



HASTINGS BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the Hastings Budgerigar Society Newsletter for May.

I hope all is well in your breeding rooms and you have plenty of youngsters for the young bird classes at the shows this year.

The birds certainly seem to be enjoying the recent warm weather and have got a real spring in their step!

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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THE EU GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

As you may be aware, new data protection regulations come into force on 25th May 2018. They concern the personal data which Hastings Budgerigar Society (HBS) holds for you in the form of your name, address (including your e-mail address if applicable), telephone number(s) and ring numbers which we use to keep you informed about the activities of the Society and to distribute the newsletter. The regulations require HBS to have your specific consent to use this personal data and prohibit us from revealing it to third parties (which we never have and never would do) as well as keeping it securely and acting promptly in response to any request you may make to amend or delete any or all of your details.

The details of this are further explained in HBS's Privacy Policy of which a copy has been enclosed and which you can also find on our website (www.hastingsbudgerigarsociety.org).

We have drawn up, and also enclose, a Form of Consent which we are asking all members to complete, sign and return to me. Those members that were present at the last meeting may have already filled in and returned their forms, so obviously they do not need to do this. The regulations appear to suggest that if we do not have your consent we shall not be able to communicate with you at all after 25th May, so it is very important that if you want to continue to receive information and newsletters regarding the Society, you just need to fill in the form and return it to me.

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LAST MEETING

The last meeting was the Judges Panel which comprised of Ian Standley, Gavin Carter and Brian Scott.

There were some very forthright and thought provoking questions put forward, which in turn led to some interesting and lengthy discussions regarding how shows are run, classes and the judging process in general.

At the end of it all I think the general concensus among the judges and those that exhibit was that there does need to be some changes brought in to reduce class numbers and aid the judging process.

BS RESOLUTION CHANGES

It does appear, with the latest resolution votes, that attempts are being made to reduce class numbers, with the scrapping of the beginner sections from the 2019 show season, meaning that the entry level will be Novice. It remains to be seen what impact or effect this has on class numbers. The aim is obviously to try and increase the numbers of birds in the classes. At present the classes in the Novice section are the least attended.

Another resolution change is what qualifies as a full class. At present it stands that a class win in regards to promotion of status has to have 7 birds and at least 2 exhibitors. This has now been changed to 5 birds with at least 2 exhibitors and also a section win with at least 2 exhibitors and a CC win with at least 2 exhibitors will also count as full class wins for the purposes of status promotion. It is hoped that this change will assist exhibitors in getting promotion through the statuses. This change will come into effect immediately.

SHOW SPONSORSHIP/DONATIONS

The club would like to thank all those members who sponsored or made a donation towards this years show. The schedules have now been printed and will be circulated in due course. Your support is always appreciated. **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 21st May 2018** commencing at 7.30pm.

This meeting will be a Judging Competition among the members. Anybody who wishes to bring birds along is welcome to do so. Remember: Paper not seed in cages please.

The first half will be run as a knockout competition with pairs of birds up against each other.

The second half will consist of all the birds being judged by one of our judges and the member who gets nearest to the same result wins.

WANT 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**

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.