



NEWSLETTER 2016

Welcome our new Patron...

The committee would like to formally introduce our new patron **Mr Mansel Young.**

Well known to many of you, Mansel together with his wife Avril ran the famous *Wainfelin* kennel, which had great prominence in both the UK and overseas throughout the 80s and 90s, being one of the most successful Welsh Springer Spaniel kennels. They produced twelve UK champions including the one time breed record holder, *Sh Ch Wainfelin Barley Mo* (illustrated on our logo), together with many overseas champions.

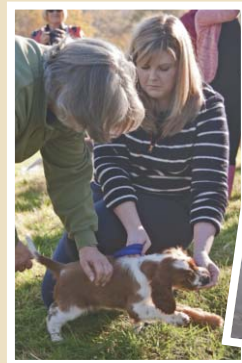
Mansel served on the committee of the WSS Club of S. Wales for many years and was a founder member of the club. He served as Treasurer and later became a prominent secretary. Following his retirement as secretary he continued to be a great supporter of the club and attends many of our events.

We thank him for his commitment to both the breed and to our club and look forward to his continued support in the years to come.



...and a very warm welcome to new members

We had several new Welsh Springer owners turn up to some of our events in 2015 and many of them decided to join up to the club. We are very grateful for their contribution and hope they have enjoyed their days out with us so far. We hope you will continue to support us in the future and look forward to seeing you and your lovely dogs throughout the coming year.





Chairperson's Report

Dear Members,

Wishing you all a Happy and Successful New Year.

Personally, 2015 was a particularly busy one with moving house after some 30 years in the old one, and renovating the new one, I found fitting in Club events as well was quite a stretch at times.



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However I really believe the Club has had another hugely successful and enjoyable year with all our events achieving nothing but positive comments from all who attend, which is so good to hear. From our three Shows, our brilliant Rally weekend, the Fonmon Charity Day, running the scurry with some 80 competitors for the first time was huge fun. We really have made this day a must for our Breed Promotion Stand. If you haven't attended, make a date in your diary for this year. Our very successful beach walks have attracted many more Welshie owners who have enjoyed the fun, also having our Club Facebook page has really boosted our numbers which is so encouraging for the future.



Our only disappointment of the year, having to cancel our Assessment Test due to lack of numbers, we will try and rectify this in 2016 with some new training days planned. If any members are interested in working their dogs or just want to come along to achieve a better trained dog, please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

On a sadder note we heard just prior to our September Open Show of the sad passing of Roger Watkins, a long standing member and supporter of the Club, who always attended our shows, more recently in a wheelchair. We held a minute's silence before judging. Our sincere condolences extend to his family. Roger's full obituary can be found inside.

My sincere thanks once again go to fellow officers and the committee, I have said before that a Club is only as good as its current committee and I still believe this. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Terry Evans whose help and expertise are invaluable.

2016 is going to be a great year, make sure you are with us to enjoy it.

Have fun with your Welshies.

Jan Rees (Chairperson) email: Castle_typica@hotmail.com



It's really encouraging to see so many turn out for our events and what a lovely sight to see so many Welshies together. We look forward to meeting new members in the coming year and, of course, your wonderful Welsh Springer Spaniels

Officers and Committee

Who's Who in the Club – 2015



WSSCSW Committee taken at WSSCSW Champ Show held at Chepstow on 29th March 2015.

Left to right: Ann Lyon, Karen Lancett, Hayley Johnston, Jan Janes (Secretary), Alison Evans, Kath Morgan (President), Debbie Roberts, Mary Evans, Rhun Evans, Annie Glover (Treasurer), Sue Evans, Lesley Breeze, Keith Masson
Committee members not in the photo: Jan Rees (Chair), Anita Shears

Patron: Mr Mansel Young *President:* Mrs Kath Morgan

Life Members:

Mr T Davies, Mr & Mrs M. Young, Dr A Christie, Mrs K Morgan, Mr & Mrs J Derrick, Mrs E A Jones

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UK Co-ordinator: Mrs H Riley

South Wales & Three counties Representative: Mrs K Lancett

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Secretary's Report

A Happy New Year to you all.

The end of a very busy year for the club and the prospect of an even busier one to come.

Despite the dreadfully poor summer and even worse autumn and winter we were blessed with excellent weather for all our outdoor events.

Our shows were again well attended and we thank you all for your continued support.

The Breed Promotion day in Fonmon was once again well attended with the scurry proving to be the highlight of the show. We have been invited back again this year and look forward to support from all members and enthusiasts.

The summer rally at Dingestow was another huge success where we welcomed several new members. An excellent walk on the Saturday was followed by a buffet and drinks well into the evening. The events on Sunday were streamlined from the previous year giving attendees more time to chat and relax.



In the autumn we held a training day at Parc Cwm Darren and with lunch provided it proved to be a very good day. The weather was exceptional and we all enjoyed the walk around the lake after lunch.

Our final event of the year was our Christmas walk with around forty dogs joining us on the glorious Gower coast with lunch at a local pub.

The committee would like to thank all our supporters for their time and effort and we look forward to seeing you all again this year.

Jan Janes (Secretary)
coedybrain.jan@hotmail.com



We were very pleased to have a new sponsor at our Open Show in September

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

Open Show	7th February	Drill Hall, Chepstow. David Everington (<i>Peakdale</i>)
Annual General Meeting	13th March	Ponthir Village Hall, Ponthir, Gwent
Championship Show	27th March	Chepstow Leisure Centre
		Dogs – Suzanne Backhouse (<i>Aindrea</i>)
		Bitches – Richard Morris (<i>Lascoed</i>)
Breed Promotion Day	30th May	Fonmon, Vale of Glamorgan
Summer Rally	16/17 July	Dingestow, Monmouth
Open Show	18th September	Drill Hall, Chepstow. Lesley Breeze (<i>Clynewood</i>)

*Dates for other events such as **Training Days, Working Days and Informal Walks** are yet to be confirmed – please regularly check our Website or Facebook page for up-to-date details.*



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Treasurer's Report

Profits and Improvements

As I sit here with a blank screen trying to think what to write and with lots of "useful" bits of paper around me to prompt some idea, the most obvious thing that comes to mind is that it takes a tremendous amount of teamwork to make a successful year happen overall, let alone financially. 2014 was a good year for the club, we made a profit of £769.12, which was an increase on the previous year. Explaining how we achieved that when it seems we are constantly hearing of falling entries and members can only be put down to the teamwork of both the committee members and also the membership themselves.

As I look at the numbers compared to the previous year I can see that membership is up, and hopefully that is a reflection of the number and variety of events that we have put on during the year, and the effort that is put into making the shows themselves welcoming, indeed profit from shows has increased. Also the profit from supplies is up, and Kath Morgan was key in achieving that by speaking to many of the members and identifying what they wanted to buy and sourcing it for them. There was also a profit on the fun day, which I know involved a lot of work for the committee but was a fantastic event and the support given by all those that attended made it a memorable day, and as a result of this membership support our donations have also increased this year.

As to the costs I have the same concern as last year in that costs are being absorbed and not passed on to us. Don't get me wrong, as Treasurer I am grateful, but I feel that we need to maintain the goodwill of all our Volunteers and by leaving them out of pocket we use up this goodwill very quickly. We also spent money for once on stationery, over the past few years this had been allowed to fall and had reached a point where we needed to spend a bit to make sure we had the appropriate materials to hand.

With regards to the profit we have already looked to buy more things to improve the club. We have bought an event shelter, in addition to the collapsible gazebo that we have, to help when we are running an outdoor event. We are also looking at new matting for the shows, as the Management Team continues to look for ways to maintain and improve the experience for the membership.

Annie Glover (Treasurer)

Membership Reminder

Can we please remind you that Annual Subscriptions are now due,

Single Member: **£4.00**

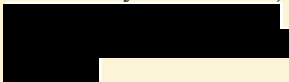
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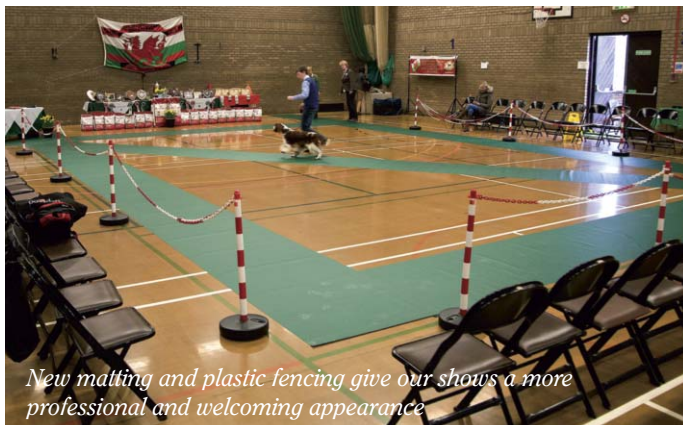
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If you have not already renewed your membership can you please send it to:

The Secretary: Mrs Jan Janes,



Never forget again! Subs can be paid via Direct Debit. You can download a form from the website or contact the Secretary.



New matting and plastic fencing give our shows a more professional and welcoming appearance

In The Field

Unfortunately we had to postpone our Spring Assessment Test due to lack of entries and were hoping to run it in the Autumn but this didn't happen either. The Club are hoping to arrange some new Gundog training days on a very informal basis to try and encourage new and old members to come and give it a go.

Gundog training is very rewarding, and even if you never intend to take your Welshie on an actual shoot you will have a better trained dog in the end. Training sessions are designed to be fun, under the expert eye of our chosen trainers, always ending the day on a positive note is the key.

We intend to hold our Test again this year, maybe holding it at our Summer Rally might entice more to take part, a couple of options are in the offing. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page where

sessions will be advertised accordingly.

Opposite you will find some tips on what to expect at an Assessment Test.

Good Luck and we hope we will see you on our training days.



Photo by Heidrun Humphries

One major field event which gave three of our members a very successful day out was at Harvington, Evesham. Ann Lyon writes a short report for us:

The Kennel Club All Aged Spaniel Stakes (Except Cocker Spaniel & English Springer)

Monday 7th December 2015, at Harvington Shoot, Evesham, Worcestershire by permission of Mr R & Mrs S Byrd

Judges: Mr S Bolton [2025] & Mr J Gallimore [2882]

The Harvington Shoot proved a wonderful venue with superb ground for spaniels to show their skills in woodland with good ground cover and a plentiful supply of game. The dogs were instantly finding scent, hunting purposefully and enthusiastically finding, flushing and retrieving pheasants.

The camaraderie was something special with a sporting and jovial atmosphere amongst the competitors and we were lucky with the weather, a dry sunny day for the 15 runners to enjoy (10 Clumber, 2 Sussex and 3 Welsh Springers). It was great to see all three breeds represented in the awards.

After the Field Trial was over the Show Gundog Working Certificate was held on a fresh area of ground with two of the entrants gaining their award.



Working Success Congratulations

Our congratulations go out to WSSCSW members Ann Lyons, Tina Smith and Gill Cooper who had some great results at the recent KC Field Trials held at Harvington Shoot, Evesham, Worcestershire.

Ann Lyon (centre) gained a Certificate of Merit (COM) which is a huge achievement in a Field Trial with Bushwacker Hotspot of Mymmsbrook and Tina Smith (left) and Gill Cooper (right) gained the Show Gundog Working Certificate (SGWC) with Isfryn Hocus Pocus JW and Fiergen City Limits respectively. Great work ladies we hope you continue with your success in 2016



Tips on trying a Working / Assessment Test

These tips apply to Minor Breed tests. For tests held under KC rules and Field Trials please refer to the KC Field Trial Regulations.

1. When you arrive keep your dog on the lead.
2. Introduce yourself to the organisers. You will be handed a number and a running order. Ask where you can exercise your dog. NEVER exercise your dog on any other ground than that indicated, as you may be on potential test ground.
3. When you know the exercise area, try to get your dog to toilet. If the organisers indicate that you can let your dog off briefly on the exercise area you may like to do a 'warm up routine' but only if you're absolutely sure that your dog is allowed off the lead and doesn't bolt.
4. In the Test you may run your dogs in pairs or singly but this will be made known to you.
5. Whilst waiting to take your turn in the Test you are part of what is known as the 'Gallery'. Once the test has started every participant needs to be following the test from beginning to end and staying behind the flag-carrying steward (if you need to return to your car for any reason, ask permission from the steward, who in turn will ask the judges before you leave the gallery). During this time your dog needs to be on the lead and wait quietly with the other competitors.
6. When your turn comes, the Steward will call you forward in order. Every exercise will be explained carefully to each competitor by the judges. If you don't understand, ask again. Your test will start once you take the lead off and finish when you're asked to put the lead on. In KC Working Tests you may be asked to put your dog's lead on early in an exercise when a dog has committed an eliminating fault (KC Field Trial Regulations booklet pages 21-22). This rarely happens in an Assessment Test.
7. At the end of the test, there may be a 'run-off': this is where two dogs on the same score may have to perform a short task to decide on the placing.
8. A Working Test with two or more classes usually takes the whole of the day, which may mean you're doing nothing for half of the day. However you shouldn't 'presume' a timetable as this may mean you'll miss a test, run-off or award.

Good Luck & have fun.



Putting on a good show again...

For several years club members, led by Mary Evans and her Welsh Springer Spaniels have provided the gundog display in the Heart of the Valleys Show – held in Pontardawe in aid of Heart Charities.

2015 was no exception and "Team Mary" went along to the show again, Mary explains "We had a great time providing the gundog display in Heart of the Valleys Show.

'We had three time-slots in the arena, my two, Deri and Catrin, were their usual, obedient selves.

'But the crowd pleaser and highlight of the day was our best hunter, Howley, who managed to hunt out a young lady's fish and chips at 50 metres!

'We also had a stand on the showground, where we encouraged children and their parents to meet a Welshie, and took time to talk to people about owning and caring for a dog.

'Huw Williams was a great new addition to the team with Gwen, Elin and Tal. He worked tirelessly with the youngsters, letting them sit up Tal, his puppy, at distance, giving the children a whistle then standing behind them as Tal came hurtling back towards them.

'Our whiteboard advertised tutorials for teaching people to walk their dogs on a lead correctly: I managed to help 5 people to sort their dogs out with a slip lead. "It was like magic!" said one.

'Wonderful to see Keith P, Chris RP and Gwennie looking so well, too".

Mary Evans - Retired Working Section Secretary

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This year we thought we would pay tribute to Coedybrain Eirianne (Ceri) as she approaches her 14th birthday.

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**Dam to Sh Ch Coedybrain Nelli,
Coedybrain Ryan and
Coedybrain Rebecca**

**Grand dam to Coedybrain
Menna, Morgan, Mali and Nia.**



Ceri relaxing in the best chair

Enquiries and visitors are always welcome.

Jan & Barrie Janes, [REDACTED]

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Presentations and Celebrations

President Kath Morgan had a busy time presenting the various annually awarded trophies at the club's Championship show in March.



A



B



C



D

Tregwyllym Points Trophy

A. The Tregwyllym Points Trophy is awarded annually to the Club member who has gained the most points with the same dog throughout the year. This year's winner is Brenda Frost's *Cochnaid Cartier Diamond* (Colin Troth is seen in the photo receiving the trophy).

Typica Breeders Trophy

C. The *Glenbrows* kennel of Tim and Honor Harrison won the Typica Breeders Trophy.

Wyesider Trophy

B. There were joint winners this year of the Wyesider Trophy, awarded to the Top Dog/Bitch born in Wales. Joint Winners - Tom & Jane Graham's *Sh Ch Svk Ch. Pennylock Rhys over Nyliram* and Gareth Evans' *Typica Red Kite*.

Silver Pheasant Working Trophy

D. The Silver Pheasant Working Trophy was presented to Paul & Julie Shawyer's *Menstonia Misty Dreams*.



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Fonmon Castle

Breed Promotion Day

2015 was the second time the Club had been invited to run a 'Promotion Stand' at this Charity Dog and Family day out, now firmly established in the calendar, with over 20 Welshies on display plus many guests during the day as well.

The day is huge fun for everyone, literally hundreds of dogs of every shape, breed and size attend with their families to a massive array of activities for them to enjoy. Our task this year was not only to man the breed promotion stand but to run the gundog scurry as well.

Our stand was established last year but we had added more information, pictures, gundog equipment, leaflets, plus give-a-way key rings etc. anything and everything to do with promoting the Welsh Springer breed. We had grooming sessions, ably done by Jan Janes, Debbie Roberts and Jan Rees and had some very scruffy Welshies lining up for a trim. Committee members were kept busy talking to all who were interested in every aspect of the breed, from showing to gundog work.

The highlight of the day was definitely the gundog scurry. We held a few practice sessions in the morning with the real competition starting at 1pm. We had amassed many prizes from member donations and a special thanks to CSJ Dog Food for donating bags of goodies for the winners. We closed the competition on just over 80 competitors in a highly entertaining event, which pulled in the crowds, all cheering on their dogs, (and not all gundogs) to retrieve either the dummy or ball or



whatever it took just to get them over the bales of hay in a record time. Prizes were given out at the prize-giving down to 10th place which pleased everyone. A special thanks goes out to our members who ran up and down the scurry all day encouraging and helping all the competitors.

If you haven't been to this family and dog event at Fonmon Castle, nestled in the beautiful Vale of Glamorgan, then definitely make this a date for this year, you will not be disappointed.

This year's show is on Bank Holiday Monday 30th May. Hope to see you there.

Jan Rees



Summer Rally and Dog Fun Day

The WSSCSW social get together and Dog Fun Day this year was held at:

The Bridge Caravan Park and Camping Site, Dingestow, Monmouth on Saturday 18th to Sunday 19th July 2015

It's the morning of the Summer Rally and as I wake up and look out it is misty and foggy and raining. Not to worry, best foot forward, and hope for the best. As I approach the venue some brave club members are trying to put up a gazebo. It's still raining and we have all put our wet weather gear on.

We carry on regardless battling against a nasty shower and then, as if by magic, the clouds roll by and out comes the sun. and once again we were blessed by a beautiful day. It seemed that in no time at all everything starts to come together and it begins to look as though something exciting is going to happen.

The ladies in the one tent are busy getting to grips with the kettles so we can all have a much needed cup of tea, by this time the barbecue is lit and the smell of bacon cooking wafts up into the air tantalising our taste buds.

Eventually everyone starts to arrive and after settling the dogs and making themselves comfortable they follow the delicious smells and queue up for bacon rolls and a cup of tea and maybe a cake from the wonderful display in the tea tent.

My job on the day is to do some 'Secret Judging' and find my 'Dog of the Day' This is no mean feat as all the dogs are funny and entertaining. I have all day to choose so I look and watch.

We have a dog match to begin with, and then



some novelty classes, Our Judge for the day is Mr Paul Jones, who does a wonderful job and really enjoys himself.

When this is all completed and the prizes and rosettes given out it is time for afternoon tea, By this time I have chosen my dog, a young male Welshie called Alfie with his young handler Hollic (in the centre photo). They made a very good team and both of them fully enjoyed the day.



All too soon another Summer Rally comes to an end and everyone is packing up and preparing for their journey home.

I hope to see you all again next year, but for now I would like to say a very big Well Done to Alfie and Hollic

It was a great weekend and if they will have us back next year, we will definitely do it all again!

by Kath Morgan (President)





Today's Judge

An enjoyable day was spent judging the WSSCSW Summer Fun Day show at Dingestow.

The weather was particularly good with sunshine all day.

I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge and also thank them for their first class hospitality.

I had some very nice dogs to judge, their owners were particularly friendly and also showed their appreciation of their placings.

Paul Jones (Tonmawr)

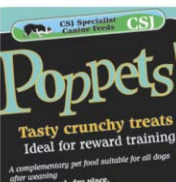
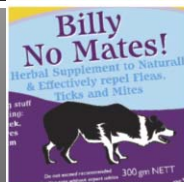
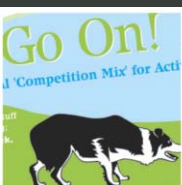
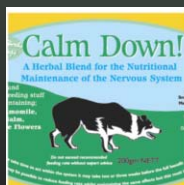
The photos show that everyone had a great day out and enjoyed taking part in all activities on offer - we had a mass dog walk in the beautiful surrounding countryside, grooming demos, scurry competition, hurdles race, egg and spoon race and best six legs - there's many more photos on our website which we're sure will convince you to come along to this year's rally.





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OPEN SHOW

The Drill Hall, Lower Church Street, Chepstow. NP16 5HJ

Sunday 8th February 2015

Judge: Mrs. Christine Schofield (Cwsscwn)

BEST IN SHOW - Douglas's: **Ferndel Justin Time** (*second left*)

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW & BOS - Leary's: **Menstonia Minty of Haslemount JW** (*left*)

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW - Graham's: **Nyliram Miss Joules** (*second right*)

BEST VETERAN - Knowles's: **Menstonia Memories Past** (*right*)

Best in Show Lineup



Judge's Comments

I was very pleased and honoured to judge at this friendly, well run breed club show and sincerely thank the club for the opportunity. I also want to thank the exhibitors for bringing such quality dogs under me and was surprised how few absentees there were.

Christine Schofield



Best Dog Line-Up

BEST DOG (*Centre*) – Douglas's: **Ferndel Justin Time**

RESERVE BEST DOG (*Left*) – Tew's: **Parnick's Dazzling Boy JW**

BEST PUPPY DOG (*Right*) – Reynolds's: **Kamunting Castaway to Benoveor**



Best Bitch Line-Up

BEST BITCH (*Centre*) – Leary's: **Menstonia Minty of Haslemount**

RESERVE BEST BITCH (*Left*) – Sutherland's: **Ch Julita Rezanella of Jacranella**

BEST PUPPY BITCH (*Right*) – Graham's: **Nyliram Miss Joules**

Full list of results and the Judge's critique can be seen on the club's website at www.wsscsw.co.uk

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Chepstow Leisure Centre, Chepstow, Gwent

Sunday 29th MARCH 2015

JUDGES: DOGS: John Thirlwell (Ferndel) BITCHES: Barbara Attwood (Kylowen)

REFEREE: - Alwyn Buchanan (Trealvi)

BEST IN SHOW - Barkley's **Sh Ch Cherryheath's Mr Mischief JW Sh CM**

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW - Pick's **Llon Lili Bengam**

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW - Graham's **Nyrlam Miss Joules**

BEST VETERAN IN SHOW - Ritchie's **Sh Ch Hillrobin Galaxy At Slapestones JW**

Best in Show Lineup



Judges' Comments – We would like to thank the Club for a lovely day and especially steward Bill Molton for his hard work, also the exhibitors for their support, all the dogs were presented in superb condition.



Best Dog Line-Up

BEST DOG – Barkley's : **Sh Ch Cherryheath's Mr Mischief JW Sh CM** (*centre*)

RESERVE BEST DOG – McGrath's: **Sh Ch Taimeres Tomfoolery** (*left*)

BEST PUPPY DOG – Reynolds': **Kamunting Castaway to Benoveor** (*right*)



Best Bitch Line-Up

BEST BITCH – Pick's: **Llon Lili Bengam** (*centre*)

RESERVE BEST BITCH – Reynolds': **Slapestones Hepburn for Benoveor** (*left*)

BEST PUPPY BITCH – Graham's: **Nyrlam Miss Joules** (*right*)



ON A COLD but sunny spring morning nearly 150 Welsh Springer Spaniels and their owners descended on Chepstow Leisure Centre for the South Wales Club's Championship show.

Mr John Thirlwell judged the Dog section in the morning session. He had 62 dogs across 16 classes to appear before him. While Barbara Atwood judged the Bitch section, in the afternoon, with 87 entries across 16 classes.

The high quality of the dogs presented made the judges' work difficult but very enjoyable. The club is very grateful to them for their expertise and fair play - and thanks also to Mr Bill Molton whose stewardship kept proceedings running smoothly. A special thanks goes out to all those members who helped make it a successful day. The photos here by photographer Terry Evans show what a busy day it was.

Full list of results, the Judges' critiques and many more photos can be seen on the club's website.
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OPEN SHOW

The Drill Hall, Lower Church Street, Chepstow, NP16 5HJ

Sunday 20th September 2015

JUDGE: Mrs Pam Blay (Stableheim)

BEST IN SHOW – Harrison's **Glenbrows Trademark JW**

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW & BOS – Leary's **Menstonia Minty of Haslemount JW**

BEST PUPPY - Graham's **Taimere's Twister Round Nyliram**

BEST VETERAN – Harrison's **Sh Ch Glenbrows Picture This JW ShCM** (*right*)

Best in Show Lineup



Judge's Comments

It is certainly a lovely experience to go to a club show and see such a lovely atmosphere – I was made really welcome with a fantastic committee giving value for money with a lovely decorated hall, excellent food and a warm welcome for exhibitors and visitors.

Pam Blay



Best Dog Line-Up

BEST DOG – Glenbrows Trademark JW (*centre*)

RESERVE BEST DOG – Sh Ch Glenbrows Picture This JW ShCM (*left*)

BEST PUPPY DOG – Graham's: Taimere's Twister Round Nyliram (*right*)



Best Bitch Line-Up

BEST BITCH – Menstonia Minty of Haslemount JW

RESERVE BEST BITCH – Reynolds': Slapstones Hepburn for Benoveor (*left*)

BEST PUPPY BITCH – Thomas': Bowdonia Seraphina (*right*)

Full list of results and the Judges' critiques can be seen on the club's website at www.wsscsw.co.uk



SPECIAL AWARDS

The WSSCSW schedule special classes at our shows to encourage and help develop up and coming judges. If you have already judged the breed and are already on a club C list and would like to be considered to judge these classes at a future show can you please contact the Secretary.



AT OUR OPEN SHOW IN FEBRUARY, Mrs Alison Evans (*Nantlle*) judged three Special Award classes in which there were 16 entries. Keith Masson acted as steward for these classes. The photo above shows the class winners: (*Left to Right*).
SPECIAL POST GRADUATE: Pick's; Llon Lili Bengam;
LEN MORGAN MEMORIAL OPEN STAKES: Pick's; Llon Alis;
SPECIAL JUNIOR: Lancett's; Coedybrain Nia at Cwmbeili.



AT OUR OPEN SHOW IN SEPTEMBER, Miss Zoe Jackson (*Ardinia*) judged three Special Award classes in which there were 11 entries. The photo above shows the class winners: (*Left to Right*).
LEN MORGAN MEMORIAL OPEN STAKES: Lewin's: Sh Ch Ferndel Voyage to Vynesbrook JW ShCM;
SPECIAL POST GRADUATE: Revill's: Julita Rokahlua;
SPECIAL JUNIOR: Reynold's: Kamunting Cast Away to Benoveor.



WSSCSW Merchandise



We had some fabulous new mugs this year – have you got yours yet?



If you come along to one of our shows make sure to check out the Club Shop organised by our President Mrs Kath Morgan. There's plenty of desirable products for sale with the club logo or other Welsh Springer images – these include:

- Sweatshirts ■ Polo & T-Shirts ■ Jackets
- Bags ■ Hats ■ Gilets ■ Mugs ■ Pens
- Coasters ■ Cards ■ Badges ■ Books

Kath always has some new items available and very often if she has not got the item in your size or colour she is able to order it – just ask her.

From Puppy to Champion

*Sh Ch Menstonia
Minty of Haslemount
JW*

(a.k.a. Ffion)

Owned by: Mrs Hazel Leary

Bred by: Mrs Christine Knowles

Born: 3rd December 2012

The top photo shows Ffion at 8 weeks with her littermate *Menstonia Marksman*, she is on the right, but don't be fooled by her angelic expression!, she is known as 'Miss Attitude' at home.

She thinks 'all of the rules' only apply to the other dogs and not to her, she struts around like she is 'Miss Crosby'.

Her pet name is Ffion. She is an outrageous flirt at shows, causing untold distraction amongst the young male dogs.

Ffion gained her first C.C. aged 2 years 10 months, at WKC in August 2015 under Mr Frank Kane, the next two were awarded at club shows, under Mr Martin Greenwood in September, and then her qualifying third under Mrs Pam Tew in October.

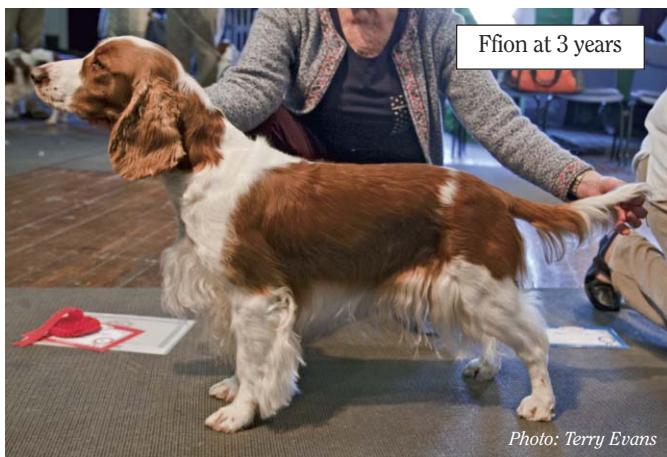
Christine Knowles (her breeder) and I are very proud of her achievements in the ring, and for the breed in general, and we thank everyone who felt she was worthy of these awards. To date she has been awarded 6 CCs, 5 Res CCs, and 1 BOB, where she was also shortlisted for the group.



Ffion (right) at 8 weeks



Ffion at 9 months



Ffion at 3 years

Photo: Terry Evans



Lili at 6 weeks

From Puppy to Champion

*Sh Ch Llon Lili
Bengam
(a.k.a. Lili)*

Sire: INT./LUX./BEL./NL.CH.
ISLANZA OH BOY

Dam: LLOAN ARWENNA.

Owned and bred by Stephen Pick

Born 29th April 2013

Choosing a puppy is often an agonising, difficult decision. I always photograph my litters at 6 weeks and then make the decision on which one(s) to keep. I think it is important to keep to the same timeline because all puppies will go through the ugly duckling stage. Stick with your decision and hope that the ugly duckling becomes a beautiful swan!

The decision with this litter was made more difficult because the puppies are the product of an outcross mating where the outcome is less predictable. Lili and her brother, *Llon Ddraig Goch*, were chosen by me and I have never regretted this decision.



Lili at 16 months



Lili at 2.5 years

Lili matured earlier than most of my dogs and this is reflected in her show record as she gained her title shortly after her 2nd birthday.

2015 really was her year...

RCC at CRUFTS under Mrs H. Leary

Then at her next four shows she was awarded 3 CCs!

CC and RBIS – WSSCSW
Mrs B. Attwood and Mr J. Thirlwell
CC – East of England
Mrs M. Bunce

CC – Bournemouth
Ms F. Barnes

Her 4th CC came at SWKA under Mr W Bunce.



Benoveor

Welsh Springer Spaniels


Kamunting Cast Away To Benoveor JW

Wilson is a joy to live with & own. He had a 'flying start' to his show career gaining his Junior Warrant with ease. Winning 18 championship show 1sts with several Best of Breed, Best Puppy in Breed awards and numerous puppy group placings at Open Shows too. We look forward to the challenge of campaigning him further in 2016.



*WSSCSW Open Show February 2015 – Best Opposite Puppy in Show
WSSCSW Championship Show March 2015 – Best Opposite Puppy in Show
Cornwall Gundog Club April 2015 – Reserve Best Puppy in Show*

Lovingly owned by Vicky & Jan Reynolds


Website ~ www.benoveor.co.uk





Informal Dog Walks

We had fantastic response for some of our informal dog walks. We simply announce on the website and on Facebook that we are going to meet up at a suitable location and off we go for an easy walk with our 'pack' of Welshies.

We often let the dogs off their leads and just let them race around enjoying themselves free from the constraints of the showing or working training ground. It's a great opportunity for both the dogs and their owners to socialise and it's a more relaxed atmosphere for new members to join us.

If you are interested in joining us, watch the website for announcements - or "Like" our page on Facebook to receive automatic updates on your Facebook timeline (search for *Welsh Springer Spaniel CSW*). There are also loads more photos of these events on our website - go and see if you can spot yourself.

Dingestow >

After a hard day setting up camp for our Summer Rally it was such a lovely evening that most of the happy campers decided to take off for a walk in the lovely countryside around Dingestow.

We climbed up through the local woodland and fields of long grass up to the 17th Century Manor House of Treowen which was a new discovery for most of us - and well worth a visit again next year.



< Parc Cwm Darren

This Autumn gathering was a successful event last year so we decided to do it all again and boy, were we fortunate with the weather. It turned out to be the hottest November day on record - the car thermometer read 20° at one point - and in such a lovely location with all the autumn colours reflecting in the lake.

As a result we had a great turn out of over 30 dogs. There were several new faces, many of whom were keen to become members of the club.

The whole day was kept very informal with a bit of basic training, an introduction to ring-craft and a demonstration of field training. After a lunch break of hot soup and crusty bread everyone set off for a mass dog walk through the colourful woods and around the lakes. All the dogs thoroughly enjoyed themselves playing together and diving into the streams.



Christmas Gathering and Beach Walk ^

Again this year we had our Christmas get together and dog walk at Oxwich Bay, The Gower, Swansea.

And what a fantastic turn out it was - there were approximately 36 dogs and the same number of humans - we all met up at the Oxwich Bay Hotel, walked along the beach to Three Cliffs and back (although not too many did the full distance because they were too busy chatting and throwing balls for the dogs) - and afterwards we had a pub meal at the Gower Inn in Parkmill.

Apart from dog shows this must have been a record for the number of Welshies meeting up for a mass walk - let's see if we can better it next year.



The Search for the First Welsh Springer

During the summer I decided to search on my laptop for yet a another nice Welshie print, to fill a gap on my living room wall. I typed in "Welsh Springer Spaniel picture" and was surprised when the first result that came up was "Corwyn, Champion Welsh Springer Spaniel – BBC". This was an item on the BBC "Your Paintings" website.

Intrigued by this Ch Corwyn, a dog name I did not recognise, I logged on to the site, to see a oil painting very similar to the famous photo of Ch Corrin, the first recognised Welsh Springer bred by Col. Blandy Jenkins of the Llanharan Welsh Springers in 1893, and owned by Mr A.T. Williams, a solicitor living in Briton Ferry, near Neath, who was instrumental in getting the Welshie recognised as a distinct breed by the Kennel Club in 1902.

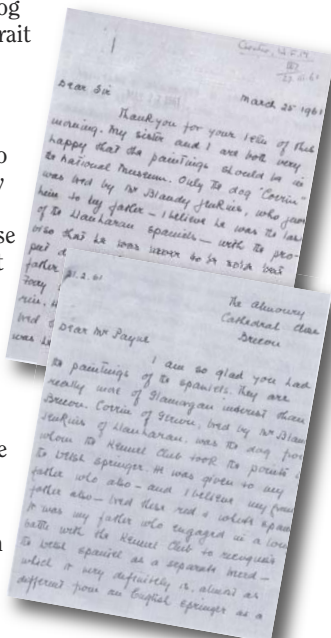
To date the only illustration known of this very important dog is a rather poor photograph of him in profile. The original painting was recorded as being at the National Museum Wales, St Fagans National History Museum near Cardiff – about 20 miles from my home. The painting was by an artist from North Wales – Rose Dempster Bonnor (1875 – 1967). Miss Bonnor painted in the early part of the 20th century and was known mainly for her portraits of notable local dignitaries of that time. The painting was donated to the Museum in the 1960s by Miss Vera Williams, a daughter of A.T. Williams. The website showed another dog portrait donated at the same time by Miss Williams – one titled "Portrait of a Dog Sitting (Welsh Springer Spaniel 'Rover of Gerwyn')". What a bonus! Rover, also a champion, was a son of Corrin!

I decided to contact the museum to find out if I could view the paintings. After a delay in finding the relevant staff member, due to so many people being on summer leave, I eventually spoke to somebody who was able to arrange an appointment for me to view these paintings. Our Chairperson, Jan Rees, was also very keen to view these paintings, so we both went to the museum, filled with anticipation at seeing these important paintings. When we eventually located the right department, the staff couldn't have been more helpful to these mad dog women! We were shown into an office with two paintings, covered in protective paper, propped against the wall. When the wrapping was removed we were both absolutely spellbound by two incredible oil paintings! They were both bigger than we anticipated. But for me, and I think also for Jan – the significance and importance of these paintings to Welsh Springer enthusiasts was immense!

I think that the painting of Corrin was done from the well-known photo. The pose of the dog was very similar, with slight differences in the position of the legs and in the background – artistic license perhaps! The painting of 'Rover' probably impressed me more. I was sure that this was a portrait of a living dog. Look at the paintings and make up your own minds! I guess that A.T. Williams commissioned the artist to paint the two portraits after Corrin died, but while his son, Rover, was still alive.



Molly Simmons with the painting of 'Rover of Gerwyn'



The original letters from Vera Williams when she donated the paintings to the Museum of Wales in 1960



The museum staff brought us photocopies of the letters from Vera Williams referring to her donations to the museum in the 1960s. She was fully aware of the importance of these paintings to the dog world, though the museum staff probably weren't, until Jan and I came to view the paintings with such enthusiasm, much to the staff's bemusement!

I made arrangements with the sales department of the museum for high-quality prints of the paintings to be made available to anyone who was interested, via their website (I bought a couple of prints of paintings of local scenes, and they are beautiful.) Sadly, they discovered that the paintings were still in copyright to the artist's estate, as she died less than 50 years ago. They promised to investigate further, but to date I have heard nothing from them. I will let fellow enthusiasts know if permission to copy is given, via the Club's website.


We were told that the painting of Corrin will now go on general display in the Museum – perhaps I can persuade them to put the painting of Rover next to that of his father. Both are really worth seeing if you are ever in South Wales.

(NB: The paintings are not in the "main" museum in the centre of Cardiff, but in what used to be known as the Folk Museum in the village of St Fagan's on the outskirts of Cardiff.)

by Molly Simmons



Jan Rees with the painting of Ch Corrin, the first recognised Welsh Springer Spaniel bred by Col. Blandy Jenkins of Llanharan in 1893



BOWDONIA

Sh.Ch. Bowdonia Sweet Dreams JW

Sire: Sh.Ch. Ferndel Storyteller for Glenbrows JW Sh.CM

Dam: Cleavehill Llyn Brianne

d.o.b. 4/12/08

After a long break Izzie returned to the showing in her very first veteran class and delighted me by winning not only the bitch C.C. but Best of Breed as well, under Judge Frank Whyte. This was her 8th C.C.

Izzie has produced two lovely litters with many pups doing well for their owners. Thanks to all judges who have thought so highly of them all.

Mandy Thomas (*BOWDONIA Welsh Springers*)

The Multi-purpose Welsh Springer Spaniel

November 21st 2009 will be remembered as a special day in our house; it was the day that the first litter sired by our special Sh Ch Glenbrows Picture This JW Sh CM was born.

It was an excellent litter, three went on to win their Junior Warrants, two continued to reach the stars, our duo Sh Ch Tribute JW and Sh Ch Timelord JW.

Many of you will know these two by their show careers, but to us who love and live with them, they are Amy & Theo. This story concentrates on Theo.

Theo was the littlest puppy in the litter who grew into the amazing dog he is today. His show record is well known, one of the few dogs that was awarded Best of Breed at Crufts, not once but twice, 2012 handled by Honor under Mrs C Knowles and 2013 shown by me under Mrs K Gorman, memories that we will never forget.

However, his true work and lasting legacy has started this year in the capable hands of our very good friends Rick & Melba Dowding who Theo has

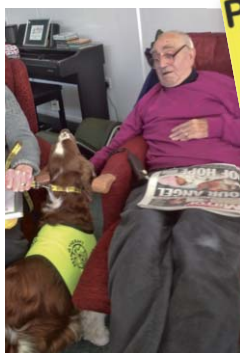


Photo Alan V Walker

known all his life. A well-known “celebrity” in the local pub with Rick, after all he has had television appearances, Theo enjoys a pint or two on a regular basis (apparently Rick says Theo turns into the pub of his own accord when out walking, so he has to follow him in...).

But it is his work as a Pets as Therapy dog in a local hospice with Melba which shows the value of our wonderful breed. Theo completed his PAT





Pets As Therapy is a humanitarian charity founded in 1983, it is the largest organisation of its kind in Europe enhancing thousands of lives every single day. PAT's inspiring and dedicated volunteers share their time and their wonderful pets with people in need.

training in record time and accompanies his 13 year old gt-gt-gt grandmother, Glenbrows Paper Angel (Alice) on a regular basis. His wins in the show ring resulted in many tears of pride and happiness, but the smiles on the faces of the people he brings comfort to makes us all even prouder of our boy.

We all need special friends in our lives, and Theo is a special friend to many. A true Champion in every sense of the word.

***By Tim Harrison,**
(Glenbrows Welsh Springer Spaniels)*

Thousands of people of all ages benefit every week from the visits provided by PAT Volunteers who visit residential homes, hospitals, hospices, schools, day care centres and prisons. Volunteers with just a small amount of spare time each week work with their own pets, to bring joy, comfort and companionship to many individuals who appreciate being able to touch and stroke a friendly animal.

If you think you and your Welshie would suit this role we'd advise you to go check out the information on the **petsastherapy.org** website – and if you do go down this path, please let us have your story.



Lifelong Companion still Helps with Fund Raising

Hello everyone – my name is Meryl and I am the proud owner of a Welsh Springer named Sion. He has been my constant companion for the past nine years and is without doubt the most loving and loyal dog it has been my privilege to own.

Now in his golden years (he is nearly fourteen) he is helping me with my fund raising for Guide Dogs for the Blind. He is a friend to Guide Dogs and has helped out with several ventures including a sponsored walk, where he mingled with various guide dogs. They were all let off their leads for a while and although Sion could not quite keep up with them he enjoyed himself.

We have done several collections but my favourite was in the lobby of Waitrose where Sion lay right in the middle commanding a lot of attention and definitely helped with donations. He was wearing his little blue and white Guide Dog jacket so everyone was aware of his status, Sion loves everybody and everybody loves him.



Breeding a litter by A.I. from Overseas Stud Dogs

I have often been asked about my experience of using AI from overseas dogs. Ann and I decided to use foreign dogs with mainly old British lines to try and get our type back. Health was a major consideration and of course to try and extend the gene pool. We realise that we cannot do this on our own due to age but feel if we can help the future of the breed then it is worth it.

Our criteria for finding a male were Health, Temperament and Breed Type. The internet is a valuable tool in searching for a suitable mate, searching pedigrees, check out parents, siblings and progeny plus all the relevant health checks that have been undertaken i.e. Hips, Elbows Eyes, Heart, and Thyroid. Also of course the many photographs available on line help this process along.

On contacting the stud dog owner, obviously enquiring as to all the details, including stud fee as some will want a fee, plus a fee for every pup, others will want a fee only with frozen semen because of the risk there is generally no repeat semen if unsuccessful with the breeding. If you are happy with all the terms laid down by the owner you may have to sign a stud contract, often being asked to have the offspring health tested and the stud dog owner kept informed of the puppies' progress.

The next stage is finding an AI Reproduction Clinic. I would recommend a clinic/vet that has a good reputation and a good success rate, also a must as far as I am concerned is the person doing the insemination to be a vet as with frozen semen this should be trans-cervical insemination not vaginal.

Once that is in place you will need to set up an account with Fedex to transport the semen and find out all the regulations from DEFRA for the import of canine semen to the UK. You can download an

import licence from their website.

Once advised the stud dog owner will have the semen collected and supply a health certificate and their vet will hire the container for transportation. You are normally responsible for the following by credit card before this process starts, and will be charged as it becomes payable for:-

- The Stud fee and transport, possibly any vaccinations /medical certificates required.
- Collection by a Vet in that Country.
- All paperwork for the export of semen.
- Health Certificate.
- Transfer of Ownership of semen.
- Hire of container – (when you hire a container to transport frozen semen you have to pay the full amount and on return of the container, on time and undamaged, you will be refunded an amount on your credit card. The cost of return is normally charged by Fedex at the start).
- Air fare.



When the container has cleared customs, the semen will be delivered to your chosen clinic where it will be stored for you.

Once your bitch is in season, you should inform the clinic as you will need progesterone tests, reporting the test findings to the clinic who will then advise you when or if more tests are needed. Your



bitch should have ovulated approximately three days before the insemination. This is to ensure that the bitches eggs are ready and then a trans-cervical insemination will be done. This is due to the fact that the frozen semen only has a short life span and has not got the time to swim from the vaginal canal to the cervix before dying.



The timing is all important as the success rate is approximately 64%.

We have just whelped our second litter by AI from an American dog, producing lovely strong healthy pups to hopefully go on and further the future health and well-being of the Welsh springer spaniel.

We hope these shared experiences will help other breeders who might like to take this particular route with their own breeding programmes.

Nigel & Anne Worth
(*Sarabande Welsh Springers*)

Bridge Caravan Park & Camping Site



A beautiful Caravan Park set in the heart of the Vale of Usk and Wye Valley, in the small village of Dingestow (midway between Monmouth and Raglan).

Choose to spend your time simply relaxing in the quiet surroundings or take advantage of the many activities available in the area. Whichever you choose you can be sure of being welcome and comfortable during your stay. Dogs are always welcome too, with great dog walking country all round.

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Cwmbeili



Sadly we lost Bronwen (Highmere Martha) last year, at the age of 14, and she is sorely missed.

Hoping for puppies in 2016

Nia 07/09/14 – Coedybrain Nia at Cwmbeili – (above) continuing to enjoy both the show-ring and working activities.

Proudly owned and loved by Mrs Karen Lancett.

The Joint Health Group is made up of two delegates from each of the four Welsh Springer Spaniel Clubs: The Welsh Springer Spaniel Club, Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of South Wales, South Eastern Welsh Springer Spaniel Club and the North of England Welsh Springer Spaniel Club and has an independent Chairman. It meets 2 – 3 times annually to discuss and monitor any health matters within the breed and delegates report back to their respective committees. Health Reports and updates are published in Newsletters, Year Books and on respective websites.

JOINT HEALTH GROUP REPORT

The JHG met three times during the year, February, June and November

GLAUCOMA

As reported in our last year's Newsletter the ongoing research undertaken by James Oliver and Cathryn Mellersh at the Animal Health Trust (AHT) required further funding to proceed. Funding had already been secured from The Kennel Club, Dogs Trust, AHT and American Kennel Club. An invitation was made to the four Welsh Springer Spaniel Breed Club's in the UK to contribute to this research and help combat this painful and blinding disease.

The JHG are delighted to report that the £6,000 needed has been secured with the bulk of the donation (£5,000) coming from the WSSC, with the WSSCSW, SEWSSC and NEWSSC meeting the rest together with proceeds from the Fitting Seminar held last December and organised by the JHG as well. A huge 'Thank You' to all who supported this. The JHG is indebted to all Club members who supported this extremely valuable research. A Thank You letter has also been received from the AHT.

During this Study to date 'James has examined 227 Welsh Springer spaniels for this abnormality, 65 of these dogs were being examined for a second time after previously being found to be free from goniodysgenesis by Beverley Cottrell. Prevalence of goniodysgenesis in the 227 dogs was 36% and 53% of the 65 dogs examined a second time showed progression of goniodysgenesis. An assessment of possible variability between James and Beverley was performed in 49 dogs and showed a 96% agreement between the examiners.

DNA has been collected from all dogs examined. James has compared the DNA of 92 Welsh Springers. These comprised 24 with normal eyes, 40 with goniodysgenesis and 28 with primary glaucoma. Initial examinations did not reveal any statistically significant differences between the DNA of dogs with normal eyes and those with goniodysgenesis and/or primary glaucoma. However, when we combined the results of this study with those of a similar study in the Flatcoated Retrievers, we found a significant difference in the DNA on a single chromosome. We are now investigating the region of this chromosome in detail for mutations which might be associated with primary glaucoma' reports the AHT.

The JHG found it very encouraging that both Beverley Cottrell and James Oliver came to the same result. Out of 49 dogs examined at a WSS Day held at the AHT in the autumn only two were different and they were found to be both borderline.

One dog has been reported as having developed glaucoma during the year:

ANDREA ELECTRA KING OF LLAWKRIG

HIP DYSPLASIA

The Joint Health Group strongly encourage all owners who have had their dogs' hips x-rayed, with a view to scoring, should submit all plates to the BVA for official results, regardless of the potential outcome for the overall benefit of the breed.

FITTING

Two dogs have been reported as fitting, confirmation has been received from the owners and their Veterinary Surgeons in all cases:

HELGEN SOMERSET (Glenbrows Manifesto x Highclare Electra at Helgen)

JUBILEE BLUEBELL (Trannon Ifan x Spring Bluebell)

SEMINAR ON FITTING.

This Seminar, held last December, was very well received. Laurent Garossi was a superb speaker and everyone who attended enjoyed the day. All feedback has been extremely positive. A profit on the day was made of £238 which was donated to the Glaucoma Study.

The JHG would like to state that they were disappointed that more 'established' breeders did not attend.



KENNEL CLUB HEALTH SURVEY

The KC Health Co-ordinator had sent an email to Julie Revill (JHG Secretary) in her capacity as Breed Health Co-ordinator. The JHG felt that this should be passed on in full:-

"Firstly, I would like to thank you for all your efforts in promoting the 2014 Pedigree Breed Health Survey (PBHS) amongst your respective breeds.

I am pleased to say that the PBHS got over 36,000 responses, representing over 47,000 live dogs across 207 breeds and over 9,500 dogs that have passed away since 2004. In the 2004 survey 13,773 forms were returned of which 13,741 were useable and represented 36,006 live dogs and 15,881 deaths. For further details on your own breeds, please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have not done so already".

Data Analysis & Beyond.

"I have begun the cleaning process of the data to ensure that there are no duplicates and that those the survey completed are Kennel Club registered dogs. Once this is done I will start the data analysis and report writing, which will be carried out in alphabetical order by breed.

With this large amount of data I am sure you can understand that the reports will take some time to be produced. Each breed will be made freely and publically available on the KC website health section once completed. I am hoping to have all breeds reports available online by late spring 2016, before then I will be sending you regular updates for general statistics gleaned across breeds"

A report was sent to the Breed Health Co-Ordinator from the Kennel Club regarding genetic analysis of their records for our Breed (WSS) which was circulated to the Delegates of the JHG, this culminated in the following comment from the Kennel Club:-

"As with most breeds, the rate of inbreeding was at its highest in this breed in the 1980s and 1990s. Since the mid 1990s the rate of inbreeding has decreased implying a slowdown in the rate of loss of genetic diversity (possibly through the use of imported animals) However, it appears genetic variation continues to be steadily lost from the population.

There appears to be extensive use of popular dogs as sires in this breed.

It should be noted that, while animals imported from overseas may appear completely unrelated, this is not always the case. Often the pedigree available to the Kennel Club is limited in the number of generations, hampering the ability to detect true, albeit distant, relationships"

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The updated Terms of Reference for the WSS Joint Health Group has been agreed and will be published in due course.

NEW CHAIRMAN

The JHG are delighted to announce that they have found a new Chairman who will be attending his first meeting in 2016:-

Dr.David Shearer BVetMed CertSAD PhD CBiol MRSB MRCVS. His qualifications are expanded below:-

B.VetMed (1984) MRCVS (1984) Certificate of Small Animal Dermatology (CertSAD) (1990)
PhD (1995) CBiol MRSB (Royal Society of Biology (1980) RCVS Advanced Practitioner in Small Animal Dermatology (2015) .

Dr.Shearer was working at the Animal Health Trust until recently. He does in fact own a Welsh Springer Spaniel has had the breed for many years and this is his third. They are always just his pets, he had no interest in Showing or Breeding them.

The JHG are looking forward to his first meeting and will make him most welcome.

DONATIONS

The JHG would be delighted to receive donations toward furthering the health of the breed. These can be made at any time to the Treasurer: Anne Morgan, Park House Farm, Bradbourne, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 1PD.

WSSCSW Delegates, Jan Rees and Jan Janes.

CHERRYHEATH

WELSH SPRINGER SPANIELS



**Sh Ch Cherryheath's
Mr Mischief JW ShCM
(Brynn) - 4 CC and 7 RCC**
Available at stud to approved bitches



**Cherryheath's
Miss Chief JW (Ceri)**



**Cherryheath's
Miss Velocity (Braith)**

FIT FOR FUNCTION

What a super 2015: Brynn won club BISs in January (SEWSSC), February (WSSC), March (WSSCSW Ch) & May (SEWSSC) and ended the year with a BIS in December (Wealdstone & Northolt).

I was also delighted when Ceri won the WSSC's Autumn Working Assessment Open Class together with being awarded Best Hunter. Like mother, like son, Brynn also did well with a 4th in the Novice Test.

New kid on the block Braith has started well with 4xBP, PGp2, PGp3 & BPB at GBAS.

Bred, owned, shown & worked by Sharon Barkley

Cherryheath1@aol.com

PAMICKS



Pamicks Believe You Can JW

(aka Barney)

Hip score 6/2 and eyes tested unaffected

Barney has had a very successful year gaining his JW

Thank you to all of the judges that have placed Barney over the year.

Mick & Pam Tew ~ www.pamicks.co.uk



Mr Roger Watkins

A Great Supporter of the Club

It is with a very sad heart I had to report the passing of my father Roger Watkins on September 9th 2015.

He had showed and judged dogs for over 50 years under the *Criban* prefix starting off with Labradors then introducing Border Terriers and Welsh Springer Spaniels in which he awarded CCs.

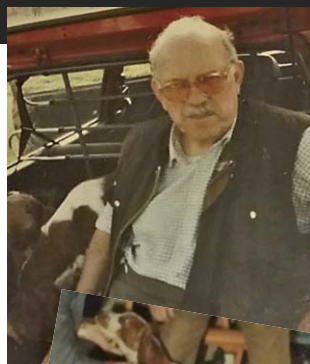
He rehomed two WSS bitches in the late 60s, *Rosebud Fair* bred by Jenny Fraser and *Llynysfaddan Lady Jane* bred by Bob East. These two were later joined by *Criban Gilly Bach* bred by Vi Buchanan.

Gilly was mated to *Sh Ch Progress of Pencelli* and Dad kept the only bitch, *C Cariad Fach*, who gained her stud book number and had a good show career in all types of shows. He later kept two of Cariad's progeny until in 1990 he bought in a new bitch, *Beaconside Arianwen* with whom he had great fun in showing, getting placed twice at Crufts. Sadly Dad's arthritis started to get worse and he couldn't show his dogs anymore but he still attended all the shows he could as my driver and critic.

I was showing Labradors then and much to my Dad's delight in March 2015 we purchased a WSS bitch puppy, unfortunately he only got to see her show once at WKC where she was rather full of herself let's say.

He was a great supporter of the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of South Wales and enjoyed all their shows and always came home with stories of how well he had been looked after for the day something that meant a lot to him. Some of his last words in hospital were "I hope I'll be better to go to the club show a week Sun (Sept 2015)" Sadly it wasn't to be but you were still on his mind to the end.

Sue Tovey



Beaconside Arianwen



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