



HASTINGS BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the Hastings Budgerigar Society Newsletter for April.

I hope you and your birds are enjoying the belated Spring sunshine and the birds are fit and breeding. From the general consensus of the last meeting, I think most members are hoping the second half of the season is better than the first!

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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BS RINGS

As many of you are aware, there was a number of issues with the delivery of the BS rings this year, fortunately I do not think too many of our members were affected, but there were plenty of BS members that were. AC Hughes Ltd who is the main supplier of the rings had made various excuses as to why the rings were late. Recently we received the following communication from the BS:

A C Hughes Ltd - BS Rings

I have been advised that A C Hughes Ltd our official metal ring maker is being sold to Avian ID, based in Redruth, Cornwall, with effect from 03 April, 2018. A C Hughes has been in business since 1893 and has supplied rings to the Budgerigar Society since 1929.

The business name, machinery and tooling including the equipment that makes the BS rings have been sold to Avian ID and the transfer of business from Hughes to Avian ID will be concluded in the next week or so. I have been informed that the Hughes brothers will help out Avian ID initially by being present at the Cornwall site.

The BS has worked with Avian ID since last November and they currently supply the Society members with plastic rings for Miniature budgies. They are expanding with this new business and have sourced another site next door to their current site for this expansion.

Grant D Findlay
Society Administrator
The Budgerigar Society
23 March, 2018

I think the above explains the real reason for the issues that BS members experienced this year.

LAST MEETING

The last meeting was the postponed February meeting which consisted of a discussion led by Ian Fordham and Neil Wheatley about breeding season problems.

There was a general opinion that there seemed to be a lot of either clear eggs or addled eggs, and it was felt that the cold spell of weather had led to the higher ratio of these problems.

This was an informative, interesting and amusing meeting with plenty of banter, our thanks to Ian and Neil for leading the meeting and our thanks also goes to Simon Gage of Bird Wise who donated a range of products for the raffle.

SHOW SPONSORSHIP

At our last meeting the members who were present were asked if they would like to sponsor/donate something towards the cost of running the 2018 Open Show.

The success of the 2017 Open Show was mainly due to the generosity of our membership. Some members have already come forward with sponsorship for this year, which the club is grateful for and much appreciates.

If any member feels they are able to donate something please contact either Gavin Carter on **01323 502252** or **email: gavin_john_carter47@yahoo.co.uk** or Gary Simpson on **01424 882951** or **email: gary@gsmarkserv.co.uk**.

Your support is always appreciated. **Thank You.**

NEED MINERALS?

If you would like any **Osmonds Ultimate @ £2.00 per kilo** or **Murphys Minerals @ £6.00 per kilo**. Contact **Gavin** on **01323 502252** or **email: gavin_john_carter47@yahoo.co.uk**

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 23rd April 2018** commencing at 7.30pm.

This will comprise of a '**Panel of Judges**', with **Brian Scott, Gavin Carter** and **Ian Standley**.

They will let you know what it is the judges should be looking for when judging the birds.

They will also endeavour to answer your questions about any aspects of judging.

Please come along and see if you can stump our judges!

£ 2018 £ SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs for 2018 should have now been paid. If there is anybody who has not paid, then please can you do so as soon as possible.

Subs are still only **£10.00**.

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

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Cheques should be made payable to:
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