




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 have been 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 19 members present at our February meeting which comprised of a questions and answers evening.

The questions were collected from members of the club and were put to a panel consisting of Ian Standley, Gavin Carter and Gary Simpson by our President Ian Fordham.

The questions were far ranging from breeding, hygiene and feeding to the panel's views on showing and the Budgerigar Society.

There was much discussion around many of the topics covered with most members getting involved. In fact, the evening went past very quickly and we did not manage to get through all the questions that Ian had to ask.

All in all, a very informative and enjoyable evening.

HBS OPEN SHOW 2020

We are currently planning our 2020 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 they are 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.

On the subject of the show, Phil Hogben has joined the show organising team as Assistant Show Manager and will shadow Ian Standley over the next year or so to learn the ropes.

MEETINGS

Due to the ongoing situation with Coronavirus the committee has decided that it is in the best interests of all concerned to **CANCEL** this month's meeting on **Monday 23rd March** and also the following meeting on **Monday 27th April**.

We will keep you updated with regards the meeting in May and also the Aviary Safari in May. A decision on these will be made in the next couple of weeks depending on the situation at the time.

For those of you who get their seed from Peter, he has said he is happy to organise a trip over to Northiam one evening to meet in the Village Hall Car Park, to allow people to collect their seed. Please speak to Peter directly and liaise with him to make arrangements.

Did you know...

Professor Almut Kelber of Lund university recently established from his research that the Peregrine falcon not only has sharp eyesight but also has to process what it sees faster than a Formula One car travelling at more than 350km per hour in order to identify and catch its prey.

Research has also found that the budgerigar has only 2 flight speeds, a normal cruising speed of 9.5 metres per second and a slower speed to negotiate hazards etc of 5.5mps.

WANT MINERALS?

If you would like any **Osmonds Ultimate @ £2.00 per kilo** or **Murphys Minerals @ £7.00 per kilo**. Contact **Gavin** on **01323 502252** or email: gavin_john_carter47@yahoo.co.uk

Facebook

Don't forget, we now have a Hastings BS Group on Facebook. All members are welcome to join. Please follow the rules and regulations and remember please do not advertise Birds or Accessories for Sale, as this is breaking Facebook rules and regulations and please keep it friendly!

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

£ 2020 £ SUBSCRIPTIONS Subs for 2020 are now due.

This is the last reminder that subs for 2020 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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Hastings Budgerigar Society
3 Bellhurst Cottages,
Chitcombe Road, Broad Oak,
Rye, E. Sussex TN31 6EU.

Cheques should be made payable to:

Hastings Budgerigar Society

Alternatively you can pay via paypal at this email address:

info@hastingsbudgerigarsociety.org