

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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OVER THE YEARS there are constant changes of committee members but we should not forget the contribution many gave to BGVs, devoting time, effort and enthusiasm to the breed they loved. One such person was David Currah.

David was on the committee from 1993 to 1999, serving as Vice Chairman from 1995 to 1997. Even after David stood down, until 2004 he and his wife Judy represented the breed at outside events, including purchasing and taking club merchandise to sell at about five functions a year, the most important one being Hound day at Crufts. Sometimes they raised over £1,000 at this event, which was no mean feat going back well over 10 years.

Their first PBGV was Maquisard Martine of Kykesow (Ch Jomil Zadok ex Ch Maquisard Champenoise) who was born on 1 March 1989. Although their main interest was PBGVs, in 2002, they weakened and acquired Duntech Etalon from Val Jackson and Peter Marks. Then, as part of the seeming mass migration of dog folk at the time, they moved from Essex to Lincolnshire at the end of 2005. Only ever breeding two litters, in 2012 they lost their last PBGV Kykesow Bangels De'vell, who was born in 1997, sired by Sweetdean Sentinal, dam Polly Flinders of Sweetdean.

David was diagnosed with cancer late 2009/early 2010 and it was his inner strength and support from Judith that saw him through the treatment to give him quality of life for the remaining time he had. On 28 August while in hospital David lost that fight. As yet, funeral arrangements are unknown but thoughts are with Judith and daughter Tegan at this distressing time.

Another sad loss is Colin Wells who has also passed away after a long battle with cancer. A servant to the world of dogs and Basset man through and through, Colin served on several Hound show committees and was one time Treasurer of the Midland BHC and BHC Secretary. He judged BGVs and for a few years, with wife Trish, was a regular visitor to the annual Danish Bassetklubben Very Special Show. His funeral will be held at 2pm on Monday 11 September. Those attending are asked to meet at Catwick Village Hall, Rowpit Lane, Catwick HU17 5PR before making their way to the church. His family requests you wear cheerful colours, not black. No flowers either, rather voluntary donations to Dove House Hospice. Condolences go to Trish and daughter Geraldine.

Fresh from judging at Border Union, Jette Ramvad (Petit Heroes, Dk) has been on her travels again, driving up to Sweden to judge at the Swedish Basset Club Show, Öst Eksjö. BOB and BIS went to the bitch, Annicke Löfgren's Swe Ch Around Ultra Exclusive (Rainstone Dustin ex Around Nothing Else Matters) with BOS going to Swe/Dk Ch Surround Amoroso (Multi Ch Zalazar Murphy's Pride ex Swe/Nor Ch Petit Heroes Corinna Corinna), bred by Agneta and Johan Källén and owned by Göran Björsall.

With no breed classes at SKC and no PBGVs entered in AV, there are a few open show wins to report. At Horley and her first show out of Puppy, our Monkham's Luna Luvgood (Suton Crepu Visage Love From Roxy to Gemshorn [imp USA] ex Monkham's Kiwi JW ShCM) went BOB under Elina Haapaniemi (Aspenella, Finland) and was awarded G4 by Michelle Chapman (Ellemich/Galrhia). Meanwhile at Norfolk & Norwich, Paul Osbourne's Braego Gladys Aylward ShCM went Best NSC Hound and G1 under Hazel Fitzgibbon (Smiliesam).

Remember the BGVC fun day takes place soon on 9 September at Brae Lodge, Thornton Road, Beachampton, Milton Keynes MK19 6DU. Price £8 adult, £4 children. There will be agility, fancy dress, games, fun classes judged by Joan Hutchings, a raffle (contributions welcome) and more. Jim and Ann Salmon will also be there with their array of breed items for sale. If you are going, please let Hilary Knowles know as she needs to ensure plenty of food for everyone. I gather the ice cream last time was very popular too! Contact her on hk@buckinghamcolour.com or 01908 568140.

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