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Message from the Chairman

Well, I spoke too soon in the last newsletter as Covid rates are again on the rise although, thank goodness, not resulting in the same numbers of fatalities, it looks like this will be with us for a very long time.

The shows have restarted very successfully and our own Championship shows and Open shows, which have included those that we missed last year, have now taken place and we have some proud owners of CCs and new show champions in our midst, Nicola Green, Alan Bamford, Julie Tate, Anita Tattersall, Tania Gardner, our President Mary Sherratt, and others all being successful, there are also some lovely new puppies and some new members out now and its great to see them all after so long without shows, I wish them all successful careers. When all around us seems to be in chaos, energy prices, fuel deliveries, no HGV drivers for supermarket deliveries, fishing squabbles with the French (well its always something isn't it), climate change, extinction rebellion, etc, always remember you can go to a dog show and forget all these things and just enjoy your dogs.

Our shows appear to have been hugely enjoyed by everyone attending and I am grateful for all the helpers, both on and off the committee for their enormous help in putting these shows on, without you we couldn't do it. It was extremely sad that shortly after her day judging our great friend and supporter Mary Knox passed away, we have lost too many wonderful people recently including another founder member and great influence on the breed, Pat Brigden.

Unfortunately all aspects of the Kennel Club services are not yet back to normal after the disastrous implementation of their new system so if anyone has been having problems lifting restrictions, registering puppies, receiving awards, or getting hip scores these are all areas where delays are still being experienced.

Have a marvellous Xmas everyone and lets hope things can be relatively back to a kind of normal in the New Year.

Thankyou all for your continued support.

Jim Cuddy
Chairman



Message from the editor

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! As I finalise the newsletter, the government are bringing back some restrictions in England, in response to the latest variant of concern, although nothing that the other nations have had throughout. Let's hope we can have a better Christmas than last year, and can continue to see our loved ones and enjoy the seasonal time together.

Shows and competitions have started again, which brings with it the socialisation with like minded people, especially great for me to see the return of mass running

races, with some great results from Irish Red & White Setters, including an outstanding achievement from Susie and Indie attending the unique Paras10 race, along with Simon and Kevin for coming in first in the Ashridge Canicross race with fastest time overall.

Mandy and Grace have continued their Mantrailing adventure and have gone and completed their level 1 assessment. Well done Mandy and Grace, and good luck with working towards your level 2.

It's wonderful to see our lovely breed partaking in different activities, Harley took Jim up Snowdon in part two of their Three Peaks adventure, an achievement I know a few Red & Whites have achieved. Don't forget, this newsletter is for all members. Please continue to send me snippets of what you get up to. A new sport, an adventure, or maybe something happened on a walk that you want to share.

Roxanne McDonald
Newsletter Editor



2021 breed show results

Due to the postponement of the 2020 champ show, the club held two championship shows this year, and with the tight show diary it was decided to hold the open shows with a champ show, giving exhibitors the chance of two shows in one day. Below you can see the principle winners. Full results and critiques can be found on the clubs website. Thank you to Ray McDonald (Roanjora Photography) for the photo's of the best of winners.

Championship Show—8th August 2021

Judge: Suzanne Humphries

Dog CC & BOB Zendarric Heart Shaped Box With Vaszaset (Miss N Green)

Bitch CC & BOS Sh Ch Zendarric It's A Kind Of Magic Within Wroxham JW (Mrs E Walker)

Reserve Dog CC Corranroo Casper (Mr G & Mrs J Bayne)

Reserve Bitch CC Berryessa Ballderg With Gilliegrae (Mr G & Mrs G Hart)

Best Puppy Charnborough Charisma With Danwish (Miss T Gardner) **Best**

Veteran Corranroo Casper (Mr G & Mrs J Bayne)

Reserve Best Veteran Sh Ch Alanea Summer Cottage (Mrs A Tattersall)



Open Show—8th August 2021

Judge: Jayne Eyeington

Best Dog & Best In Show Cornadore Argyle With Copperwhite (Imp Pol) (Mrs L Ward)

Best Bitch & Reserve Best In Show Sh Ch Zendarric It's A Kind Of Magic Within Wroxham JW (Mrs E Walker)

Reserve Best Dog Zendarric Hearth Shaped Box With Vaszaset (Miss N Green)

Reserve Best Bitch Berryessa Ballderg With Gilliegrae (Mr G & Mrs G Hart)

Best Puppy Charnborough Charisma Of Danwish (Miss T Gardner)

Reserve Best Puppy Gilliegrae Time T'shine (Mr G & Mrs G Hart)

Best Veteran Roanjora Castelao JW ShCM (Mr R & Mrs D McDonald & Miss R McDonald)

Reserve Best Veteran Rustasha Raison D'etre For Kellizlot (Mr G & Mrs S Tong)



Championship Show—9th October 2021

Judge: The Late Mary Knox

Dog CC & BOB Talintyre Winter Shadow (Mrs J Tait) Reserve

Bitch CC & BOS Sh Ch Zendarric It's A Kind Of Magic Within Wroxham JW (Mrs E Walker)

Reserve Dog CC Corranroo Clooney Of Annagh (Mrs B Stevens)

Reserve Bitch CC Romaunt Carry On Regardless With Verrami (Mrs R Barney)

Best Puppy Charnborough Charisma With Danwish (Miss T Gardner)

Reserve Best Puppy Gilliegrae Time T'shine (Mr G & Mrs G Hart)

Best Veteran Sh Ch Corranroo Camero At Hitides (Mr G & Mrs J Bayne)

Reserve Best Veteran Sh Ch Alanea Summer Cottage (Mrs A Tattersall)



Open Show—9th October 2021

Judge: Jacquie Ward

Best Bitch & Best In Show Romaunt Carry On Regardless With Verrami (Mrs R Barney)

Reserve Best Bitch, Reserve Best In Show & Best Puppy Charnborough Charisma Of Danwish (Miss T Gardner)

Best Dog & Best Veteran Corranroo Casper (Mr G & Mrs J Bayne)

Reserve Best Dog Cornadore Argyle With Copperwhite (Imp Pol) (Mrs L Ward)

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Promoting the breed

Discover Dogs

The discover dogs co-ordinator and the officers of the club made the decision this year to not attend Discover Dogs for the safety of the volunteers based on the Covid cases at the time. This was a difficult decision, but one the club hopes it's members understand.

Discover Dogs—Crufts

Plans will soon start to look at 2022, and Discover Dogs at Crufts. If anyone would be interested in volunteering, please contact Ray McDonald by email at roanjora@roanjora.co.uk



Mantrailing

It's been over 18 months since I first started Mantrailing with Grace, after many training sessions coming back and feeling a little deflated and wondering should I just give up on Mantrailing. My instructor said I need 'to work more as a team with my dog' so I decided to have my next session filmed to see what I was doing wrong.

When I showed the video to Stuart, and I will always remembered how he watched in amazement, he went onto to say that Grace and myself had progressed well over this last year.

A few weeks had passed after showing the video to Stuart, and he was feeling

pleased with himself while I was thinking “what’s he been up to?”. He wouldn’t tell me until the day of our Wedding Anniversary where I thought he was planning a romantic day, but instead he had booked me and Grace’s for are Level one assessment for Mantrailing!

The morning came of are assessment I woke up to hear an amber weather warning was in place for West Wales, I groaned and looked at Stuart and said ‘Well done Einstein not your finest moment!’ he looked at me and grinned saying ‘I’m confident in both of you today.’

The journey down was a quiet one apart from the car being rocked by gale force winds and rain and me trying to remember everything I had been taught in Mantrailing. Stuart just smiled as usual and carried on listening to the radio.

We were not allowed to arrive before are allocated time nor did we want to arrive late as this would make the trail even harder for us both, so we had to time this precisely.

We were given a grid reference of where the assessor wanted us to meet at no Sat Nav’s for this day!! (It helps when your husband is an outdoor instructor) are destination was somewhere in Minwear forestry, Pembrokeshire!

We arrived on time and I met Faye the assessor who was a quiet spoken woman, and after introductions my brief was that a person had gone missing in the forestry over 45 minutes ago and me and Grace’s job was to search and locate the missing person we had only 30 minutes to achieve this - oh god!



We were given a 10 x 10 cm item of clothing from the missing person for Grace to get her scent.

I then started to don up Graces harness’s and I could feel my fingers trembling, Grace looked at me and waged her tail and gave me a look as to say “it’s okay mum I know what to do “

Grace was already air scenting from the word go we were off into the woods in to the unknown! Down the wooden steps we went, Faye calling out behind ‘be careful of the steps they are slippery’, and all I was thinking at the moment is “no s*** Sherlock!!!”

We carried on a single track and My little legs were going nineteen to the dozen and I’m thinking are we on trail or not? at this point I just got to trust Graces her nose was hard pressed to the ground.

We then came upon a cross road Grace immediately stopped and started to air scent I dropped the long rein so she could work out which path we needed to take, Grace took a 90 degrees turn and we were of again now crossing a field the mud

was oozing over my boots and I could feel it trickling down inside my boots yuk!! at the end of the field we carried onto a forestry track Grace still indicating we're 'on Trail.'

A person was standing to one side of the forestry track Grace approached the person then stopped short and started to air scent she was confident this was not the missing person (The Assessor had made it harder for us by putting a decoy on route - but it didn't fool Grace).



We were now climbing the hill, Grace still going strong I could hear Faye in the background panting!! Finally we came upon a massive wood pile, Grace's body language was telling me we were close so I increased the rein length so she could work systematically through the wood pile. She then located a person inside the wood pile and Grace indicated to me that this was the missing person I raised my arm to the assessor to say this is the missing person.

Faye looked at me and then at her stop watch in disbelief and said 'that was dam quick' I said 'is that bad?' she said with a smile 'it's blinking good'

I dropped to one knee and gave Grace a massive hug and I could feel my tears running down my face onto her ears, Grace being Grace was looking at me to say never mind that where's my cheese!

I walked back feeling so proud what we achieved and thinking. Stuart was right all along about us as he believed in Grace and Me and that was all I needed.

Faye's parting words after getting our certificate was that she is a good dog for this type of work, I want to see her back for Level 2!

So now training begins for level 2!!!

Mandy & Grace



Canicross

Paras10 Colchester—Susie and Indie

Canicross race On 2nd October Indie and I stood on the starting line at her 1st canicross event surrounded by dogs of all shapes and sizes, a DJ playing full pelt, military guns and a troop of paratroopers – both retired and serving. Indie did her best to drown out the sounds with her best barking; but even she struggled to match the noise levels.





Paras10 is a unique event based on one of the paratrooper's fitness tests – a 10 mile TAB across gruelling country with a 35lb Bergen. Today the course was taken on by runners, TABBERS, canicrossers and the uniquely hard core Dog TABBERS.

As soon as we started Indie was overly confident; she'd decided we had this in the bag and 7 minute miles were the way forward—Maybe for her this was a good plan but it certainly isn't how I run; especially over a tough 10 mile course. After some discussions we settled for 9.30 minute miles and stuck to that pace for 1 hour 35 minutes.

The course took us through 16 Paras home barracks across onto some MOD training land and then out into a country park. It was a hilly course and running with a dog means that while the up hills are more bearable the down hills can be

frankly terrifying – especially when you factor in the amount of rainfall/flooding we had and the slippery leaves covering the ground.

3 miles in we met the river crossing – the paratroopers on the crossing told us it would be “nearly waist height”. I'm sure that was accurate for the 6ft 4 soldier who told me to just jump in. Take a full foot off that height though and it was definitely over my waist. Indie happily followed me in and swam across – even waiting for me to get out the other side before attacking the swamp section of the course – soggy knickers and all.

As we left the swamp the reality of the 7 more miles of hills, rutted ground and wet feet and pants started to sink in. But when you are attached to a drill sergeant in dog form there's no option of slowing down. Through thick mud, cow pats, streams, woodland and over bridges we carried on. Indie wagging her tail the whole way and having the occasional lean in with passing dog to say hello. As we came up the final hill and could see the finish line in sight Indie reverted to barking her orders at me, leaping around. She finished fresh as a daisy and I'm pretty sure she'd have gone round again if she could. She wore her medal with pride and posed for a picture while keeping a close eye on the burger van. She is keen that everyone know that had it not been for me slowing her down she definitely would've won.

All in all it was a truly brilliant experience, running with my dogs has simply been the best thing I ever did. It's changed my physical and mental health and these dogs were literally born to run. Whatever speed, whatever distance and whatever the weather – Running's better with a Setter



Ashridge Canicross Race—Roxanne & Jasper and Simon & Kevin

The day after the Para's 10, was the Ashridge 10km canicross race. This is a specific canicross race, much smaller in numbers and no fanfare, meaning the start line was around 80 very keen, very excited dogs! Here, we start at 10 second intervals in number order. This allows for dogs to start individually, with many reactive dogs taking part in the sport, it allows for a safe start for everyone, but the wait in line with a keen 30kg setter with 5 years experience is a workout in it's self!

This year two Irish Red & White Setters were taking part. Kevin was there to assist his dad, Simon, while Jasper had me to lug around the 10km route which goes around the Beautiful National Trust estate of Ashridge.

Mud, hills, technical trail and fields were all on the cards in this route, so once we got started, the key was to just remain upright and focus on foot placement and the run. I'm please to say this year there were no mishaps with the IRWS runners and we both finished, just one a lot faster than the other!

Simon and Kevin were the fastest team overall, winning 1st veteran male (classes are based on the runner) and also fastest overall and winner of the Ashridge Canicross members award too. I let Jasper down with lack of training and too much cake, but we finished middle of the field, so I am happy with that, and Jasper was thrilled with the goody bag consisting of array of doggy treats. I don't think he cared about the medal!

As Susie wrote, 'Running's better with a Setter!'





The Three Peaks challenge—Part 2

The second leg of the three peaks for us (Harley and I) was Snowdon however after my tales of Scafell Pike my daughter-in-law, Jo, she decided she wanted some of the action and wanted to do this next leg with me as well so off we went to North Wales. Stayed overnight at a hotel about 10 miles away which had very good references. Unfortunately my room didn't live up to them as it had a broken toilet flush which didn't end so water running constantly and no plumber until the morning, also the TV cable was broken so I



watched England vs Hungary through a sea of wavy lines which made interesting viewing. In the end I didn't have to pay for it though!

We set off the next morning and we had already decided to take the Ranger Path route which was a medium difficulty and would take about 6 hours, although we set out to beat that. Relatively gentle incline to get the blood going until it took a decidedly steeper look about $\frac{1}{4}$ way up and the route become much rockier, so we had to watch how we stepped in case ankles went over. The views were amazing looking out over Snowdonia. Harley, much to his disgust, had to stay on the lead as there were a lot of sheep about which he wanted to say hello to.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours up and I was feeling it in my legs and my breathing was fairly laboured unlike Jo who was bounding up like a gazelle, pretty fit and at nearly thirty years younger. Half hour later and we were at the top just ahead of our time. Unfortunately couldn't see a thing as the mist had come down and completely blanketed the top.



A quick lunch of chocolate and protein bars washed down with water, biscuits and water for Harley and off we were going down. I learned a lot from the Scafell Pike hike about pacing and how tight shoes should be done up and thick socks, so I didn't suffer from the cramps and toe pains that I had done and we were able to keep up a good pace. The weather helped as it was dry and cool so t-shirts were ok as the pace kept us warm. Anyway, we wound our

way down carefully until Jo announced that if we stepped up the pace we could make 5hrs 20 mins, better than any expectations. However stepping up the pace was beyond me by this time but I kept plugging away and while there was a certain amount of chiding going on, aimed at me I might say, we managed to make it in 5 ½ hours which we were really pleased with.

A rough and ready wash down and cool down, change of clothes, and we were off on our way home. Harley was ready to jump in the lake but we discouraged him and he settled for going to sleep in the car. 7 hours later we were home and ready for a bath and a good nights sleep. Jo really enjoyed it and wants to do Ben Nevis next but that will have to wait for 2022 and you will have to wait for the next newsletter to see how we do - We know it will be a breeze for Harley!

Jim & Harley

Judging and breed education

The Breed Education sub committee are planning to hold a breed appreciation day and Multiple Choice examination on Sunday 10th April at Shuttington Village Hall. If anyone is interested in attending or want's to know more, please contact Ray McDonald by emailing roanjora@roanjora.co.uk

The breed appreciation day is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the breed. The multiple choice examination is available for those who meet the criteria and looking for inclusion on the Level 2 judging list.

Membership renewals

Don't forget your membership renewals are due on 1st January 2021.

- Joint Membership (UK & Ireland)—£15
- Single Membership (UK & Ireland)—£12
- Overseas Membership (single or joint)—£17.50
- Junior membership—50p

Cheques to go to Graham Hart, 6 Tregerddi, Llandinam, Powys, SY17 5DB
Standing order mandate available on the website.

Puppies

If you would like to enquire about up-coming litters or announce your puppies on the club's website please get in touch with our puppy co-ordinator, Di Jones at diane@berryessa.co.uk

A reminder to anyone who has or is having a litter that we give free membership to new puppy owners. When you have your next litter, let Graham Hart know and he can send you the information and membership forms for you to include in your puppy packs.



Rescue update

Although we've only had the one dog go through rescue this year (so far), the number of people wishing to give a dog a home has dramatically increased. I imagine this was partly due to people wanting a companion for their daily exercise during lockdown. As you can imagine, this was very time consuming due to answering emails and filing the paper forms for future use. It was becoming a nightmare.

Our secretary, Alison Bloxham came to the rescue and worked her magic by getting the 'Application to Adopt' forms on the clubs website and we now have a database to help deal with the requests. It will also assist with finding a new home from the mountain of applications when the time comes to search for prospective new owners. If you want to add your details, the form can be found on the clubs website.

Rescue is not only here to rehome. We offer help and advice to members and non-members wherever and whenever possible. We have given telephone support to help dogs settle in their new home and provided advice on behavioural and other problems which hopefully have prevented dogs subsequently having to be rehomed. If anyone is prepared to help our dedicated team with fostering, home checking, transport, etc. please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

We have had a very kind donation of a lovely plate from a member to raise funds for rescue. We have yet to decide how to turn this into cash so if you have any ideas or if you would like to donate some of your unwanted treasures that are lurking in your cupboards, please do get in touch, we'd love to hear from you.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Alison Bennett

Rescue Secretary.

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**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**
From all the officers and committee



Pat Brigden obituary



It is with great personal sadness that I report the passing of Pat Brigden, one of our Clubs founder members, and one of the most passionate supporters of our wonderful breed. Initially in Irish setters for many years where she had a lot of friends and was a member of the South East Social Committee. She became interested in Red and Whites and bought her first from Joyce Webb in the early 80's and went on to become a prominent figure in the breed under her Autumnwood affix with which she had many successes, she was also a founder member of the Irish Red and White Setter Club of Great Britain with whom she became a Vice President. Pat was so enthusiastic for the breed that she did a tremendous amount of research and produced her book "The Irish Red And White Setter" in 1989.

She was a tireless worker and she would stand up for her argument in any quarter especially at AGM's and in particular in controversial times, eg, when the outcross programme was announced she had a few choice words to say about that, and often at the Kennel Club AGM's.

I have personally known Pat since the early 80's and I helped her to run the ringcraft classes in Caterham, Surrey, for many years, through to more recent times when we worked together on the Kennel Club Gazette after a change of heart by the KC to reinstate the publication. Here she met another marvellous friend, Ron Stewart, of King Charles Spaniels, and from whom Pat obtained her last dog Poppy.

Her life changed in recent years when she moved from East Grinstead, West Sussex, away from her many friends, in particular her great friend Maureen Newman who saw Pat almost daily and was a marvellous support to her. She moved to Somerset to be near her ailing son who sadly passed away shortly after she moved there. Fortunately her daughter and her husband moved there at the same time so she had family around her in these last years, and Maureen visited frequently which was a massive comfort to her.

She will be sadly missed.

Jim Cuddy



Mary Knox obituary



Mary Knox passed away suddenly on 17th October 2021 aged 80, shortly after judging the Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Championship Show. She was famous for her Coolfin Irish Setters and Irish Red & White Setters.

Mary's first introduction to the breed was at Crufts 1978 where she met Harlequin and purchased her first Irish red and white setter, Meaudon Lady of Coolfin from Ann & Alan Gormley (Meudon) in Ireland in 1980 and they remained friends ever since. Famous among others are Ch Coolfin Commanchie aka Airie who became an International Champion, a Gundog Group winner and was the breeds first full champion. He also sired several show champions. Mary bred many other show champions and CC winners.

Mary was the first secretary of the Irish Red & White Setter Club of GB when the club was officially registered.

More recently Mary imported NL Ch Terne Des Coris Qalimero At Coolfin JW, AKA Magnus, in partnership with Trish Jakins. He has two CCs and two RCCs from the UK, as well as gaining his Dutch champion title. He is the sire of Mary's last litter. Trish has an interest in the prefix and will be carrying the Coolfin kennel on.

Mary awarded CCs in red and white setters 12 times between 1989 and 2021, including her highlights of Crufts in 1997 and the club championship shows in both 2004 and 2021.

Mary was also active in Irish in the 1980s and her foundation bitch was Dusky Dale whose sire was pure Wendover bred. She mated her to Wendover Grandee and a bitch was kept, Cooflin Copper Candy which was the start of her successful line in Irish Setters

Mary will be missed.

Ann Catton



Dates for your diary - club events

Please note: Dates are subject to change in light of any further Covid-19 restrictions.

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Open Show - Spring
Date: Sunday 27th February 2022
Venue: Steventon Village Hall, Oxfordshire. OX13 6RR
Judge: Peter Pavey

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB AGM 2022
Date: April 2022
Venue: TBC

Event: Breed Appreciation Day
Date: Sunday 10th April 2021
Venue: Shuttington Village Hall, Main Road, Shuttington, Warks, B79 0DP

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Championship Show
Date: Sunday 17th July 2022
Venue: KC Building, Stoneleigh, CV8 2LZ
Judge: Mrs Jenny Miller

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Open Show - Autumn
Date: Sunday 20th November 2022
Venue: Hasland Village Hall, Eastwood Park, Chesterfield, S41 0AY
Judge: Graham Hart

Working events

The Working sub committee is hoping for a number of events next year. As soon as dates and venues are confirmed, details will be available on the clubs website and Facebook page. If you would like to have information and booking forms sent directly to you, please email Fiona Chapman at fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com.



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