



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. In fact, it feels more like Autumn with the storms we are experiencing. In spite of this, 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 already 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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LAST MEETING

There were 18 members present at our February meeting which comprised of two halves. In the first half we had a very useful, visual and informative presentation by our own Gary Simpson on electrics in the aviary.

In particular he informed us of the importance of using the right type of cables, consumer units and circuit protectors to reduce the risk of fire in the aviary and for our own safety of not getting an electric shock.

Gary is happy for any member of the club to contact him for advice (without liability to himself), but advised any work you have done should be carried out by a qualified electrician or, if done by yourself, tested and checked by a qualified electrician afterwards.

In the second half, after our tea break, we had an interesting group discussion led by our chairman Gavin on breeding progress and problems in our aviaries. There were the usual problems and successes similar to previous years and advice and suggestions were given from members to members.

The one area which several members seemed to feel had raised its head this year was an increase in the number of dead in shell and addled eggs.

All in all, a very informative and enjoyable evening.

Report by Ian Standley

HBS OPEN SHOW 2019

We are currently planning our 2019 Open Show and no small part of these plans is how the Club can meet its financial obligations. In previous years club members have sponsored certain expenditure such as rosettes, prize money and printing. Should any member feel able to continue this sponsorship, no matter how small a donation, please contact Gavin on **01323 502252** or email: gavin_john_carter47@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you in anticipation.

NEXT MEETING

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

This will be a talk and presentation by **Rick Watts**. Rick is known throughout the fancy and has been breeding and exhibiting budgerigars for many years. He is best known for his Albinos, but keeps a wide selection of varieties in his stud, many of exceptional quality. He will be sharing his knowledge and experiences with us, which should make for a very interesting and thought-provoking evening. Please come along and show your support.

Update on BS classifications

As many of you will be aware the classifications for showing have changed this year. There is no longer a Beginner section. The sections now being Junior, Novice, Intermediate and Champion.

ALL beginners old or new must now show in the Novice Section. The Juniors will now take on the old Beginner numbers i.e. 600 & 700's with the remaining classes moving up accordingly. Additionally, there are changes to the Colour Budgerigar classification as follows:

- Colour Budgerigar classes to be extended to provide Young Bird classes now that the Society is issuing smaller rings for this variety.
- Separate classes to be added to the Colour Budgerigar Classification for Pairs and Teams with zero point CC's being awarded.
- A new directive has been issued, effective from the 2019 show season, stating that 'if Colour Budgerigars are exhibited in normal classes they shall be disqualified'.

Update from DEFRA

The Budgerigar Society have consulted DEFRA regarding the exhibitors declaration stating that the birds they are showing have been in the UK for the previous 21 days. DEFRA have advised that this still stands.

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.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs for 2019 are now due.

This is the last reminder that subs for 2019 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:

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Cheques should be made payable to:

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If any members wish to pay via Paypal then please contact me for details.