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# NATIONAL BOUVIER CLUB

Since my last posting the committee of the proposed new club have been busy and our application for recognition has been sent off to The Kennel Club.

We have been informed that our choice "National Bouvier Club" is acceptable so the 1<sup>st</sup> hurdle has been cleared.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> big event took place during July and the report is on the reverse of this newsletter. You missed a weekend if you didn't get there. Go to for Bouvier Rally 2013 to see some of the laughter of the weekend. You may find our there too!



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2011 Rally

The 2<sup>nd</sup> event of which we hope to hold many up and down the country will be on 29<sup>th</sup> September, Orchard Glen, Forest Green Rd, Holyport, Berks SL6 2NN. Approx 4 miles west of Windsor just off the M4.



The idea is an informal turn up for Koffee & Kakes day, meeting up with other Bouvs and their owners in your locality

In conjunction with this we are running an introduction to the new dog craze hitting America, Rally Obedience - a mixture of obedience and agility.

*Janet Garrett*



We are lucky enough to have in our membership Janet Garrett coming to show us all the basics of this fun activity.

from Janet's Puppyskool in Swindon



*Janet in the grooming room helping out with coat problems*

Helen and Janet will be on hand in the Grooming Workshop to give you hints on trimming your Bouv and where to get the proper equipment to make it an easier task and there will be loads of time to chat to breeders and owners with years of experience.

Sounds interesting? Send me an email at the above address to give us an idea of how many to expect and how many cakes to bake! We hope to start at 11.00 and finish when the coffee urn runs dry about 3.30-4.00pm

Nine members of the club are off to America in October to meet up with other Bouvier lovers at the American Specialty Show. The club have arranged a tour taking in the show which is in Dallas at Southfork Ranch and continuing to a Dude Ranch for a bit of wrangling. Then we're off to Nashville to sample some Country music and finishing off in Memphis meeting up with Elvis!! We'll let you know where next year's trip will take us and perhaps you would like to join us.



Do give us some feedback and tell us what sort of events you would like planned. We are happy to organise anything which will give us all fun time with our Bouvs.

Please also tell us if you are not interested in our activities and don't wish further communication from us.



**Don't forget 29<sup>th</sup> September  
We'd love to meet up.**

David our Secretary chose mum's farm as the venue instead of his as it is nearer main roads and most importantly the village inn with rooms. He set about clearing the cow barn (enormous) in case the weather was inclement, mowing the lamb field for games and installing power and water points for caravan/tent hook-ups.

Geoff Evans arrived early in the week to help out and his Bouvier troop took up residence during the day near the entrance gate giving all arrivals a good old Bouv welcome – no one was in any doubt as to whether or not they had the right farm!

Janet Hughes, Margaret Murray and I arrived Friday afternoon and decided to opt for the pitch nearest to the loos which was on hard standing and became the meeting point in the evening for other arrivals. Bar BQs were set up and as I had brought loads of food around 12 people and numerous milling Bouvs had a feast, polished off with Margaret's rum bananas cooked to perfection. Really a perfect start to what became a perfect weekend.



Saturday morning dawned and after the glorious week we had had we were fully expecting a repeat performance and to be honest we were a little concerned it would be too warm. We always had the barn to fall back on which was big enough for 500 cattle so could accommodate our lot easily. As it happened in was rather dull with the sun only breaking out after lunch – perfect weather for fun, games and more serious obedience disciplines.

Janet and Helen Dallow set themselves up to cater for new arrivals requiring help with trimming, Margaret organised the fun games, the catch the rabbit kept everyone amused throughout the day and I, inbetween the rally obedience sessions, twisted everyone's arm to "find a flea on the bouvier" with dozens and dozens of great prizes generously donated by everyone.



**Marj Eastham**

**Puppy Finder  
Co-ordinator**

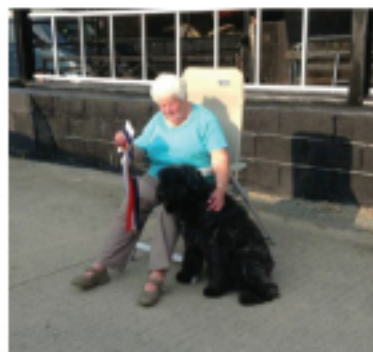
Around 10.00am all the day visitors started to arrive and the local B & B ers rolled up, rolled up their sleeves and helped out. I think we had around 25 people and their dogs enjoying the activities. Lunch time David and Di, in their "kitchen" end of the barn served up fabulous local burgers, buns and salad. Cold drinks were on offer as well as tea and coffee. Sadly the day activities had to come to a close and we fully expected most of the day visitors to go home but with tales of the evening's entertainment and the temptation of the hog roast they all stayed and what a feast we had. Margaret, David and Di put on a spread of banqueting proportions with fresh salads to go with the local farm hog roast and Tina Adkin provided delicious puddings which were devoured along with the endless stream of ice lollies from Dave's freezer .

Over coffee and a few alcoholic beverages the quiz began and it was hard!! Great rivalries between tables ensued but there could only be one winner. As it happened there was a draw so the prizes of Dr Pollet's Bouvier book and a bottle of champagne was split between them. They were happy and the other tables just pleased that they scored something and weren't too embarrassed with their lack of knowledge!!

Quiz over and prior to the "concert" we had an auction of the better items donated for the raffle and it was great fun, Madeline's husband Sammy is such a great auctioneer we all had a great fight outbidding our neighbours. I think we made £250 from 5 lots!!

Now the highlight of the evening was upon us. "The Dirty-beards" were back on tour. Sammy and his ukulele and Phil and his Newfoundland giggle stick (I never remember its name so probably have it wrong again) Maybe it is ugly stick?? Whichever stick it is, it had some new gadgets this year to keep everyone in tune. Phil and Sammy were joined by Geoff in a birthday song for Geoff's big birthday and what a great voice Geoff has. Then we had a treat, Margo Campbell Wilson sang a duet with Sammy and then took the roof off with a solo performance without any musical accompaniment – wow – whenever I see her name on billboards I'm booking a seat – wonderful voice.

All too soon it was off to bed as the following day most of us were going off to the Oswestry Open Show who had kindly put on classes for us.



**Margaret with Phoebe  
and Best Puppy in  
Show rosette !!**

Back at the farm Helen and Janet were helping some owners with trimming during the day and when we all started re-

turning from the show we had left overs from the previous night for late lunch which was interrupted by a great burst of car horns and hooters. Returning triumphant from the show was Margaret (Dave's Mum) and Tina with my little Phoebe. Margaret had insisted Phoebe stay for the Puppy Group and Tina offered to handle her and here they were doing a jig (Margaret is in her 80s!!) sporting a Best Puppy in Show rosette!!

Sadly we had to continue packing up the camp but what a great end to the fun weekend.



**Fiona Lambert**