

My thanks to the BHC of Wales for both the invitation to judge and for organising such an enjoyable day. My thanks also go to the generous entry which had travelled some way to attend.

Veteran Dog (3) A class full of quality.

1st Storton's Ch Dereheath Marcus Aurelius - Super head with good planes, excellent fore chest, well sprung and long ribcage, nice shoulder, top line and croup. Very positive on the move with great drive from behind and absolutely parallel coming and going. RBD, BVIS

2nd Newman's Ch Woferlow Border Patrol - another good head, well set leathers, nice reach of neck, good top line, correct tail set and carriage. Balanced front and rear, excellent movement in profile preferred the movement of 1 on the out and back. Superb tight feet.

3rd Storton's Ch Dereheath Jolly Jon - at eleven years old remains such a fine example of the Breed. A lovely head but with a 'veteran' expression, quite understandably, good fore chest, excellent rib cage, good top line but not quite the croup of one and two. Could absolutely still move all day, soundness and type excellent. Clearly not quite the overall condition on the day.

Junior Dog (2)

1st Newman's Woferlow Rockafella - Good head, nice stop, well set leathers. Good overall proportions, good bone, again excellent feet, well sprung ribs and good length of rib cage. Good tail set and carriage, easy ground covering gait.

2nd Storton's Woferlow Reggie Perrin at Dereheath - litter brother to 1 so similar in type but overall longer in the back. Would prefer a combination of a shorter coupling and a longer ribcage. Good shoulder, excellent movement in profile. I felt that 1 was slightly 'tighter' than 2 on the 'out and back'. Excellent feet.

Post Graduate Dog (3 2 abs)

1st Storton, Melbourne and Isted's Dereheath Going Dutch at Dearduenna - 'clean head' good reach of neck, strong top line, well set tail. Good sternum, well sprung ribcage. easy on the move covering plenty of ground. Good feet.

Limit Dog (2 1abs)

1st Storton, Melbourne and Isted's Diheath Maximus - Good head, nice leathers, good sternum, strong top line, good tail set and carriage. Good strong bone and excellent feet. Had a particularly good turn of stifle providing excellent drive and nice movement in profile. perhaps needs to be a little 'tighter' on the out and back.

Open (3)

1st Storton's Dereheath Gunnar - Good head, nice reach of neck, well angulated front and rear, excellent bone and good tight feet. Well held top line good tail set and carriage. Quite a light footed gait absolutely sound throughout. This exhibit particularly appealed for its lack of exaggeration throughout. Somewhat surprised he does not have his 'title' as yet. BD, RBIS

2nd Ellrich's Malrich Sir Ruff Diamond - just a lovely example of the Breed in very many respects. Typical head and expression, well set leathers, excellent angulation front and rear, well held top line, nice croup, good bone, tight feet. Clean throughout, absolutely sound on the move.

3rd Feetham's Ir Ch Kimbleholme Pure Magic - a six year old of good substance, nice sternum, good shoulder and well held top line. Good front angulation providing a positive ground covering gait. Good feet.

Veteran Bitch (2)

1st Feetham's Kimbleholme Make Me a Wish - Well according to the information to hand this girl is thirteen years old which is amazing! Nice standard fitting feminine head and expression, good front, balanced throughout and held her top line well. Went like 'a train' on the move with excellent reach and drive.

2nd Haynes' Balmacara French Dream At Harebolt - Another nice example of the Breed, slightly 'rounder' in eye, well set leathers, good sternum, correct bone, good tight feet. Not quite the drive and overall movement of 1.

Puppy Bitch (3)

1st Armstrong and Rogers' Switherland Red Image - a very smart youngster, super head, 'clean' throughout, nice front, good balance, lively and absolutely sound on the move. With maturity she should become an even better example of the Breed. BP

2nd Ellrich's Malrich Winning Bid - Just preferred at this stage the head of 1, but this youngster has good angulation, is balanced throughout, carried her top line well and has a nice croup, tail set and carriage. Sound light footed gait.

3rd Storton, Melbourne and Isted's Diheath Doris Day - Although not the youngest she was the 'baby' of the class. I loved her head, and she has nice nice set and length of leathers. She has good angulation, was very lively indeed on the move, and she will tighten up throughout, including her feet, in due course.

Junior Bitch (3 1abs)

1st Allen's Fivevalleys Muscadet - This was another youngster who showed to advantage on the day taking RBB. She has a nice feminine head, good stop, correct placement and length of leathers. Good reach of neck, strong shoulders and well constructed front. Balanced throughout, sound on the move she was shown in excellent condition. RBB

2nd Newman's Woferlow Rock Chick - This youngster was very difficult to assess on the day which was unfortunate, given that she only started to show herself off during her 'write up' when her qualities became apparent. That said she has a nice immature but very feminine standard fitting head, excellent angulation, good feet, correct bone and good substance. I am sure on her day she can move with plenty of vim and vigour!

Novice Bitch (2)

1st Mease and Newman's Woferlow Tinker Bell - this youngster oused quality from the outset. A complete show off she was 'up on her toes' throughout. I preferred the head of this bitch to 2, with good well set leathers, and good 'planes'. Well angulated throughout she absolutely flew around the ring to her advantage. Good tight feet. Excellent prospect. BB, BIS

2nd Allen's Fivevalleys Muscadet.

Post Graduate Bitch (6 2abs)

1st Allen's Fivevalleys Court Royal - Nice reach of neck, well laid shoulders, very positive on the move, nice feet.

2nd Danel's Widgeleydown Blue Diamond - Preferred the head of 1 but she has good and well set leathers, and correct stop and muzzle. Good front, nice shoulder, positive on the move.

3rd Bray, Thexton and Martin's Barrenger Good 'n' Proper - I liked her head, she has a good reach of neck, strong top line, and a well sprung ribcage with good length. Her rear drive did not quite match her forward reach.

Limit (9 3 abs)

1st Ellrich's Malrich Fergie - particularly good shoulders, nice substance , good top line, correct croup tail set and carriage. Very good feet. Well balanced on the move covering plenty of ground.

2nd Allen's Fivevalleys Court Royal

3rd Feetham's Shot's Andalucia - Super head with good placement and length of leathers. Nice front, nice movement in profile with plenty of drive from the rear.

Open (5 3 abs)

1st Storton, Melbourne and Murray's Diheath Pandemonium - Very nice tri, good reach of neck, nice rib cage, good length of back with a strong top line. Good bone, nice feet. Good reach and drive on the move. Nice tail set and carriage.

2nd Feetham's Kimbleholme Just A Dream - many qualities and a nice example of the Breed. On the day she did not quite match 1 for movement. Nice feminine head, good sternum, nice shoulder, and well balanced. Positive on the move.

Ch. Lodway Lancer of Islwyn Sp Beginners (2 1 abs)

1st Bray, Thexton and Martin's Barrenger Good 'n' Proper.

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