

WORKING & PASTORAL BREEDS OF WALES CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 18TH APRIL 2026

It was my very great pleasure to be invited to judge Shelties at this most popular show where the breed attracted the highest entry over the two groups. My grateful thanks to the committee for their excellent hospitality. I felt the overall quality was of a very high standard, making my day most enjoyable. My grateful thanks to my two excellent stewards, Mike Hughes and Alison Fallon who kept procedures moving smoothly. It was also pleasing to know that both my CC winners are now champions, subject to RKC confirmation, courtesy of the new rule where the requisite number of RCCs can now be added to their two CCs for qualification. I judged Shelties for this Association in 2014 where my BOB went BIS. This time I was pleased to see my BOB short-listed in the very strong pastoral group under Glyn Payne. My BP went PG4 under Sally Duffin who also awarded Linda Sorockyj's Sheltisha The One And Only first in the YKC Members Stakes and Liz Dunhill awarded Lana Robinson's Ch Lavika Lateca 2nd in the Champion Stakes. Congratulations.

Vet (4,2a) 1 Hickling's Sheltisha Bell Of The Ball at Natara JW, well presented seven year old b/m bitch of very good make and shape, sweet eye and expression, in good coat, very good temperament. BV; 2 Williams' Gowdenin Duchess Surprise, eight year old tri bitch, sweet and petite, good ears and overall shape, well handled, good temperament.

Dogs: MP (2) 1 Bray's Lianbray Launcelot, homebred seven months s/w, very sweet and happy babe, pleasing head, good dark eye, lovely expression, excellent ears, good skull and shop, good shoulder angulation, overall shape and length of back, well presented, needs to tighten up on move, good temperament; 2 Pearson's Edglonian Flash Gordon, excellently presented seven months homebred s/w, most pleasing head, eye and expression, excellent ears, well boned forelegs, excellent feet, moved with confidence, lovely temperament.

P (4,2a,1wdrn) 1 Walker's Cuilshelties Touch Of Class with Grandgenes, 11 months b/m, excellently presented in full coat of good colour, balanced head, very good ear carriage, good eye, enquiring expression, good shoulder angulation and length of back, moved well, good side extension, nice temperament, BP & PG 4.

J (3) 1 Sorockyj's Sheltisha The One And Only JW, homebred well presented b/m who won this class on movement, balanced head, good muzzle, pleasing eye, nice expression, good neck and depth of chest, good bend of stifle, short hocks, moved well, later awarded first in YKC Members Stakes, congratulations, very confident young handler; 2 Weller's Evad Halloween Tzar JW, homebred s/w of good shape, balanced head, good ears, lovely eye, friendly expression, excellent neck, good length of back and spring of rib, good bend of stifle, good hock, pleasing temperament; 3 Fagg's Evad Halloween King at Lynscot, litter sister to 2.

N (3,1) 1 Bray's Lianbray Launcelot; 2 Evad Halloween King at Lynscot.

G (3,1) 1 Robinson's Dippersmoor Starmaker for Lavika, 13 months, well trained, excellently presented sable of beautiful shape, attentive at all times, lovely clean head, good dark eye, sweet expression, good stop and muzzle, very good length of neck into good shoulder, good length of back, good stifle and hock, sound on move, good side extension, lovely temperament; 2 Cheal's Faemadra Firestorm, homebred s/w, clean head, good ears, dark eye, keen expression, good neck and length of back, good feet, stifle and hock, could not match 1 for movement.

PG (2) 1 Hawkins & Foy's Beldones Just A Hunch, homebred s/w, I have more than just a hunch that this delightful young dog will make up, has everything going for him, quality head, excellent moulding, good skull and stop, excellent ear carriage, well rounded muzzle, good underjaw, endearing expression, well arched neck into good shoulder, good depth of chest and spring of rib, strong forelegs, good topline, excellent rear angulation, good stifle and hocks lovely attitude and temperament, faultless on the move, touch and go for the ticket but happy to award him the RDCC. Beautiful Sheltie; 2 Stockden's Willowgarth Unlimited Love, well developed homebred golden sable

of excellent presentation, lovely overall shape, balanced head, good dark eye, attentive expression, good neck and length of back, good depth of chest, nice temperament not match 1 for movement.

L (7) 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Jammy Dodger, homebred s/s/w from champion parents, "Golden Graham" I have awarded a CC & G2 to, so I had to like his son, lovely make and shape, excellently presented in full coat, clean head, lovely dark eye, masculine expression lovely ears, good skull and stop, well filled muzzle, good reach of neck into good shoulder, good feet, strong pasterns, good bend of stifle and let down of hocks enabling good drive from rear, good side extension, lovely temperament; 2 Pierce's Philhope In Good Taste, another well presented homebred sable, pleasing clean head, excellent ears, good skull good dark eye, sweet expression, good neck into well angulated shoulder, good depth of chest, spring of rib and length of back, good rear construction enabling good drive, very sound on movement, lovely temperament; 3 Jeavons' Grandgenes Play The Game JW, homebred s/w completing a trio of top quality males in very competitive class, developing nicely, glorious make and shape, quality head, on the right side of joining upper house.

O (6,1) 1 Stafford's homebred Rannerdale Mister Majic, and so he was on the day. S/w of most beautiful make and shape, not shy in promoting himself, no mistaking his sex, most appealing quality head, balanced, good ears, lovely dark eye, masculine intelligent expression, well filled under eyes, good muzzle, good reach of neck, depth of chest, spring of rib and topline, strong forelegs, good feet, good bend of stifle and let down of hock enabling good drive from rear, sound mover, top showman, excellent temperament, DCC, BOB & I understand that along with his RCCs, makes him up, subject to RKC confirmation. Pleased to see him short-listed in the very strong group; 2 Forbes' Ch Degallo The Prodigy JW, homebred sable of most attractive shape, excellent presentation, quality head, good ears, skull and stop, well filled in under eyes, good dark eye, sweet expression, good length of back and depth of chest, strong in loin, good bend of stifle and let down of hock, moved with drive with good side extension, outgoing temperament; 3 Robinson's Ch Lavika Deep Blue Ocean, homebred from champion parents, quality head, most beautiful eye and attentive expression, good ears, skull and stop, good topline, neck, depth of chest, forelegs and feet, good rear construction, sound mover.

Bitches: MP (5,1) 1 Hateley's Mohnesee Ria'ly A Dream, homebred s/w of good potential, very forward in mind if not in coat but has the shape, so no problem there, indeed acts like a veteran with her dominating attitude, pleasing head properties, very good ears, good stop and foreface, nice eye and most feminine expression, good neck, depth of chest and length of back, very sound on the move, lovely temperament; 2 Rossiter's Cocaro The Enchantress, homebred, well developed for eight months, excellent well used ears, clean head, nice eye, feminine expression, good neck, well coated and groomed, in good body, moved well but not match 1, lovely temperament; 3 Sandham's Mohnesee Sky Mistress.

P (3) 1 Hateley's Mohnesee Ria'ly A Dream; 2 Dowding's Jorjaleigh Victorial Petal, homebred well presented sable, good eye but worried expression, strong forelegs, well muscled thighs, hackneys on move.

N (5,2) 1 Hateley's Mohnesee Ria'ly A Dream; 2 Dowding's Jorjaleigh Victorian Petal; 3 Botham's Balidorn Betsy.

G (12,7), 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Coco Pop, homebred s/s/w litter sister to LD winner, again beautiful make and shape, excellently presented in full coat, balanced head, good wedge, good ears, nice dark eye, feminine expression, well filled in under eyes, good muzzle, good neck and depth of chest, good spring of rib, good bend of stifle and let down of hock, excellent feet, moved with drive once into her stride, lovely temperament; 2 Bray's Lianbray Lucy Locket, homebred sable, sweet and petite, well presented in good coat, balanced head, dark eye, feminine expression, good ears and reach of neck, good topline, bend of stifle and hocks, moved well, good temperament; 3 Sorockyj's Shazbec Maid Of Honour at Sheltisha JW, well presented b/m of lovely shape, very attentive to handler, lovely sweet eye and expression, excellent ears, moved well, nice temperament.

PG (6,1), 1 Hickling's Sheltisha Bell Of The Ball at Natara JW, four year old tri of good solid black, pleasing head, ever alert ears, sweet eye and intelligent expression, lovely overall make and shape, good depth of chest and spring of rib, nice temperament, moved well albeit a little close behind; 2 Hirst's Sundark Symphony In Suede, homebred three year old s/w of nice shape, daughter of third in OD, pleasing head and expression, moved well, lovely temperament; 3 Cheal's Valdosta Galadriel at Faemadra JW.

L (10,3) 1 Robinson's Dippersmoor Dazzling Star JW, just fell in love with this s/s/w. Just flaunted herself, didn't have to plead for top honours, apparently assumed she would get it. And so she did. Most beautiful shape, excellently presented in full coat, lovely arched neck proudly projecting her quality head, excellent ears, good skull and foreface, well filled in under eyes, good length of muzzle, most beautiful dark eye and exquisite expression, certainly not lacking for charisma and ring presence, suffice it to say her overall conformation was ideal, enabling such sound, confident movement. BCC, her second, and a whisker's breadth from BOB. By virtue of the RKC's innovation, her collection of RCCs now makes her a champion, subject to RKC confirmation. Gorgeous; 2 Hateley's Mohnesee's Meliya JW, rising three, most appealing tri who's jacket is the blackest of black, pleasing head, eye and expression topped off by good ears, does not lack for confidence, good overall make and shape, depth of chest and spring of rib, good backend, confident on the move with good side extension; 3 Lewthwaite & Stafford's Rannerdale Queen Of Magic, litter sister to day's BOB, bred by latter owner.

O (7,1) Excellent class. 1 Pearson's Edglonian Apricot Lil, homebred s/w from a kennel I have done well in the past, and this beautiful girl is up there with the best. Unfortunately she was knocked out of her stride by an inconsiderate exhibitor who spared no thought for others in dismantling his/her crate! To the handler's credit, she coaxed her through her anxiety to win the RBCC, and well deserved too. Most wonderful shape, quality head to handle, good ears and skull, lovely stop, dark eye and even through her worried expression there was a vision of extreme femininity. Excellently presented in full coat covering good body, depth of chest and spring of rib, her very good conformation enabled powerful and determined movement. Credit to her sound temperament which enabled her to overcome her earlier discomfort. RBCC; 2 Weller's Ch Evad Halloween Spice JW, homebred s/w who was my Junior winner at Manchester two years ago. Has since reached the top house by her consistent wins, and impressed me by the way she has matured, quality head, most delightful dark eye and feminine expression, lovely overall conformation, in good body covered by full coat presented in best of order, has plenty of attitude, moved with drive and animation, lovely temperament; 3 Stafford's Rannerdale Queen Of The Night, litter sister to BOB, homebred tri where black is black, despite being sable bred. Quality head, beautiful dark eye, exquisite expression, well arched neck into good shoulder, good overall make and shape, strong boned forelegs, excellent feet, well let down hocks enabling good drive from rear.

Judge - Geoff Duffield