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The Champions' Parade



Val Wade
President, Mary Blackwell Sherratt and
Sh Ch Ballakinnish Malachi At Oldestone



The committee with
some of the helpers

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Message from the Chairman

I hope this newsletter will provide an update to you, our members, on the club's busy first 6 months of 2024. This is a special year for our club, it's our 40th "Ruby" Anniversary.

The first events of the year included training organised by the WSC on grounds in North Yorkshire, the feedback from the attendees was all very positive and further events are planned in 2024. We have had two members dogs achieve their SGWC, Rhona Skene's, Rubethan Cake It Or leave It and Mary and Tony Sherratt's Ruby, who now is known as Ch Alanea Holly Fern At Charnborough. Congratulations to both.

I won't mention the show results as these can be found further into the newsletter with lovely photos of the winners.

For the first time we held both our open shows on the same day, this certainly seemed to help entries, and the committee supplied a free lunch, cake and bubbles for all attending. The atmosphere at lunchtime, between the shows, was fabulous. Exhibitors took time to sit and chat! rather like the old days. We had a few guests from USA who exhibited their dogs, which all added to a super day of showing and socialising.



Onto our Championship Show in July, the evening before the Ch show, some of the committee got together with some of the first exhibitors of the breed and friends, we had a lovely meal, catching up on news, lots of laughter and generally a good time was had by all.

We were blessed by lovely weather for the show, the ring was set up outside, where Judge, Tina Westwood, had a super entry to officiate over.

We had many invited visitors to the show and it was lovely to see founder members, friends and judges, past and present, sitting ringside and enjoying the day's proceedings.

Nancy Hargreaves demonstrated scent work in the lunch break, which was keenly watched by all around the ring, showing the IRWS versatility. A Champions' Parade followed and it was wonderful to see current Show Champions and retired Show Champions in the ring. Can I thank all who came and took part in the parade.

We presented Val Wade with a rosette for Max, Show Champion Ballakinnish Malachi At Oldestone, Our Dogs top stud dog of all breeds in 2023, this was a tremendous achievement for a stud dog in a vulnerable breed to win. At 13½, Max looked great and he had a photo with some of his progeny who were present at the show.



A wonderful buffet lunch was then served, Lynne Sketchley, supplied a super spread which was appreciated by all. More celebration cake and bubbles followed. Then bitch judging took place. All classes and main awards were sponsored and we are extremely grateful for all the support we received. Core being the main food sponsor. Every exhibitor was presented with a goody bag.

After judging we were then treated to a man trailing demo, by Debbie, again this proved to be very interesting and appreciated by all.

Then afternoon tea!! It really was a day for celebrating, eating and drinking, Jacque Bayne organised the tea and what a lovely idea it was. A super way to finish the day!

During 2024, the committee decided one way to celebrate the 40th would be to commission a Champions Book, we wanted something that would be a record of all the breeds Show Champions & Champions, but we wanted the ability to add future champions to this. So, we decided a folder would be the best option. This had to be a quality book, it took the committee hours of research and work to make sure we produced something that people would cherish and be proud to own, many thanks to Alison and Bev,

who did most of the tech stuff. Plus, Debbie McDonald who supplied a lot of the photos. It's okay to have an idea but without a committee working together, ideas don't come to fruition, but this one did, and I am extremely proud of this publication.



Many thanks to all our members who attended the game fair at Blenheim Palace and introduced our lovely breed to the general public, we hopefully will be attending more game fairs and will have more information to give to the public to promote our breed.

Our year is not over, we have a breed lunch at The Kennel Club on the 3rd of October planned, we hope to see lots of members and friends there. Further information can be found on our website and in this newsletter.

Notwithstanding all the celebrations, the education sub committee have an online BAD planned and a mentoring and judges exam taking place in the latter part of the year. The health sub committee is working in the background resurrecting the health database.

I would like to finish by thanking my fellow officers and committee, we have worked so hard over the first 6 months of 2024 to celebrate our club and breed, and we hope we have provided something for all our members.

Thank you to our members for the continued support of the IRWS Club Of GB. Please do feel free to contact me. I am always happy to hear your thoughts.

Tania Gardner



IRWS Calendar

The annual call out for your pictures please – for the 2025 Calendar. The pictures are all collated and votes are cast for the preferred ones. If you send an image over please don't edit it before you send.

Images can be sent by wetransfer (wetransfer.com) you don't have to have an account; you can just send files. Please send any pictures to calendar@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com



Breed Lunch

As you're all probably aware by now, this year is the Club's 40th Anniversary and our final celebration is a Breed Lunch at the Royal Kennel Club.

11:30 Tea/coffee upon arrival at the Royal Kennel Club, 10 Clarges Street, London, W1J 8AB

11:45 Library talk/Gallery tour - tailored to the IRWS and a presentation will be made to the Royal Kennel Club

12.30 Pre-lunch drink in the bar

13:00 Lunch in the dining room (Those not taking the tour arrive for 12:30)

The dress code - gentlemen are required to wear a suit or jacket, trousers and tie, similar standards of dress are expected of ladies (smart trouser suits are acceptable). Jeans, leggings and trainers are not acceptable.

To make a reservation, please email breed.lunches@thekennelclub.org.uk stating the Club's name, the date of the lunch (3rd October) and, if necessary, advise them of any allergies. Payments are to be with credit cards and by phoning 0207 518 1017. The Royal Kennel Club has a 36 hours cancellation policy which needs to be confirmed by email and the full amount will be incurred for no-shows.

Finally, please let Alison know so she can keep a track of numbers.



Membership Renewals

Your continued membership and support is important to us, so please don't forget renewals are due on 1st January 2021. Standing order mandates are available to download from the Club website.

Joint Membership (UK & Ireland)—£15

Single Membership (UK & Ireland)—£12

Overseas Membership (single or joint)—£17.50

Junior membership—50p

Membership queries and payments can be sent to:

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Or you can email membership@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com



Open Show (morning) – 3rd March 2024

Judge Claire Lewis' winners:



Best In show and Best Bitch
Ambancy This Is Me
Jane Barnes



Best Opposite Sex and Best Dog
Spyefire Reyt Bobby Dazzler
John and Liz Titterton



Best Veteran
Sh Ch Zendarric Heart Shaped Box
With Vizaset
Nicola Green



Best Puppy
Roanjora Cremant De Lux Copperwhite
Alan Bamford and Lynda Ward



Best Baby Puppy
Settersay Martell By Corranroo
Graham and Jacque Bayne



Reserve Best In Show and
Reserve Best Bitch
Roanjora Rioja Crianza
Ray, Debbie and Roxanne McDonald



Reserve Best Dog
Sh Ch/Int Sh Ch/Multi Ch Terne Des
Coris Qalimero At Coolfin (Imp Bel) JW
WW'23
Trish Jakins



Reserve Best Veteran
Sh Ch Zendarrice It's A Kind Of Magic
Within Wroxham
Eileen Walker



Reserve Best Puppy
Roanjora Cremant D'Alsace
Ray, Debbie and Roxanne McDonald



Limit Bitch



Open Show (afternoon) – 3rd March 2024

Judge Ramsay Nagaty's winners:



Best In Show and Best Bitch
Ambancy This Is Me
Jane Barnes



Best Opposite Sex and Best Dog
Coolfin Clancy With Ferngate
Stewart Cook, Ann Catton, Trish Jakins



Best Veteran and Reserve Best Dog
Corranroo Casper
Graham and Jacque Bayne



Best Puppy
Roanjora Cremant Bourgogne
Steph Jones



Reserve Best In Show and Reserve
Best Bitch
Roanjora Rioja Crianza
Ray, Debbie and Roxanne



Reserve Best Puppy
Roanjora Cremant d'Alsace
Ray, Debbie and Roxanne McDonald



Reserve Best Veteran
Zendarric It's A Kind Of Magic Within
Wroxham
Eileen Walker



Best Baby Puppy
Settersay Martell by Corranroo
Graham and Jacque Bayne



Lunch



Best Veteran and
Reserve Best Veteran



The 40th Anniversary Championship Show

Breed Specialist and long time member Tina Westwood was the judge and in wonderful weather picked out the following winners:



Best In Show, Bitch CC
Tania Gardner's
Sh Ch Charnborough Charisma of
Danwish JW
With judge Tina Westwood

Reserve Best In Show,
Reserve Bitch CC
and Best Veteran
Graham and Helen Farrow's
Roanjora Fleurie,
handled by Emily Windler,
with judge Tina Westwood





Best Puppy
Graham and Jacque Bayne's
Settersay Martell By Corranroo
with judge Tina Westwood

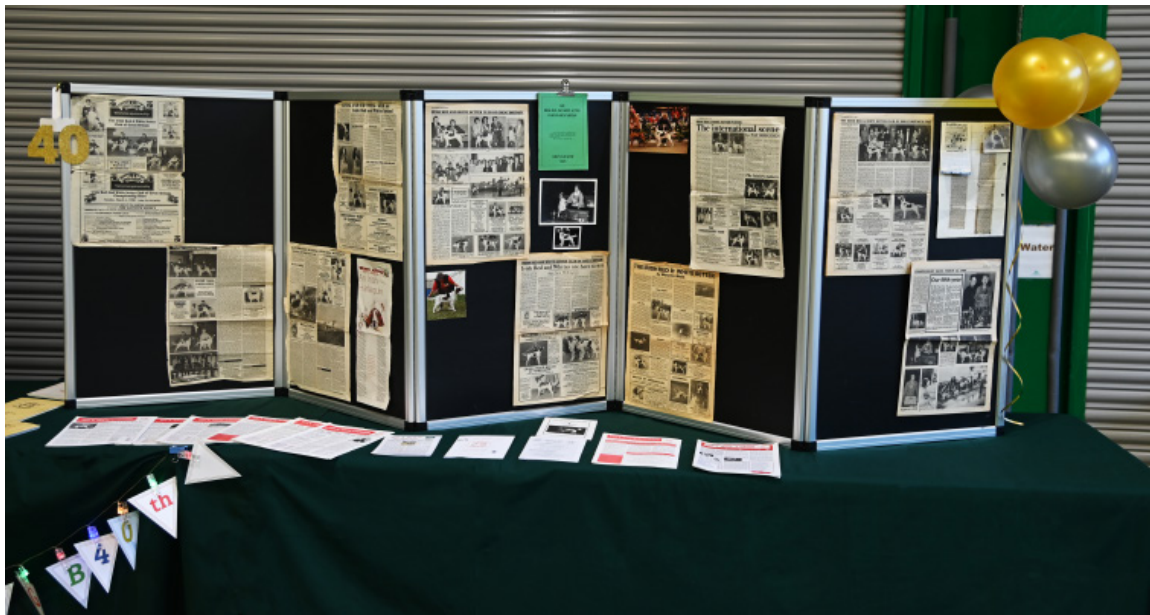
Best Opposite Sex
Dog CC
Trish Jakins'
Sh Ch/Int Sh Ch/Multi Ch
Terne Des Coris Qalimero
(Imp Bel) JW WW'23 with
judge Tina Westwood



Reserve Best Veteran
Maureen Whitaker's
Oldestone Caught In The Act
At Viewland
With judge Tina Westwood

Reserve Dog CC
Trish Jakins'
Coolfin Murchard
With judge, Tina





Susan Paterson (Torrweaving)

"I had a wonderful day at the IRWC of GB 40th Anniversary Show. The Show was very well run thanks to the hard working Committee and the weather was perfect.

The food was lovely (so I'm told as I managed to miss lunch waiting on the queue to subside)- I made up for it with the delicious cakes in the afternoon.

It's hard to believe that 40 years have passed since our first Champ Show, I'm so lucky to have been a part of it now and then. It was so lovely to meet up with so many old friends I don't get to see now and to remember so many no longer with us.

I even got to handle my favourite boy 'Malachi' in the Champions Parade, although not very well according to Val !!

Thanks for a great day and here's to the next 40 years."



Sandra Pilmer (Anisbrig)

"We had a great day at the show, the weather was lovely and everything was well organised by the committee and we had a nice lunch too."

Sandy Williamson (Hawklawn)

"Congratulations to the Irish Red & White Setter Club of GB on a well organised and successful 40th anniversary show. A lovely atmosphere throughout the show and it was nice to meet and chat to people, some who I had not seen for some years.

An excellent spread of food available for all to partake, followed by cake and wine was much appreciated and enjoyed by myself and many others. A bumper raffle with a lot of nice prizes to be won but my tickets provide to be the unlucky ones.

Congratulations also to all the winners on the day. One really stuck in my mind – the young lady who won the veteran bitch class and went on to gain the RCC. It was a joy to watch her, so at one with her girl and handled remarkably well for one so young. A well deserved result, I hope she continues to show and handle dogs."



Christine Morgan (Cwsscwn)

I was honoured and delighted to be invited to the IRWS Club of GB's 40th anniversary show at the Kennel Club Building.

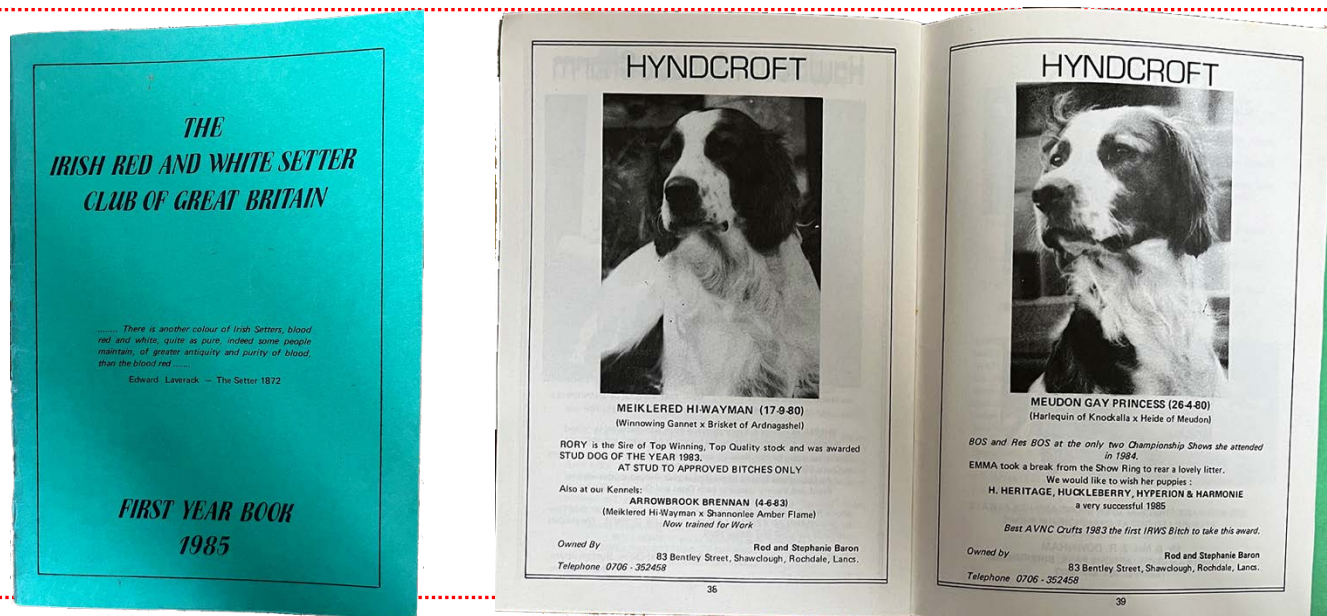
The sun shone making it very pleasant to sit outside watching the judging and it was great to catch up with many 'old' faces.

The show was incredibly well organised and the committee worked so hard not only providing a buffet lunch for everyone but also afternoon tea with bubbles! There was a warm and friendly atmosphere all day and I wish the club all the best for the future.

Stephanie Hurren Baron (Hyndcroft)

What an amazing 40 years for the Irish Red & White Setter Club of Great Britain and for the breed. From the early 80's when a small group of breed enthusiasts (approximately 30) gathered at the Post House in Leicester to begin the process of forming a breed club. A founder members register was opened, and a steering committee was elected from those present to guide us to our goal. This included the formulation of 'Rules & Regulations', the adoption of an interim breed standard. As you will know our goal was achieved in 1984 with the official recognition from the Kennel Club.

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The club held its first Open Show in 1985 and was judged by Mrs Rae Furness (Raycroft) with 76 dogs making 134 entries. Rae later went on to become our Club Chairman and President.

Throughout those formative years a great deal of hard work went into the breed standard particularly as the Kennel Club were standardising the format. Judging Lists, which could be made available to the numerous General and Group Championship Societies who were now classifying the breed. Sub-Committees were elected, including Genetics, Working and Rescue to concentrate on the numerous responsibilities of a breed club.

In 1988 the breed gained Championship status with 10 sets of Challenge Certificates to be on offer that first year. After running successful Open Shows since 1985, we then had the privilege to hold our first Championship Show with Challenge Certificates in 1989. Our judge as selected by the membership was Mr Jim McKenna with a fantastic entry of 146 dogs making 226 entries. In 2024 the breed has 23 sets of Challenge Certificates on offer.

In 2009 the Club held their milestone 25th Anniversary Show with judge Mrs Ann Gormley (Meudon). Fast forward to 2024 and the club has gone from strength to strength. I was fortunate enough to attend the Club's 40th Anniversary celebrations and the Championship Show. The show was so well organised and had a lovely turnout with quite a number of faces from years gone by. Many of whom no longer exhibit but came along to show their support. The Committee had worked so hard together to make the show a huge success.

A must have for any enthusiast is the new Book of Champions starting from 1988 to date produced and to be added to each year as new dogs gain their titles.

A vast array of warm drinks and bacon rolls were on offer at the start of the day, a buffet lunch followed by scrumptious cakes. All contributors to this are to be commended for the splendid fayre. There was also a celebratory cake cut by Madam President Mary Blackwell-Sherratt. There was a lovely atmosphere, and everyone was made to feel welcome. Looking forward to the next 10 years and to celebrate the half century.







The Game Fair

Thank you to Karen Lockwood, Ned and Jan Bardey, Tony and Victoria Cornwall, Richard and Judith Downs, David and Emma Gibson, Sam Soper and Darren Sellers and Denise and Roger Beasley who represented the Club at the Game Fair at Blenheim Palace in July. A lot learned by all of us and improvements for next year to make. Those who went along had good days, Judith kindly sent us an account of their day ...



So many new experiences for our lovely girl Órla - I am not sure where to start!

Due to the distance from our home we decided to make a weekend of it, staying at a nearby Travel Lodge hotel. Over dinner we got chatting with another Welsh couple at the next table. The husband turned out to be the coach for the Welsh Gundog Team competing in the International HPR Competitions at Blenheim. Órla was the first Irish Red and White Setter he had met and was very interested to hear the background of the breed and extremely taken with her. Our campaign to introduce the breed had already started and we hadn't even left the hotel!

A very early breakfast set us up for our trip to Blenheim where, on arrival, we were met by Neil who was organising the Sporting Dog Pavilion (in reality a large marquee). The aim of us being there was to not only raise awareness of the vulnerability of the breed, but importantly to



promote the breadth of skills these wonderful dogs possess to country and dog lovers attending the Game Fair.

It was a great opportunity to meet other IRWS owners who were also showcasing their dogs within the Pavilion and we look forward to meeting them all again. My goodness it was hot though! Luckily there were lots of water stands with taps around the site to give the dogs a refreshing drink or even a cooling shower during the day.

We had the afternoon stint in the Pavilion taking over from Tony and Victoria, which gave us time to join in with the Parade of Sporting Dogs in the Gundog Arena at midday.

All the different Gundog breeds from the Pavilion were paraded and then brought in turn to the centre of the ring for the compère to give the spectators an insight into their temperament and working instincts. We were told the IRWS would be called to the middle of the ring last.... of course saving the best until last, or so we thought. However, disappointingly there were so many other breeds discussed by the time they came to us they were running out of time and didn't (in our opinion) have the time to give the breed real justice. We did raise this later with the organisers, so hopefully it won't happen next year. It made us more determined than ever to spend the rest of the weekend showcasing our adorable girl.



The Sporting Dog Pavilion housed the more unusual Gundog breeds, so not a labrador or springer in sight. There were certainly some breeds we had not met before. We did notice many of the other breed clubs had supplied large posters and displays, which seemed to encourage people to the stands. Maybe that's something to consider at future events. However, children loved

the Red and White Setter stickers we had to give away and we managed to generate a lot of interest talking about the history and characteristics of the breed. Due to the hot temperature that weekend we were pleased only to be in the marquee for our 2.5-hour stint, although luckily Órla was very chilled and enjoyed the fuss from everyone, taking it all in her stride.

Walking through the Game Fair crowds seemed to generate as much, if not more, interest as so many people stopped us to ask what breed Órla is. We used this venture to help Órla (being a youngster) embrace all the new experiences and opportunities. She enjoyed watching the other Gundogs compete in their competitions, demonstrations, scurries, as well as her Dad try his hand at clay pigeon shooting. She particularly enjoyed the shopping experience, coming home with a couple of new beds, leads and more

We would thoroughly recommend attending the Game Fair if you get the chance and we are now looking forward to next year at Ragley Hall, Warks. We would like to thank the Society for this opportunity and would love to be asked to attend again next year.

Judith and Richard Downs



Sam Soper and
Denise
Beasley's dogs
at the Game
Fair



Emma Gibson on the left and Karen Lockwood's dogs on the right.

Working Sub Committee

At this year's AGM Fiona Chapman stood down as Secretary of WSC and Sarah Brook took on the role. Sarah ran a field training event at Reeth Moor to introduce IRWS owners to the benefits of field work. 18 dogs and 15 handlers took part in an exhaustive day based on the SGWC requirements which was led by three field trial judges. Many of those on this training day have subsequently taken part in further IRWS training days with the same judges.

Tony Sherratt ran a 'puppy' obedience clinic and had three young dogs join him and get the benefit of his experience.

There are further days and weekends being organised and information will be up on the Club's website as soon as it's available. Although the dates in October and November are already fully booked, there will be dates published soon for 2025.



Rescue Sub Committee

The Rescue Sub Committee has seen changes recently, Alison Bennett, who has been involved for many years has stood down because of her health. She will still help us when needed, so hasn't totally escaped.

Nancy Hargreaves has taken on the role of Secretary, Nancy has been involved with Flat Coat Retriever Rescue for many years and has helped out on many 'rescues'.



Puppy Online Membership

For the last few years the committee have offered new owners of puppies free membership for the remainder of the year in which they get their puppy. Breeders are asked to contact Diane or Alison who will organise sending out information that can be included in your puppy pack.



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, Diane Jones - puppyregister@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com We also have 'puppy packs' available – again, ask Diane and she'll arrange to send some out to you.

Dates for your diary - club events

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Breed Celebration Lunch

Date: Thursday 3rd October 2024

Venue: The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, London

Booking details in newsletter

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB – Field Training

Date: Sunday 6th October 2024

Venue: Masham, North Yorkshire Moors

This day is fully booked please contact WSC Secretary

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB – Field Training

Date: Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th November

Venue: near Hawes, North Yorkshire Moors

please contact WSC Secretary

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Open Show -Morning

Date: Sunday 2nd March 2025

Venue: KC Building, Stoneleigh, CV8 2LZ

Judge: Mr Stewart Cook

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Open Show -Afternoon

Date: Sunday 2nd March 2025

Venue: KC Building, Stoneleigh, CV

Judge: Mrs Kay Reid

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB AGM

Date: Sunday 6th April 2025

Venue: TBC

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Championship Show

Date: Sunday 20th July 2025

Venue: The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh, CV8 2LZ

Judge: Mrs Mary Blackwell Sherratt