

RED & WHITE STANDARD



Newsletter of the Irish Red & White Setter Club of Great Britain:
For members at home and abroad

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DISCOVER DOGS NOVEMBER 2013
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Report to the Membership November 2013

- The combined Championship Show and Celebrations for the 30th Club Anniversary will now be held on Sunday 6 July 2014 at the Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, near Coventry. A detailed program will be published in the New Year
- The Scottish and Southern clubs have now deregistered with the Kennel Club, leaving the GB Club as the sole breed club in the UK
- The General Committee will meet with its several sub-committees over the next year to discuss policy and operations so as to improve support for their work
- The first meeting was with the Secretary of the Rescue Sub-Committee when several issues were clarified. In particular, it was noted that the tightening up of Pet Passport Scheme controls now posed prohibitive financial and time constraints on bringing dogs over from southern Ireland. Without prejudice to the Club's general policy of not rehoming dogs from outside Great Britain, it was agreed to look at these on a case by case basis, possibly offering financial support for veterinary care in the country of residence. The same would apply to unwanted puppies from the Irish Kennel Club's Outcross Program. These are not expected to be many; Irish Setter Rescue may assist in rehoming those which look like Irish Setters
- The Working Sub-Committee proposes to run two events. The first will be an introduction to 'working your Setter' with displays and some fun activities. The second would be a more directed training day led by an experienced gun dog trainer next spring, probably in the Midlands. Detailed information will be issued shortly
- The Judges Sub-Committee held a successful module 1 in October for aspiring judges, several coming from other breeds. The SC will review all of its judge's lists shortly. There is concern over the imbalance of specialists (23) and all-rounder's (60) on the B lists
- The Genetic Sub-Committee will continue to monitor registration by our Kennel Club of puppies from the IKC Outcross Program
- The International Health Survey run by the Genetic SC finished very successfully in September with over 615 returns, half from the UK and the

- rest mainly from the USA. This is twice the number of returns in the KC/BVA survey in 2004. The data are now being analysed by experts at Cambridge University Vet School. A report is expected in the New Year
- The General Committee has agreed to compile job descriptions for each function/office in the Club in the interests of efficiency and future recruitment
- The General Committee will look at the timing of its championship show and two open shows in the annual calendar with a view to reducing pressure in the peak periods in June and October and possibly filling the 6 week gap between Crufts and WELKS. The views of exhibitors are welcome
- At the AGM on 13 April 2014, rule changes will be proposed to enable all Club business to be communicated to members by email to avoid the increasing heavy costs of printing and postage and to put off increases in subscriptions. These are at a modest level compared to other clubs of similar size
- The Committee agreed to ask the Crufts Committee to introduce Yearling Classes for the breed from 2015. In the recent past, postgraduate classes, especially for bitches, have dominated the entry with a wide disparity in maturity of exhibits
- The Committee is concerned to avoid a precedent at the Ladies Kennel Association championship show of sharing a judge with another breed, as happened in 2012 and 2013. It has written asking that a judge should be assigned only to IRWS
- The General Committee is due to meet next on Sunday 5 January. Items from members should be sent to the Secretary by mid-December.

Charles Henderson
Membership Liaison Officer

SURVEY NEWS

First, congratulations to all those IRWS owners who responded to the International Health Survey 2013. We achieved a total of 615 returns – 306 from the UK, 161 from the USA and 148 from the Rest of the IRWS World.

Special thanks go to Rustasha, Vanders, Coolfin, Charnborough, Spyefire and Corranroo – long-time breeders - for their extra effort in sending in their many questionnaires. However, other influential 'big producers' are conspicuous by their absence – for whatever reason – a pity.

Special thanks also go to Waidman's and Nystar in the USA for their efforts in tracking all the puppies they have bred! And to Finland who topped the count for the rest of the World.

Breed Clubs play an important part in contacting and motivating owners, for they are responsible for the breed, promoting its health and welfare, so it was disappointing that only one breeder sent returns from Canada and the Irish IRWS Club declined the invitation to be part of the survey altogether.

Dog owners today, have to be aware of issues that can affect their dogs, particularly those connected to the dogs' breeding. The same dog on both sides of the pedigree too often, needs looking at carefully. It indicates a lack of genetic diversity and this in some breeds suggests the cause of genetic problems.

How do we know how our breed figures in this situation?

Only by careful monitoring of breed health on a regular basis, with breed health surveys and the reporting of health problems to the Genetic Sub-Committee **confidential** Special Conditions database table are we, as a breed, able to draw educated conclusions as to the health of IRWS.

When health problem reports occur in enough numbers for investigation, they are grouped together and given 'case numbers' so that the condition can be researched, discussed and publicised without naming individual dogs. Advice can be given and moral support offered to owners and breeders if necessary and appropriate information given to the breed in general. This is the remit of the Genetic Sub-Committee.

The service is here for all IRWS owners – it costs nothing in money or reputation to contribute to the monitoring of our breed health, but it is vital if you really care about your IRWS and its future.

So the latest news of the International Health Survey 2013 is that all the returns are in the hands of Dr David Sargan, epidemiologist and senior lecturer in molecular pathology and the comparative genetics of disease at Cambridge University. We wait for his analysis and report which will be published immediately when received, in as many places as possible and accessible to all interested in Irish Red & White Setters.

Ann Millington (Sec. G S-C)

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NODDY'S NOTIONS

I met this pal of mine in the park the other day. He's always been a bit of a merry, scruffy fella, with a delightful 'full-on' dog aroma. But Hey! Hey! Did he look different this day!! None of us could get over the change! He was all prettified with pom -poms and curls. We sniffed him all over and Phew! Did he stink!!! I took him on one side and asked him in a friendly way what had happened to him. He put his ears down and tucked his tail in looking very miserable and embarrassed. He said his Missus has a new friend who takes her dog to the Grooming Parlour for Dogs and his Missus liked the look of her friend's dog and took him along too. He hated it. He was there for hours being bathed and combed, brushed, snipped all over and puffed with perfume until he looked and smelled ridiculous.... He thinks his Missus was not too keen on 'the look' either. Now, I'm a partial to a bit of smartening up myself as long as it involves plenty of attention and brushing and sweet talkin' (and not too many baths) but I think there was an excess of zeal here and a misplaced fashion sense. So I took him to a very muddy place I know of and, as luck would have it, with a very long-dead fish and he rolled and rolled until he looked and smelt like his merry old self..... I didn't roll much as I would have like to – too many baths are the consequence, you know!





The afternoon 'Tea Party' (Dogs only!)

SMALL BRAGS

Two new Champions for the UK; McDonald's Sh. Ch. Countdown Summer Breeze Over Roanjora, and Barney's Sh. Ch. Casafelice Rowan at Roumount
Kath Griffin's Sh. Ch. Corranroo Connection won the Gundog Group at Bournemouth
2013, and

Eileen Walker's Sh. Ch. Vanders Va Voom Avec Wroxham won Group Four at City of
Birmingham.

Taylor's dog (Brodie) Laoirebay Ocean Sunset has won his Sh.CM. certificate

Good Citizen Dogs;

Gold Award won by Dyce Mole's Dalriach Silver Tassle
Stone's Spyefire May Spring Flowers (Sonnet) won her Silver award.

Houseby's (Liam) United Spots Royal Eagle won Bronze Award.
Humphries (Honesty) Spyefire Seven Steps won her Bronze Award.

Daniele & Martin Rowles puppy (Phoebe) Vanders Crimson Velvet won RCC at the
age of 7 months at Belfast. John Thirwell was the judge.

Suzanne Humphries (Honesty) Spyefire Seven Steps won RCC aged 13 months at
Midland Counties, and she has also won her Junior Warrant aged 14months.

Margaret Sierakowski's Dalriach Neige won the International Gundog League's Novice Stake at Muggleswick in Co Durham. This now makes her an Open Stake dog; (although she already has awards in the open Stakes) Colin Organ was the handler. Neige was also present at Crufts 2013.

Discover Dogs

The start of November sees the Kennel Club take over Earls Court arena in Central London and turn it into a dog lover's paradise. Discover Dogs is a celebration of all things canine with a huge range of displays, demonstrations, show, stalls, information stands and best of all the chance to meet and stroke over 200 breeds of dog.

We were lucky enough to be asked to take our motley crew along to help out on the breed Setter stand for a day. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves as did the dogs! Spending a whole day being stroked, talked to, scratched and generally adored is a hard task but the dogs met the challenge with the usual IRWS enthusiasm. A large crowd gathered around the stall for the majority of the day for a dose of the original 'Irish charmers.' The breeds extrovert and gentle nature made them a firm favourite and many people returned several times throughout the day to see the dogs and ask questions. Events such as this are vital for raising the breeds profile and ensuring its survival. Many people will have had the privilege of being able to meet our wonderful breed in the 'flesh' so to speak rather than just reading about them!



Our crew for the day – Poppy and her 3 progeny Bailey, Misty & Bentley worked in shifts throughout the day, managing to get some sleep in the pen provided (naturally they slept with grace & dignity in a pose that only a setter could find comfortable). We had the most brilliant day surrounded by people who just wanted to talk and ask questions about our favourite subject; our dogs. All the dogs were fantastic breed ambassadors and were patient and friendly to the last. It is a testament to the good nature of the breed that despite us taking two dogs who had never been in that sort of environment before they all coped admirably. On the Sunday Bren Bailey & Sam Soper kindly took their dogs along for the day. Whilst Luke & Rhett are well used to the attention Sam's Erin is only 8 months old and this was a completely new experience for her. Unsurprisingly Erin took it all in her stride and loved meeting everyone.

From potential first time dog owners to people who had come specifically to meet the breed the public flocked around the stall and were overwhelmingly struck by the charm, beauty, fun-loving, gentle, laid back & happy-go-lucky nature of wonderful breed. If you get the chance to go along and represent the breed at one of these events I really can't recommend it highly enough.

Finally a **big thank you** to Jim Cuddy for all his hard work and of course to Bob Knapton for providing the resources from previous stands.

Susie Lyus (Lovenjoel Setters)

RAINBOW BRIDGE

Carmen Casey's Rossmoor Conal (Daire)

He was a great at hunting, and loved us with great devotion. We will sorely miss his loving companionship.

Sue & Brian Barry's Rustasha Rave Review (Daley) His claim to fame; making us so proud of him by winning BVIS at a breed show under the late June Hill.

John & Kath Barcroft's Sh. Ch. Ballakinnish Minuet, who was one of Sh. Ch. Vanders Veracity's first off-spring.

Gaye O'Connor's Caispern Imprudence (Maud)

Taylor's dog Laoirebay Fleet Of Fame (Monty)

McNay's Dalriach Audacity (Mac)

Lorenzi's Havanna Champions Tiffany (Irish Red Setter)

CROSSING OVER

Oh, please don't feel guilty
It was my time to go
I see you are still feeling sad
And the tears just seem to flow.
We all come to earth for a lifetime
And for some it's not many years
I don't want you to keep crying
You are shedding too many tears.
I haven't really left you
Even though it may seem so
I have just gone to my heavenly home
And I am closer than you can know.
Just believe that when you say my name
I am standing next to you.
I know you long to see me
But there's nothing I can do
But I'll still send you messages
And home you understand
That when your time comes to crossover
I'll be there to take your hand.

Author unknown.

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RESCUE NEWS

(December 2013)

The early year's trend has continued with more dogs needing our help than bitches. There have been 12 dogs and 3 bitches. What is really worrying is the number still turning up in other rescue centres. Sadly many are placed in unsuitable homes putting the poor dog through unnecessary trauma, and if so for how long? We all know from owning the breed that they are very much 'people' dogs and how much they crave our company. They need mental and physical exercise and stimulation and are not happy when left alone. This is just one example of breed rescues requirements.

This four year old bitch is just one of our rescues, who was left alone at home for many hours, traumatised by her situation now happily re-homed.



Thankfully more and more of the all-breed rescue centres are welcoming our assistance but sadly many still don't and while this continues there will be more poor girls being put through unnecessary trauma.

There are at the time of writing, still a few calendars left and maybe some Christmas cards (buy early for next year!!). Contact me if you would like any. Desk calendars £5 Christmas cards £3.50 for 5.

All at Rescue would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a special mention for all our Rescue Dogs and their families; hoping for a Peaceful and stress-free New Year for you all.

Ann Jeffery
RESCUE SECRETARY

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FLYBALL WITH LUKE & RHETT

As a dog trainer in south London I was asked to start up a flyball team for a small group of dog handlers. So I set up the Cool Runners Flyball team about 6yrs ago.

I only had Luke (Shannonlee Snow Buzzard) at the time and never intended to race him, he worked well on the field doing what he was breed for and also working well in Obedience.

For anyone that doesn't do flyball or has never seen it, it is great fun for both the dogs and the handlers. Flyball is a very first game and very noisy, what with us handlers calling the dogs back and the dogs barking with excitement it is deafening, more so if the tournament is indoors. The dog is sent down a lane of four jumps, the lane is 50ft long, they then triggers a box at the end of the lane which delivers a tennis ball to the dog. The dog must then return to the handler over the jumps as fast as it can. Racing consists of a four dog relay. Each racing set is the best of five races, there are five to six sets in the day. Each team will normally race three sets in the morning and two in the afternoon with the dogs given around 2 to 3hrs rest in - between afternoons racing.



No dog is allowed to race in a starter's tournament before its first birthday, to race in Division a dog must be 18 months old. As a manager & trainer my priority is to my team dog's safety at all times.

The group I was training intended to start in starters, the lane is netting down both side. The dogs do not have to spring the box and can also bring a toy back. The thing was we did have four dogs that would bring a ball or a toy back, so I was asked if I could race Luke and make the team up. Not what i intended for my IRWS, but oh well lets have ago. I showed him twice how to work the box, I could almost hear him saying "out the way I can do that", we never looked back, and Luke loved every minute of it.

We then progressed to division racing. In division there are no nets and your dog must trigger the box, he must stay in the lane, jump all the jumps and pass through the timing gate. Handlers are only allowed to run to the timing gate with their dog, the rest is up to your dog. If a fence falls your dog must still stay in lane and jump it. Division are decided on your team's time, we are now in division 6. This is not bad for a team that just does flyball for their dog's enjoyment and not just to win.

We put Luke out as start dog, which can be hard on a dog. If you have false starts your starter dog could do twice as much as the other dogs in the team. As start dog I am trying to get Luke through the timing gate on rolling start. A rolling start is Luke's nose will break the infer red light at 0.0 seconds, to far forward and he goes through to fast (false start), to far back and his too late through the gate, giving the rest of the team ground to make up. Luke is normally 0.1 hundreds of seconds to fast or 0.2 hundreds of seconds to slow; this can just be a matter of a step forward or backwards from Luke's start line. If I am on the ball that day we can and have done many rolling starts.

By this time I had got another IRWS Rhett (Gallybob Rhett Butler), started training him at 10 months. He also liked flyball, not so ball mad as Luke, but he liked the box. Normally when a dog starts training they don't like the click the box makes as it is triggered. Not Rhett he loved the box so much so he would stay at the end of the lane banging the box, the ball would wiz pass his ear, but he would still keep banging the box. It took me another six months to show him he had to bring the ball back a leave the box alone. Now he races in division, some times in his own team and sometimes a long side Luke.

Both Luke and Rhett love flyball, Luke starts barking as soon as I get his boots out of the car to put on him. Rhett on the other hand starts jumping up and down, whining to get to the ring. Luke can run a 50ft lane down and back in around 6 seconds, Rhett in around 5.4 seconds, the whole team completes a four dog rely in 22.62 seconds. We are not the fastest team, but a team that really enjoys racing, a team that love their dogs and enjoy giving them some fun and just being around our dogs.

Luke (flyball dog, flyball dog intimidate) and is top of the points table for IRWS and Rhett (flyball dog) and is in second place on the points table, i am well pleased with both my guys. The whole team love Luke and Rhett, well to be fair we all love each other's dogs, when you spend time together training you can't help, but to like all the dogs. We are a mixed team of 3 Crossbreeds, 2 IRWS, 2 Springer's and the youngest a Spitz Mittal.

Would just like to say a big thank you to my team, without them there would be not Cool Runners. If anyone is interested in doing Flyball please look on the B.F.A website for your local team. <http://www.flyball.org.uk/>

Bren Bailly

From the Judges Sub-committee

Have you ever read the Breed Standard and been unsure exactly what a particular point means?

Have you ever sat ringside and wondered what it was, in the judge's opinion, which made one dog place higher than another?

Well here is a date for your diaries.

On Sunday October 19th 2014 the JSC plan to hold a Module 1 Seminar, but with a difference.

This one is not just for aspiring judges but for those owners, exhibitors and breeders who may have no desire to judge but who would like to learn more about the breed in general and be better able to recognise the merits or otherwise of their own and other animals.

This event will be held at Middlewich Community Centre and will be open to members and non-members. An assessment process will be available by request for those who do wish to further a judging career.

To aid in the planning of this event it would be helpful to know the level of interest so please let us know if you are likely to attend.

JSC members:- Gloria Horrocks (sec); Pat Brigden; Helen Cohen; Jackie Howatson; Ray McDonald; Ann Millington; Gaye O'Connor; Pauline Perriam; Liz Rose Hay; Mary Sherratt; Val Wade.

Jackie Howatson

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 2nd March 2014 Open Show at Steventon Village Hall, the Green, Steventon, Oxon. OX13 6RR. Judge: Mrs Shelagh Walton (Gallybob)

Buffet lunch available @ £5.00 per head. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the buffet with homemade cakes, etc or could assist in the kitchen on the day, please contact Club Secretary Fiona Chapman (01452 812462) or any Committee Member. The Schedule can be viewed on line at www.fossedata.co.uk. Please telephone the Club Secretary if you would like a copy through the post.

Annual General Meeting Sunday 13th April 2014

Soup & Roll lunch will be available from 12.00. Annual Points Competition presentation at 12.45. AGM at 1.00pm

Championship Show and 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Sunday 6th July at West Hall, Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Stoneleigh, Warks. CV8 2LZ

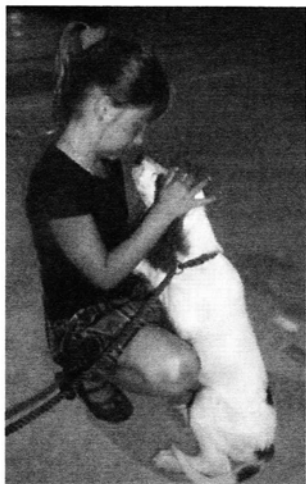
Judge: Mrs Ann Millington (Coppermoor)

Sunday 12th October 2014 Open Show

Overseal Village Hall, Overseal, South Derbyshire DE12 6LU

Judge: Miss Roxanne McDonald (Roanjora)

Fiona Chapman (Secretary)



THE NEW PUP

The new pup stood by the open door, and
wondered if he dare
Go in – but he did, and jumped right onto the best
armchair.
The cushion was soft and his teeth were sharp. He
must take a look inside!
It didn't take long – he was surprised when the
feathers flew up far and wide.
The slipper continued this wonderful game, and
the library book on the chair.
He found the fur glove – it was rabbit for sure, so
he shook it – until it was bare!
The cushion the slipper the glove and book, the
best of his treasures would keep. He began to feel
tired and the chair was so warm, so the new
puppy settled – fast asleep.

Author Lily Hurden

IRWSCGB OPEN SHOW OCTOBER 2013 RESULTS

BEST IN SHOW

Tubby's Taniswood Anything Goes

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW

Henderson's Temynloah Terri

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

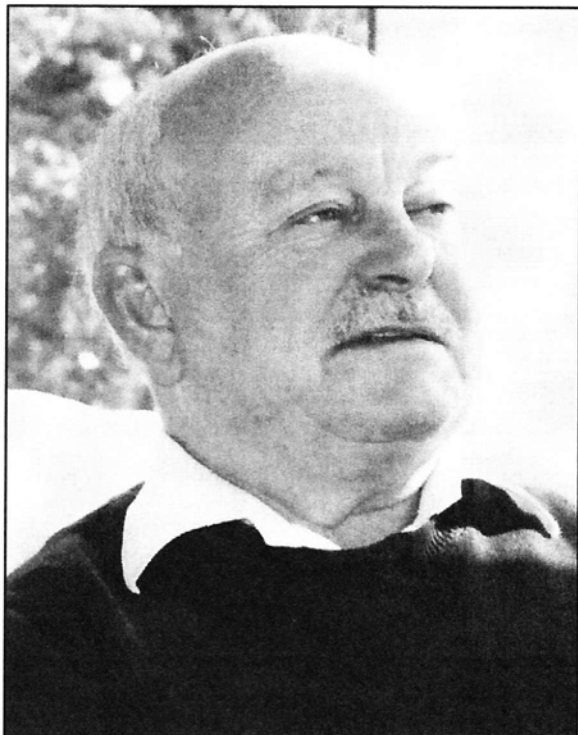
Mallinson's Countdown Fame and Fortune

RESERVE BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

Rowle's Vanders Crimson Velvet

BEST VETERAN IN SHOW

Ward's Copperwhite Cordelia.



JOHN BARCROFT

John Barcroft died peacefully on Friday 18th October in the North Staffs University Hospital surrounded by his family.

Although we knew that he had been very poorly in the Intensive Care Unit for several days, it was truly shocking news. We all sent our sincere condolences to Kath and family on this most untimely loss of a much loved family man.

One of the more positive aspects of Facebook is that people were able to express their feelings as soon as the news broke.

It was universally agreed that John had exceptional qualities of warmth

generosity, humour and modesty. He had a special gift for friendship and conviviality. Kindness and integrity just shone out of the man. He and Kath derived enormous pleasure from their dogs and the show scene. They repaid this with wonderful contributions to the breed in the three Ballakinnish litters and in service to the Club. John was Club Treasurer for seven years and was a steadfast and wise influence. The catering which he and Kath so cheerfully and skilfully dispensed at the Club shows will be long remembered. We will all have our own recollections of this lovely chap, many of them hilarious as we remember his stories. Mine will be John's evident enjoyment in the judging the Club show last October. Many in the world of dogs are respected, many are admired but few are also as well liked as John was.

At Carmountside in the Potteries on 5th November, it was standing room only for the funeral of our dear friend John. It was a very moving but not over solemn occasion, as John would have wished. The chapel was overflowing with family, friends and staff from the business, also members of the IRWSCGB. The minister commented more than once on the attendance which was clearly exceptional.

There was a strong contingent from the Red and White community who have so far raised over £300 to be used for a memorial to John of Kath Barcroft's choosing.

Dad was born in Joiners Square in Hanley and shared his early years with his brother Philip and his cousin Kath.

During his childhood he was a Chorister and Boy Bishop at St. Jude's Church, Shelton. He attended Eastwood School and at the age of 11, won a scholarship to Hanley High Grammar School. He excelled at Maths and Cricket which became his lifelong passions.

Dad's career was spent in Company Accountancy with local firms, which finally led to him starting his own business in 2001.

Dad was a lifelong fan and ardent supporter of Port Vale FC, through good times and bad. He also played cricket in the Stone League for Keele Park Cricket Club for many years. It was this passion that he passed onto his son Tim and also his Grandson James and took great pleasure supporting them both in their pursuits.

In later years he rekindled his interest in Crown Green Bowls and was an enthusiastic and highly regarded member and Captain of Checkley Bowls Club.

When Mum and Dad moved to Rough Close from Birches Head they bought their first red and white setter after being enchanted by the breed during a visit to Crufts.

Fleur started a love affair with this wonderful breed which has endured since 1996.

Dad was also an active committee member of the Irish Red & White Setter Club of Great Britain and was its Treasurer for the last few years only retiring in March.

Mum and Dad met on a blind date at the Bowling Club 49 years ago and would have celebrated their 46th Wedding Anniversary two weeks ago. They were devoted to each other and had many shared interests in their house, garden and dog show events, which, in turn, led to the wonderful caravan holidays which they so enjoyed and shared with their friends.

However, it was their children and grandchildren that formed the bedrock of their lives together. Dad was a devoted, proud, supportive and loving father to Allison, myself and Tim. But it was Tim that he also shared his working life with. Dad looked on with pride and interest as his Grandchildren; Joshua, Hannah, James, Annabel and

William, grew and developed. He was a good friend and respected Father-in-law of Jonathan, Neil and Amie. We all shared many happy times together, from the big family occasions to the BBQ's in the garden.

All these are the simple facts of Dad's life. What is harder to describe is how Dad lived that life!

Dad was a gentleman. He was always kind, polite and courteous to everyone he met, and everyone he met liked him.

He was a people person and enjoyed being at the heart of any gathering, whether it be family, cricket, bowls or the dog club. But dad also had a competitive streak and enjoyed all of the success that came his way.

He was a good and fair employer and was well respected by those he worked for and by those he employed.

Dad had a fine appreciation of Wine and Malt Whiskey and over the years enjoyed many "Good Reds" and "Fine Malts". He would enthusiastically share his knowledge and recommendations, and I would often receive a Text message informing me of a particular offer at Tesco. It wasn't difficult for those around him to share his passion and wine collection, and he actively encouraged it, often getting him into much trouble. Dad was always very sociable and was happiest at his BBQ, be it at home or on holiday with a glass of wine, keeping family and friends both fed and well entertained.

One of Dad's commendable skills was the avoidance of any sort of DIY or maintenance work around the house, particularly if there was a Test Match or Grand Prix needing to be watched on the Television or "The Vale" were at home. If there was ever a call for a Hammer, Screwdriver or Spanner, then Mum was your Man!!

In short Dad loved life, which is why the cancer diagnosis was such a blow. The way that Dad endured the gruelling post op treatment tells you a lot about the man and his strength of character. He was courageous and cheerful throughout and hardly complained even though life became very difficult. He was unfailingly polite to the

medical staff that was treating him and of course ended up been a favourite amongst the nurses!

The last ten days of Dad's life were spent in the excellent hands of the Critical Care Team at the University Hospital of North Staffs where he died, with Dignity and surrounded by his family.

John, Our Dad will be greatly missed by his family and by his many friends, a lot of whom are here today. I ask that over the course of today and days ahead, that you all take a moment and think of a funny story or memory and smile.

Thank you. **Kerry.**

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TIME TO SEND YOUR R&W SETTER OUT TO WORK

Not all of us are lucky enough to live on or near grouse moors. When I lived near Milton Keynes it was a three hour drive to suitable land which made a day's work with a dog well-nigh impossible. Ironically, I now live within touching distance of some fabulous moorland in Teesdale and Weardale but no longer have a dog that I can work. My compromise when in Buckinghamshire was to work Grouse as a beating dog on a local shoot. Not typical Setter work but he quickly proved himself to have the nose and most shoots found the beaters calling "Wait. The setter's found something." even after the spaniels and Jack Russells had rushed through the cover and declared it bird free. Our job soon became finding the wily old birds who thought they could escape by lying low in deep cover. Not when Grouse was around!

I usually went home with a smile on my face and maybe a brace of pheasants but always with a happy dog.

Contrary to popular belief, working your R&W Setter doesn't mean you need to concentrate on field trials. As in all sports and hobbies, there are different levels of participation. After all, we don't all spend our lives entering Championship shows; some people prefer the

informality of Companion and Open shows while others prefer agility, obedience (oh yes, you can) or even working as a PAT dog. It all depends on what you want to do and feel you have the time and patience for. To help you decide whether working is for you and your dog, the Working Sub-Committee are organising a day for R&W owners and prospective owners who have little or no knowledge of how a setter works. We will meet at Overseal Village Hall in Derbyshire on Saturday 15 February 2014 and the day will show, through talks and practical demonstrations, what setters are capable of and suggest different routes you could take with your dog.

It is not designed as a training day but more one of discovery and the opportunity to ask questions of those who are experienced in various areas of gundog working. If you want to find out more about the working heritage of the R&W Setter then this day is designed for you. If, afterwards, you decide that this isn't your scene then at least you can do so in the full knowledge of what the dogs were bred for.

The programme for the day will be published after Christmas on the Club website and through the various R&W Setter discussion groups. In the meantime, you can register your interest by emailing me via judi@amoreden.co.uk

The Working Sub-Committee look forward to seeing as many people as possible at Overseal Village Hall on Saturday 15 February.

Judi Whiting

Secretary IRWSC Working Sib-Committee

The next edition of the IRWSCGB NEWSLETTER WILL BE **SUMMER 2014**

Let's try and make it the BIGGEST & THE BEST FOR THE

30TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

(All messages have donated to IRWSCGB Rescue)

Wishing all Red & White owners Happy Christmas
& best wishes for 2014.

Our Clubs 30th Anniversary Year.

Pauline Perriam (President)

Susan & Geoff Tong and the Kellizlot Klan wish all our friends a happy
Christmas and successful New Year.

John & Catherine Pettifer & the Crosswest Gang wish all our friends a
very Merry Xmas and a happy healthy & successful 2014

Helen & Harvey Cohen give all our best wishes for Christmas, and a
happy and healthy New Year

Ann Millington wishes a merry Christmas and fruitful happy New
Year to all our IRWS friends

John & Mary Lipscombe wish all their friends in IRWS a very happy
Christmas and successful New Year

Peter & Anne Jeffrey and the Llanelwy Duo wish you all a Happy
Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Richard & Suzanne Humphries & all our Spyefire Lovelies send
'Season's Greetings' you all

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