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It was a great honour to be invited to judge this 40th Anniversary Championship Show. I have been greatly interested in the breed since recognition by the KC, assisted in re-writing the new Standard, introducing the liver colour and I have judged the breed twice at Crufts. The venue was small but lovely and a great effort had been made to make the event special and it was. One or two observations I found one the day. Several exhibits were too square in outline, several had light eyes, but by far my greatest concern were fronts! The standard says feet can turn slightly outwards, it does not say they can be at a quarter to three which many were, a serious weakness in a working dog. All exhibits were in good condition, one or two perhaps a little overweight but minimal. I enjoyed my day immensely and your hospitality was a joy, thank you. **MPD.** (3.1) 1. Duffy's Vittador Aric. Pleasing liver and tan. Good size and good colour. Quite typy in head and has a good tail, feet could be a little stronger but moved and showed well. 2. Lawrences. Brinscall Moors Bertie. B/T with a very poor front and needing serious ring training. Good body and shiny coat. **PGD** (4,1) All three exhibitors had poor tails. 1 Jones's, Welshmoor Willynilly. Masculine B/T who is very pleasing for size and type. Nice head but eyes a touch full. Very good legs and feet and a good mover. Shown in lovely coat and condition. Pity about the tail. 2. Webster's Welshmoor Bobby Dazzler. Half brother to winner. Pleasing head, lovely body. Poor tail and not so good in front movement. **LD** (5.2) 1. Jaques', Foxthyme Mr Tobias. Very smart B/T. Very good showman. Lovely going round holding his good outline. Very good head and ears. Lovely body and tail. Just turns one foot out coming towards which cost him the top spot. Won RCC. 2. Dawes' Welshmoor Bobbysox. Lovely rich colour on this B/T. He is very well made and smart as paint. Very typy and shown in lovely condition. Narrow in front coming towards. **OD.** (8) . Without doubt the best class of the day. 1. Smith's, Ch Leyeside Mister Ben. Outstanding in this company. Very masculine B/T shown hard and fit and in pleasing condition. Very good head, eyes and ears. Tan could be a touch clearer. Lovely neck ideal outline with a firm topline. Lovely bone and feet. Sound accurate mover with a correct tail. CC and BIS. Well done..2. Beach's Ch Foxthyme Back to Black. Another quality B/T with a lovely head and good ears. Good neck and outline and has a good tail. Lovely body and coat. Like him very much. Soon gets fed up with his showing. **VD.** (5.1) Gordon's Ch Troutop Rolo. Dark liver with the most outstanding coat. Super for his 10 years in immaculate condition. Lovely size and typical outline. Just a little lazy with his ears on the day. 2. Bancroft's, Ch Doddsline Duffy. Outstanding for 13 and a half years. All his teeth in grand order. A touch heavy who cares! A little out at the elbows now coming towards. **MPB.** (1) 1. Duffy's, Vittador Annabella. Very pretty B/T shown in gleaming condition. Has a super temperament. Liked her head and expression. Very good neck. Lovely body and outline with a good tail. Decent mover. Won BPIS. **PB.** (1). 1. Jones's, Madincrowd Mercy Chant. B/T of very promising type. Good head and ears. Good colour. Good topline. Tail just a touch tight but minimal. Very well bodied and a good showgirl. Touch elbowy coming towards but strong behind. RBIS. **JB.** (4). 1. Thwaites', Ribblespride Ladytron. Very pretty and very feminine B/T. Lovely head. Lovely tail. Sound and very showy. Looked lovely going round. Best Junior In Show. 2. Fairbairn- Carter's, Rivendale Roisin. This lively tan has a lovely body and a very good outline. Decent head but eyes are a little full and would like stronger pigment. Decent mover. **PGB.** (7). 1. Lord's, Foxthyme Mocca Millettia. Quality liver and tan of very good colour. Typy head on lovely neck. Very good shape and a lovely coat. OK behind but turn left foot out badly on the stack which pegged her back later on. 2. Erwin's. Hoscarr Border Breaker. This B/T is very active and animated on the move. Nice for type but too tall in hock and runs up a little in topline. **LB.** (4). L. Fairbairn-Carter's, Firkinfoot Hopscotch Holly. Very smart B/T so feminine yet has substance. Lovely bone and feet. Liked everything about her except her tail. Much too tight. 2. Holehouse's, Taigwynion Megacascade. This B/T scored heavily going round. Nice head and tipped ears. Good neck and body. Needs to firm up in front. **OB.** (9.1) 1. Gordon's, Ch Foxthyme Eleanor with Troutop. 6 years old B/T. Full of quality. So typy in every way and so very sound. Lovely head, eyes and ears. Lovely neck and so correct in outline. Holds herself so well going round. Won CC with a bit to share. The lovely dog just out showed her but well deserved RBIS. 2. Huck's Ch Leyeside Miss Bonnie. I see this quality B/T is litter sister to the winning dog. She is another good Heeler and in many ways similar to winner, I liked her head and eyes. Firm body and she is so well put together. Moves soundly enough and is a good showgirl. Won RCC. **VB.** (3) 1. Jones's Ch Doddsline Daffodil at Welshmoor. I gave this lovely B/T one of her many CC's years ago. Now at 10 and a half years she still enjoys her showing. She was

outstanding in this class and just out showed the lovely dog to win BVIS. 2. Gordon's, Troutop Lottle, 13 years old and still a sound active mover. Not very happy to show on the day though.

SpO LIVER AND TAN (5.1) 1. Munro's, Jorjei Cognac. Came up from 3rd in the good Open Dog Class. Very pleasing for type and an assertive shower and mover. Tail a touch too tight on the day. 2. R Roisin..3. F/Mocha Millettia.

NORMAN JOHNSTON P STAKES (3) 1. V Annabella. 2. Mercy Chant. 3. V Aric

EDITH DUGAN O STAKES (3.1) 1. Ch Foxthyme True Colour. Sorry no notes on this girl. Came up from third in Open
2. Ir Ch. Hoscarr Penny Black at Malanis. Again sorry no notes, she was unplaced in Open.

BRACE 1. Jones's 2. Webster's 3. Duxbury's.

SpO RESCUE (6) 1. R Roisin. 2. Ch Foxthyme Back to Black. 3. Foxthyme Mr Tobias.

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