

Gail Griffin

My childhood companion was an English Setter. My initial career was a trainee fashion buyer for Harrods and latterly Rackhams. I married Tim in 1969 and left work to have our first Irish in 1971. 'Norleigh Brandy' was entered in the first 'National Gundog Ch Show' in Harrogate. He won four classes under June Coates. I was hooked! He went on to win a CC and RCC. My foundation bitch was 'Caskeys Courvoisier'. I bred my first litter in 1977. I haven't been a prolific breeder, litters having to fit in with family (I am a mother of four) and business. However, I have six Irish entered in the stud book. 'Corriebran Lucky Charm' was 'Our Dogs' Pedigree Chum' 'Top Irish Puppy of the year' in 1990. My first judging appointment was in 1981 and I first awarded CC's in 2000. I have been a member of the Kennel Club since 1981. It was also in 1981 that my hobby became a business when we bought our Boarding kennels adding a cattery and grooming parlour. My other interests / commitments include: our lovely children! I'm church warden / organist, Village Hall secretary and fund raiser and a member of the 'Rotary Club of Rutland', my Presidential year being 2008-2009.