



THE BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

BREED NOTES 2020 - GBGV

3 / 1 / 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and your Hounds. Why not make it a new year's resolution to keep me updated with news and views? As 1st January has now lapsed, that means our breed club membership subs are due, as are your Limited Odds Draw funds and finally the Breeders Directory. Membership is £10 single, £12 joint with any juniors an additional £2, all funds for this should be sent to Membership Secretary Martin Bishop. Limited Odds will cost you £12 for the year with a chance to win up to £50. To be included on the Breeders Directory you will need to complete the form which is in the Winter Vocie or can be downloaded from the website and it will cost you £20. Completed forms and cheques should be sent to secretary Linda Skerritt. If you are going to transfer the money directly in to the BGV club bank account, please make sure that you make it identifiable for our treasurer Colin Makey.

17 / 1 / 2020

BOSTON was our first championship show of 2020, where Ceri McEwan had 14 entered with 2 absentees. One of which was mine, having arrived home from a week in India the previous evening I could not face getting a GBGV ready for the show. The other was Danielle Machent's. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchanan and Mike MacLaren's Ch Macaroni V Tum-Tum's Vriendjes of Tarmachan, and they also achieved Best Bitch and Best Puppy with Tarmachan Miss Impatiens. Reserve Best Dog was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Int/Bel Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM and Reserve Best Bitch Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Independence Day JW. Best Special Beginners was Andree Weymouth's Soufriere Now I'm Here At Woolybassets. The sad news reached exhibitors at the show that Sylvia Court died over the Christmas period. She will mainly be remembered by the success of her GBGV Silvamoon Mrs Tiggywinkle (Soufriere La Toc Lightening ex Kandecx Dalwhinnie at Silvamoon), bred by Sue Birney and born in 2002. I heard some feedback from the show that some readers had commented I was only reporting on certain results – the reason for this is simple and something I have said countless times, I do not spend my life trawling through Facebook for everyone's results as I may miss some or frankly I may not be "friends" with someone. I report on what I am told. If you don't tell me it won't get reported. So yet another plea for any news, views or anecdotes to actually allow me to write about something different in these notes.

24 / 1 / 2020

THE FIRST SET OF CCs for 2020 was awarded by Wendell Moore at Manchester. The weather was dreary and, as I had been there the previous day, I was aware of the conditions of the ground and as such didn't even attempt to park on the grass. Those who did and got stuck were towed out by the tractor later in the day. The rain arrived mid-morning and stayed put for a few hours making ground conditions even soggy. We were third in the ring behind Borzoi and PBGV but got in about midday. Dog CC was Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet who was collecting his 2nd CC to go with his 10 Reserve CCs. Reserve Dog CC was Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM owned by Colin and Ann Makey. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Independence Day with Reserve Bitch CC the Makey's Ch/Bel/Int CH Gairside Good Gracious. Best Puppy was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Miss Impatiens. The only stakes result I saw was a third in the Puppy Dog sSakes for Pam and Claire McGregor's Caela You And I Are A Team. Many congrats to all. BGV Club Secretary Linda Skerritt writes: Due to a combination of circumstances, Geraldine Dodd feels she is unable to continue on the BGV Club committee. The Club's membership secretary, Martin Bishop, has taken over doing the Limited Odds Draw so any payments due should go to him at 1 Longship Way, Maldon, Essex CM9 6UG. Or you can contact him on 07779 300761 or vendeen48@gmail.com. And, for the time being, to ensure the Club gets all annual Points Trophy forms before the end of this month, please send them to Lynn Wood at 55 Middle Crockerford, Vange, Basildon, Essex SS16 4SE. Alternatively email them to her on wood_stephen9@sky.com. The points claim forms can be found on www.bgvclub.co.uk/membership-voice-lod. If you have already emailed any to Geraldine, it would help if you could now forward your email to Lynn. Although now out of hospital, Geraldine is still recovering from a bombardment of serious health problems and has to go back in some time for a further operation. I know everyone will join with me in wishing her well. Points forms, LOD dues and, most importantly, annual subscriptions are due by the end of this month or you will lose your right to vote.

31 / 1 / 2020

THE FINAL BREED STANDINGS table has been published in Our Dogsthis week, as such massive congrats to Team Tarmachan owned and shown by Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren who have gained Top Dog with Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Top Breeders, Top Stud with Ir Ch Tarmachan Albanwr and Top Brood with Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc En Ciel. Congratulations to Amanda Smith who co-owns Top Puppy Jayanel Ambiorix with me, she also picked up Top Otterhound with her other "pet" Ch Tecklegarth Maximus. This is your final warning to pay your membership fees for 2020 –the deadline for which is Friday 31 January. If you haven't paid by this date then you will lose your right to vote at the AGM. There is now the lull in championship shows before Crufts. I know some of you will be venturing out to open shows in this time, or even across the channel. If you do, please tell me the results so that they can be included here. An interesting question I came across the other day - with the rise of veganism in humans, how does this affect the way that some people feed their dogs? All the responses that I saw were very much on the lines that veganism was the human choice not that of the dogs and they would still continue to feed them meat. However I wonder how the strictest of Vegans cope? Any news and views welcomed.

7 / 2 / 2020

THE ONLY THING TO REPORT ON this week is the Crufts entry. Zena Thorn-Andrews has 25/26 GBGV entered, which I believe is the lowest entry since 2006. She is then followed by Linda MacKenzie's 67 PBGVs. I know Lynn Wood has been very busy organising people for the Discover Dogs both for the two breeds. It is hard to think that in month's time it will all be over and done with! There is still time to complete your points forms. They are to be sent to Lynn Wood at 55 Middle Crockerford, Vange, Basildon, Essex SS16 4SE. Alternatively email them to her on wood_stephen9@sky.com. And finally yet another plea for any news and views that may occur. I wish you and your dogs well when Storm Ciara hits this weekend.

14 / 2 / 2020

OUR JUDGING TIME FOR CRUFTS has changed again. Judging now starts at 10am rather than 11am, a little bit more sensible I feel. Last weekend judging at America's Westminster KC took place. GBGV judge was Mrs Linda Hurlebaus. With only three entered, BOB went to Laurie Green, Brent Humphrey & Barbara Miller's GCHB CH Sidekick's Ice Queen At R-N-B (Ch Sidekick's Amour De Bonami ex Sidekick's Daisy Duke). Best of Opposite Sex was Janice Brown & Brent Humphrey's CH Sidekick's Life Is A Highway (Palomino Du Greffier Du Roi ex Sidekick's L'Histoire De Ma Vie). GCHB CH Debucher Dynamite At Vernaccia (Can-Can V Tum-Tums Vriendjes Debucher ex Debucher Gairside Fait Accompli) was awarded Select Bitch. She is owned by Denise & Al Parker and Betty Barth. This is a particularly quiet time of year so please someone tell me something, it is hard trying to write notes when there is nothing to write about.

28 / 2 / 2020

I KNOW RESULTS of two open shows from last weekend. The first, Newark, was judged by Mary Sanders-Parker and she found her Best of Breed in Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM and Reserve Best of Breed in Andrew Yates and Robert Bailey's Ir Ch Tarmachan Ice Cool. The following day at Cheltenham we had a change of judge to Helen Wayman who found Best of Breed in Tarmachan Black Ice. Our scheduled judge Fred Ellingford had to pull out due to illness, I am sure we all wish him well. This time next week Crufts preparations will be in full swing, so if this weekend you are giving your dogs a run out please let me know the results.

6 / 3 / 2020

IT SEEMS as if everyone has been in hibernation since Manchester, or if you haven't nobody is telling me any news! The big thing this week has been whether Crufts will go ahead with the increased levels of cases of COVID-19, but as we go to press the KC announced that it is currently going ahead in line with guidelines. The KC have also announced that they will be installing an increased number of hand sanitising stations around the halls and will be encouraging visitors and exhibitors to utilise these. I am sure there will be a continued amount of scaremongering following Crufts as we all know a lot of us come down with Crufts flu following the event. How many will say it is Coronavirus? Working for a global travel organisation I see first hand every day the effect it has on business. However, as far as the greatest dog show is concerned, this time next week it will all be over and it will have all been a dream. A message from Linda Skeritt "With Crufts on our minds, the Club Open Show may have gone on the back burner for some but please remember entries close the day after Hound day, on Monday 8 March. You may give me your entries at Crufts, if you wish or get them in the post to me NOW. Schedule and entry form can be found on www.bgvclub.co.uk/diary-dates". Safe travels to Crufts and remember we are all taking the best dogs home.

13 / 3 / 2020

CAN'T BELIEVE I FORGOT! Crufts is over with for another year and even up until 7.30 Wednesday evening it could have been cancelled but the show did go on! Zena Thorn Andrews had 3 absentees (all bitches) from her entry and overall I do not believe that there were more absent than normal. I must admit that it did seem quieter in the halls but it was still difficult to move around! Dog CC his all-important third to go with 10 RCCs went to Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet, Bitch CC, her first, to go with 2 RCCs both won at Crufts, was Tarmachan Black Ice now owned by Fiona Buchanan, Michael MacLaren and Amanda O'Day who handled her. Both RCCs went to Pam and Claire McGregor's litter mates Claella You and I Are A Team and Claella No Looking Back with the dog getting Best Puppy. Best Veteran went to my Ch Debucher XFactor. Many congratulations to Katie O'Brien who won the 12-17 YKC handling, this time handling a Basset Fauve de Bretagne. Keeping on the Junior Handling theme, prior to Crufts Viv Phillips was contacted by Liz Cartledge as one of the International Junior Handling competitors had requested a GBGV as their dog. Eric, aka Jayanel Ambiorix, owned by me and Amanda Smith was drafted in and off we went on the Saturday morning to meet Marta from Latvia. Marta's parents own Basset Hounds in Latvia and she wanted a slightly bigger hound to show. She had an hour to get to know him and wow did they bond – I even admit she showed him better than I can. In the second round he was then used by the Irish competitor. Unfortunately they were not shortlisted to the final 10 but he was a credit to the breed. COVID-19 seems to be taking over our lives, so stay safe and enjoy your hounds.

20 / 3 / 2020

Well COVID-19 is upon us and what a situation we find ourselves in. As I write these notes schools have been closed, people are being advised to work from home and to social distance themselves, all large events have been cancelled and more importantly the KC has strongly recommended that all shows should be cancelled until the end of June. As such the BGV Club AGM has been postponed until further notice and the breed Open Show to have been held on 4 April has been cancelled, as has the Day at the Animal Health Trust on 23 April. The BGV Club will make a statement in due course with regards to the 21 June Scottish Open Show. I ventured out to Retford Canine Society Premier Open show on Sunday where replacement judge Yvonne Bullivant awarded Ch Debucher XFactor Best of Breed. Later in the day she was awarded Best Hound Veteran and shortlisted in the Hound group both under Liz Millward and ended up BVIS 4. During this period of difficulty I hope you, your family, friends and hounds stay safe and if you have any news to share, please do.

3 / 4 / 2020

I HOPE YOU and your dogs are keeping safe and sane during this period. Working in HR this week has been extra long hours in front of the laptop, making calls for days on end and all the while the dogs have snored. I am sure they have known that something has been going on and that they needed to be extra quiet! How is lockdown for you? Any stories you may want to share as I am struggling with anything to keep these notes going on a regular basis at the minute. You should have all received your Spring EVoice by now – thank you to all who have contributed to this and I hope it brightens your day for a while when reading it. Stay safe

10 / 4 / 2020

WE ARE NEARING WEEK THREE OF LOCKDOWN and there are no indications of this lifting soon – I hope you and your hounds are safe. I have decided mine feel that, as I am working from home, I am purely employed as their personal doorman – they want in and out, in and out. Luckily the weather is slowly getting warmer and the door can be open a lot longer! This week I should have been reporting on the BGV club Open Show and AGM, which as you know has been indefinitely postponed. However at least I can let you know the winners of the Judges Ballot and 2019 points trophies. The 2022 Open Show GBGV judge will be Michael MacLaren with Dianne Reid in reserve; and the 2023 Championship Show judge will be Ann Makey with Jan Pain reserve. 2019 points winners are as follows: GBGVs CH SHOWSDOGOWNERTOP GBGVCH/INT/BEL CH GAIRSIDE GOOD LORDJW ShCMCOLIN & ANN MAKEYBEST OPPOSITE SEX GBGVCH/INT/BEL CH GAIRSIDE GOOD GRACIOUSCOLIN & ANN MAKEYRESERVE TOP MALE GBGVCH MACARONI V TUM-TUMS VRIENDJES OF TARMACHAN FIONA BUCHANAN & MICHAEL MACLARENRESERVE TOP FEMALE GBGVCH/NED CH TARMACHAN ICE DIAMONDFIONA BUCHANAN & MICHAEL MACLARENTOP PUPPY GBGVTARMACHAN MISS IMPATIENSFIONA BUCHANAN & MICHAEL MACLARENRESERVE TOP PUPPY GBGVTARMACHAN MR MYOSOTISFIONA BUCHANAN & MICHAEL MACLARENTOP VETERAN GBGVCH/IR/NED CH TARMACHAN CARTIERFIONA BUCHANAN & MICHAEL MACLARENRESERVE TOP VETERAN GBGVCH/IR CH TARMACHAN FLORENTINEFIONA BUCHANAN & MICHAEL MACLARENTOP GBGV SIRECH/IR/NED CH TARMACHAN CARTIERFIONA BUCHANAN & MICHAEL MACLARENTOP GBGV DAMCH/IR CH TARMACHAN FLORENTINEFIONA BUCHANAN & MICHAEL MACLARENTOP NON-CC WINNER GBGVJAYAMEL AMBIOIRIXCLAIRE COOPER & AMANDA SMITHGBGVs OPEN SHOWS DOG OWNER TOP GBGV SOUFRIERE ONE VISION JW SUE MARSHALL TOP MALE GBGV CH GAIRSIDE GOOD LORD JW ShCMCOLIN & ANN MAKEY RESERVE TOP MALE GBGV IR CH CLAE LA REAUMUR PAM AND CLAIRE MCGREGOR TOP FEMALE GBGV SOUFRIERE ONE VISION JW SUE MARSHALL RESERVE TOP FEMALE GBGV IR CH CLAE LA AVRILLE AT EARDLEY PAM AND CLAIRE MCGREGOR TOP PUPPY GBGV CLAE LA YOU AND I ARE A TEAM PAM AND CLAIRE MCGREGOR RESERVE TOP PUPPY GBGV NOT AWARDED --- Enjoy your Easter weekend and, wherever you are, observe the appropriate Government guidelines.

24 / 4 / 2020

SUE MARSHALL CONTACTED ME to give you all a gentle nudge for photos for the 2021 calendar. If you have any can you please email them directly to her on sue.marshall4@btopenworld.com. Sue messaged me at a great time as I was just thinking of things I could fill the breed notes with during this period. One of my ideas is to gain a further understanding of some of our committee members, breeders and exhibitors. As Sue is one of my most avid reporters and managed to be in the right place at the right time she agreed to be my lab rat. Massive thanks to Sue! Q How did you come across BGV? A I first saw PBGVs at Crufts when it was at Earls Court in 1984 I thought they looked lovely and thought they might be a future breed for me. Q Why did you choose the BGV over the PBGV? A Over the years we did our research on both breeds and decided a GBGV suited us better. Q How did you come about your affix? A My affix SOUFRIERE came about following our honeymoon in St Lucia. We visited Soufriere whilst there, after we returned home I was looking for an affix. Nick suggested it as it was French, started with a "Sue" sound. It is also an active volcano, which he thinks suits my personality!! I personally can't think what he means! Q A random fact about yourself? A In my younger days I used to be a leather clad biker with a 500cc Kawasaki motorbike and used to marshal motorbike races at Brands Hatch. Q Did you show dogs before BGVs? A No I didn't but the breeder of my first Grand encouraged me to do so and the rest is history. Q What other animals have shared your household? A I used to have a cat, a Cairn Terrier and a chinchilla Q What is your most embarrassing moment in the ring? A My most embarrassing

moment? Ha ha - probably every time I step into the ring. Q What is your proudest moment? A I have been fortunate enough to have had many proud moments in the ring. It is hard to choose just one. But the one I will mention was getting Best of Breed at South Wales Kennel Association Championship show with my homebred Soufriere La Toc Lightning (Linus), who whilst waiting to go in the group with me managed to get himself filmed for a local TV programme similar to Countryfile. Another exhibitor who lived in Wales saw the programme and recorded it for me. I still have the video. Please let me know if you want this to continue and any willing volunteers would be welcomed.

7 / 5 / 2020

WE ARE HEADING into the May Bank Holiday weekend celebrating this year 75 years since VE day. It will be a strange celebration as we are of course still in lockdown, albeit expecting an announcement from the government by Sunday. I wish all of you, your families and of course hounds safe during this period and enjoy your celebrations whatever they may be. It was enjoyable walking the dogs around the village yesterday evening looking at all the decorations starting to take shape. Two weeks ago I began including getting to know more about fellow exhibitors in my notes and, this time round, decided to let you know more about myself! As such, this might encourage you all to be a bit more forthcoming with sharing your own story. I already have a few (un)willing volunteers for the next couple of weeks..... So here goes: Q How did you come across BGV? A Having grown up in and around the show rings they were a dog that often caught the eye of my mother, particularly the PBGV, it wasn't until my father met Bramble (Tangaer Janvier) that it was decided we would have one as he fell in love. So along came Monkams Elise, soon followed by Bramble and her son Kipling. Q Why did you choose the BGV over the PBGV? A I didn't know a lot about the BGV, but through the PBGV I spent some time at the home of Vivien Phillips and learnt a lot more about the BGV and their character. I personally prefer the more laid back approach to life the BGV has over the PBGV, however I do still have an interest in the PBGV, co-owning Afterglow Agnes Gru Avec Jayanel. Q How did you come about your affix? A I have two affixes – one I use for the Tibetans which is Susu derived after my first Tibetan Spaniel Suzi, the one I use for the hounds is Jayanel. This was originally my father's which was used for a litter of Labradors and latterly the PBGV. It is an amalgamation of my parent initials – Jay for my Dad John and El for my Mum Lesley. Seemed appropriate that the affix stayed in the family and as such was transferred to me when I bred my first litter of BGV in my own right. Q A random fact about yourself? A Many – I got chased out of India by the Police, I have cycled from Edinburgh to London, and a lesser known fact – I have 2 brothers and 3 nephews. Q Did you show dogs before BGVs? A I first stepped foot in the ring aged 6 showing a yellow Labrador called Honey. The Tibetan Terriers arrived in the household in 1988, the first Tibetan Spaniel in 1990, the first PBGV in 2003 and the first BGV in 2010. Q What other animals have shared your household? A In my own house right now I have 4 Tibetan Spaniels and 1 BGV, my parents however have cattle, chickens, geese, cats, ponies, pigs and the odd mouse. As I child I have always had a rabbit and a guinea pig.... many of which were hunted by the dogs. Q What is your most embarrassing moment in the ring? A At Three Counties the ring was slippery and as I showed my Tibetan Terrier my legs went from under me and I landed face first. With the BGV when I showed Ch Debucher Rigole he knew his treats were kept down my bra and used to paw there to get one. At the BGV World Congress his claw got caught on my top and bra resulting in him get a lot of treats and me having an embarrassing moment, luckily only one other person saw. Q What is your proudest moment? A There have been many including this year winning both CCs with my Tibetan Spaniels at Crufts but, in BGV, it was making up our first homebred PBGV Champion, Jayanel Aristocrat, and making up Ch Debucher Violet Gray to be (at the time) the youngest BGV champion at just over 15 months.

22 / 5 / 2020

SO NOW THE IRISH KENNEL CLUB has given notice that there will be no shows until at least 1 January 2021, and our KC has given a strong recommendation that there should be no shows until at least 1 October 2020, with South Wales and Midland Counties already having cancelled. There is a call that the KC should follow the direction of our nearest neighbours and cancel all shows for this year to save the ambiguity and speculation. I would like to hear from you all, with nowhere to go, what will you be doing with the extra cash? I don't seem to have any. However for once I have treated myself rather than the dogs and I am now the proud owner of 10 new pairs of underwear, a running belt, a foam roller, some new running gear and I am about to hit the cycling websites..... I would be interested to know if you have taken up any new hobbies, developed new talents or have been teaching the dogs new tricks.

5 / 6 / 2020

WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN AT SOUTHERN COUNTIES the weekend just gone so I thought we could go on a trip down memory lane. Fifteen years ago Lorraine Marchant judged the breed without CCs. She had 12 absent but 8 present on the day. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Vivien Phillips and Jolanda Huisman's Ger / NL / World Ch Debucher Le Barbu, Reserve Best Dog and Best Puppy was Sue Birney's Silvamoon Sunrise. Best Bitch went to Dawn Fenton's Debucher Ne M'Oubliez Pas at Bluewinds and Reserve Best Bitch to Vivien Phillips and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Sauve Qui Peut. Moving to 2010, 10 years ago our judge was Dianna Spavin and her entry of 21 had 5 absentees. She awarded Dog CC to Ch Wilmit Braconnier de Debucher owned by Vivien Phillips, Reserve Dog CC to Ir Ch Wilmit Domino owned by Barbara Milton who of course also bred "Poacher". Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc En Ciel with Colin and Ann Makey picking up Reserve CC with Ch & Ir Ch Gairside I'm Still Waiting, Best Puppy was Vivien's Debucher Rigole. Lottie later had a Group 4 placing under Mark Coccozza. Of course these 5 dogs are behind a lot of the winners today. Moving forward to 2015 a mere 5 years ago, Nigel Luxmoore-Ball judged an entry of 18. Here the Dog CC was Vivien Phillips' and my Ch Debucher Matisse, Bitch CC Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Fanfare ShCM, who interestingly is the daughter and granddaughter of the Dog Reserve CC and CC winners of 2010. The two Reserve CCs were Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's litter mates Ch & Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier and Florentine who were the son and daughter of the 2010 Best of Breed. Best Puppy was my Debucher Violet Gray.

12 / 6 / 2020

THIS WEEK I should have been reporting on Three Counties so off in to the archives I go.... 2011 we had no CCs and Judith Robin Smith judged her entry of 7 with 1 absentee. Best Dog and Best of Breed was awarded to Tina and Lou Parker's Silvamoon Sweet William at Kantilou, RBD was Hilary Knowles' Tioga Aramis Avec Braillement. Best Bitch went to Sue Marshall's Kandecx At Last at Soufriere and RBB and Best Puppy to Jules Wilson's (now Metselaar-Williams) Tioga Decorum Avec Grendel. 2012 saw the introduction of the dreaded single CC – Jan Pain was the judge with 14 entered and all present on the day. Best Bitch, CC and BOB was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch & Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc En Ciel ShCM, RBB went to their Chenil D'anja Jasmin Disney of Tarmachan. Best Dog was Vivien Phillips' Ch Debucher Rigole and RBD Tim Jones & Steve Jepson's Debucher Why Not With Eardley. BP went to Barbara Milton's Wilmit Fanfare. I have no record who the Reserve CC was awarded too. We had the return of dual CCs in 2015 when Linda Mackenzie judged an entry of 10, again all present. Dog CC and BOB was Vivien Phillips' and my Ch Debucher Matisse, Reserve DCC Vivien Phillip's Debucher Sartre handled by Ellie Harris. Bitch CC was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Fanfare, Reserve Bitch CC and Best Puppy was my Debucher Violet Gray who later got PG4 under Stuart Milner. Interestingly Linda gave both of "Peanuts" parents a CC! We retained CCs at this show until 2019 so the last CC opportunity was 2018 where Mark Coccozza judged 15 as there were 3 absentees. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchanan and Mike MacLaren's Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Reserve Dog CC Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet, Bitch CC was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Gracious and Reserve Bitch CC and Best Puppy was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Independence Day. Fergus later ended up Group 3 under Sue Ergis. I do hope you are enjoying these trips down memory lane.

26 / 6 / 2020

IN THE ABSENCE OF PROPER SHOWS the BGV club alongside Charlotte Delgarno arranged an online show. There was an amazing entry of 39 Grands. Thank you to Charlotte for organising this fun event to distract us from other events happening. Nikki Skinner was our judge and there were 6 classes per sex, results are as follows (with Show names where I can find them!). Dogs Puppy: Kevin – Wilmit Kevin with Demorner Junior: Otis – Tarmachan Mr Myosotis Intermediate: Freckles – Aus Ch Mertoness Toryburns This Is Me Open: Hugo – Ir Ch Claela Rumeau Champion; Zebbie – Ch/Bel/Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM Veteran – Rio – Ir Ch Gairside Ferdinand Best Dog went to Rio, reserve to Freckles Bitches Puppy: Cheeky – Gairside Special Interest Junior: Thelma – Claela No Looking Back Intermediate: Gracie – Aus Ch Mertoness Toryburns Miss Grace Open: Izzy – Tarmachan Black Ice Champion: Breagha – Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond Veteran: Freya: Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM Best Bitch went to Izzy, reserve to Breagha Best of Breed was Izzy, Best Puppy was Kevin, Best Veteran Rio

and Best Rainbow Bridge was Domino - Ch/Ir Ch Wilmit Domino. Izzy ended Best in Show, Kevin Best Puppy in Show and Rio Reserve Best Veteran in Show. Many congratulations to all of you.

10 / 7 / 2020

APOLOGIES for the haphazard notes over the last few weeks, however a reorganisation at work meant that time was limited. Last weekend we should have been basking in the Queen's back garden drinking Pimms and eating ice cream at Windsor dog show. As such back in the DeLorean through time we go..... Windsor 2000 Rose Phillips judged without CCs an entry of 18 with 2 absentees. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Le Barbu, Reserve Best Dog Lynne Owens' Jaclin James Bond. Best Bitch and Reserve both went to Jessica Holm with Bassbarr Sporty Spice for Holmchappell and Holmchappell Hellion. Best Puppy was Elaine King's Kandecx Elvis On Stage. Fast forward to 2007 (which has been featured on Facebook due to one of the glossy magazines undertaking a photoshoot at the show) Dr Ron James had an entry of 14 minus 2. Vivien Phillips took home Best Dog and BOB with Wilmit Braconnier de Debucher, Best Bitch with Debucher Idyllique and Best Puppy with Debucher Crème Brulee. Reserve Best Dog was Julie Wilson's Debucher Zuchini at Grendel and Reserve Bitch went to Barbara Milton's Debucher Tete A Tete avec Nubeewa who had won Veteran. In 2011 Denise Courtney's entry of 25 had 4 absentees. Again Best of Breed with DCC was Vivien Phillips this time with Debucher Rigole. His sire, Barbara Milton's Ch & Ir Ch Wilmit Domino ShCM was Reserve CC. BCC was Fiona Buchanan, Michael MacLaren and Gwen Huikeshoven's Ch & Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc En Ciel, with Reserve going to Colin and Ann Makey's Ir Ch Debucher Harmonie. Best Puppy was Tim Jones and Steve Jepson's Debucher Why Not With Eardley. We stop our history tour at 2016 where Jeff Bunney judged an entry of 24 minus 1. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord, Reserve CC went to my Ch Debucher Matisse, Bitch CC to Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Fanfare and Reserve Bitch CC to Amanda O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM who had been beaten in the mixed Veteran class by her litter brother Silvamoon Sweet William At Kantilou. Best Puppy was Vivien Phillips and Ellie Harris' Debucher Bizet. Sad news has filtered through that Colin and Ann Makey have lost their beloved Rio aka Ir Ch Gairside Ferdinand not long after losing Roxy, Ch Gairside I'm Still Waiting. Dogs really do not give us long enough on this earth. My heart goes out to them both.

24 / 7 / 2020

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN REPORTING on the results of Houndshow this week, but alas yet again COVID-19 has foiled our plans so back in the DeLorean we go again..... The first results I can find are from 1998 where Lynne Owens judged the breed without CC's with an entry of 29. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Le Barbu, she also gained Reserve Best Dog with Bien Fait Du Greffier Du Roi. Best Bitch was Linda Lewis' Debucher Karisma, Reserve to her was Val Jackson and Peter Marks' Duntech Berlingot. Best Puppy was Elaine King's Kandecx Coco Chanel. Jumping forward to 2002 Peggy Grayson, who sadly has just died aged 100, had an entry of 42 with a number of absentees, however notably Post Graduate D/B had an entry of 10 and there were 11 entered in Open Bitch! Best Dog and Best of Breed was again Barbu by this time he was a Dutch Ch and co-owned with Jolanda Huisman. Reserve Best Dog was Vy Mochan's Melanter Fetlar from Stepends. Best Bitch was Jessica Holm's Bassbarr Sporty Spice for Holmchappell, Reserve Best Bitch was Debucher Karisma at Tangaer and Best Puppy Stella Blackmore's Melanter Nizefella. A big leap now to 2010 where Linda MacKenzie (who should have judged us this year) was the judge. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Barbara Milton's Ir Ch Wilmit Domino, Reserve DCC and Best Veteran was Jan Pain and Michael Lewis' Ravensbeech Bayeux. Bitch CC was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc En Ciel ShCM, Reserve BCC went to Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Sans Souci. Best Puppy went to Barbara Milton with Debucher Sublime with Wilmit. 2012 Anne Macdonald was centre stage, Dog CC and Best of Breed was Tim Jones and Steve Jepson's Ch Debucher Why Not with Eardley, Reserve DCC went to Danielle Machent and Vivien Phillips' Debucher Xtravagant. Bitch CC was Arc En Ciel and Reserve again was Sans Souci. Best Puppy was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Fanfare, Best Veteran went to Colin and Ann Makey's C/Ir Ch World Ch Gairside I'm Still Waiting ShCM. Our final call is 2016 when Jose Homem de Mello judged. Dog CC, Best of Breed and Reserve Best in Show under Bo Bengston was Phil Reid's Frosty Snowman handled by Gwen Huikeshoven. Reserve Dog CC was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord. Bitch CC was Fiona Buchanan and Mike MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine, Reserve BCC Gwen Huikeshoven's Miss Magic Van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes. Best Puppy was Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet and Best Veteran went to Amanda O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM.

31 / 7 / 2020

I AM SURE most of you will now have seen the announcement made by BGV Club secretary Linda Skerritt on the BGV Club Facebook page that the 2020 breed club championship show has been postponed. The rearranged show will now be held in conjunction with Birmingham National Championship Show in May 2021 and a new schedule will be produced in time to enter. Last weekend would have been Leeds, as such the time machine has been busy again. In 1999 Brenda Banbury (who we have recently lost from the dog world) awarded Best Dog to Jessica Holm's Holmchappell Handsome Lad. She also gained Best Bitch and BOB with Bassbarr Sporty Spice for Holmchappell. Reserve Best Dog was Lynne Owen's Jaclin James Bond and Reserve Bitch Elaine King's Kandecx Coco Chanel. Best Puppy was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Renegade. 2004 saw Phil Freer judging. The largest class of the day was Open Bitch with 8 entries and all were present. Best Dog and BOB was Gwen Huikeshoven's Dutch Int Eur Ch Surcouf De L'oustal Viel, Reserve to him was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Malgre Tout, Best Bitch was Dawn Fenton's Debucher Ne M'Oubliez Pas at Bluewinds, Reserve to her was Gwen's Triomphe Van Tum-tums Vriendjes. Best Puppy was Pam Marston Pollock's Debucher Savoir Faire. Jumping to 2010 Anne MacDonald was centre stage – Best Dog and Best of Breed was Barbara Milton's Ir Ch Wilmit Domino who also went Group 3 under Robin Searle. Reserve and Best Puppy was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Rigole (Domino's son). Best Bitch was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc En Ciel ShCM, Reserve to her was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch / Ir Ch Gairside I'm Still Waiting ShCM. 2013 was Peter Marks and Best Bitch and Best of Breed was Amanda O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM. She also got Reserve Best Bitch and Best Puppy with Casablanca Succession Of Baron at Madifrey (imp). Best Dog was Colin and Ann Makey Gairside Ferdinand ShCM, reserve to him was Tina Parker's Silvamoon Sweet William. Finally we stop at 2018 when Bert Easdon was judging. (Leeds gained all breed CC status for 2019 and as such we had CCs there for the first time). Best Dog and Best of Breed was Fiona and Michael's Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Reserve was Pam and Claire McGregor's Ir Ch Claela Reaumur ShCM. Best Bitch went to Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Gracious, Reserve and Best Puppy Yvonne Moults Zamdilsa Trick Or Treat.

7 / 8 / 2020

I AM SURE many of you have already seen the announcement made by BGV Club chairman Paul Osbourne about the 2020 championship show, however it is repeated below: "Many of you would have heard that the Officers and Committee have taken the sad step to cancel the 2020 Championship Show. There was a full discussion but foremost in our minds was the safety of our members. With it being highly unlikely that current Government guidance relating to both indoor events and social distancing being relaxed by that date. The KC announced that they would allow Breed Clubs to carry their 2020 show forward to 2021, allowing two shows in one year as long as it was held as a Partnership with another show. We received approach from Hound Show with the alternative to keep the show central being Birmingham National in May. The pros and cons of both were fully discussed, neither was ideal but the Committee believed that the National was marginally the most suitable. Following publication, the Club received many negative comments with the main bone of contention being that the show was on a Thursday, denying many members the opportunity to attend. The Club is its members, it was therefore incumbent on the committee to listen and look at further options. Consideration was given to running two Club shows in October 2021, either over two days, one on Saturday and one on the Sunday or both on the Saturday with an earlier start. Following a full and frank discussion, the committee for various reasons felt that neither option was viable. It is therefore with regret that I have to announce that the Committee have decided that the best course of action is to cancel the 2020 Championship show completely. The contracted judges will be offered the next available year which will be in 2024. Please be reassured that your Committee always have the members interests at the forefront of their minds, hence the reversal of the Birmingham National decision, we do listen. Please all stay safe, and we hope to see you at BGV events in 2021". Last weekend we would have been in Exeter for Paignton and as we have done in recent weeks we will take a step or two back in time. 1998 was judged by Mr Eddie Dawe. Vivien Phillips won Best Dog and Best of Breed with Bien Fait Du Greffier Du Roi, Reserve Best Dog with Debucher Le Barbu and Best Puppy with Jaclin Goldfinger Chez Debucher. Best Bitch went to Peter Marks and Val Jackson's Duntech Berlingot and Jessica Holm picked up Reserve Best Bitch with Dehra Esprit D'Amour. There was 17 entered with 1 absentee. 2001 saw Marion Spavin judge, from 15 entered she had 4 absentees. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Vivien Phillips' and Jolanda Huisman's Dutch Ch Debucher Le Barbu, Reserve Dog was Sue Marshall's Soufriere La Toc Lightning. Best Bitch was Vivien Phillip's Stepends Forteviot From Melanter. Barbara Milton got Reserve Best Bitch with Debucher Utopie and Best Puppy with Debucher

Zibeline. Barbu ended up Hound Group 3 under Mrs J Minns. 2007 was Marita Rodgers with an entry of 7. Jessica Holm won Best Dog with Holmchappell Cerf Courant and Best Bitch and Best of Breed with Holmchappell Petite Priere. Reserve Dog was Jessica Holm and Denise Bowen's Holmchappell Foolhardy ShCM, Reserve Bitch Dianne and Phil Reid's Tarmachan Sic Itur Ad Astra at Maudaxi ShCM. Best Puppy was Mrs Diamond's Debucher Cadeau. Rod Price judged in 2011. Three absentees meant he had 10 dogs present. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Viv's Debucher Rigole, Reserve CC his sire Ch / Ir Ch Wilmit Domino ShCM, Bitch CC Jessica Holm's Holmchappell Bien En Vie, Reserve CC Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Sans Souci, Best Puppy went to Vivien Phillips' with Debucher Yodel. We will stop our tour at 2016 when Stuart Mallard judged, he had an entry of 20 marred by 4 absentees. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Phil Reid's Frosty Snowman (handled by Gwen Huiskehoven), Reserve to him was my Ch Debucher Matisse. Bitch CC was Amanda O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM, Reserve was Gwen's Miss Magic Van Tum-tums Vriendjes, Best puppy was Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet. Frosty subsequently went Group 2 under Mark Coccozza. A reminder that if you have any good quality photos of your GBGV, please email them to Sue Marshall on sue.marshall4@btopenworld.com who still has room for a few for the 2021 Club calendar.

14 / 8 / 2020

AFTER THE HEATWAVE I am now sitting writing these notes at 11.25am with a thunderstorm overhead and the light on as it is so dark. I for one however am grateful for the coolness the rain is bringing. I was up early exercising both me and the dogs and then they flaked for the rest of the day not knowing what to do with themselves, however I was still astonished how many people were dragging their dogs out in the 35 degrees heat. Bournemouth was due to take place this week, and as I write it is still scheduled to go ahead on its rearranged dates of 3-5 October and only this morning was it announced they had received dispensation from the KC that it could be held without benching. If the show does go ahead does this mean the start of the end of benching? Be interested to know your thoughts. So here we go in to our time machine to Bournemouth's past..... We start in 2002 where Dianne Cook judged and Best Dog and Best of Breed was Vivien Phillips and Jolanda Huisman's Dutch Ch Debucher Le Barbu, Reserve Jan Pain's Ravensbeech Bayeux. Jessica Holm won Best Bitch and Reserve with Bassbar Sporty Spice For Holmchappell and Holmchappell Hellion, Best Puppy was David & Judy Currah's Duntech Etalon. 2007 saw Graham Hill judging. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Vivien Phillips' Wilmit Braconnier de Debucher, Reserve was Karen Bayliss and Jessica Holm's Ch Holmchappell Grand Miracle. Best Bitch was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Altesse, Reserve and Best Puppy was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Crème Brulée. 2011 was Jeff Luscott's turn in the centre of the ring. Best Dog was Tim Jones and Steve Jepson's Debucher Why Not With Eardley, Reserve Barbara's Ch / Ir Ch Wilmit Domino ShCM, Best Bitch and BOB was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Sans Souci, Reserve their Ir Ch Debucher Harmonie and Best Puppy Hilary Knowles Tioga Aramis avec Braillement. 2015 Anita Roberts judged. Best Dog and Best of Breed was my Ch Debucher Matisse, Reserve Ellie Harris' Debucher Sartre. Best Bitch was my Debucher Violet Gray with her mother Ch Debucher XFactor Reserve to her, Best puppy was Hilary Knowles and Jules Metselaar-Williams Minskuhoff's Tomorrow Never Dies at Braillement (imp). Finally we will stop in 2018 when Judith Robin-Smith judged, awarding Best Dog and Best of Breed to Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW, ShCM, with Reserve to Val Jackson and Peter Marks' Duntech Georges who was also Best Puppy. Best Bitch was Ch Gairside Good Gracious, Reserve Val Jackson and Peter Marks' Coco Chanel at Duntech.

28 / 8 / 2020

FIRSTLY BGV Club secretary Linda Skeritt writes: NOTIFICATION OF BGV CLUB ELECTRONIC AGM AND AGENDA Due to ongoing national health concerns, we were unable to hold our AGM as usual, notice of which was given on 24 January. Government advice is that village halls remain especially vulnerable to the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). In view of this and following Kennel Club guidance we will therefore be conducting our AGM electronically this year and by post for those not on email. It should be borne in mind that these are unprecedented times and such exceptional action is necessary to carry out our obligations to both you, our members, and to the Kennel Club. Following KC advice, no new business or nominations have been added to the Agenda prepared earlier in the year. The results of some items, such as winners of judges' ballots and of Club points trophies, have already been published. The 2020 Agenda is as follows: 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks 2. Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting 3. Matters arising from the Minutes 4. Secretary's Report 5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of 2019 Accounts 6. Report by Welfare and Rescue Co-ordinator 7. Report by Health Officers 8. Election of Treasurer 9. Election of Committee members 10. Judges for 2022 Open Show and 2023 Championship Show 11. 2019 Honoraria for Secretary and Treasurer 12. Proposal by the Officers and Committee that Simon Oakland of Certax Accountancy, Burcot, Abingdon, audits the BGV club accounts for 2020 13. Club Trophy winners for 2019 Fourteen days' notice is hereby given from the date of this email, and by post to any not on email. On 9 September we will then email (or post) to you a full report and a copy of the 2019 Statement of Accounts. Any comments on the report, on Items 5 (Statement of Accounts,) or 13 (Auditor), also your approval or otherwise, should be sent to the Chairman within 21 days, that is by 30 September. Comments will be acknowledged, answered where possible by the appropriate person and included under Matters Arising at our next AGM where we will also ask for a vote to ratify the actions taken over this 2020 AGM. Linda Skeritt, Secretary BGV Club, 26 August 2020 Last week we should have been enjoying the delights of Builth Wells for Welsh Kennel Club. A little bit of me was relieved that we were not there as Storm Ellen was ravaging the country and I am not sure I would have liked to have been camping.... Anyway back to the time machine. In 1996 GBGV were shown in the Imported Register classes. First Open Dog/Bitch went to was Jessica Holm's Dehra Espirit D'Amour, who went on to be awarded Best Bitch, with 2nd Open D/B going to Vivien Phillips' Dehra Esperance de Debucher who was incorrectly placed as Reserve BB in the results but was presumably Best Dog. Six GBGV were placed in the two classes. We first got classes there in 2001 when they were judged by Liz Cartledge. From an entry of 14 there were 8 present. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Vivien Phillips and Jolanda Huisman's Dutch Ch Debucher Le Barbu, Reserve to him was Sue Marshall's Soufriere La Toc Lightening. Best Bitch was Vivien Phillips' Stendrops Forteviot chez Debucher, with Reserve going to Jan Pain's Debucher Karess at Ravensbeech. Jan also got Best Puppy with Ravensbeech Burlesque. Barbu was later Hound Group 2 under Anne Macdonald. Jumping forward nine years to 2010 Colin Gillanders judged giving the Dog CC to Sue Birney's Ch Silvamoon Sunrise, rServe Dog CC to Barbara Milton with Ir Ch Wilmit Domino. Barbara also took Reserve Bitch CC with Wilmit Altesse and Best Puppy with Debucher Sublime with Wilmit. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc En Ciel ShCM. 2013 saw Mark Coccozza judging with 4 absent from an entry of 21. Dog CC was Gill & Paul Clark's Plainville Tout Ca Parce Que, Reserve to him was Fiona Buchanan & Mike MacLaren's Tarmachan Cartier. Bitch CC and BOB was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Fanfare, Reserve BCC Tarmachan Florentine. Best Puppy was Tim Jones & Steve Jepson's Claela Avrille at Eardley. 2016 judge was Zena Thorn Andrews. Dog CC & BOB was my Ch Debucher Matisse, Reserve Dog and Best Puppy was Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet (who Zena awarded the CC and BOB to at Crufts this year). Bitch CC was Danielle Machent's Ch Wilmit Gigi with Grandoreille, Reserve BCC Yvonne Moul't's Debucher Zamba. Best Veteran was Amanda O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM.

4 / 9 / 2020 THE LAST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND has been and gone and unlike the others of this year was a bit chilly and wet.... We shouldn't moan but then we are British and all we talk about is the weather! The August Bank Holiday always sees the second of the two Scottish Kennel Club shows although, as of next year, this moves to October due to a swap in dates with Driffield. It is only in recent times that we have had classes (and CCs) at this show and as such there aren't many journeys to be made in the time machine - but our first stop is 2013 when we got classes back! Dianna Spavin was judging and she gave the Dog CC and Best of Breed to Nikki and Jayne Denny's Debucher D'Artagnan at Janimist (which was his second), Reserve Dog CC went to his father Ch Debucher Rigole owned by Vivien Phillips and myself. Bitch CC was Tim Jones and Steve Jepson's Gairside Farfalu for Eardley and Reserve CC Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Florentine. Best Puppy was my Debucher Matisse. Hero later went on to Group 2 that day under Graham Hill. I will always remember the excited call Nikki made to Vivien on the journey home that day. 2014 saw Phil Freer standing centre stage. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Reserve was again Rigole. Best Puppy was Fiona and Michael with Tarmachan Solitaire and Reserve BCC Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Fanfare. Bitch CC also went to Barbara Milton with her Wilmit Gabriella. Interestingly all her CCs were to come at SKC - her second CC was at SKC's May 2015 show under Pam Marston Pollock and third later that year under Linda Skeritt. Our last set of CCs at this show was in August 2018 when Robert Greaves judged an entry of only 9, his second time giving CCs in the breed. Dog CC and Best of Breed was again Cartier, Reserve Dog CC Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet. Bitch CC went to Colin and Ann Makey's Ch Gairside Good Gracious and Reserve Bitch CC to Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine. Vivien Phillips' Debucher Letitia was Best Puppy.

11 / 9 / 2020

HOPEFULLY you will have all received your electronic AGM Report this week. Last weekend we should have been at Stoneleigh attending the City of Birmingham show, so again down the archives we go. This is a show where we have never had CCs on offer. 2002 saw Jim Nixon judging. He awarded Best Dog and Best of Breed to Vivien Phillips and Jolanda Huisman's Dutch Ch Debucher Le Barbu. Reserve Best Dog was Jan Pain's Ravensbeech Bayeux. Best Bitch was Barbara Milton's Debucher Utopie at Wilmit, Reserve Barbara Milton and Vivien Phillip's Debucher Tete A Tete Avec Nubeewa. Best Puppy went to Sue Court's Silvamoon Miss Tiggywinkle. Barbu ended Group 3 that day under Ellis Hulme. Neither judge is still with us today. 2007 saw Jean Malley judge a relatively small entry. Best Dog was a new one to me Mr & Mrs Davies Lavellatrick Out Of The Box, Reserve went to Julie Wilson's Debucher Zuchini At Grendel. Best Bitch and Best of Breed was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside I'm Still Waiting. Reserve was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Altesse. Best Puppy went to Lindsey Appleton's Fougeremont Presence. 2013 Zola Rawson judged and awarded Best Dog to Nikki and Jane Denny's Debucher D'Artagnan At Animist, Reserve to Hilary Knowles and Julie Wilson's Haut De Gamme De L'empyree avec Braillement (imp Fra). They also got Best Puppy with Corleone Succession Of Baron avec Braillement (imp Pol). Best Bitch and Best of Breed was Amanda O'Da's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM, with Reserve going to Marilyn Pursglove's Wilmit Fayme at Roguesmoor. 2017 saw Sue Hewart Chambers centre stage. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchanan & Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Reserve was Hilary Knowles and Jules Metselaar-Williams' Speedy Danda Bohemia avec Braillement (imp Cze). Best Bitch was Danielle Machent's Ch Wilmit Gigi with Grandoreille, Reserve and Best Puppy was Fiona Buchanan and Mike MacLaren's Tarmachan Ice Diamond. Best Veteran was Danielle's Wilmit Eclipse. As I write this Bournemouth and SKC are the only shows who have yet to cancel, however with the recent announcement from Boris regarding gatherings, can they go ahead.... An interesting debate!

25 / 9 / 2020

AS YOU WILL HAVE ALL SEEN BY NOW Bournemouth was inevitably cancelled. Moray Armstrong had received an entry of 16 GBGV for what would have been his first time appointment with CCs. It was interesting that Bournemouth chose to publish their entry figures which has sparked a bit of a debate. Overall the show had attracted an entry of 5,865 dogs which some have been saying is a fabulous entry. If you compare with Manchester at the beginning of the year (OK it is a representative show and a little more centrally based) there was an entry of 9,658 so really did everyone want to go to a dog show? And we have now heard that SKC have cancelled. With restrictions increasing again in the UK only time will tell the future for championship shows in the new year. Enough of doom and gloom. Last weekend we should have been at Darlington, we only gained CCs there last year as the show became one of the representative shows, but we have had classes for a number of years. So yet again I will take the time to delve in to the archives (I am so grateful for them being kept by Higham Press and Fosse Data!). Twenty years ago Marianne Nixon judged an entry of 14 with 9 present. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Le Barbu, Reserve to him was Vy Mochan's Stepends All Malt who was also Best Puppy. Best Bitch was Barbara Milton's Debucher Utopie and Reserve Davison's Holmchappell Hell's Angel. In 2005 Denise Courtney had an entry of 23 with 7 absent. Best Dog and Best Puppy was Barbara Milton's Debucher Why Not With Wilmit, with Reserve going to Paul and Gill Clark's Holmchappell Marry Vo With Plainville. Best Bitch and Best of Breed was Jessica Holm's Holmchappell Pinot Blanc, Reserve Best Bitch Lefley's Nicsar Bohemian Rhapsody. Best Veteran was Harry Mitchell's Melanter Glen Etive. In 2010 Eddie Webster had an entry of 6, all of which were present. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Barbara Milton's Ir Ch Wilmit Domino ShCM, Best Bitch Colin and Ann Makey's Debucher Harmonie IrJCh. With no RBD being awarded, Reserve BB and Best Veteran went to Barbara Milton's Wilmit Altesse and Best Puppy to Danielle Machent's Wilmit Eclipse. 2012 saw Heidi Allenby centre stage and from an entry of 15 she had 3 absentees. Best Dog was again Barbara Milton's Ir Ch Wilmit Domino ShCM, by now also a Champion, with Reserve BD going to Gwen Huikeshoven's Tarmachan Albanwr. Best Bitch and Best of Breed was Colin and Ann's Ir Ch Debucher Harmonie IrJCh, Reserve and Best Puppy was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Fanfare. 2017 Valerie Foss was a late replacement judge for Mandy Dance. There was an entry of 12 with 4 absentees, Best Dog and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Reserve went to Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM. Best Bitch was Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine and Reserve Best Bitch Gairside Good Gracious. Best Puppy was Tarmachan Nice Over Ice, Best Veteran my Ch Debucher XFactor. The GBGV had a good day in the groups that day as "Fergus" was Group 4 under Ann MacDonald, "Poppy" was Veteran Group 3 under Patsy Hollings. Until next time.

2 / 10 / 2020

NOT A LOT TO REPORT THIS WEEK, however with only three general championship shows being staged this year, it has been decided that no 2020 annual points trophies will be awarded at the 2021 AGM. Of course, should Crufts go ahead next year the 2021 winners of the Crufts trophies can be announced as usual. Talking about whether Crufts will go ahead, the Kennel Club has issued a statement that they are committed to holding Crufts next year but as yet it is too early to determine how it will look. Let's watch this space!

9 / 10 / 2020

THE WEEKEND JUST GONE was originally scheduled to be Driffild. When that was cancelled earlier in the summer Bournemouth rescheduled to these dates. However as you know that was also subsequently cancelled. Loking at the weather on Saturday with the torrential rain across the country I for one was a little glad that I was not stood in the middle of a field wither in Wetherby or near Poole. So we head back in the time machine to relive some Driffild results. We first had classes in 2006 where Denise Courtney judged with CCs. Dog CC was Vivien Phillips and Jolanda Huisman's Ch / Dutch / Ger Ch Debucher Le Barbu, Reserve was Vivien Phillips' Wilmit Braconnier de Debucher who was also Best Puppy. Bitch CC and Best of Breed went to Jessica Holm's Holmchappell Pinot Blanc, Reserve was Sue Court's Silvamoon Mrs Tiggywinkle. 2010 saw Pam Marston Pollock judging an entry of 16 with 2 absent. Dog CC was Barbara Milton's Ir Ch Wilmit Domino ShCM, Reserve his son Vivien Phillips' Debucher Rigole. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Sans Souci, Reserve their Ch / Ir CH Gairside I'm Still Waiting ShCM and Best Puppy went to Barbara Milton's Debucher Sublime with Wilmit. 2014 Sue Cole judged an entry of 19 with 5 absentees. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Reserve Vivien Phillips' and my Ch Debucher Rigole. Bitch CC was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch Gairside San Souci ShCM, Reserve Danielle Machent's Wilmit Eclipse. There were no puppies present. "Fergus" gained Group 3 under Nick Bryce Smith. 2017 was Fiona Buchanan's turn to judge and if memory serves me right we needed Noah's ark that day! Dog CC and Best of Breed was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM, Reserve Vivien Phillips' and my Ch Debucher Matisse. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Amanda O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM, Reserve Yvonne Moul't's Debucher Tosca and Best Puppy Ann Salmon's Emma Jane At Scarscot. Finally stopping at 2018 Stuart Mallard judged an entry of 20 minus 2 absentees. Dog CC was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM, reserve to him was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Fiona and Michael's Tarmachan Ice Diamond, Reserve to her and Best Puppy went to Yvonne Moul't's Zamdilsa Trick Or Treat.

16 / 10 / 2020

LAST WEEKEND SHOULD HAVE BEEN SOUTH WALES. I found it quite comforting that the committee of the show put out a message on social media stating they look forward to meeting everyone again next year..... News is filtering through of shows in 2021 who are cancelling, both Boston and Manchester have already announced, unsurprising really but it is now a question of when will this all end. I write these notes as Boris delivers yet another press conference about how he doesn't want to have to implement further measures but he will if he has too. I think we have a long winter ahead of us! OK, so back in the time machine to South Wales. At this show over the years GBGVs have had no CCs, 1 CC and 2 CCs! 2009 saw Nigel Luxmoore-Ball judge a small entry. He awarded Best Dog and Best Puppy to Fiona Buchanan, Michael MacLaren and Jan Pain's Tarmachan Llewellyn. Best Bitch and Best of Breed was Fiona and Michael's Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc En Ciel, reserve to her was Sue Marshall's Kandecx at Last At Soufriere. 2013 saw Paul Singleton judge with a single CC. He awarded. Best Dog, Best Puppy and Reserve CC to my Debucher Matisse, Reserve Best Dog was my and Vivien Phillips' Ch Debucher Rigole. Best Bitch, Best of Breed and CC went to Barbara Milton's Wilmit Fanfare, with Reserve Bitch going to Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc En Ciel. By 2015 we had 2 CCs on offer again, judged for the first time by Anthony Rees who following his appointments at this show retired from judging due to ill health and tragically passed away not long after. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Ned/ Fin/DK/ Rom/Cr Ch Palomino Du Greffier Du Roi owned by Jolanda Huisman. Reserve CC was Karen Bayliss' Pas De Quoi Du Greffier Du Roi at Arapelo NAF TAF. Bitch CC was my Debucher Violet Gray, Reserve to her Fiona Buchan and Michael MacLaren's Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine. Best Puppy was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Xzena. 2016 Rod Price judged and gave Dog CC and Best of Breed to Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Reserve to my Ch Debucher Matisse. Bitch CC went to my Ch Debucher Xfactor, Reserve bitch cc to Colin and

Ann Makey's Gairside Good Gracious. 2018 was our final set of CCs at this show, judged by Linda Skerritt. Dog CC was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord, who had only just before gained his crown. Reserve CC went to Danielle Machent and Barbara Milton's Tioga Lautrec with Grandoreille. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was Fiona Buchan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Ice Diamond with, from Veteran, Amanda O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM being awarded the Reserve CC. Best Puppy went to Macaroni V Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan owned by Fiona Buchanan & Michael MacLaren.

30 / 10 / 2020

SO LAST WEEKEND would have been the BGV Club Championship Show and Midland Counties. I am going to hold off reporting on previous Club show winners for another week as it is becoming more and more difficult to find things to write about in these notes. I am also sure there are no readers as nobody answers my pleas for stories, anecdotes, news, views or anything! Off my high horse and in to my time machine..... Midland Counties is another show where we have never had CC status. The earliest results I can find are from 2009 where Monique Van Brempt had 8 dogs present. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Sue Birney's Ch Silvamoon Sunrise, Reserve to him was Keith Pursglove's Debucher Lascar At Roguesmoor. Best Bitch was Sue's Silvamoon Sunflower, with Reserve Best Bitch Sue Marshall's Kandecx At Last At Soufriere. Best Puppy went to Amanda O'Day's Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire (how is Freya this old!?) 2012 saw Anthony Rees judge. He had 10 Grands present. Best Dog was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Ferdinand, Reserve to him was Nikki and Jane Denny's Debucher D'Artagnan At Janimist. Best Bitch, Best of Breed and Best Puppy was Ferdinand's litter mate Gairside Farfelu For Eardley owned by Tim Jones and Steven Jepson. Reserve Best Bitch was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Fanfare. 2015 Suzanne Emrys-Jones had 11 present. Best Dog was my Ch Debucher Matisse, Reserve to him and Best Puppy was Hilary Knowles and Jules Metselaar-Williams' Stinton Cor De Chasse. Best Bitch and Best of Breed was Danielle Machent's Wilmit Gigi With Grandoreille, Reserve to her was my Debucher Violet Gray. Rachel Barney judged in 2018 with 9 dogs present. Best Dog was Danielle Machent's Tioga Lautrec With Grandoreille, Reserve Best Dog Kobuta's Duntech Gilbert. Best Bitch and Best of Breed was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Letitia, Reserve to her and Best Puppy was Yvonne Moul's Zamdila Trick or Treat. With a large proportion of the country headed in to further restrictions I wish you and your dogs well and hope you all maintain your sanity in these strange times!

6 / 11 / 2020

SO ENGLAND IS BACK IN A NATIONAL LOCKDOWN. Wales is due to come out in the next few days and Scotland at the moment seems to be avoiding it! What are you planning to do in the next four weeks with your GBGV? The good news is we are not limited on the amount of exercise we take – something I am sure our dogs will be glad of! Sad news this week as we hear of the death of Robert Greaves. He was a supporter of the breed, gave CCs on two occasions and was due to judge at Driffild next year. Looking back, at Three Counties in 2016 he awarded Dog CC and Best of Breed to my Ch Debucher Matisse, Reserve to him was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier. Bitch CC was Dnaielle Machent's Wilmit Gigi With Grandoreille, and Reserve was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Bien Connue. Best Puppy was Vivien Phillips' and Ellie Harris' Debucher Bizet. The second time he judged the breed was SKC August 2018 where this time Cartier came away with the Dog CC & Best of Breed. Reserve was Bizet. Bitch CC was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch Gairside Good Gracious and Reserve BCC Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine. Best Puppy went to Vivien Phillips' Debucher Letitia. Our condolences to Roberts' friends and family.

13 / 11 / 2020

OBVIOUSLY my pleas have fallen upon deaf ears as nobody has come forward with any news or stories for these notes. Here the fireworks lasted five nights.... not too bad but definitely not great. The Grand slept through them but the Spaniel met each bang with a flurry of barks telling it off for making a noise. Keep safe during these strange times. @icloudcom

20 / 11 / 2020

I HAVE NEWS!! The Kennel Club has announced that Crufts 2021 will be held 15 –18 July with Hounds on Thursday 15 July. Some of you with eagle eyes will have spotted that the new dates clash with Houndshow scheduled for 17 July 2021. As I write these notes there has been an announcement that the Hound Association committee is discussing the implications. July seems such a long way off, who knows what the world will look like, but at least it is a little bit of sunshine amongst the clouds at the moment. We can but hope that there is some normality by then. Memories have been popping up on Facebook about BGV Club championship shows of the past so I thought I might revisit some of them. Of course all of the shows are recorded on the BGV Club website here: <https://www.bgvclub.co.uk/club-shows>. I must say it is a lovely way to while away some time looking at the old BIS photos. Something I recommend on a rainy afternoon with a beverage of your choice! The GBGV first appeared at the Club Championship show in 1992 when they were classified in the "Import Register". Evan Roberts judged and there were 3 GBGV entered. Best of Breed was Dehra Allo Allo bred by Nick Frost and owned by Lynne Owens. In 1993 there was an entry of 7 GBGV and Best of Breed was Dehra Cherie bred by Nick Frost and Vivien Phillips and owned by Val Jackson. Sylvia Probert was the judge. John Miller judged in 1994, with again an increase in entries to 12 GBGV. Best of Breed was Ned Ch Flambeur Du Roc De Deymier, bred by Monsieur Yves Audouy and owned by Vivien Phillips. 1995 saw 17 GBGV entered for Adele Walton Haddon. Best of Breed was Jaclin Mixed Blessings At Sweetdean bred by Lynne Owens (the dam being the first BOB winner – Allo Allo) and owned by Pam Aldous. In 1996 there were again 17 GBGV entered, Best of Breed was Dehra Esperance de Debucher owned by Vivien Phillips and bred by her in partnership with Nick Frost. In 1997 GBGV were scheduled or the first time in their own right and as such were able to compete for the Best in Show award. There was a bumper entry of 25 and topping that was Dehra Allo Allo who went Reserve BIS. 1998 saw an amazing 43 entered – where have these numbers gone? Judged by Yvonne Dean, Best of Breed and Best in Show was Vivien Phillips' Bien Fait Du Greffier Du Roi, bred by Jolanda Huissman, and Best Opposite Sex was Bassbarr Sporty Spice For Holmchappell, bred by Bill O'Laughlin and owned by Jessica Holm. 1999 had an entry of 41 GBGV. Topping this and going on to Best in Show was Debucher Le Barbu Owned and bred by Vivien Phillips. Best Opposite Sex was Bassbarr Allez France Via Holmchappell, bred by Bill O'Laughlin and owned by Jessica Holm. In 2000 the breed was judged by John Hiddes. He had an entry of 53 (wow – we are lucky to get 53 PBGV now!) Topping this and going Reserve BIS and Best Opposite in Show was Jessica Holm's Bassbarr Sporty Spice for Holmchappell, Best Opposite Sex was Taswag Wolfone Chez Debucher bred by Mr & Mrs Leverett and owned by Vivien Phillips. In 2001 the entry of 42 was judged by Rose Phillips. Best of Breed was Ned Ch Debucher Le Barbu and he went Best in Show under Sandy Mackenzie. Best Opposite Sex was Ned Ch Jugeote Du Greffier Du Roi owned and bred by Jolanda Huisman. Le Barbu repeated his success in 2002. John Walton Haddon judged the breed with an entry of 52 GBGV and Best in Show was judged by Sylvia Probert. By this time Barbu was co-owned with Jolanda Huisman. Best Opposite Sex to him was Kandecx Hetty Wainthrop owned by Norman and Kirsty Dolphin, bred by Elaine King. As I am enjoying this so much I will do the next 10 years next week.

27 / 11 / 2020

I HAVE ENJOYED two crisp and frosty morning walks this week. Please weather gods can we have a few more of those and a few less rainy ones. Crufts qualifications were announced with confirmation that entries would be capped (but no announcement of to how many and how), and that there would not be classes for puppies or juniors due to them not having had the opportunity to qualify. This of course caused large debates on social media. I for one am just grateful for the hope of a Crufts! Following from last week and indulging in my own enjoyment of remembering dogs of previous days I commence the review of BGV club winners at 2003. 2003 saw Pam Aldous judge an entry of 52 GBGV and Best of Breed was Kandecx Elvis On Stage bred and owned by Elaine King, He went Reserve Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex in Show under Yvonne Dean. Best Opposite Sex in breed was Ned Ch Voila Du Greffier Du Roi bred and owned by Jolanda Huisman. Stella Blackmore had an entry of 24 in 2004. Best of Breed was Anne Mackenzie's Bassbarr Gabrielle of Wakelyns bred by Bill O'Loughlin. Best Opposite Sex was Ravensbeech Bayeux bred and owned by Jan Pain. Gabrielle achieved Best in Show under Marion Hunt. 2005 Colin Gillanders judged 50 entries. Best of Breed was Ned/Ger/World Ch Debucher Le Barbu bred by Vivien Phillips and owned by her and Jolanda Huisman. He ended Reserve Best in Show under Adele Walton Haddon. Best Opposite Sex in breed was Melanter Toot A Lou of Tarmachan owned by Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren and bred by Stella Blackmore. 2006 saw the GBGV have their first set of CCs at the breed club show and the honour of awarding this historic set fell to Gunnar Nymann from Denmark. Best of Breed was the bitch Interessante Du Greffier Du Roi bred and owned by Jolanda Huisman from the Netherlands. Best Opposite Sex was Holmchappell Grand Miracle owned by Karen Bayliss alongside breeder Jessica Holm. Under John Hiddes of the Netherlands the GBGV was awarded Reserve Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex in show. In 2007 Linda Skerritt had an amazing entry of 60 and she awarded Best of Breed to Applause

Van Tum-Tums Vriendjes bred by Gwen Huikeshoven (Netherlands) and owned by her and Gavin Robertson. Best Opposite Sex was Joie De Vie Du Greffier Du Roi bred and owned Jolanda Huisman. Best in Show judge Denise Courtney awarded Applause Best in Show, with Reserve Best in Show going to Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside I'm Still Waiting who had won the Reserve Bitch CC and Reserve Best of Breed. On to 2008 and the 21st BGV Club show saw Vivien Phillips centre stage with an entry of 33. She awarded BCC and Best of Breed to Gairside I'm Still Waiting ShCM and Best Opposite Sex to Ravensbeech Bayeux who by then was owned by Michael Lewis and Jan Pain. I'm Still Waiting repeated her Reserve Best in Show under Pam Aldous. 2009 Linda Lewis had 45 entered. BCC, Best of Breed and Best in Show under Mark Cocozza went to Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ir Ch Melanter Toot A Lou Of Tarmachan ShCM. Dog CC, Reserve Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex in Show was Wilmit Domino bred and owned by Barbara Milton. 2010 Pam Aldous-Town had an entry of 25. Best of Breed was Plainville Tout Ça Parce Que bred and owned by Gill and Paul Clark. He ended Reserve Best in Show under Shirley Rawlings. Best Opposite Sex in breed was Silvamoon Sunflower owned and bred by Sue Birney. Graham Hill judged an entry of 34 in 2011 awarding Best of Breed to Ch/Ir Ch Wilmit Domino ShCM bred and owned by Barbara Milton. Best Opposite Sex was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc En Ciel ShCM. Gavin Roberston awarded Domino Best in Show. Our final stop for this week is 2012 which was the BGV Club's 25th anniversary show, held in conjunction with the BGV World Congress. There were a few sore heads for GBGV judging on the Sunday afternoon following the dinner dance the evening before where unbeknown to him my ex-husband bought me a very expensive painting! I digress. Dr Lydia Ehart from the Netherlands judged 37 GBGV. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Jolanda Huisman and Marlou Konings' Ned/Fr/Int/Eur Ch Xpreszo Du Greffier Du Roi, Best Opposite Sex went to Amanda O'Day's Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM bred by Sue Birney. Jeff Bunney awarded Xpreszo Best in Show. Next week we will do 2013 to the present day.

18 / 12 / 2020

APOLOGIES FOR THE LACK OF NOTES the previous two weeks – life just simply took over. I am sure by now you have all heard of the passing of my dear friend Fred Ellingford on 2 December. I will not repeat the full obituary that has appeared in the dog press as I know Linda is planning on including it in the next issue of Voice. All I will say is that he will be greatly missed by his wife Lynne, me and many others in the dog world, and especially as a steward for the BGV club shows! This weekend was the first weekend I really missed a dog show – we should have been at LKA and to me it is one of the best shows of the season just because everyone is in the festive mood with normally plenty of mince pies and fizz a-flowing. It is where we all exchange cards and Christmas greetings. It is often where the final determining points are won in the "Top" league tables but more importantly it is where we have fun! I will save my delving in to previous results until next week as I want to finish my look back at the previous BGV Club winners. 2013 Dr Jessica Holm had 25 hounds present awarding Dog CC (which I think was his crowning) to Gill and Paul Clark's Plainville tout Ca Parce Que, reserve to him was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch Tarmachan Cartier. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was my Debucher XFactor (winning her 2nd CC), reserve was Tim Jones and Steve Jepson's Claela Avrille at Eardley. Best Puppy was my Debucher Matisse and Best Veteran was awarded to Fiona and Michael's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc En Ciel ShCM. Linda Mackenzie judged Best In Show and awarded XFactor Best in Show, Matisse BPIS and Arc En Ciel RBVIS. 2014 Espen Engh judged 33 hounds and awarded the Dog CC to my and Vivien Phillips' Debucher Matisse (his crowning CC), reserve to him was Nikki and Jayne Denny's Ch Debucher D'Artagnan at Janimist. Bitch CC, BOB and Best Veteran was Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Arc En Ciel ShCM, reserve to her was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Fanfare ShCM. Best Puppy was Vivien Phillip's Debucher Sartre. Phil Freer was the Best in Show judge and he awarded BIS (and of course BVIS) to Arc En Ciel. Sartre was RBVIS. In 2015 there were 25 hounds present for Anne MacDonald. Dog CC and Best of Breed was my Ch Debucher Matisse, reserve to him was my and Vivien Phillips' Ch Debucher Rigole. Bitch CC was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Fanfare ShCM. Reserve to her was my Debucher Violet Gray. Best Puppy was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Gracious, they also got Best Veteran with Ch/Ir/World Ch Gairside I'm Still Waiting ShCM. Best in Show was judged by Jan Pain and she awarded Matisse RBIS, Good Gracious BPIS and I'm Still Waiting RBVIS. In 2016 Phil Freer had 28 hounds present. Dog CC and BOB was Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet, Reserve to him was Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier. Bitch CC was Ch Wilmit Fanfare ShCM, reserve to her Gairside Good Gracious. Best Puppy was Sue Cole's Wilmit Hyacinth Bouquet. Best Veteran was Amanda O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM. Best in Show judge Nigel Luxmoore-Ball awarded Bizet RBIS, Hyacinth Bouquet BPIS and Sweet Sapphire RBVIS. In 2017 Adele Walton-Haddon had 26 hounds present. Her Dog CC and BOB was Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, reserve was Colin and Ann Makey's Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM. Bitch CC was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Ice Diamond, reserve to her and Best Veteran was Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM. Best Puppy was Danielle Machent and Barbara Milton's Tioga Lautrec with Grandoreille. Best in Show judge Linda Skeritt awarded Sweet Sapphire BVIS and Lautrec RBVIS with BIS and RBIS both going to PBGV. 2018 had Linda MacKenzie had 26 Hounds present. Dog CC and Best of Breed was Tioga Lautrec with Grandoreille, reserve to him Debucher Bizet. Bitch CC was Gairside Good Gracious, Reserve and Best Veteran was my Ch Debucher XFactor. Best Puppy was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Macaroni V Tum-Tum's Vriendjes of Tarmachan (Imp Nld). Best in Show judge Val Jackson awarded Lautrec RBIS, Macaroni BPIS and XFactor RBVIS. Finally in 2019 we saw French judge Renaud Buche with 34 hounds present. Dog CC was Karen Bayliss' Arapelo Darude, Reserve Dog CC Ch Macaroni V Tum-Tum's Vriendjes of Tarmachan, Bitch CC BOB and Best Veteran was Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine, reserve was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Letitia. Best Puppy was Pam and Claire McGregor's Claela You And I Are A Team. Best in Show judge Sue Virgo awarded Florentine BIS and BVIS with You And I Are A Team awarded RBVIS. Fingers crossed for a Club show in 2021!

25 / 12 / 2020

THE FINAL NOTES BEFORE CHRISTMAS and whatever that will look like to you all. Some further very sad news for Paul and Imogen Clark and Gill Goulden whose son/brother Morgan was killed in a tragic accident last week. Our hearts go out to them and their family at this time. I said last week I would take the opportunity to look back on previous LKA shows this weekend so here goes. GBGV first got classes at LKA in 2011 with a single CC on offer. Marita Rodgers had 11 Grands present. Best Dog, Best of Breed and the CC was Vivien Phillips' Ch Debucher Rigole. Reserve Best Dog went Tim Jones and Steve Jepson's Debucher Why Not With Eardley. Best Bitch was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Ir Ch/ World Ch Gairside I'm Still Waiting ShCM with Reserve going to her daughter Gairside Sans Souci. Best Puppy was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Yodel. With another single CC in 2012 awarded to Amanda O'Day's Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM by John Walton Haddon, 2013 saw two CCs on offer and Rose Phillips with an entry of 17. Dog CC was Nikki and Jane Denny's Debucher D'Artagnan at Janimist, Reserve was my Debucher Matisse who was also Best Puppy which secured his Top Puppy 2013 status. Bitch CC and Best of Breed went to Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Florentine, Reserve to her was my Debucher XFactor. 2015 Linda Lewis had 23 dogs present. Dog CC was Ch Debucher Matisse, Reserve to him was Liz Cudlip's Debucher Xray of Harvidene. Bitch CC (which was her third) and Best of Breed was my Debucher Violet Gray, Reserve to her was Danielle Machent's Wilmit Gigi with Grandoreille. Best Puppy was Yvonne Moul't's Debucher Zamba. Both Violet Gray and Zamba were sired by Matisse. Best Veteran was Amanda O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM. 2017 and the year of the snow! Jessica Holm had a few stalwart exhibitors who managed to arrive at the NEC and a total of 9 hounds present. Dog CC was Fiona and Mike's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier, Reserve to him was Pam and Claire McGregor's Ir Ch Claela Reaumur ShCM. Bitch CC and BOB was Fiona and Mike's Tarmachan Ice Diamond, Reserve to her was her mother Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine. Whatever you and your hounds are doing I wish you all a very happy Christmas (and hope it is rain free!)