk suit, double

breasted with trouser turn ups and finished off with a pale grey bowler. There was also a display of cars from the same era. Four beautifully restored Rolls Royce cars including a Bentley continental were on display. There was a special archive tent with all sorts of memorabilia including catalogues from fifty or so years ago, which still looked just our catalogues of today. This show also attracted 4000 dogs of all breeds. The whole show was certainly something to remember. The next day we went to another all-breed show, this time more like our own shows but I was fascinated by the trade stands. There were absolutely massive amounts of stock on each stand. Some items were new to me but everything so much cheaper than the rates we pay here.

The third day was the IRWS Specialty (breed show). The Association make an effort to include as much as possible in the day as many members travel very long distance and it is only held in this part of the States about every three years. Rolls and coffee were available early for everyone and there was a seminar for potential judges. These were not people in the breed, but experienced judges who wish to learn more about our breed and eventually judge it. Rather like our own group judges. There was an obedience competition during the morning, and a well stocked display of goods for sale. The entry of red and whites was around 60, and this number is growing year on year. Apart from the normal classes we saw some juniors and a display of rescue dogs - a nice touch. We all ate lunch together, a simple idea but I always enjoy this and wish we did this more often. The rosettes were fabulous - very large and many of them. They were all hanging from a rail in one of the tents and waving gently in the wind. It was a lovely day and a friendly happy atmosphere.

The fourth day was the Hunt Test. I attended this with my generous hostess, Anna Jones, with her bitch Toffi (daughter to Tullamore Ted) and we drove to another country park. Toffi had had no training but we hoped she would do well. The onlookers were able to walk fairly near to the Hunt ground where we could look down and had a clear view of what was happening. Below was a huge field covered in rough grass and bracken. A number of live quail had been released in the field and were settled in cover on the ground. When it was her turn, Anna had to walk down with Toffi and a judge with a clipboard. She had to release the dog and the judge marked her on items like searching, finding, pointing, coming to hand and so on. Toffi really came up trumps. With no training, her posture and body language changed immediately. How these dogs love to work. She was tense and slightly quivering, with her tail out straight with just the tip moving. She found three quail in different places and pointed and flushed them. Afterwards we all went back to the Clubhouse where once again we all sat down together to a simple bread and cheese type meal. There we got the scores. Toffi was in the first section called Junior Hunters for beginners and she got the top marks in her section. So we were very proud of her and really enjoyed the day. All together a very enjoyable visit!



RESCUE NEWS

This year has been exceptionally quiet with just 3 dogs and 1 bitch being homed so far. We have also assisted breeders during the year with finding homes. This is very encouraging especially as many other rescue organisations are being overwhelmed. Could it be that our message is getting through?? I do know of breeders asking members to check out homes recently, this has to be the way forward. Long may it continue.

BENJAMIN - I am very pleased to say that we have found a super home, experienced with all setters, for this 12 year old. It is a very special kind of person who will give a loving home to our oldies. We are very grateful to Jenny Penna of English Setter rescue who put us in touch with the home. Jenny has helped us out many times over the years, some of you may remember her back in the 80's with her Hawklawn Muskhari Silver of Tregarrick and she also gave a home more recently to Pats another of our oldies in need.



A big thank you to those who have helped out during the year and to those of you who have made donations, it is very much appreciated. Wishing you and your dogs much happiness at Christmas and all the best for the New Year from all at Rescue.

Ann Jeffery, Rescue Secretary
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A Very Happy Christmas & Peaceful
New Year to all
With Love from Pete & Ann
& Licks & Woofs from The
Llanelwy Duo



"A house is not a home without a Red & White "

NEWS FROM THE GENETICS SUB-COMMITTEE

BLAME THE KC?

As the IRWS Breed Health Coordinator to the Kennel Club's Breed Health Scheme, I attended the first seminar for all breed coordinators at the KC Building at Stoneleigh Park. Most breeds were represented and the Kennel Club had arranged informative items that are of importance to all.

The striking observation was that the science of genetics has progressed very far since the beginning of the Canine Genome Programme. Do you remember our seminar held at Uttoxeter Racecourse on the Genome Project given by Matthew Binns? I well remember the seminar but I'm dashed if I remember when it was! I think it was at the end of the 1990s. Since then genetics knowledge about the Dog is hurtling into the future and the KC is hanging onto its shirt-tail! In the New Year the new Mate Select Programme incorporating Estimated Breeding Values will be on line with a lot of publicity in the dog press. This will be very welcome to IRWS breeders, hard pressed to find an appropriate stud dog. Briefly, you enter the name of your bitch and the names of as many candidates for her 'hand' as you can think of and the programme will research all that is known about them, their ancestors, relations and children and present you with the results including the COI (Co-efficient Of Inbreeding) indicating which would be, theoretically, the best partnership. (Note: the lower the COI the better. Currently the COIs of many, if not all IRWS range from the upper teens to the thirties. The advice is to have a COI in single figures!)

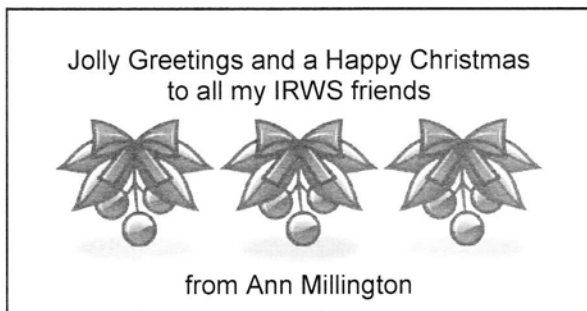
The Accredited Breeders Scheme was described with all its advantages and the speaker was bombarded with many questions from the unconverted and sceptical. However those who were already members affirmed that being able to advertise as an accredited breeder gave purchasers some confidence and a place to complain to if things were not as they should be. Unsatisfactory breeders were given advice and if they did not mend their ways were taken off the membership list. Read the ABS page on the KC Website.

The most enjoyable time, after sitting still and listening for a morning was interacting with the other breed coordinators. You can guess that IRWS came out with a shining halo and you will be interested to know that we are not the only breed to tackle breed health in a serious and systematic way. Bernese Mountain Dogs, Dachshunds (all varieties), Otterhounds, Golden Retrievers, and GSDs are among those that had a lot to say about their systems, but it was quite shocking to hear of those breeds (quite a lot of them) that have huge problems but had nothing organised and were flummoxed to know how to start. They were the ones bedevilled by 'resistance' from some in their breed who should know better - finger-pointing, witch-hunting, covering-up, refusing to recognise the problems they were permitting.

One amazing pedigree I saw, instead of starting off with the dog, his parents, grandparents etc in and ever expanding 'fan' of ancestor's names, started off with two parents, four grandparents and then dwindled DOWN to just two dogs five generations back. Now that's inbreeding taken to extremes!

A whole afternoon of talking and listening to like-minded folk produced the material we, dog people, have to work on: we must always be open and honest about our problems and help rather than condemn. We also need as much DNA as possible stored where it can be used – the IRWSCGB has a supply of free cheek swab kits for anyone who needs one. More than anything, we need all owners to take an active interest in maintaining breed health – not just of their own dogs, but also with a genuine concern for the breed as a whole and a clear idea of what might be the future. For IRWS still teeter on the brink, we are still an endangered species in the global scheme of things.

It is no use blaming the KC – in recent years they are providing initiatives, education and funding; we as owners and breeders must play our part too and be pro-active and decisive. If you love this breed you will want to contribute to safeguarding its future health.



Ann Millington
Secretary
Genetic Sub-Committee

Postscript from Ann: "Carole Taylor as 'just a pet owner', was the first to notify the breed of vWD and from her action we found more affected and later carriers of this life-threatening condition. The breed is virtually free of vWD now as a result. Princess lived her long life on medication and has her place in IRWS history forever. We could do with many more 'Carole Taylors'."

"I am just writing with great regret to inform you that I have lost my beloved Princess, who was the fore runner for instigating the VWD screening, she passed away 31/10/10 aged 12yrs and 5mths. She will be greatly missed and not only due to the void she leaves in my life but to the extent that there is life with VWD, she was a credit to her breed and a true fighter, as she was viciously attacked whilst out lead walked at the age of 9yrs by 3 staffies and had to have major surgery for pyometra at the age of 11yrs and 11mths. She was a wonderful companion and a loving loyal girl to the end."

Carole Taylor

NEWS FROM THE WORKING SUB-COMMITTEE

I am writing this on a pleasant mild day at the end of October, I wonder what the weather will be like when this lands on your doormat in December. We are pleased that we have been able to arrange a Working Day on 27th November, which will have come and gone by the time you read this. We hope that the day will be well supported and that the handlers and dogs enjoy themselves.

We are still actively looking for other venues suitable for working days as it is good to have a variety of different places to use, so if anyone has any suggestions please get in touch. The last training day I did was with Hampshire Gundog in the Meon Valley near Winchester in Hampshire. The venue was simply a large field but it was fine for our purposes. The dogs there were mainly Gordon Setters and Irish, my dog Lyra being the only Red and White. We had a lovely sunny day and Lyra did some good work, so I came home a happy handler.

Looking even further ahead than Christmas to the AGM in March, are there any members out there who would like to join the Working Sub-Committee? We can have more people on the sub-committee and take the view the more the merrier. The duties are not too onerous, we usually meet once a year in a pub and organise ourselves via phone and e-mail the rest of the time. Please get in touch with me or any other Working Sub-Committee member if you are interested.

Fiona Chapman
Secretary Working Sub-Committee

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 27 March 2011

**Newton Regis Village Hall, Austrey Lane, Newton Regis,
Tamworth, Staffs B79 0NL**

Commencing at 1.00pm

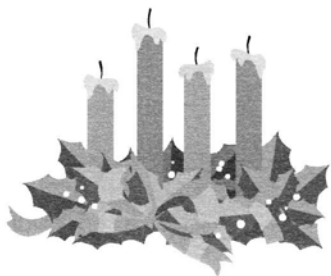
Soup & Roll luncheon available from 12.15pm

Points Competition Awards Presentation at 12.45pm

**"If you crossed a pointer with a setter would you get a
poinsettia?"**

Gloria Horrocks

Wishing you all a very
Happy Christmas and
a Peaceful New Year
and Successful 2011



Brian & Susan Barry
and all at Rustasha

With Best Wishes
for Christmas and
a healthy and
successful
New Year



Helen & Harvey
Cohen
Shushana

Christmas Greetings to each and every
member of the club and very Best
Wishes for the New Year. Happy dog
showing



Pauline Perriam



Sending very best wishes for a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all my
R&W friends from
Pat Brigden
Autumnwood

BEST IN SHOW – SETTER & POINTER 2010

Another first for our breed...

Many congratulations to Jane Valentine who won Best in Show at Setter and Pointer Club Championship Show on 6th November with Duncan, Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Tullamore Ted JW ShCM. He won Best of Breed under Jenny Miller (Feorlig) and Best in Show under Valerie Foss (Elswood).



Photo: Dave Griffin

PEDIGREE:

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FROM PUPPY TO CHAMPION TO VETERAN CH RUSTASHA RUBY RAINDROP

Owned by the late Kim Spelmer (Shireoak)



Kady as a puppy in the UK, before she flew out to Kim Spelmer in Canada. Kim was very fond of elbow patches!

In Canada she won a Best Puppy in Group and became the youngest Canadian Champion at that time.

Kady pictured with Kim at the Irish R&W Setter Club of Canada show in 2005 where she won Best of Opposite Sex and Best Field Dog



Kady pictured here with Kim at the Irish R&W Setter Club of Canada 2010 winning Brood Bitch. Kady will always be known for her beautiful offspring – pictured here with her sons Ch/Am Chs Shireoak Caniscaeli Windsong (left) and Shireoak Into The Wind FDJ (right)

Here is Kady still looking beautiful as a veteran in her 'retirement' home at Caniscaeli kennels. Kady will live out her life with Gail and Leslie Harrison where she is very contented and happy.

Susan Barry (Rustasha)

