

# Drop-in



## -VENUE FOR FIRST DROP-IN-

The first of hopefully many Drop-in Days to be organised throughout GB in the years to come took place near Windsor on 29<sup>th</sup> September. We weren't too sure how the format would work but we are pleased to report it a resounding success with pleas of "many more" from the visitors. 40 Bouviers and owners enjoyed their day.

The day dawned with the prospect of great weather and so it proved to be - a real scorcher for Autumn. Geoff Evans set up camp with his gang on Friday lunchtime with Janet Hughes arriving a little later. Saturday had Steve and Helen Dallow with their monsters and Tina Adkins and Toni Wescott-Smith arriving just in time for dinner. Tom, my husband loves cooking so it was a great dinner party for 8 of us on Saturday night and with the exception of Steve we were all up bright eyed and bushy tailed Sunday setting up, making sandwiches and awaiting all the splendid donations of home baked cakes. Early morning saw the arrival of all the rest of committee, who had set off really early to get there on time

We had advertised an 11.00am start but expected only a few to turn up at the designated time!! How wrong could we be!! 11.00am and they started rolling in. Di Jones didn't let them past the welcoming gazebo without buying a Find the Flea tombola and everybody was issued with a badge with their name so we all could get together for a chat. Margaret Murray was in the "Dog Kitchen" with a fantastic display of gateaux, cup cakes and delicious sandwiches and her very own brand of welcoming chat - what a great job she does.



A fantastic Bouvier cake baked by Sarah, Bouvier mum - wow!!

Now we get to our day and prior to Janet and John turning up, Rob and Martin with Clara and Hugo, helped out with Clive Hamilton Gould setting up the practice Rally course.



Toddy Hamilton-Gould and Pup - needs concentration Mum!!

This is just what we want. Not dependent on "committee" everyone turning up and starting to sort out what they wish to be doing - great guys - love it !! Whilst Janet was demonstrating all the Rally routines and giving all a chance to practice prior to the "competition" later in the day we also ran an agility course. Max Chapman wowed the spectators with his prowess! He is one great guy on the circuit. He brought along an exotic element with fiends from Venezuela who are also enthusiasts. Hope they enjoyed their day. Margo's Thane proved to be our best guy and won outright the Rally contest -Go Thane Go !!

We also have another very enthusiastic member locally, Georgina. She and husband made it up to Shropshire for our Bouvier Rally and won at our big quiz. She is a great groupie and although having bought a puppy from Cheryl Pierpoint, she is enjoying the comradie and hoping to help out with the games at future events. Have not got a photo of your girl - sorry. Would have posted. Thanks all - What a great day !! 40 Bouvs and nearly 40 parents - great time and thank you for coming.!!



Two of Geoff's gang wondering where Dad is !!

Our aim was to provide a venue to have an informal gathering of all the local Bouviers and their owners with the intention of creating a real sense of comradie and hopefully forging friendships with other Bouvier lovers. This, as our 1<sup>st</sup> aim, we succeeded.

We are lucky to have as members Janet and John Garrett of Janet's Puppyskool, located in Swindon and they gave up their time to come along on Sunday to give us all a taster of Rally Obedience and a demo of agility with our brand new equipment !



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The Stragglers- left at the end of our great day!

