

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THE BGV CLUB'S SCOTTISH FUN DAY took place outside at Carnock & Gowkhill Committee Centre last Saturday, making the most of the continuing glorious weather. With a groaning raffle table and many taking part in the fun classes, a wonderful £350 was raised for the Club's health account. BIS went to Pam McGregor's GBGV Claela Reamur, aka Hugo, with RBIS going to James Neatham's Cocker, Oti. BPIS was PBGV Bonny handled by Stephanie Brown. From the photos I have seen, the fancy dress was a sight to behold, ranging from the Dynamic Duo and Wonder Dog, to Winnie the Pooh and Christopher Robin, a packet of Crayolas with a rather splendid Crayola Fauve and two hounds clad in religious regalia.

I see at least one open show has been cancelled this weekend due to the continuing excessive heat and will be rescheduled. However, it was the venue owners who took the decision, with the interests of animal welfare in mind. Certainly being under cover doesn't always solve the problem when the temperature soars as some venues can be oppressively hot inside, as well as out. There are 22 PBGVs entered at Leeds for judge Bert Easden and at Paignton there will be only 18 for John Thirlwell, giving CCs for the first time. This is nigh on half last year's entry of 33. Certainly there are rumblings amongst exhibitors that entries are gradually becoming too expensive for many, invariably with the cost of parking on top and travel to and from the venue, it is turning into a rich man's sport.

While on one of his regular trips overseas for judging, American Jeff Pepper developed pneumonia and an air bubble in one lung. He spent time in the Dali People's Hospital, China, being well taken care of but, with having to stay in hospital for a few days, there was no judging or touring around. I don't doubt Jeff will be pleased to get home now that he has been told he is fit and it is safe for him to fly.

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