



HASTINGS BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the Hastings Budgerigar Society Newsletter for July.

I hope that your birds are all coping with the hot weather we are experiencing at present.

The show season is now upon us and I would like to wish all our showing members the best of luck for the season. I know that many of you travel a good distance to show your birds, so let's hope it is worthwhile and we all have some success on the showbench this year.

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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LAST MEETING

The last meeting was the BBQ, which was kindly hosted by Gavin and Jacqueline Carter. Sixteen people attended and it was very enjoyable, with a beautiful warm evening and plenty of food and drink. Everybody seemed to have a very good time. It was nice to see some of the members wives and partners there as well.

We also had the chance to see Gavin's birds, which left some of the members very envious!

The club would like to thank Gavin and Jacqueline for hosting this event, and would also like to thank them for their generosity in supplying the food and drink etc. The club is happy to pay the expenses for events like these and it does not expect people to pay out to put them on, however, it is always grateful, and very appreciative to those that do.

MEMBERS ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Fred Pilbeam** who, on the 20th May, took the long trip up to Northampton for the **Specialist and Rare Variety Show**. Fred achieved Best Beginner Any Age Albino.

Congratulations also go to the following members for their achievements at **Dorset & District Show** on **Sunday July 8th**.

Gavin Carter: Best Young Bird in Show and Best Champion Young Bird with a Dominant Pied and 5th Best Young Bird with an Opaline Blue. 2nd Best Champion Any Age with his Cinnamon Sky Pied. Challenge Certificates for Light Green, Opaline Blue, Cinnamon Green, Dominant Pied and Yellowface.

Gary Simpson: Best Beginner Any Age with a Yellowface Violet Spangle and 4th Best Beginner Young Bird with a Light Green Spangle.

SURPLUS BIRDS

There has already been interest shown from members, so if anybody else is interested in selling their surplus birds this year then we will be again, as last year, organising for a dealer to come down and buy the birds in bulk from us.

If you have birds to sell please contact either Gary on **01424 882951** email gary@gsmarkserv.co.uk or Gavin on **01323 502252** email gavin_john_carter47@yahoo.co.uk.

Please let us know what you have available i.e. how many cocks/hens. If there are enough people interested then we will organise two pick-up points for the dealer. One to be from Gavin's house in Eastbourne and the other from Peter Ulyatt's shop in Ashford.

PLEASE REMEMBER: if you quote a number you must be able to supply that number and all birds must be closed rung.

Collection details will be notified to you and you may have to deliver them to the pre-arranged collection points.

We may be able to collect some of the birds locally and take them there for you.

This will not be happening until after the show, but it would be good to get an idea of numbers sooner rather than later. Please contact **Gavin** or **Gary** with details of the birds you have available.

SPONSORSHIP

The club would like to thank everybody who has made a donation or is sponsoring this year's show for their generosity. It doesn't matter how big or small the gesture is, your support is always appreciated and is a major factor towards us being able to put on and run a successful show. **Thank you.**

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.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is on **Monday 23rd July 2018.**

This will be a meeting on show preparation which will include preparing your birds for showing as well as explaining the show classification and how to fill out an entry form.

The meeting will be led by **Gavin Carter** and **Ian Standley** and should be informative and interesting.

For those new to the hobby and beginners who may just be thinking about showing, this is an ideal opportunity to ask any questions on showing or show preparation that you may not be sure about.

STEWARDS

If any member would like to help or steward at our show this year, please contact **Gavin Carter** on **01323 502252**.

Stewards are selected on a first come first served basis, so if you would like to help out then please let Gavin know as soon as you can.

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.