

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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THE FIRST OUTDOOR SHOW of the season was WELKS and the Malvern Hills were covered in rain for the two days that I was there. I understand that limited judging took place outdoors on the Sunday, however all judging was indoors on Friday and Saturday. Being in Hall 5 on the Friday it was bitterly cold as all the doors were wide open and there was no heating on so it was with trepidation that I arrived in Hall 5 on Saturday for the Hounds. Although there was still no heating, the majority of the doors were at least shut. The only time the heating was put on was in the main ring just as the groups were going in!

There were no BGV classes scheduled, however there was a good entry of GBGV and PBGV in the Any Variety Hound classes for Frank Kane to judge. Of the three GBGV entered, Best Puppy went to Danielle Mached and Barbara Milton's Tioga Lautrec With Grandoreille in his last Puppy class. Best Special Beginners was Hilary Knowles' Anya Hindmarch Avec Braillement. With BOB, BOS and Best Puppy Bitch all being awarded to PBGV, overall the BGV swept the board. Many congrats must go to Sara Robertson & Wendy Doherty for Best In show with Ch Soletrader Magic Mike.

This weekend I am heading off to cycle 300 miles in aid of Breast Cancer Care from Saint Pancras (London) to Amsterdam via Sint Pancras (The Netherlands). I will happily accept sponsorship via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pancrassaintscc or alternatively hard cash at a show! I wish everyone else a fun filled, good weather bank holiday weekend and I will see some of you at National Dog show on Friday 11 May where Jill Peak has an entry of 26 and we are third in the ring after Deerhound and PBGV.

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