



# Trefoil Family Gathering



## An AICSS Back to Roots Experience

### What it is:

- ✚ A special non competitive social event, to enjoy the company of each other and our dogs. Away from the ringside - but at a very special location.
- ✚ The very precise origins of a dog breed may be open to debate and conjecture, but in the case of the Rough Collie one certainty exists.

**\*\*\*Virtually every collie pedigree can trace through its tail male lineage back to just one single male\*\*\***

- His name – **Trefoil**.
- The year **1873**.
- The breeder **Mr S E Shirley** (founder of the Kennel Club in London)
- The place of his birth – **Ireland**

In 2003 the AICSS reprinted with permission the research of the late Iris Combe (Tilehouse) and in 2007 independently produced, (for the International Collie Conference in Killarney), a presentation on this historical link between **Ireland** and the **Rough Collie**

**\*\*Iris Combe's article is available on the club website –**

[www.allirelandcollie.com/irish-ancestry-rough-collie](http://www.allirelandcollie.com/irish-ancestry-rough-collie)

In 2018 we go further – we literally revisit the past and you are invited to step back in time with the current generation of Collies ...

**Why: Because we can!** The AICSS is in the unique position to reclaim this important piece of breed history

The Shirley family have graciously granted exclusive access to their private family estate for the membership of the AICSS

The event will, 145 years after his birth, bring together descendants of Trefoil right in the place where he was born

**Where:** The birthplace of this “father of the breed” – the Shirley Estate, Lough Fea, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan, Ireland.


**When:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018



**A Photographer will be present to record for posterity this special event and your participation in it**

**Bring a picnic. If it rains we'll have the club tents**



 The AICSS respectfully asks that participants refrain from posting photos on social media until after the official club photos have been launched. The official AICSS photos will be free to share and tag and print.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2018**

ONLY PASS HOLDERS WILL BE ALLOWED ENTRY TO THE ESTATE. STRICTLY NO ENTRY AFTER 12 noon **Arrive no later than 12. Photo Shoot 1pm. ....followed by a picnic and walks** **What you need to know:**

You are cordially invited to RSVP by email to **Maureen Timmins** ([colliesociety@gmail.com](mailto:colliesociety@gmail.com)), **BEFORE 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPT** indicating your name and mobile number, plus the registered names and pet names of the dogs you want to attend this Special Event

**A guest pass will then be issued by mail for display on entry to the grounds**

plus full directions to the estate. Lough Fea will also be supplied with a guest list for cross check. There will be directions to car parking and preparation area



■ bring a picnic

■ group photo shoot

■ visit Shirley family dog cemetery

■ dog walks

**Dogs must be kept under control at all times and cleaned up after**