



## *Sutton Mandeville*

### **SOUTH AND WEST WILTS HUNT PUPPY SHOW**

The judging of the young entry of the above pack took place at the Kennels, Sutton Veny, on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. The judges were the Hon. Percy Wyndham, late master of the Tedworth Hounds, who kindly took office in the absence of Charles Hamblin, K.H. to his Grace the Duke of Beaufort, Richard Stovin, huntsman to Lord Pembroke, and Joe Moss, who carries the horn in Lord Portman's country. The young hounds to be judged consisted of 13 couple, 8 ½ of dog puppies and 4 ½ of bitches, and during the twelve or thirteen years that I have attended these shows at the South and West kennels I have not seen a better lot together. After due deliberation and careful individual consideration, the judges awarded the first prize to a good-looking black and tan dog puppy, by the Belvoir Stainless, out of Norah, walked by Mr Pike of Whitebridge Farm, Semley, a real nice youngster with good legs and feet and plenty of substance and quality. Mr Bidwell, of The Buries, Bishopstrowe, came second with an undeniably good looking black and tan puppy, Galway, from a nice litter of five (all dogs) by the Belvoir Gordon, out of Daphne.

The bitch puppies were very much admired, and it was a long time before the judges could decide which to put first out of a brace of half sisters by the noted Lincoln. Finally, a very fashionable little lady, a nice dark tan, Sunshine, by Lincoln, out of Sarah, from the care of Mr Corbyn, of Sutton Mandeville, gained the verdict. Second came Ladybird, by Lincoln, out of Needless, walked by Mr W. Stratton, of Kingston Deverell, a black, white and tan, of great promise, that ought to make a rare breed bitch when her turn comes. Unluckily she was a bit shy, and did not show herself well, or she might have done better.

Personally speaking, it was gratifying to me to see these daughters of Lincoln come to the front, as when I gave him first prize in the hound puppy class at the West of England Dog Show at Trowbridge in '87, the *Field* report spoke of him as somewhat heavy in the shoulder ! a fault, if it ever existed, that he has entirely grown out of, as a better topped hound it would be very hard to find, as the judges unanimously agreed when looking over the pack subsequently. General praise was accorded to the huntsman, William Freeman, for the capital condition of the hounds, which begin their cub-hunting on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September.

After the judging, about sixty of Capt. Helme's friends and the walkers of puppies sat down to luncheon in a marquee pitched in the meadow opposite the kennels, the caterer, Mrs Harris, of the Anchor Hotel, Warminster giving every satisfaction.....

The stables were afterwards visited and the Hunt horses inspected, all looking very fit to commence hard work as soon as required.

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