

## **Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)**

**5 / 4 / 2019**

THE WEEKS ROLL BY and here we are on the eve of our club open show at Weedon Bec village hall NN7 4QU. Show opens 8.30am to allow time for you to get your BGVs into the hall before the AGM starts at 9am. Once chairs have been put to one side after the meeting, we will be starting GBGV judging first of all around 11am with Sue Marshall taking centre stage. This will be followed by a short lunch break during which our BIS referee Judith Robin-Smith will be enjoying the Baby Puppy Walk, then onto PBGVs when Fiona Buchanan takes over. Claire Cooper knows everyone's weaknesses and will have bacon rolls on the go early morning, then baked potatoes with various fillings later in the day. Jan Bishop and Geraldine Dodd have been busy baking cakes which I am sure will also go down well. Geraldine will also be busy on the raffle table, assisted by Kathy Moulding and, for their sins, they have the additional job of being in charge of selling BGV mugs, some done up specially containing Easter eggs, also leads and purses. If you want to pre-order, contact Kim Culyer-Dawson on 01255 317415, email [kimgreen2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kimgreen2003@yahoo.co.uk). Raffle prizes will be most welcome, also any items to boost the raffle for the Scottish Fun Day.

Still north of the Border, there is a good entry of 18 PBGVs for Suzanne Metcalfe-Bilgin at Hound Association of Scotland on 13 April.

A small boast that our Ch Beaujons Ugly Betty of Monkams JW ShCM did us proud at the Herts & Essex show last weekend where, from an entry of nearly 50, she made the cut twice to be pulled out first in the Open Stakes, winning £50. The judge was Janis Ward (Laurenley). In the breed classes, our Monkams Memphis Belle went BP and BOB under Kate Broadhead (Tazieff). Herts & Essex is but one of the canine societies to have lost its old Wood Green Animal Shelter venue at Godmanchester and their recent show took place at the equestrian centre at Keysoe, Beds. This too is being lost to dog shows making it more and more difficult for societies to find suitable alternatives. I gather that next year's Herts & Essex is being held at Dullingham Polo Fields, Newmarket. If it rains, we get wet!

This month's Limited Odds Draw winners are Joan Hutchings with £15, £10 to Michael MacLaren and £5 to Fiona Morris, who has kindly asked for this to be put back into Club funds.

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