

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THERE ARE ONLY A FEW DAYS TO GO now before our club championship show at Ryton-on-Dunsmore next Saturday, 24 November. After being moved to the other part of the sports hall last year to make way for an impressive Indian wedding reception. I understand we are back in our old surroundings this time round, nearer the car park. The show opens at 9am with judging starting in both rings at 10am. Bring your money with you as there will be plenty of breed related items to tempt you along with the great raffle, next year's calendar and some club publications. Don't forget to bring your grooming scissors too if they need sharpening. Joan Robertson has made up an album of photos from the 40th anniversary celebrations of the club at Steventon which I am sure everyone will enjoy looking at. With half the proceeds of the day going to the Peek a Boo Trust, the cheque will be formally handed over during the lunch break. There might even be a 40th anniversary cake too!

Last week I recounted the misery in my house caused by night after night of explosive fireworks nearby, also told you about the Government petition to restrict their use to organised displays, which has raised nearly 285,000 signatures to date. With loud fireworks still going off overhead last Sunday nearly a week after 5 November and yet another evening of petrified dogs, I am now pleased to see that Parliament is going to debate this petition on 26 November. You can watch this live on <https://parliamentlive.tv/Commons>.

I had a surprise and welcome visit over the weekend – an Australian lady from Victoria. Many years ago she took in a PBGV we bred after he ended up in a dog pound. The chain of circumstances was almost unbelievable. It led from us sending him to a good show home and being shown successfully to become an Aus Ch, to being rehomed and that new owner subsequently turning him into the local pound despite a clear understanding that he be returned to the original owners if she was unable to keep him. With the pound policy of putting dogs to sleep if unclaimed it is a miracle that he was recognised in a local ad and survived the ordeal. He is now 13 and living a very comfortable life of luxury so I can only thank this kind lady who gave him a new lease of life. It did of course at the time bring home to me how little control we have over the welfare of those we send to another country, despite any Contract of Sale obligations.

The lucky LOD winners of the autumn big draw are Lynne Scott with £50, Dianne Reid £25 and £12 to Sue & Nick Marshall.

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