



HASTINGS BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the Hastings Budgerigar Society Newsletter for March.

Although Spring is here the weather is definitely not Spring like. I hope all your birds are fit and well, and eager to be in the breeding cages.

This is a last reminder to pay your subscriptions if you have not done so. Anybody who has not paid by the end of this month will no longer receive the newsletter or other club information.

As previously mentioned, 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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UPDATED BIO-SECURITY GUIDELINES

Due to the on-going threat of Avian Influenza The Budgerigar Society has updated the guidelines for Bio-Security, the latest version is as follows:

Guidelines for Show Promoters, Exhibitors and Judges (revised February 2018)

All show promoting societies to appoint an officer who is a Budgerigar Society member to take responsibility for the bio-security of the exhibits and the show environment at the show as detailed below and will remain in place for the duration of the event. This officer should be notified to the BS office as part of the Patronage application and named in the Show Schedule. Failure to appoint an officer will result in the withdrawal of Patronage.

A health statement should be included on all entry forms and signed by the exhibitor, confirming that their stud is free of disease at time of entry and benching and that all Exhibitors will abide by the Budgerigar Society Guidelines.

Exhibitors and visitors to the show are asked to wear clean clothing not previously worn in the bird room.

Exhibitors must ensure all their exhibits are in clean cages. Failure to comply will result in the cage being rejected.

Prior to admitting any birds, all staging, judging stands, cage trolleys and checking in tables should be treated with a suitable viral disinfectant.

All stewards, judges and show personnel should apply a suitable viral hand steriliser to their hands before starting to handle cages.

Cage covers can be removed at the booking in point, covers must not be taken beyond the booking in point into the main show hall.

Birds must be removed from travelling boxes at the booking in point, boxes must not be taken into the main show hall.

All exhibitors should be channelled to walk over a disinfected entrance mat followed by a dust control mat to dry exhibitors shoes and eliminate any chance of people slipping.

These mats should be placed at all entrances to the show hall and comply with Health & Safety regulations.

As birds are being checked in, the bottom, external top and slope of the show cages should be treated with disinfectant and the checking in tables should be treated and wiped between each batch of exhibitors' birds.

To avoid cross contamination, show cages should not be stacked on top of each other or cage front to cage front. Ideally show cages should not be placed on the floor at any time unless the floor has previously been treated with disinfectant.

A suitable procedure should be adopted that ensures the minimum movement of all exhibits.

When handling birds at Shows (ring checking and catching Sales birds) it is recommended that this task should be carried out with hands treated with a hand sterilizer. After every bird the hands should be washed and then re-treated with sterilizer before the next bird is caught.

All judges should bring to the show at least three judging sticks and a facility should be provided by the show promoters for the disinfection with a suitable viral wipe of all judging sticks throughout the judging process.

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Judging sticks must be disinfected between each exhibit.

To minimise any possibility of cross infection – Photography of exhibits at shows should only be executed through the cage front.

Birds offered for sale in either Sales Classes or Exhibition Classes must be closed rung for traceability.

Handling of Sales Bird exhibits should follow the same procedure as for ring checking.

When it comes to checking out, cage covers should only be put on the show cages once they are beyond the checking out point.

Exhibitors, upon returning home, should change their clothes before entering the birdroom.

Any sick birds should be removed from the Show area and be placed in a separate disinfected room.

Any Display Aviaries set up at the show should only contain birds from the same Fanciers aviary and be returned to the same Fanciers aviary. All birds should comply with the above procedures Trading of Birds in the vicinity of the Show hall is not permitted.

NEXT MEETING

The February meeting was postponed due to the poor weather, so is now taking place this month on **Monday 26th March 2018**.

This will comprise of a group discussion about pairing up and the breeding season. Ian Fordham and Neil Wheatley have kindly agreed to lead the discussion.

This should be an interesting and amusing evening so please come along and support the guys.

Simon Gage of Bird Wise has kindly donated a hamper of their products for this meeting.

BS RESOLUTIONS

Those of you who are members of The Budgerigar Society would have received voting papers for changes to some resolutions of the Society. There are two resolution changes that have been proposed by some of our members. Full details of the resolutions are in the March edition of The Budgerigar, but below is a brief summary of the resolution changes that our members have proposed.

RESOLUTION 5 – All team classes be restricted to 4 birds per cage.

At present you can have 4 or 6 birds in a team cage. Change has been requested for the welfare of the birds and also to aid judging.

RESOLUTION 6 – All birds to be shown either in Breeder classes or Any Age classes must be wearing the closed ring of the exhibitor.

At present birds in Any Age classes can have any BS ring on, as long as the exhibitor has owned the bird for at least 28 days. The change has been requested to try and make showing a more even playing field, especially for those exhibitors who have limited funds. It will prevent people who have got unlimited resources buying highly priced birds and showing them, in essence buying success.

If you agree with the proposed resolutions then please show your support by voting for them. Your vote could make all the difference.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs for 2018 are now due.

This is the last reminder that subs for 2018 are due.

Anybody who has not paid by the end of March will no longer receive newsletters or information. Subs are still only **£10.00** and must be paid by **all** members regardless of age or status.

If you cannot get to the meetings and would like to pay your subs then you can send them to:

Gary Simpson

**Hastings Budgerigar Society
3 Bellhurst Cottages,
Chitcombe Road, Broad Oak,
Rye, E. Sussex TN31 6EU.**

Cheques should be made payable to:

Hastings Budgerigar Society

BIRDS FOR SALE

Ian Standley has several birds for sale. If anybody is interested they should contact Ian on **07738 915125**.

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter please contact:

Gary Simpson on 01424 882951 or email:

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All submissions need to be received by the 15th of the month.