

## Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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WITH THANKS TO HILARY KNOWLES, the BGV Fun Day took place at Brae Lodge, Beauchampton, on Saturday 9 September. After weeks and weeks of hot temperatures, unfortunately the weather had been working up to being highly unpredictable. However, with plenty of gazebos and shelters, including trees, the show carried on in between showers with everyone enjoying the day. Fun classes judge, Joan Hutchings, braved the rain showers valiantly and selected Geoff & Jan Trotter's GBGV Rufus for her BIS, with Stephen & Louise Preece's PBGV Lucy RBIS. BPIS went to Jim & Ann Salmon's GBGV Fern (Emma Jane at Scarscot), who will be a year old in November. All received splendid rosettes, made by Sue Marshall, though Lucy decided to play with hers after the show, leaving not much left of it and owner Louise somewhat distraught. Kim Culyer-Dawson had worked hard before the day to contribute towards great raffle prizes and Harrison Smith, who won Best Child Handler with Ella was also the lucky recipient of a new pal Big Ted, given to him by raffle winner Jules Metselaar-Williams, who I gather bought rather a lot of tickets! One other person worthy of a mention is Martin Bishop who topped the Best Six Legs class with PBGV, Lemmie. Website company allowing (they have been having major issues of late, not good for custom) photos of the day are now on [www.bgvclub.co.uk/fun-days-walks](http://www.bgvclub.co.uk/fun-days-walks).

Hound day at Richmond took place the day before where, thankfully, the rain stayed off for getting dogs into the showground. However, by the time PBGV judging was well under way, sheets of rain were blowing across the field and plenty of water dripping from the tenting edges, leaving exhibitors trying to avoid the steady waterfall as they moved or stood their PBGVs. Brian Foster was giving CCs for the first time and, from an entry of 27, less four absent, his choice for BOB went to Robertson & Doherty's Ch Soletrader Magic Mike, with BCC going to the JB winner, Robertson's Around Zlightly Different with Soletrader (Imp Swe). RDCC was Reid's Maudaxi Odd Job, RBCC Dalgarno's Nykarth Magic Moment, both winning through from Limit. BP went to Robertson's Soletrader Buddy Holly and BV Osbourne's Ch Nykarth Kicking Off with Braego ShCM. Sue Hewart-Chambers, who judged the breed the week before at City of Birmingham, gave top Hound Group spot to Magic Mike and it was a RBIS for him on the final day, under David Guy.

The funeral for David Currah will be held at 1.30pm on 22 September at Boston Crematorium, Marian Road, Boston PE21 9HA. There will be a gathering afterwards at Supreme Inn, Bicker Bar, Bicker PE20 3AN by the A17 leading out of Boston, making it easier for those who have a long journey afterwards. If anyone wishes to send flowers, the funeral directors K E Adlesee, 01205 311303, will be pleased to advise.

Those on social media will have seen the generosity displayed by many American BGV owners living outside the path of Hurricane Irma, which hit Florida a few days back but also extended to the other states as it headed north. Hundreds of thousands also lost power in the Carolinas, Alabama and Georgia, where at one point 800,000 were experiencing outages on Tuesday, though that number declined during the day. Many with camper vans, rooms, enclosed dog runs, kennels and other shelter offered a safe haven to other BGV owners who needed to evacuate to avoid one of the most powerful hurricanes in history. Although many have now returned to flooding, damage, trees uprooted and power outages, it seems most Floridian BGV owners are philosophical and have set about cleaning up, repairing fences, getting trees removed and checking kennel roofs. When we complain about UK weather, we must be thankful we don't experience such extremes of weather as in the States with possible earthquakes, forest fires, tornados and hurricanes.

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