



HASTINGS BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the Hastings Budgerigar Society Newsletter for February.

I hope that all your birds are having a good breeding season and that we can look forward to seeing plenty of birds at the shows later in the year.

As many of you may have noticed, I have given the newsletter a bit of a facelift, nothing too drastic, but just thought it would be nice to have a change as the old format had been around for a couple of years.

You should have all received a flyer with the December Newsletter listing the forthcoming events for this year, but I have included the list of events in this newsletter for your convenience.

Gary

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AGM

Our last meeting was the 38th Annual General Meeting which was attended by 19 members.

Our Chairman Gavin was unable to attend due to a recent operation, which, I am pleased to say, was a success and he is now well on the road to recovery. In his absence Ian Standley read out a report on the year that Gavin had prepared in which he stated that it had been another up and down year for the club. Sadly, we lost another key member of our Club. Our Life President and friend Brian Mephram. He will be missed by us all. The meetings had been well attended and the Annual Show was a success. He thanked the Committee for their work throughout the year and hoped that the events the Committee had planned for the upcoming year would encourage more people to attend the meetings where possible. It was also reiterated that if any members had any suggestions that they felt would be good for future meetings then they should contact a Committee member.

Gary reported that the finances of the Club are healthy with assets of £3466.81. The club made a profit on the year of £333.55. The Open Show also made a profit of £115.91, which was mainly due to the generous sponsorship and donations from the club members.

The proposed rule changes that were submitted to all the members prior to the AGM was duly passed and the new rules are attached with this Newsletter.

The election of positions were as follows:

Honorary President: Ian Fordham. **Chairman:** Gavin Carter.

Secretary: Ian Standley. **Treasurer:** Gary Simpson.

Show Manager: Ian Standley. **Show Secretary:** Gavin Carter.

Patronage Secretary: Peter Ulyatt. **Publicity:** Jim Wheeler.

Fund Raising: Jim Wheeler.

Other appointments were: **Bio Security:** Dave Vandeppeer.

Catering: Mike Rees. **Web Administrator:** Gareth Simmons.

Newsletter: Gary Simpson.

Members were asked if they would be interested in the Club arranging Sunday aviary visits. It was generally felt this would be good. Some names were proposed and the committee will find out if any are possible and let you know via the Newsletter in due course.

Hastings BS Events 2019

Mon. Feb. 25th – Birdroom electrics.

Presented by Gary Simpson. Followed by a discussion on the breeding season so far.

Mon. Mar. 25th – An evening with Rick Watts.

Mon. Apr. 29th – Unshowable birds.

Birds to be brought along by members with discussions on:-

a) why they are unshowable and;

b) would you breed with them?

(NB: This meeting is one week later as 22nd is Easter Holiday).

Sat-Sun. May 11-12th – Aviary Safari.

Minibus trip to 4 breeders in the Midlands area. (NB: Fully booked)

Mon. May 20th – Ghalib Al Nasser.

Colour identification.

(NB: This meeting is one week early as 27th is a Bank Holiday).

Mon. June 24th – Chairmans B.B.Q.

(Hosted by Gavin Carter)

Mon. July 22nd – Judging competition.

Birds judged by everyone, two at a time against each other, one knocked out each time until we have a winner.

Sun. Aug. 18th – Open Show.

Mon. Aug. 26th – No meeting.

Mon. Sept. 30th – Bird sales night.

All birds to be for sale at £20 each. Maximum of two birds in a show cage. No seed or millet in cages.

(NB: Meeting one week later due to World Show).

Mon. Oct. 28th – Inter-club quiz.

Hosted by Hastings BS with teams from SEBC and Sussex BS.

Mon. Nov. 25th – Presentation night.

Venue to be confirmed

Mon. Dec. 23rd – No meeting.

New Members

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members to our Club: **Martin Balchin** who is relatively new to exhibiting from Bexhill, **Tony Jeffrey**, an Intermediate breeder and exhibitor from Newhaven. **John Sopp**, also an Intermediate from Pulborough and **Wendy Thorogood** a Novice from Portslade. Welcome to you all and we hope to see you at our future Club events.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 25th February 2019.**

This was due to be a joint talk by Dave Vandeeper and Gary Simpson.

Unfortunately, Dave will not be able to attend due to his wife Jen recently having a hip replacement. We wish Jen a full and speedy recovery.

Gary will talk about electrical safety in the birdroom and the best type of installations.

The second part of the meeting will comprise of an open discussion on how your breeding season is going to date.

£ 2019 £ SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs for 2019 are now due.

They are still only **£10.00.**

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

If anybody would like to contribute to the Newsletters, then please contact: **Gary Simpson on 01424 882951 or email: gary@gsmarkserv.co.uk.** All submissions to be in by 12th of the month.