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Message from the Chairman

Welcome to another edition of our Irish Red and White Club of GB newsletter.

As I reflect on the past few months, I am once again reminded of what a special breed and community we have. The Irish Red and White Setter may be one of our vulnerable native breeds, but it is blessed with an enthusiastic and dedicated group of owners, breeders and supporters who work tirelessly to protect and promote this wonderful breed. The Club continues to play an important role in preserving the future of the Irish Red and White Setter through education, responsible breeding, health initiatives and promoting the breed's many attributes as a family companion, working gundog and successful show dog.

This year has seen our members enjoy success in the show ring, the working field and many other canine activities. Congratulations to everyone who has represented our breed with such pride and sportsmanship. Every success, whether large or small, helps raise awareness of our breed and showcases the affectionate, intelligent and versatile nature of the Irish Red and White Setter.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our committee members and volunteers. Clubs do not thrive without the dedication of people willing to give their time and energy behind the scenes. From organising events and attending Game Fairs to Discover Dogs and maintaining our rescue and welfare work to producing publications and supporting members, your efforts are truly appreciated.

As we move forward, I encourage all members to continue promoting our breed positively and to support our Club events whenever possible. Introducing new people to the Irish Red and White Setter, mentoring prospective owners and welcoming new members into our community are all vital to ensuring the future of our breed remains bright.

Finally, thank you to every member for your continued support of the Club. Together, we are custodians of a remarkable breed with a rich heritage and an exciting future.

I would also like to extend a very special thank you to our Rescue Sub-Committee, led by Trish. Their dedication, compassion and tireless work often take place quietly behind the scenes but make an enormous difference to the dogs and families they support. It's been a busier time within rescue these last few months, and we are fortunate to have such a committed team willing to give their time, care and expertise whenever needed. Whether offering advice, assisting dogs in need or supporting owners through difficult circumstances, their work reflects the kindness and sense of community that make our rescue so special.

On behalf of the Club and its members, thank you to Trish and the entire Rescue team for your continued commitment and for being such wonderful ambassadors for the Irish Red and White Setter.

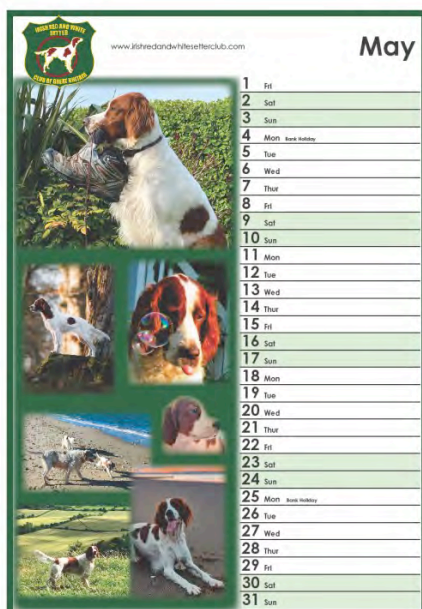
With best wishes,

Tania Gardner
Chairman



2027 Club Calendar

We're going to be organising the Club's 2027 calendar in the next couple of months.



Please send any images you'd like to see in the calendar by the end of August to calendar@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com

2027 Yearbook

Although it seems a long time away, we are already working on the next Yearbook. Now is the time to start thinking about photos of your dogs, so they can be taken when they are looking their best.

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Corranroo Canopus (Vader) First Steps as a Therapy Dog



Vader (Corranroo Canopus), bred by Corranroo, is a calm, gentle, and affectionate dog who loves people. A friend in palliative care often said how kind he is and encouraged his owners to try therapy work with him.

They joined Pets As Therapy (PAT), which was simple and well organised. After uploading his vaccination records, completing a short online safeguarding course, and passing a 45-minute in-person assessment, Vader was ready. The assessment checked he could walk calmly on a lead, stay polite with people and enjoy gentle handling by strangers.

Their first visit was to a nursing home. The staff were welcoming and let Vader explore and settle. By the end, he was completely relaxed.

The residents' reactions were magical — smiles appeared the moment he walked in, conversations flowed and the whole atmosphere lifted. Many recognised his breed and remarked on how rare it is to see

a red and white Irish Setter these days. Some shared stories of pets they had once loved and missed.

The visit lasted an hour (PAT recommends 30 minutes to start, no more than once a week), and they'll be returning weekly. Therapy work is a simple way to share the joy of dogs like Vader—and he earned a well-deserved “well done” treat when we got home.

Jacque Bayne



Points Competitions



The President, Mary Blackwell Sherratt and Treasurer, Ray McDonald, preparing for the presentation of this year's awards at the AGM.

There are two competitions every year that can be entered, the Championship Competition and the Open Competition. For information on the Club's points competition please check the current rules documents on the website.

This year's Championship points up and including BORDER UNION

1 st	Sh Ch Settersay Martell By Corranroo, Jacque and Graham Bayne	148 points
2 nd	Sh Ch Alanea Game Reserve With Danwish Tania Gardner	139 points
3 rd	Sh Ch Roanjora Crémant d'Alsace JW Ray, Debbie and Roxanne McDonald	136 points
4 th	Sh Ch Gilliegrae So Berry Excited Gill and Graham Hart	130 points
5 th	Sh Ch Daithi Shadow Dog With Ferngate Ann Catton and Stewart Cook	89 points
6 th	Roanjora Crémant De Savoie Avec Eusant Roxanne McDonald, Sky and Tina Westwood	88 points
7 th	Sh Ch Carrick Shadow Dog At Alanea Anita Tattersall, Diane and John Jones	86 points
8 th	Sh Ch Zendarric It's A Kind Of Magic Within Wroxham Eileen Walker	79 points
9 th	Sh Ch Charnborough Charisma of Danwish JW Tania Gardner	72 points
10 th =	Sh Ch Ambancy This Is Me Jane Barnes	71 points
10 th =	Coolfin Baltic Turn The Page Trish Jakins	71 points

If you have any questions, queries or comments please email our co-ordinator at pointscompetition@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com



Open Show, 1st March 2026, Judge, Leanne Lindsay

Best In Show
Best Bitch

Sh Ch Settersay Martell By
Corranroo,
Jacque and Graham Bayne



Reserve Best In Show,
Best Opposite Sex
Best Dog

Roanjora Crémant de Savoie Avec
Eusanit JW
Roxanne McDonald, Sky and Tina
Westwood



Best Veteran
Reserve Best Dog

Sh Ch Alanea Game Reserve With
Danwish
Tania Gardner





Reserve Best Veteran
Reserve Best Bitch

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

Best Baby Puppy

Alanea Turning Tables Into Danwish
Tania Gardner



Julie Bartosy visiting from Australia
presenting the Best in show with an
engraved cheese board on behalf of
the IRWS Club of Australia.



Crufts 2026

Long time Club member, Suzanne Humphries was the judge at this year's Crufts



Best of Breed
Dog CC

Victoria and Anthony Cornwall's
Settersay Tornado



Best Opposite Sex
Bitch CC

Jacque and Graham Bayne's
Sh Ch Settersay Martell By Corranroo



Best Veteran

Nicola Green's
Sh Ch Zendarric Heart Shaped Box
With Vizaset

Best Puppy

Emma Gibson's
Foreverknox Mo Anam Cara





Reserve Best Dog and
Reserve Best Bitch

Nicola Green with
Sh Ch Zendarric Heart Shaped Box
With Vizaset
and
Mary Blackwell Sherratt with
Ch Alanea Holly Fern At
Charnborough



Irish Red and Whites in the news!

A Crufts television crew visited Anita Tattersall and her latest litter of pups at the end of last year – the film aired over the Channel 4 coverage of Crufts in March.



The reporter, Laura Crombie, with the Alanea litter



A follow up on the next day's C4 coverage was a studio visit from one of the puppies, now 4 months old, and an interview with Clare Balding.



Dog Edition - a magazine dedicated to dog health, wellbeing, behaviour and nutrition. The Irish Red and White setter was featured in a seven page article in Issue 89 which came out at Crufts. Alison still has a few copies available if anyone would like one, please get in touch with her.



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Alan Titchmarsh's Sunday morning show had all four setters visit for a short feature



Clever IRWS

Hugo and Steph Jones



When we picked up Hugo (Roanjora Cremant Bourgogne) from Ray, Debbie and Roxanne McDonald, I knew I was incredibly lucky to get him and that I had a very special puppy. From that day on I was determined to have fun with him. I knew I couldn't work him as we live in West Wales and we haven't the facilities or know how.

Above all, Hugo is a much-loved family pet who does obedience, rally, show, agility (not competitively) and he has obtained his Gold Good Citizen Award. He goes out on normal walks and comes on holiday with us along with Rosie, our English Setter and Millie, our Irish Setter. He is full of character and will do anything for a piece of chicken or cheese. He lives in the house on our smallholding with 2 other setters, a cat, sheep, goats and chickens.

Good Citizen Award

From the word go, I took Hugo to puppy training once a week and he quickly obtained his Puppy Foundation which focuses on socialisation, basic education and responsible ownership. In between training I trained him at home – only short sessions - which he very much enjoyed. In March 2026 (aged 2 ½) he obtained his Gold Good Citizen Award

Showing



I have shown Hugo from a puppy and he always loves going to any kind of shows. He thinks every person and dog is there to see him! He is my third dog which I have shown. His general training has helped a lot with his showing. He has gained a lot of success from being Best Puppy at the Club's Open Show to group 4 in Special Beginners, group 4 at an open show, Best of Breed at both Open and championship shows. We were even nominated in the Special Beginners Category at the Pawscars where we were shortlisted to the last 4.

Obedience and rally

During training for the Good Citizen Award, I started going to rally and obedience training. I have just started my second full season (2026) in obedience and my first full season in rally. Last year in obedience, we won out of Introductory (obtaining his Intro Ex award) and had one win in Pre Beginners with several placings. We have one more win to get to move up to Beginners. In our first rally competition Hugo obtained a Qualifying score and an excellence score towards his level 1 title and a qualifying score in level 2.

I Started competing in obedience before rally as it allows you to use training rounds, food, or toys between exercises for motivation, while in rally, rules prevent you giving rewards in the ring. Obedience is a very good foundation for rally.

Rally is different to obedience in that you follow signs on the course whereas in



obedience a steward will call out the directions. Rally is one course which has difference exercise (sit, down, stand, walk around your dog, etc) and obedience is broken down into different exercises with breaks in between eg in Pre Beginners you do heelwork on lead, recall and heelwork off lead. As you progress up the levels in both obedience and rally, the exercises gradually become more and more difficult and different exercise are introduced.

The judges and stewards all want you to have fun with your dog. They offer advice and training tips. Sometimes just by changing your hand position can change how your dog comes into your front.

Agility

We are lucky enough to have some land at home so I have created my own dog field with my own show ring and we have some low impact agility equipment. We are not planning on doing agility competitions but he loves it and is something completely different to obedience and rally. In obedience and rally the dog in most of the exercises the dog is working at your side whereas in agility the dog is working away from you. He is very fast and pick things up really quickly. We have been given some old tyres which I throw treats in – this is great for all of my setters because it makes them use their noses.

Training

I have been to quite a few training camps where there are all different standards from the very novice to the very advanced.

We train for 3 hours a week at the club. Sometimes he wants to work for his dinner. I also do odd bits of training throughout the week (in short sessions). Above all, training is all about having fun and forming a connection.

It is like anything, the more you put in the more you get out. Setters love learning and doing.

Doing dog sports is about more than just competition;

- it is a fantastic way to meet like-minded people. I have connected with a supportive community of other dog owners who share similar goals and passion for training.
- bonding – training and competing together strengthens the trust and relationship between you and your dog.
- keep dogs engaged, preventing boredom-driven behavioural issues and maintains fitness
- strengthens communication and trust, turning basic obedience into a fun activity.

- physical exercise which improves cardiovascular fitness, muscle tone and flexibility which is crucial for high energy breeds
- channelling instincts as it allows them to express natural behaviours in a safe constructive way.

Irish Red and White Setters are a versatile breed and can put their paw to almost anything you want. They are energetic, intelligent and thrive on mental and physical work. They also have a gentle side which make them great as therapy dogs.

They love doing new things and going to new places. There are lots of different sports you can do with them. They can be Pet Therapy dogs, participate in Canicross (one of Hugo's brothers does Canicross), obedience, rally, agility, field trials, man trailing, scent work, work on the moors, medical detection service dog, trick training. The list is endless ...

GO ON AN ADVENTURE WITH YOUR IRISH RED AND WHITE SETTER, YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE IT WILL TAKE YOU!



Worldwide Irish Red and White Setter Survey

We are asking all members to complete this survey: to help us gain a better understanding of any health concerns and identify potential emerging concerns.

The results will direct new research to specific areas of the breed's health that require further attention, to ultimately improve the future health and well-being of Irish Red & White Setters globally. This survey is open to all owners (current and previous) of Irish Red And White Setters around the globe.

This survey is for dogs that may currently be living or who have, sadly, passed away. Please complete **one survey per dog** that you own/have previously owned.

We recommend completing this survey on a desktop computer or laptop. **All personal information given will be kept confidential and be presented anonymously.**

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

Please use this link – and thank you for your help;
<https://forms.office.com/r/NFWXGt5Jg5>

Rescue Report

Indie Rescue Collaboration

Early in the year, Rescue were approached by Indie Rescue for assistance in finding homes for ten Irish Red & White Setter males who had come into their care. We are pleased to report that seven of these dogs have now successfully settled into their new homes.

The remaining dogs still seeking homes are:



Bonner – 3-year-old male



Sky & Tinker – 3½-year-old brothers, who need to be homed together.



All three continue to wait for the right families, and we remain committed to supporting their rehoming.

Merlin's Journey

In April, Rescue were asked to assist with Merlin, a 6-year-old male. Merlin was collected from his owners and initially stayed with our chairman, Tania, after a planned foster placement proved unsuitable when the dogs met on neutral ground.

Merlin later moved to a foster home with a view to adoption, but he proved too much for the family and was collected on 30th May. Since then, Merlin has been in kennels, where he has truly blossomed.

He has become:

- A fun-loving, affectionate dog
- More confident and relaxed
- Happy in the company of Isla, with whom he enjoys running in the paddock

Merlin was castrated in June to help reduce his male-dog reactivity. His hormones will take 2–3 months to settle.

Rescue are extremely grateful to the kennels for:

- Taking Merlin at short notice
- Providing training, reassurance and structured care
- Supporting him through his post-operative recovery

We currently have one couple offering Merlin a home at the end of July, with additional interest from others. We are hopeful Merlin will have his forever home during July. We have also been contacted by many people offering to foster, we are currently asking if they will agree to staying on our list of fosters, rescue also joined a group UK fosters which will give us a wider scope

A heartfelt thank you goes to Tania and Jan for their continued support and hands-on help with Merlin.



Rescue Emblem

In April, Rescue also approved a new emblem design, allowing us to retain our connection with the main club while establishing a clearer identity for Rescue.



New Rescue Product – Trolley Tokens



Rescue has launched a new fundraising product: Trolley Tokens. These have been extremely well received, with orders coming in thick and fast. They can be purchased:

- Via the club merchandise shop (postage available)
- Directly from Trish - rescue@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com (postage or collection at shows)
- At the Championship Show on 19th July

Setter Rescue Walk – Future Plans

Rescue is exploring the possibility of organising a Setter Rescue Walk. A location has already been offered for September, including:

- A public house with possibility of BBQ and Camping facilities

Further details will follow once plans are confirmed.

Rescue Parade – 19th July

The parade is open to all IRWS who have been rescued from any rescue organisation. We look forward to celebrating these dogs and the families who have given them a second chance.



Sh Ch Alanea Summer Cottage

21.10.2013 – 30.6.2026

Bred, owned and deeply loved by Anita Tattersall, Summer was whelped on 21st October 2013. She was sired by Sh Ch Ballakinnish Malachi At Oldestone and her dam was Temyloah Tanya At Alanea. Summer shared her home with Anita and Elaine, where she was a much-loved and treasured member of the family throughout her life, bringing them both endless companionship, joy and pride.

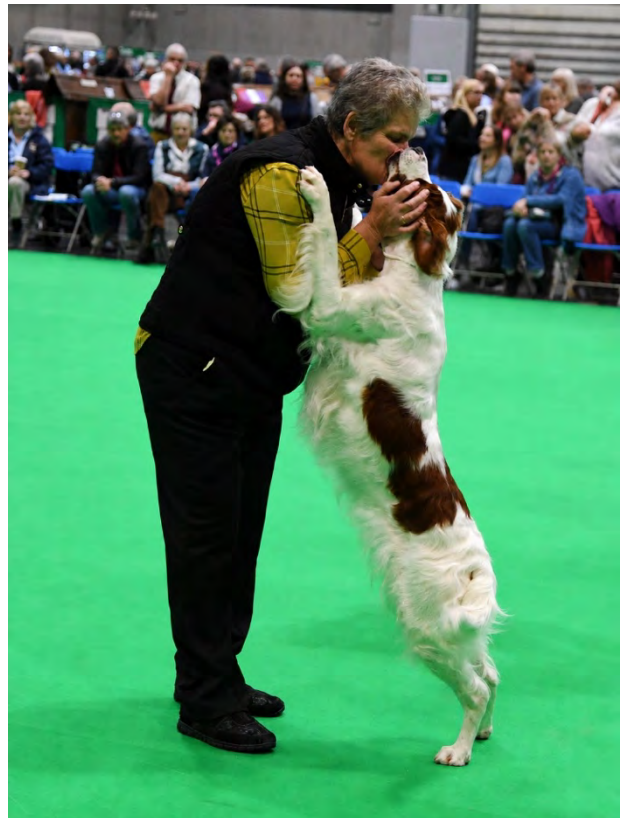
Summer made breed history by winning 60 CCs, 45 times with Best of Breed.

She was top gundog puppy in 2014 with 14 BPIB and was awarded her 1st CC by Richard Bott at Setter & Pointer at the end of that year. 2 CCs quickly followed and she was made a Sh Ch in May 2015 gaining her crowning CC at The National from Mrs Diane Stewart-Ritchie.

Her list of achievements is immense:
2015, 18 CCs, 15 Best of Breeds
2016, 12 CCs including Best of Breed at Crufts
2017, 13 CCs
2018, 8 CCs
2019, 3 CCs including Best of Breed at Crufts and short listed in the gundog group
2021, 2 CCs
2022, 3 CCs

Summer was Best in Show at the Club's Championship Show under Eileen Walker in 2015, Val Wade in 2017 and Susan Paterson in 2018

Summer was also successful at group level taking top spot in the gundog group 3 times under Frank Whyte,



Gordon Haran and Jeff Horswell. 4 times she was awarded group 2 and 4 group 4 places.

She had one litter sired by Carrick Shadow Dog At Alanea (Imp Poland).

Anita made the decision to retire Summer at LKA 2022 after winning her 60th CC under Mary Blackwell Sherratt - as Anita said, "she has nothing left to prove and will enjoy her retirement.

Summer's legacy will continue through her offspring, who are making their mark in the show ring. Carrying forward her exceptional breed type, soundness and temperament, proudly bearing her name and reflecting the qualities that made her such a special ambassador for the breed. Their achievements ensure that her influence will continue for generations to come, making her an enduring part of the Irish Red and White Setter's history.



Diary Dates

8 th August 2026	Breed Appreciation Day	KC Building Stoneleigh CV8 2LZ
September 2026	Setter Walk for Rescue	Venue to be confirmed
28 th February 2027	Open Show	Sky Blue Connexion, Ryton on Dunsmore CV9 3FL
11 th April 2027	Annual General Meeting	Venue to be confirmed
18 th July 2027	Open Show	KC Building, Stoneleigh CV8 2LZ
18 th July 2027	Championship Show	KC Building Stoneleigh CV8 2LZ