

# ENGLISH SETTER SOCIETY OF WALES

Patron:



President:  
Mr R. E. Evans

## SCHEDULE OF 20 CLASS UNBENCHD BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Held under Kennel Club Limited Rules & Show Regulations

at **The Shrewsbury Sports Village, Sundorne Road,  
Shrewsbury SY1 4RQ**

on **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2023**

Show Opens: 09:00 a.m. Judging: Pat & Pete Mellish Memorial Stakes 10.00 a.m.  
Dogs & Bitches to follow, not before 11.00 a.m

**JUDGES:** DOGS: MRS C MORGAN (Cwsscwn)  
BITCHES: MR S. PITTS (Wandsfell)  
REFEREE: MR. E. STEPHENSON (Steeplow)  
**STAKES CLASSES:** MRS A. HARDING (Cumbersett)

### Jurisdiction and responsibilities

The Officers and Committee members of the society holding the licence are deemed responsible for organising and conducting the show safely and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Club and agree to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation F17. In so doing those appointed as officers and committee members accept that they are jointly and severally responsible for the organisation of the show and that this is a binding undertaking (vide Kennel Club General Show Regulations F4 and 5)

<b>ENTRY FEES:</b> Members:	First entry £12.00	Subsequent entries FREE
Non-Members:	First entry £15.00	Subsequent entries FREE
Membership:	£5.00 Single	£8.00 Joint (Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> to Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2023)

**ENTRIES CLOSE: SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 (Postmark)**  
**online entries accepted up until midnight 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at**  
**[www.arenaprint.co.uk](http://www.arenaprint.co.uk)**

**ENTRIES WITH FEES TO SHOW SECRETARY:** Mrs K Stephenson,  
Town End Cottage, Carsington, Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4PX Tel: 01629 540608

Only undocked dogs and legally docked dogs may be entered for exhibition at this show

All Judges at this show agree to abide by the following statement: "In assessing dogs, judges must penalise any features or exaggerations which they consider would be detrimental to the soundness, health and well being of the dog"

If a competitor, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must follow Government advice and should consider whether it is appropriate that they attend the event.

## **YOUR JUDGES**

### **Dog Judge - Mrs. C. Morgan (Cwsscwn)**

English Setters are very close to my heart. I started showing dogs in 1975 with an Irish Setter and my first English was bought just six months later. My beloved Meg was a daughter of Brucelm Little John and my baby for 13 years. Little John's owner, Rosemary Davies, became a good friend of mine.

Meg was the best behaved, kindest and most loving dog and my young daughter's best friend. She loved nothing better than being dressed up and pushed around in the doll's pram. She was simply irreplaceable.

My first judging appointment was for Irish Setters in 1979 and my first in English was in 1983. I first gave tickets in Irish in 1993 and in English my first appointment was in 2018. I now award CCs in six gundog breeds, am A2 for another and have grandfathered for four more. I have judged over 5000 dogs and have my first gundog group appointment in May 2023.

I am honoured to be invited to judge at your show and am looking forward to it with immense pleasure.

### **Bitch Judge - Simon Pitts (Wandsfell)**

Having had English Setters all my life I began showing in 1991, aged 13. Having bred several litters from my original bitch, a puppy from Christine Normansell joined the kennel in 1997, who became Sh Ch Larrenie Take a Chance On Me at Wandsfell and is now behind all the Wandsfell's. Whilst not seriously campaigning there have been a number of dogs with resCC and stud book numbers, and I am currently campaigning Sh Ch Wandsfell Dream Of Me, and Dutch Ch Vanquish Opportunity, jointly owned with Christine, who already has a resCC to her credit.

I began judging in 2000, and first awarded CCS in 2016. I have had the pleasure of judging the breed in Sweden and Holland. I judge all gundogs, hounds and terriers at Open Show level, and am passed to award CC's in what was my second breed, Otterhounds.

I am very much looking forward to judging bitches at the ESS of Wales Champ show and thank the committee for the invitation.

### **Special Awards Judge - Anne Harding (Cumbersett)**

I was first introduced to the beautiful breed of English Setters in the early 1980's.

As a family we decided to introduce two puppies into our home, Xantie and Bliss from the Upperwood Kennel.

My Mum (Sonia Clarke - Cumbersett), and I started showing with some success, especially with Xantie (Upperwood Calamity Jane). I took a break from showing but continued to enjoy being involved in the breed, watching my Mum's career in the show ring, where she showed many lovely setters and Show Champions.

Later about eight years ago I returned to the show ring and have been enjoying my experiences and meeting many lovely dogs and their owners.

I am looking forward to judging the Memorial Stakes classes at this show.

## **CLASSIFICATION**

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate - Dog  
**Judge Mrs. C. Morgan (Cwsscw)**

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate - Bitch  
**Judge: Mr. S. Pitts (Wandsfell)**

1. MINOR PUPPY	DOG	11. MINOR PUPPY	BITCH
2. PUPPY	DOG	12. PUPPY	BITCH
3. VETERAN	DOG	13. VETERAN	BITCH
4. JUNIOR	DOG	14. JUNIOR	BITCH
5. NOVICE	DOG	15. NOVICE	BITCH
6. GRADUATE	DOG	16. GRADUATE	BITCH
7. POST GRADUATE	DOG	17. POST GRADUATE	BITCH
8. MID LIMIT	DOG	18. MID LIMIT	BITCH
9. LIMIT	DOG	19. LIMIT	BITCH
10. OPEN	DOG	20. OPEN	BITCH

**BEST IN SHOW AND BEST PUPPY WILL NOW BE JUDGED**  
**REFEREE: Mr. E. Stephenson (Steeplow)**

**JUDGE: Mrs A. Harding (Cumbersett)**

CLASS A - The Pete Mellish Memorial Special Yearling Stakes – D or B 6- 24 mths

CLASS B - The Pat Mellish Memorial Open Stakes - D or B

**ENTRY FEE - £3.00 per class.**

Special Award Classes are held to help emerging judges to progress in the Breed. Special award Classes are judged as a separate entity from the Championship Show and are not part of the show proper and does not effect your dogs unbeaten status. You can still challenge for awards if eligible.

## **TRIMMING DEMONSTRATION**

At this year's show we will be holding a trimming and grooming demonstration presented by one of the breed's most successful breeder/exhibitors, Mrs Sharon Littlechild (Ravensett). There will be two canine 'models' to demonstrate trimming techniques, and all aspects of presenting your dog to best advantage will be covered, as well as opportunities to ask questions and learn something new whatever your level of experience. The first presentation will start after the Memorial classes and will be repeated later if you are showing in an early class.

Cost is just £5, which can be paid with a paper entry to the Secretary, or contact Dilys Watts via text 07593 857885, or send a cheque to her at Firs Orchard, Bromyard, Herefordshire HR7 4BB, or see her at a show. We do need to know numbers in advance, so please register your interest by the closing date of on-line entries.

### ***PRIZE MONEY***

**Best in Show £20      Reserve Best in Show £10      Best Puppy £10**  
***all the above donated by Mr. & Mrs. E. Stephenson***

**Best Veteran £10**  
***donated by Mrs. Denny Deering in memory of Pat Mellish***

**STAKES CLASSES A & B    First: £6    Second: £5    Third £4    Reserve £3    VHC £2**

**PRIZE CARDS:**                      **FIRST – VHC**                      **ROSETTES: FIRST – THIRD**  
**SPECIAL ROSETTES:**    **BEST IN SHOW - RESERVE BEST IN SHOW - BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**  
   **BEST DOG    - RESERVE BEST DOG    - BEST PUPPY DOG**  
   **BEST BITCH    - RESERVE BEST BITCH    - BEST PUPPY BITCH**  
   **BEST VETERAN**  
   **MEMORIAL CLASSES First to VHC**

**All sponsorship will be fully acknowledged in the catalogue. Please contact the Secretary if you wish to donate a Special.**

**NO PASSES WILL BE SENT OUT**

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The Show opens at 09:00 am
2. Dogs will be received at any time but it is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that exhibits are available for judging when required.
3. Judging will commence at **10:00am – the Pat & Pete Mellish Memorial classes, breed judging will follow on not before 11 a.m.**
4. Exhibits may be removed from the Show after their judging has been completed. The Show will close 30 mins after all judging is completed.
5. **ENTRY FEES Members: £12.00 FIRST ENTRY. Non – Members: £15.00 FIRST ENTRY. Stakes classes £3.00 per class ALL Subsequent entries: FREE. On-line entries can be made via [www.arenaprint.co.uk](http://www.arenaprint.co.uk)**
6. **Prize money:-** Classes A & B First: £6, Second: £5 Third £4 Reserve £3 VHC £2 BIS = £20 RBIS = £10 BPIS = £10 £10 = Best Veteran
7. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
8. Puppies under 6 calendar months of age on the day of the Show are not eligible for exhibition.
9. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the Show is forbidden.
10. **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.** Where a Best Puppy in Show competition is scheduled the Best Puppy in Show is a puppy which has competed and is unbeaten by any other puppy exhibited at the same show. A puppy is a dog of six and not exceeding twelve calendar months of age on the first day of the Show. Where the Best in Show is a puppy it may, at the discretion of the judge, be awarded Best Puppy in Show. Where the Reserve Best in Show is a puppy which has only been beaten by an adult dog it may, at the discretion of the judge, be Best Puppy in Show. Consequently, selection of Best Puppy in Show must follow the selection of Best in Show.
11. **BEST IN SHOW.** Best in Show must be selected from the exhibits declared Best of Sex. If a Reserve Best in Show is to be selected, the eligible dogs are those declared Best Opposite Sex and Reserve Best of Sex to the exhibit declared Best in Show.
12. Exhibits will not be admitted to Best in Show competition after a period of ten minutes has elapsed since the announcement that exhibits are required for judging, unless they have been unavoidably

delayed by previous judging not completed on time, and then only with the special permission of the Show Management.

13. Exhibitors must not pick up dogs by their tails and leads when lifting them nor handle a dog in a manner which causes its feet not to touch the ground when on the move. This is not acceptable. Exhibitors should note that such practice would constitute harsh handling and reports of such practice will be referred to the Committee under Kennel Club Show Regulation F11.
14. All exhibitors must be familiar with Kennel Club Regulation F (Annex B) - Regulations for the Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition.
15. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
16. DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS. Your dog is vulnerable and at risk during hot weather and the Kennel Club offers the following guidance to help guide you through the do's and don'ts travelling to and whilst at KC licensed events.
  - When travelling to a show please take a moment to consider whether the route to the show is on a busy holiday route, and leave earlier to avoid increased time in traffic jams.
  - If your vehicle is not air-conditioned seriously consider whether travelling to the show is a good idea at all.
  - The vehicle should be as fully ventilated as possible, and plenty of stops should be taken, with lots of water available to drink.
  - Ensure your dog is not sitting in full sunlight. There should be plenty of free flowing air around the dog.
  - When at the show, never leave your dog in the vehicle.
  - Keep the dog in the shade – take your own shade for example a large umbrella and always have plenty of water available to drink so your dog stays well hydrated.
  - Avoid your dog taking part in unnecessary exertion or from standing in exposed sunlight for extended lengths of time.

Remember, if you feel hot your dog is very likely to feel much hotter and dehydrated, and this could lead to dire results. Please look after your dog's welfare. **WARNING: IF YOUR DOG IS FOUND TO BE AT RISK FORCIBLE ENTRY TO YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE NECESSARY WITHOUT LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED.**

17. Anyone whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not put a dog's health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. Breach of Kennel Club Regulations in this respect may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any show licensed by the Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue or within the precincts of the show.
18. Not for Competition. Not for competition (English Setters only) entries will be accepted. Details of each dog so entered must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered. **(Must be over 6 months of age).**
19. No modifications will be made to this Schedule except by permission of the Board of the Kennel Club, which will be followed by advertisement in the Canine Press wherever possible.
20. All entries must be made by **4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (postmark)**.
21. Every exhibitor making an entry for this Show shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and it is on this understanding only that entries are received. The Kennel Club shall be the final court of appeal in the case of a dispute.
22. Should any judge be prevented from fulfilling their engagement, the Committee reserves to themselves the right of appointing other judges to fulfil their duties. Exhibitors are at liberty to withdraw from competition but no entry fees can be refunded.
23. Any owner, competitor or other person in charge of a dog is required to remove as soon as possible any fouling caused by their dog(s) at any Kennel Club licensed venue and within the environs of that event including car and caravan parks and approaches. Adequate receptacles for the disposal of such fouling will be provided.

24. The Committee will do its utmost to ensure the safety of the dogs brought for exhibition but it must be clearly understood by exhibitors and all other persons at the Show that the Committee will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dogs or property, or personal injury whether arising from accident or any other cause whatsoever.
25. An announcement prior to the date of closing of entries in Our Dogs of any alteration or addition made by the Committee to the schedule or in these Rules shall be sufficient notice thereof.
27. All children must be kept under control and parents will be held responsible for any damage caused and charges incurred.
28. Please do not obstruct gangways with cages, pens, grooming tables, trolleys and dogs. Storage space will be made available for trolleys/ cages
29. If in the opinion of the Show Secretary, Show Manager or Judge any dog is considered not in a fit state for exhibition owing to a disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, the dog may be excluded or removed from the show the dog must not be brought into the Show at any time under any circumstances.
30. No animal other than a dog duly entered at the Show will be allowed within the precincts of the Show except by permission of the Committee.
31. The Committee is empowered to exclude or remove any dog which is not in a fit state for exhibition either from disease, vice or any other cause.
32. Should any question arise not provided for in these Rules, the Committee decision shall be final, subject to appeal at the Kennel Club.
33. The owner, exhibitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at a Kennel Club licensed event must at all times ensure that the dog is kept under proper control whilst at the licensed venue, including its environs, car and caravan parks and approaches. This regulation applies before (at any time during the set up period at the venue), during the event and afterwards (at any time during the breakdown of the event)
34. A dog may be disqualified by the Board from any award, whether an objection has been lodged or not, if proved amongst other things to have been: a). registered or recorded as having been bred by the scheduled Judge, this shall not apply to a Judge appointed in an emergency: b). exhibited without payment of appropriate entry fees.
35. Every exhibitor shall ensure that whilst the dog is being exhibited, its handler shall display the correct ring number.

**TRADE STANDS.** The Committee can accept no responsibility for products advertised or sold by standholders at the Show and wish to remind exhibitors that grooming products on sale may not meet the requirements of the Regulations for the Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition.

**EXERCISE AREA.** An Exercise Area will be provided. Exhibitors/Handlers are required to clear up any fouling by the dog(s) in their charge.

**PLEASE NOTE. Cages are only allowed around the perimeter of the room and not at the ringside.**

**In accordance with Kennel Club guidelines, exhibitors must display exhibit number/owner identification on their crate, cage or container at all times.**

Use of Electrical Equipment at Shows. The Kennel Club is becoming increasingly concerned at the amount of electrical equipment being used by exhibitors at shows, including hair dryers and hair straighteners and other grooming devices.

Electrical equipment should not be brought to shows unless absolutely necessary. In rare instances where it might be required, it should be PAT tested and permission sought from the secretary of the show before it is used.

The Kennel Club has also been informed of recent instances of exhibitors commandeering certain areas of a venue in order to have access to powerpoints so as to use electrical grooming equipment. This is totally unacceptable and particularly unfair on the breeds whose allocated areas have been cramped because of this selfish behaviour.

Security at Shows

In light of recent events the Kennel Club would like to issue a reminder to all Societies of the importance of security at dog shows.

The Kennel Club understands that due to the nature of dog shows and the quantity of paraphernalia

exhibitors bring it would be extremely difficult for show organisers to take on the issue of security alone, therefore we would reiterate the advice being given by the Police and security services, that everyone in the UK should remain vigilant and this applies to those organising and taking part in dog shows.

The importance of exhibitors feeling that they and their dogs are safe when attending a show cannot be underestimated. We would therefore remind you of the importance of the need for show organisers and exhibitors to remain mindful of potential dangers and that all visitors generally need to be vigilant and alert.

Furthermore the society should provide robust notification informing exhibitors of where to report to should they see anything suspicious or of concern, and of the evacuation procedures in place.

## **DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES** (the word "dog" includes both sexes)

In the following Definitions, a Challenge Certificate includes any Show award that counts towards the title of Champion under the Rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club. Wins at Championship Shows in Breed Classes where Challenge Certificates are not on offer shall be counted as wins at Open Shows. In the case of a dog owned in partnership and entered in Members' classes or competing for Members' specials, each partner must, at the time of entry, be a member of the Society. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including the seventh day before the first closing date shall be counted when entering in any class, i.e. **25<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. Wins in Variety classes do not count for entry in Breed classes but when entering in Variety classes, wins in both Breed and Variety classes must be counted. First prizes awarded in any classes defined as Special do not count towards eligibility. If an exhibitor reports before the judging of a class or classes that a dog has been entered which is ineligible, the exhibitor may choose one of the following options: 1) **WITHDRAWAL** The dog may be withdrawn from competition subject to the conditions of Regulations F.(1). 19 2) **TRANSFER** a) If a dog is ineligible for a class or classes as regards its breed, colour, sex, weight or height, the Secretary shall transfer it to the equivalent class or classes for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height and, in the event of there being no equivalent class, Minor Puppy or Puppy excepted, to the Open class for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height. b) For an exhibit which is entered incorrectly in Minor Puppy, or Puppy, or Junior class which is over age but under 12 calendar months, or 18 calendar months, or 24 calendar months of age respectively, the Show Secretary shall transfer the exhibit to the Puppy, or Junior, or Yearling class respectively for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height and in the event of their being no Puppy, or Junior, or Yearling class respectively, to the Open class for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height. c) For any reason other than the above, the Show secretary shall transfer it to the Open class for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height. d) If an exhibit arrives late and misses a class, even if it is the only class in which the dog is entered, it may not be transferred to any other class.

**MINOR PUPPY:** For dogs of six and not exceeding nine calendar months of age on the day of the show.

**PUPPY:** For dogs of six and not exceeding twelve calendar months of age on the day of the show.

**JUNIOR:** For dogs of six and not exceeding eighteen calendar months of age on the day of the show.

**NOVICE:** For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate/CACIB/CAC/Green Star or three or more First Prizes at Open and Championship Shows (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy classes excepted, whether restricted or not).

**GRADUATE:** For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate CACIB/CAC/Green Star or four or more First Prizes at Championship Shows in Graduate, Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit, and Open classes whether restricted or not.

**POST GRADUATE:** For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate CACIB/CAC/Green Star or five or more First Prizes at Championship Show in Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit, and Open classes whether restricted or not where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed.

**MID LIMIT:** For dogs which have not become show Champions under Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by the KC, or won 3 or more CC/CACIB/CAC/Green Stars or won 5 or more First Prizes in all at Championship shows in Mid Limit, Limit and Open classes, confined to the breed, whether restricted or not, at shows where Ccs were offered for the breed.

**LIMIT:** For dogs which have not become show Champions under Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club or won 3 or more CC/CACIB/CAC/Green Stars or won 7 or more First Prizes in all at Championship shows in Limit and Open classes, confined to the breed, whether restricted or not, at Shows where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed.

**OPEN:** For dogs of the breed for which the class is provided and eligible for entry at the Show.

**VETERAN:** For dogs of not less than seven years of age on the day of the Show.

**SPECIAL YEARLING:** For dogs of six months and not exceeding twenty four calendar months of age on the day of the Show.

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF DOGS FOR EXHIBITION F(B)**

1. These regulations must be observed when a dog is prepared for exhibition and/or exhibited at any Kennel Club licensed event. Objections may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under these show regulations and/or for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rule A42.
  - a) a dog found to have been exhibited in breach of these regulations will automatically be disqualified from exhibition at the show and from any award gained there at.
  - b) Unless the exhibitor provides a satisfactory explanation for the dog being exhibited in breach of these regulations then he/she may be subject to further penalties of either a fine or as listed under Rule A42
2. (a) No substance which alters the natural colour, texture or body of the coat may be present in the dog's coat for any purpose at any time during the show. No substance which alters the natural colour of any external part of the dog may be present on the dog for any purpose at any time during the show.
  - (b) Any other substance (other than water) which may be used in the preparation of a dog for exhibition must not be allowed to remain in the coat or on any other part of the dog at the time of exhibition.
3. No act or operation which alters the natural conformation of a dog or any part thereof may be performed except
  - (a) Operations certified to the satisfaction of the General Committee.
  - (b) the removal of dew claws of any breed
  - (c) Operations to prevent breeding provided that such operations are notified to the Kennel Club before neutered dogs are shownNor must anything be done calculated to in the opinion of the Board to deceive.
4. The Board without previous notice may order an examination of any dog or dogs at any show. Any examination thus ordered will be made by a person having executive authority who shall have a written directive from the Kennel Club in their possession. Samples may be taken for further examination and analysis.
5. An individual has the right to lodge an objection to a dog only if he/she is the owner or handler of a dog competing in the same breed or class. An objection may however, be lodged by an official of the show or by anyone so deputed by the Kennel Club. It will be the responsibility of the individual who lodges the objection or the official (as appropriate), to substantiate the grounds for the objection. The Kennel Club will substantiate the grounds for an objection made on its behalf.
6. Any objection by an individual related to an infringement of these Regulations must be made in writing to the Show Secretary at his/her office before the close of the show and the individual must produce evidence of identity at the time of lodging the complaint.

## **The Shrewsbury Sports Village**

Our show will take place at the Shrewsbury Sports Village which is easily accessed from the A49 Shrewsbury ring road. The sports hall provides lots of space and is a modern facility with close-by parking and on-site catering facilities. Some chairs are available, but please bring your own if seating is essential for you.'