



L&NHC E-LOWDOWN

#12 Spring 2024

AS I WRITE THIS we are slowly approaching the end of the winter months and, despite there being no nasty spells of snow, the slightly higher temperatures continue to bring us more rain than anything else. Low-slung Bassets suffer not only from dirty legs but wet tummies too. However there is a hope that spring is on its way as the warmer days have brought daffodils and other spring flowers out earlier than usual, buds are starting to come on trees and even bumble bees have been seen.



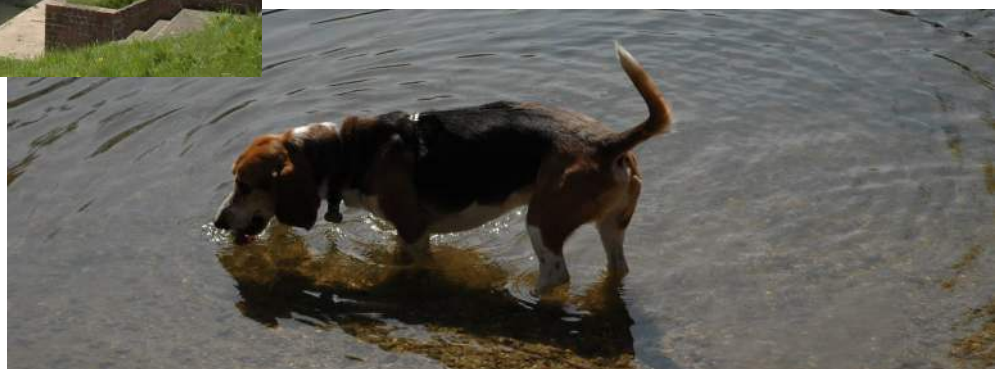
15yrs ago—Basset walk by the river, Boveney, May 2009

For the opportunity to see the spring flowers at the side of the Thames, remember there is a Branch walk, meeting in the car park at Boveney on:

Sunday 24 March 10.30 for 11am. SL4 6QQ. Directions—From A4, Bath Road, at Taplow mini roundabout take B3026 (over M4). Continue until road forks at Dorney Common. Fork right, along Boveney Road (open land with houses and then fields on right). Road bends round to left and further along, car park is on right. Contact Rob Carter 07732 576335 / 01628 602656.



Boveney Lock



More walks

21 April The Aquadrome, Rickmansworth WD3 1NB

10.30 for 11am Meet in the free car park. After the walk you may like to visit The Café In The Park <https://www.thecafeinthepark.com/rickmansworth> where delicious, freshly baked cakes and pastries are on sale. Alongside cakes and other items on the food menu, hot and cold drinks are available, snacks for children and even dog treats.

Contact Lana Johnson 01494 764172



19 May ★

A new venue, Luton.

10.30 for 11am. Contact Mike Cartmale for details of venue nearer the time — 01582 563803.

23 June

Beacon Road car park, Ashridge HP4 1NE. 11 for 11.30am start. Contact John Worley details — 07939 003890



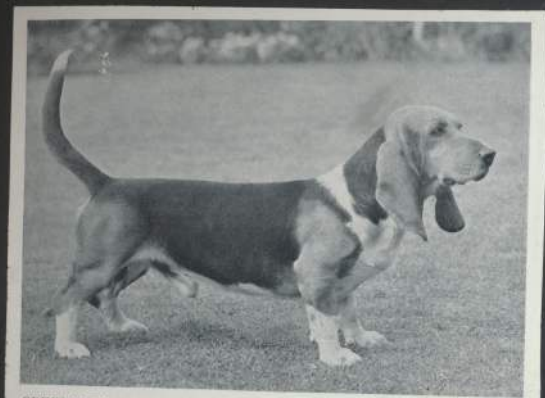
Ashridge 2013

GRIMS BASSETS

Before Peggy Keevil bought her first Basset in 1935, she had established herself in Scotties around 1931. The name Grims came from Grims Ditch, near where she lived in Surrey. Grim's Ditch, Grim's Dyke or Grim's Bank is a name shared by a number of pre-historic bank and ditch linear earthworks across England. They are of different dates and may have had different functions. The method of building this type of earthwork involved digging a trench and forming the upcast soil into a bank alongside it.

Miss Keevil's hounds were to go on to influence the Basset breed all over the world. If it had not been for the immense dedication and work of this one breeder, the Bassets may well have disappeared in England shortly after World War II. During those difficult years Miss Keevil would travel in all types of weather to find whatever types of food she could get to feed her hounds.

From 1946 to the early 1950s Miss Keevil imported the Basset Artesien-Normand hounds Ulema de Barley, Aiglon des Marriettes and Cornemuse de Blendecques.



Ulema was a prepotent sire and he had great influence on British Bassets.

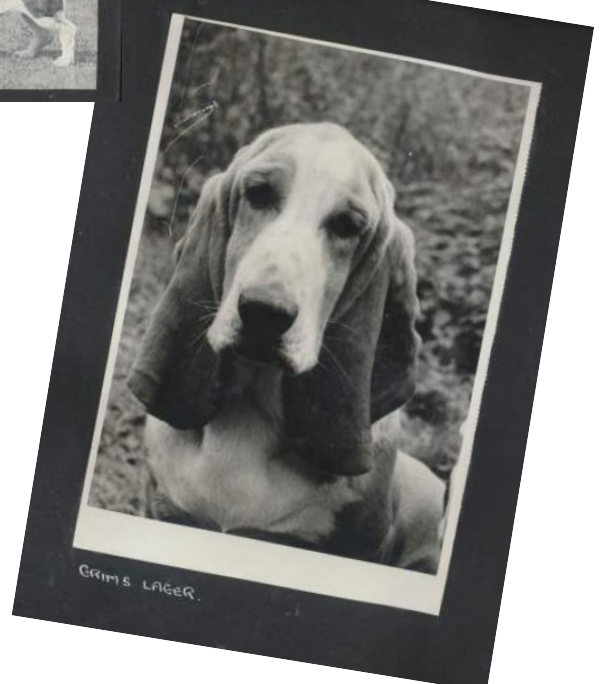
Aiglon was brother to Azur, France's top sire and he also sired some good hounds. Cornemuse did her share but the studs had the most apparent influence.



Ulema de Barley

We should therefore be indebted to Peggy Keevil whose breeding helped several, such as Audrey Charman (Charford), to establish their own lines based on Grims and thus rebuilt the breed to its former glory following the decline during the war years.

Grims Lager



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

Notice is hereby given that the
**Annual General Meeting of the
London & Northern Home Counties Branch of the Basset Hound Club**
will be held by zoom at 11am on Sunday, 7 April 2024

Officers: **President** *Position vacant*
Chairman John Worley Secretary/ Branch Rep Linda Skerritt
Treasurer Martin Bishop

Committee: Rob Carter, Julia Shayler, Deborah Wilson, Pete Wilson

AGENDA

1	Chairman's opening remarks	9	Election of Hon Treasurer
2	Minutes of last AGM	10	Election of Committee
3	Matters arising	11	Election of Branch Representative
4	Chairman's report	12	Election of Auditor for ensuing year
5	Hon Secretary's report	13	Donations to canine organisations
6	Hon Treasurer's report	14	Future of the Branch
7	Election of Chairman	15	Any other business
8	Election of Hon Secretary		

NOTICE OF AGM

Under the Basset Hound Club Branch Rules (5(b)) the entire Committee, including Officers and Branch Representative, must retire annually but remain eligible for re-election.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, HON SECRETARY AND HON TREASURER The Chairman, Hon Secretary/Branch Representative and Hon Treasurer offer themselves for re-election.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE Mr Rob Carter and Mrs Julia Shayler offer themselves for re-election. Mr Pete Wilson and Mrs Deborah Wilson are standing down. The Committee may consist of a minimum of three and up to a maximum of twelve Branch Members (*BHC Branch Rules 5(a)*). Nominations are invited.

NOMINATIONS Nominations for Committee must be made in writing and submitted to the Branch Hon Secretary (email is acceptable) to arrive no later than **24 March**, showing the name of the Proposer and Secunder and the willingness of the Nominee to stand for election (*BHC Branch Rules 5(g)*). If there are more nominations than vacancies, members will be sent voting papers for a ballot.

ALL NOMINEES, PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES MUST BE FULLY PAID UP MEMBERS OF THE LONDON & NORTHERN HOME COUNTIES BRANCH OF THE BASSET HOUND CLUB **and of the BASSET HOUND CLUB** (*BHC Rule 4(i) and Branch Rules 5(c)*). Any member not having renewed his/her Branch subscription by **31 January 2024** (£4 single, £5 joint) will not be entitled to voting rights (*BHC Branch Rules 4(b)*).

ACCOUNTS Audited Branch accounts are herewith or a copy may be obtained from the Treasurer on request.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS Any item for inclusion under Any Other Business should be submitted to the Branch Hon Secretary in writing by **31 March 2024** (at least 7 days prior to the zoom AGM) and must be signed by the Proposer and Secunder who must be fully paid-up Branch and BHC members (*Branch Rules 8(b)(iii)*).



**NOMINATION FORM FOR THE POSITION OF
COMMITTEE MEMBER
OF THE LONDON & NORTHERN HOME COUNTIES BRANCH
OF THE BASSET HOUND CLUB**

2024 – NOMINATIONS TO BE RECEIVED BY 24 MARCH

This is to nominate
for the position of of the L&NHC Branch of the BHC

NOMINEE

Full Name (in capitals)

I wish to be considered for the position of of the L&NHC Branch of the BHC

I enclose my brief CV and details of relevant experience.

Signed by Nominee Date

Name (caps) Address

..... Post Code

Email Tel No

PROPOSER

Proposed by (FULL NAME IN CAPITALS)

Signed Date

SECONDER

Seconded by (FULL NAME IN CAPITALS)

Signed Date

Note: *Nominee, proposer and seconder must be a fully paid up member of the Basset Hound Club and of the L&NHC Branch of the BHC. Payment must be made by 31 January.*

Nominations may be exceptionally e-mailed to the Hon Secretary at monkhams@outlook.com or posted to Mrs Linda Skerritt, Sharnden, Fourth Avenue, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex SS16 8HN to arrive by 24 March 2024.

LONDON & NORTHERN HOME COUNTIES BRANCH OF THE BASSET HOUND CLUB

Statement of Income & Expenditure year end December 31st 2023

INCOME

BALANCE JANUARY 1ST 2023 £434.52
MEMBERSHIP £83.00
PETTY CASH £4.00
£521.52
LESS EXPENDITURE £15.00
BALANCE DEC 31ST 2023 £506.52

EXPENDITURE

PRINTER INK/PAPER £15.00

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

BALANCE JANUARY 1ST 2023 £574.27
INTEREST £4.57
BALANCE DECEMBER 31ST 2023 £578.84 TOTAL ASSETS £1085.36

Martin Bishop
Hon treasurer

M Bishop
23/6/24

AUDITORS REPORT

I HAVE EXAMINED THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2023 AND I CERTIFY THEY ARE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECORDS KEPT

[Signature] 23/02/24



Joining instructions for attending the zoom AGM on 7 April will be emailed to you nearer the time.

For help or advice, your Branch Officers are:

Chairman

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Hon Treasurer

Martin Bishop

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Hon Secretary/Branch Representative / E-lowdown / Facebook Branch Group

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