

Championship Judges

Mrs Cath Parker (Osmart)

I have been owned by Beardies for over 50 years, these have included CC winners, reserve CC winners, stud book entries and one who was kept purely as a house dog and companion. In the early years I preferred to own dogs including Ch Bravo of Bothkennar and Ch Osmart Bonnie Blue Braid who both ensured their place in the history of the breed. During these years I have owned less than 10 Beardies and have bred less than 10 litters, which may surprise some of the newer exhibitors, but I have always thought quality more important than quantity. In my younger days I handled many of the resident Osmarts at local and championship shows, prior to my mother's (Jenny Osborne) death I tended to be the one left at home to take care of the kennels on show days with my daughter carrying out the majority of the handling. Now we have fewer dogs, it is possible for me to be more active both attending shows with Robynne along with assisting and supporting her in ensuring the future of Osmart.

I first awarded CCs in 1976 and have judged on many occasions including Breed Club Open and Championship Shows and the bitch classes at Crufts 1992. Overseas judging has included Club and Championship Shows in Canada, Denmark, Sweden and Germany with a club match in America.

In addition I have been showing Skye Terriers since 1968 with some success including CC winners, reserve CC winners and stud book entries. I have been awarding CCs within this breed since 1986 and appointments have included the Breed Club Open, Championship Shows and Crufts 1997.

Les Griffiths (Silene)

I first started showing towards the end of the 70's with a Dobermann. However I worked beside Bob Cross (Taskavaig) and at the start of the 80's he had a litter of Beardies and when I saw them I was immediately drawn to them and bought a Bitch. Two years later I bought a dog. I have stayed with Beardies since then, although for a few years I had an Old English in partnership.

I first judged the Breed with three classes in 1984. I first awarded CC#s in 2005 and have judged them five times including the Bearded Collie Club of Canada Speciality in 2009. I have also judged Old English, Rough Collies and Polish Lowlands at Championship Shows without CC's. I have judged all seven Groups at Open Show level including several Best In Shows.

I am on Rough Collie, Shetland Sheepdog, Border Collies, Old English and Corgi, B Lists.

I served as the Bearded Collie Club of Scotland secretary for most of the 90's and have been a Committee Member and then Secretary of a local Open Show Society during the 2000's. I was also a Committee Member of the Scottish Boxer Club and Secretary for a spell.

Although I no longer show my interest in dogs and Beardies in particular is as strong as ever. I still attend most local shows and can quite often be seen stewarding.

Dr David J Anderton (Ardensax)

From a small pool of beardies at Ardensax over 30 years, starting with Padworth Freya, who gained stud book qualification, ambition was fulfilled by breeding Ch Ardensax Angelina.

At his first judging appointments at Open show (1986) and Championship show (The National Working and & Pastoral Breeds (2000)), his Best of Breeds were also Best in Show. He has also awarded Challenge Certificates in bearded collies at the Scottish Kennel Club (2002), Windsor Dog Show (2005), the Nederlanse (Dutch) Bearded Collie Club Show (2005), Special Klub for Bearded Collie (Sweden) (2006), SCBCC (2007), Three Counties Championship Show (2008) and bitches at Crufts in 2012. More recently judged at the French bearded collie championship show, 2013, The Midlands BCC (Bitches), 2014, The Czech BCC, 2014 and the Welsh KC, 2017 where his Best of Breed was selected in the final seven for Best in Show.

A high proportion of exhibits to who he gave CCs early in their show career have progressed to Champions and one gained Group 1 status at Crufts.

Dave is a past Chairman of the East Anglian Branch of the Bearded Collie Club.

Cath Moffatt (Kyleca)

Dogs and horses have been a huge part of my life since I was a young girl, a passionate animal lover! I originally showed Gundogs back in the early 80s and then followed my original equine love showing in-hand and pony club activities with my daughter. In 1997 I began looking for a companion in the shape of a bearded collie to join our lives and my first bearded collie, a Willowmead, joined soon after I was totally hooked. I have made up 2 champions in the breed (one home-bred), JW winners and another bitch where I won a CC (with BOB) and a RCC, I co-own a Swedish and Danish champion. I breed rarely but have enjoyed several litters of lovely puppies and still remain in contact with most of them. I have judged since 2003 and award CCs in Bearded Collies, Australian Shepherd Dogs and Pyrenean Mountain Dogs. I have also been approved by the KC to award CCs in Border Collies later in 2018. Whilst I consider it a privilege to be offered judging appointments at any level, I think it is equally important to help in the running and administration of shows. Presently, I am Secretary of Wolsingham and Wear Valley Agricultural Show and Conssett Canine Society and still continue to steward for shows as regularly as my time allows. I always enjoy attending other breed specific seminars to further improve my knowledge on breeds I take an avid interest. We currently share our lives with our vintage lady Jessica, our youngster Daisy and a rescue border terrier cross Fizz, life is never dull!

Marian Appleby (Diotima)

I've lived with long-haired dogs since I was 11 and discovered Beardies in 1972. Our first Beardie came from John and Betty Meyrick (Nigella) in 1973 and in 1974 we bought a bitch from Tine Bowen (Blumberg). Ch Blumberg Diotima Steel JW became the foundation bitch of Diotima Beardies. From Ella descend all Diotimas and we now have an unbroken line of seven generations of bitch Champions, with Ch Diotima's Heart of Gold being the latest. We bred Ch Diotima Sea Wolf at Rams Grove, top Beardie 2004, and own Ch Brenriga Gift Wrapped for Diotima JW, top Beardie 2005. Am and UK Ch Diotima Always on My Mind became the sixth Beardie owned/bred by Diotima to win a CC at Crufts.

I first judged in the 1970s, approved to award CCs in 1987. I have also judged in Sweden, Holland, Belgium, Finland, Switzerland, Canada and the USA.

I was Membership Secretary for the Southern Branch of the BCC, then SCBCC Membership Secretary for 11 years from its foundation and Secretary from 1991 -1996.

Kim Evans (Treebeard)

I first started showing bearded collies in 1983 and have owned, shown, photographed and lived with them since then. We have had 10 bearded collies plus some to stay/show for friends and several rescue dogs have been guests, all live in the house as part of the family. We have won Champion title, CC, stud book numbers, Junior Warrants. My personal favourite was winning BIS at the BCC Show. We breed occasionally.

I have tried to put something back into the breed, working for different clubs. I have attended Seminars and passed a Judging Diploma and the KC's required seminars before awarding CCs.

I can think of no better way of spending a day than surrounded by the lovely breed and having the pleasure of assessing their merits when judging is a bonus.

Mr Geoff Spurrier (Geliland)

I purchased my first Beardie, Tambora's Brown Sugar at Geliland, after seeing Margaret Osborne award Ch Osmart Bonnie Blue Braid BOB at Crufts in 1972. Brown Sugar was bred by Jackie Tidmarsh from Braid ex Ch Edelweiss of Tambora. After having reasonable success in the showing with Brown Sugar, I showed two of his grandchildren, both of whom gained RCCs. Another became an American Champion (Ch Geliland Black Bawbee at Chaniam) who went BIS all breeds, and another a Swedish, Finnish and Norwegian Champion (Ch Geliland Morning Miracle). My first homebred Champion was 'Disney', Ch Geliland Star of the Screen, who sired two English and two Irish Champions.

I first judged Beardies in the 1980s, was approved to award CCs in 1992 and awarded my first set of CCs in 1993. Besides extensive judging in the UK, I've judged in Holland, Denmark, Finland and Germany. On Friday 4th July, I judged the Great Lakes Bearded Collie Club Speciality in Detroit, Michigan, USA. I have been a full member of the Kennel Club since 1994. I am also a Life Member of the Bearded Collie Club. For a number of years I served as Membership Secretary for the Bearded Collie Club.

Rosie Haywood (Binbusy)

I owned Beardies for over 35 years and up until my Husband, Steve died in May 2000 was very active in the Breeding and Showing of our lovely Breed. I was also Treasurer of the Bearded Collie Club for 13 years.

Together we bred over 20 litters and provided the foundation stock for a number of successful Breeders both in the UK and Abroad. Nowadays I am content to continue with my judging career.

I first judged Beardies in 1982 and gave my first set of tickets at the Welsh KC Show in August 1988 – the same day Ch. Binbusy Cadence was whelping her first litter so not ideal timing! Over the years I have judged many of the major UK Championship Shows and Club Shows and judged the Bitches at Crufts in 2004. I have also judged Beardies many times abroad all over Europe, in the USA and in Australia.

I hope to continue judging both at home and abroad for many years to come as my way of giving something back to the Breed that is very dear to my heart.

Chris Burscough (Kilfinan)

My husband Tony and I have owned and exhibited Bearded Collies since 1987. In that time we have qualified 21 Beardies for the KC Stud Book, 17 of which were home-bred. 6 have become Champions with 1 holding a dual title. The Bearded Collies we have bred, owned and shown have won a total of 28 CC's and 22 Reserve CC's to date, our Beardies have also been campaigned in Ireland where they have won a number of CACIB's and 3 have achieved Irish titles. We have also bred 2 Canadian champions and they have gone on to produce more for their owner.

Our most memorable achievements in the show ring have been Best of Breed at Crufts, Group 1 Blackpool Championship Show, overall winner of Welsh Contest of Champions, Welsh Top Puppy, Welsh Top Junior competitions.

I judged my first classes of Beardies in 1994 at Open level and have awarded CCs 3 time since then, the first time at Birmingham National in 2010.

The same year I was also honoured to be invited to judge the Bearded Collie Club of Germany Speciality Show together with the Working Tests.

We have been involved with Skye terriers for almost as long as Beardies and currently own and show two who have won 1 CC and 5 RCC's between them.

I enjoy judging, consider it an honour and view it as a valuable learning experience

Linda Pierson (Kiltondale)

I first encountered a Beardie when I was 14 years old. This turned out to be Deanfield Autumn Gold owned by Jackie Goulder, our shepherdess where we take our Beardies to do what comes naturally. I got my first Beardie from Bryony Harcourt-Brown when I was 16 and soon became hooked on showing. To date I have made up 4 Champions in the breed, three owner/bred and one I had to show while he was in this country. At present I have five Beardies, three female and two males and usually breed a litter when we want a puppy to

show or I have families willing to wait for one of our puppies. We have a male from Sweden, who is proving to be a useful boy as he brings down COI and up to now, hip scores too.

I started judging in 1994 and in 2006 I awarded CCs for the first time and have now awarded three sets of CC's in the UK. I have judged overseas on three occasions with appointments in the future. I have judged BIS at Open Show level and find judging other breeds I'm interested in fascinating.. There will never be another breed that will compare to a Beardie to me, the ultimate dog, a friend and a wonderful companion.

Open Show Judges

Verity Rudd (Lubin)

My first Beardie, Chloe, bounced into my life when I was nine – she was a working-type blessing that led me into a life-long love of dogs. When Chloe left us, our only choice was to find a Beardie and we found our first pedigree in Bobbie and through Bobbie, we became a multi-Beardie household – one is never enough! I bred my first show-dog in 2001, Megan, who gained her studbook number and a place at my first Crufts. I have taken the responsibility of caring for our precious breed very seriously and have taken my time in developing my opinions, listening to my peers and taking all the opportunities to learn I can. I began stewarding in 2003, as this is an excellent way to expand your view of all types of dogs and knowledge of rules and regulations. This led to judging at companion shows and I still believe these are a great place to develop your judgement and the stamina for judging large classes. In 2004, I began judging at Open shows and have continued to attend seminars, judges' training and develop through my peers. I have bred two dogs to their studbook numbers and shown another I am currently showing a team of three and have the luxury of being able to keep all my dogs in my home on their retirement. I will never stop learning, developing and improving in securing the future of our breed and thank everyone who supports me in my endeavours.

Allyson King (Allyking)

My Showing career started in 1981 and soon followed with Judging appointments.

I have been judging Beardies since 1995 and seventy classes to date actual dogs hands on 126 plus others via groups

I have given CCs in OES, Briads, Border Collies.

I have attended JDP seminars and have to Date, Credits in Australian Shepherds, Border Collies and Swedish Vallhunds.

I have also attended many Breed Specific Assessments and passed them so am A3 and B listed on numerous breeds.

I have judged numerous Breed Club Shows and have some pending

Rodney Oldham "Towmena"

First involvement in competitive dog activities around 1963 in obedience.

First Chow born in 1965 when I was just 15 and we travelled to shows from the south coast by public transport, inc crossing London on the underground and up/down escalators! Worked for sometime for the late Clare Halford of Siccawei Airedale fame.

Notable records include:

First Champion made up in 1974 – 13 UK Chow Champions amassing well over 150 CCs plus a Tibetan Terrier Champion .

First CCs awarded in 1976 and commenced 'other' breeds judging in same year.

Ex-officio delegate for the Chow Chow Breed Council for discussions with the KC over contentious Breed Standard changes since 2009.

Currently approved to award CCs in 47 breeds across 4 groups and the Utility, Working & Pastoral Groups plus BIS. Invitation to judge my first Crufts Group accepted for 2019.

Have judged many times throughout Europe plus South & East Africa, Australia & NZ and 2 Specialities in USA.

Sue Williams

I bought my first Beardie, Bonnie, in 1981, first & foremost as a family pet.

I joined the various breed clubs to get to know other Beardie owners and to learn more about the breed.

I soon became interested in showing and attended judging seminars run by the SCBCC & EBCA, subsequently being added to their judges B list. I am also on the B list of the Midshires BCC & NEBCC.

I have passed the A3 Assessment at the EBCA May 2010 seminar.

I eventually bred from Bonnie & her daughter Ardassine Brave Gypsy. Her son, Ardassine Family Man achieved considerable success in the show ring, gaining his Stud book number & being awarded

Top Junior in 1988, gaining triple number of points needed for Junior Warrant.

In recent years Poppy came to live with me & I kept a daughter, Ardassine Blue Blossom who has been shown sparingly with some success.

I was first privileged to judge in 1987 and have since enjoyed many appointments judging Bearded & Border collies, with honesty, integrity & also giving consideration to those starting out in showing, giving help & encouragement.

Toni Jackson (Elbereth)

I have been showing dogs for nearly 50 years, starting as a junior, and had my first judging appointment in 1986 for Pyrenean Mtn Dogs, I now award CCs in 10 breeds: Border Collie, PMD, Finnish Lapphunds, Samoyed, ASD, Vallhund, Shetland Sheepdogs, German Spitz, Klein and Mittel and Leonbergers and was honoured to judge my first pastoral group at WELKD earlier this year. I am very interested in pastoral breeds (from both a show and working point of view having trained both border collies and lapphunds to work sheep and have run dogs in both obedience and agility competitions. I first judged Bearded collies back in 1999, judging the breed once or twice a year since then to gradually build up my numbers and learning from breed enthusiasts on the way. I also enjoy watching the breed in the show ring both here and abroad. I have handled the breed in the ring at open and championship show level, and attended the Southern Counties Bearded Collie Club's History and Breed Standard on 3/5/2009 passing the exam, and then a year later passed the Eastern Bearded Collie Association's A3 Assessment 16/5/10.