

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THE NEW YEAR came in relatively quietly where I live, with most of the fireworks thankfully going off in the distance. The dogs were therefore spared any undue upset and I was equally spared the trauma of calming them down. Of course, welcoming in the New Year has moved on since the days when I was young. If I managed to stay awake until midnight, I would hear people in their back gardens banging pots and pans with a wooden spoon. Of course, in the austere years after the war no-one was going to spend money on expensive fireworks so it was common sense to use anything around the house as “noisemakers”. Going back even further into the past, it seems this tradition was also to ward off evil spirits.

In America, Westminster KC takes place next month. Monday, 11 February, Michael Canalizo of Mill Neck, NY, will be judging PBGVs and Pat Craige Trotter of Carmel, California will be judging the Hound Group. Top five dogs in PBGVs invited to attend were: GCHB Lacey's Not My Circus, GCHB M & M's Calamity Jane, GCHB Talus Stonehouse I'm A Travelin' Man, GCHG Pink Panther V. Tum-Tum's Vriendjes. GCHS CJ's Sweet Georgia Brown.

The schedule and entry form for our BGV Club Open Show on 6 April are now on <http://www.bgvclub.co.uk/>. If you would like a paper copy, contact Colin Makey on 01469 540260 or gairside@btinternet.com who will have them shortly. There are no facilities for entering on-line for this show so, when doing it in the good old-fashioned way, please make sure all details are correct, also remember to use more than one entry form if for a different breed or different ownership. Something new for this show is a Baby Puppy Walk, which will take place after Junior Handling during the lunch break. This isn't a competition, puppies will not be placed in any way but they can come in as a group and parade around. A good chance to socialise and hopefully have a bit of fun. Each will receive a rosette.

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