

Hello again everyone !! Lets hope that 2014 is a fun year for us all!

Our application for registration is still with The Kennel Club and we'll keep you posted on progress. Meantime we are not resting and are drawing up a list of events for us all to enjoy this year.

Prior to giving you details can I please remind you about RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP. If we could have your £10s in by the end of February this would greatly help us with our accounts. This year we are asking for cheques, cash or bank transfers. We will set up standing orders etc during the year. Our bank details are detailed below. Just put your name as reference and we'll know it is your renewal. £10 will just cover the cost of your magazines and newsletters for post is so expensive now.

Lloyds Bank, Account Name:

National Bouvier Club,

Account Number 22130660,

Sort Code 30-17-80

Or Geoff Evans, 171 Roman Rd, BLACKBURN BB1 2LD Lancs. For cash or cheque.

We have resisted the temptation to go totally electronic for we do think that people like to have a magazine to flip through on a regular basis. I know I pick up mine every so often for a Bouv fix and I wrote it !! (No hope for me!!)







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The next social meeting is also a "must do" for we have to hold our AGM. This is where you all can have a say on who you would like to run the club. All the current committee were only "acting" until we could have a democratic vote. If you would like to be more involved please let us know and we'll propose you for whatever position you feel you can contribute most to. It would be great to have you on board for the more enthusiasm we can generate the better the fun days are for everyone.

Brian Everill, part of the Avice "pack" has kindly offered to be the AGM co-ordinator so it is to him all the paperwork has to be sent. Enclosed are all the official stuff required for your information!!

Now most of you don't really care about AGMs but as always we try to make every "get-to-gether" a good day out. So we have chosen a venue with a great pub next door, we chose a Sunday for Sunday lunch is a given and with a stroll around the pretty countryside beforehand our Bouvs will then enjoy a rest whilst we enjoy a bite to eat and chat and comraderie which is our main aim. Helen Dallow has kindly offered a grooming demo at the venue for those not partaking of the walk and the usual tea, coffee etc will be available SO no reason not to come along for this, our 1st social event of the calendar.

VENUE: Tatenhall Hall, Main Street, Tattenhall DE13 9SD. (Midlands) Great venue, fun meet and educational time with your bouv . Look forward to meeting up xx

The Horse Shoe Inn is a beautiful country pub with an enclosed beer garden and children's play area for the kids, making it the perfect family friendly venue. The pub also has a goat, rabbits and chipmunks for all those animal lovers. We offer a great food menu with great value prices - we are famous for our home made Marston's Pedigree pie and freshly prepared pub food. The Horse Shoe Inn is the perfect place to dine for all the family both in summer and again in winter with our open fires and warm hospitality.

Email Clive if you wish to be included for lunch bouvierbear@hotmail.co.uk

The two main events planned for this year are in July and August in the Midlands and further North but we still will have a Southern based event, perhaps in the Autumn near Windsor and as more and more members join from

Scotland it would seem to be churlish if we didn't plan an event up in the bonny North.

We may muscle in on Carol Mcgregor's walk this year and offer assistance but soon we have plans to come your way in May!!



## Throstle Farm, Little Hay Field, High Peak District SK22 2NG 19/20 July

Ever just wanted to get away from it all and enjoy the countryside?? Well now you have a great excuse for Geoff's brother has kindly allowed the Bouvier cavalcade to descend on his bit of heaven He has camping available for smallish caravans (due to access road) and campers and tents of course. He has facilities including loos and electricity, cafe etc. We just intend having a fun packed weekend, letting our bouvs enjoy the wide open spaces, tackle an agility course or try out our Rally obedience course. Usual help and friendly advice always on hand. More details later in the year but put a note in your diaries now. Let us know if you are thinking of coming please (01254 260273)

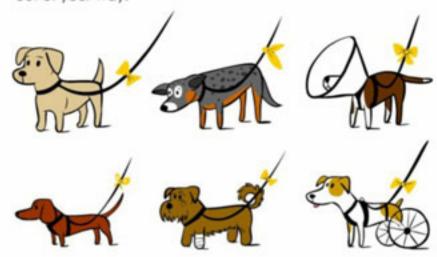
STOP PRESS: An adjacent caravan field could become available for bigger rigs!

Something which may be of interest (was to me) is the wearing of a yellow ribbon on our dogs who are either under training or not trainable!! Could be some of mine!!

If you are training your dog and don't require other interested dogs "partying" with your dog then to display a yellow ribbon denotes "GIVE US SPACE"

## THEYELLOW DOG PROJECT.com

If you see a dog with a YELLOW RIBBON or something yellow on the leash, this is a dog who needs some space. Please do not approach this dog with your dog. Please maintain distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way.



There are many reasons why a dog may need space: HEALTH ISSUES

IN TRAINING
BEING REHABILITATED
SCARED OR REACTIVE AROUND OTHER DOGS



Those of us who own these dogs appreciate your help and respect!



Our next and huge event is our annual Rally hosted by the Jones family. What a great venue on their farm near Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

This year it has got bigger and better and we are so looking forward to it. 3 days over the bank holiday so no excuse not to get there for at least one day.

## **Bouvier Rally 23-26 August**

Bigger and Better

Games for dogs

Magician - Adam Evans - doing magic on walkabout In the afternoon there will be a HOG ROAST & by Special Request

THE DIRTY BEARDS in the evening SUNDAY:

Companion Dog Show/ games 7.00pm:

Alan Herbert – Ctry & Western Star Barbecue

For details of camping for tents, caravans or motorhomes and further information please contact:-

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