



HASTINGS BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the Hastings Budgerigar Society Newsletter for June.

I hope your young birds are coming on nicely and starting to show promise for the upcoming show season, as well as improving their overall quality from the previous year.

This is what we are all aiming for, but as we all know too well it is much easier said than done!

As always, if anybody would like to contribute to the Newsletters, whether it be with an article of interest or an advert for birds or equipment, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Gary

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GOLD SHOWS IN THE SOUTH & WEST

We have been sent information regarding the BS Gold Status Open Shows that are taking place in the South and West of England. With the show season fast approaching, we thought that the keen exhibitors amongst you may be interested in the following:

Sunday August 6. Bristol BS Gold Championship Show at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, Fiddler's Wood Lane, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 9BS. **Judges:** David Game, Bruce Greenway, Gary Hale, Trevor & Adrian Terheege. **Closing date for entries July 30.** **Show secretary:** Bob Allen, 14 Brockley Close, Little Stoke, Bristol BS34 6EZ. Tel: 01454 898644. Email: boballen1402@gmail.com

Sunday August 13. South Hampshire BS Gold Championship Show at Romsey Community School, Priestlands, Greatbridge Road, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 8ZB. **Judges:** John Punchard, Sam Wildes, John Lees, Adrian & Trevor Terheege, Geoff Bowley. **Closing date for entries Tuesday 8th August.** **Show secretary:** Mr. P Merritt, 2 The Pollards, Lower Common Road, West Wellow, Hants, SO51 6BT. Tel: 01794 322217. Email: petermerritt@btinternet.com

Sunday September 3. Somerset BS Gold Championship Show at Bridgwater & Albion Rugby Club, Bath Rd, Bridgwater TA6 5LU. **Judges:** Jeff Attwood, Roy Aplin, Roger Carr, Neil Johnson and Brian Reese. **Closing date for entries Sunday August 27.** Schedules in July from Brian Sweeting. Tel 01278 455621. Email s5555@btinternet.com. Entries to Jason Hedaux, 47 Wembdon Hill, Bridgwater TA6 7PZ. Tel 01278 424842. Email bjhedaux@aol.com

Sunday September 10. Swindon BS Gold Championship Show at Punjabi Community Centre, Kembrey St, Swindon SN2 8AZ. **Judges:** Dominic Avo, David Game, Ron Pearce, Tony Pope and Rick Watts. **Closing date for entries Monday September 4.** **Schedules and entries:** Pete Smith, 8 The Green, Beeches Estate, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 1AU Tel 01285 861772. Email: peter@peter762.wanadoo.co.uk

LAST MEETING

The last meeting consisted of a talk by Intermediate Breeders & Exhibitors, Stephen and Bill Squires from Lincolnshire. There were 15 members present. The evening was very interesting and informative. They showed and explained the comparison between their birdrooms, Bill having an old tin shed with cages made from an old bed, whilst Stephen converted his garage and has bespoke, plastic cages and purpose-built metal flights. The quality of the birds they breed and the results they get are the same. If anything, for a while, Stephen believes that Bill was getting better results! The evening was very relaxed and enjoyable. Our thanks to both of them for taking the time to travel down to us.

SURPLUS BIRDS

Is anybody interested in getting rid of their surplus birds to a dealer? If enough people come forward, then we can organise for a dealer to come down and buy the birds in bulk from us. They will have to be in pairs (cock & hen). If you are interested please contact either Gary on **01424 882951** email gary@gsmarkserv.co.uk or Gavin on **01323 502252** email gavin_john_carter47@yahoo.co.uk

WANT MINERALS?

If you would like any **Osmonds Ultimate @ £1.75 per kilo** or **Murphys Minerals @ £5.50 per kilo**. Contact **Gavin** on **01323 502252** or email: gavin_john_carter47@yahoo.co.uk

FOGGER

Gavin also has a fogger for hire. The cost is **£10.00** for a **seven day period** and can be collected from Gavin. All proceeds will go towards club funds. Please contact Gavin on **01323 502252** or email: gavin_john_carter47@yahoo.co.uk if you are interested.

SPONSORSHIP

If any member would like to make a donation towards the running of our show this year, please contact Gavin Carter on **01323 502252** or email: gavin_john_carter47@yahoo.co.uk.

We would also like to thank everybody who has already said they would like to make a donation or sponsor the show. It doesn't matter how big or small the gesture is, your support is always appreciated and helps towards the running of the club and the show. **Thank you.**

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter please contact: **Gary Simpson** on **01424 882951** or email: gary@gsmarkserv.co.uk All submissions need to be received by the 15th of the month.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is on **Monday 26th June 2017** commencing at 7.30pm.

This meeting will be a quiz evening hosted by Neil Wheatley. Neil is a very good host, so this should be an amusing and fun evening. I have been reliably informed that there will be lots of goodies on offer and prizes to be won, so please come along and show your support.

BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

The club has been contacted by a lady in Etchingham who used to breed and show budgies with her sister. She is now moving house and has a lot of equipment that she would like to pass on to anybody who may be interested. It includes feeders, drinkers, cages, nest boxes and various other items as well as a hospital cage, though I think she is hoping to sell this. There are also a couple of budgies in a nice wooden cage with wheels. If any of the above may be useful to you please contact **Sue Stuart** on **07929 068882** or email: caroljmoore@btinternet.com

BIRDS FOR SALE

Gavin Carter has some 2017 bred pairs for sale at very reasonable prices. Call Gavin on **01323 502252** if interested.
