




HASTINGS BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the Hastings Budgerigar Society Newsletter for August.

Firstly, I must apologise for the lateness of this newsletter, I have been extremely busy and time seems to have run away with me this month.

I hope everybody is staying safe and well and that your birds are bouncing and healthy.

If anybody would like to contribute to the Newsletters, then please contact **Gary** on **01424 882951** or email: info@hastingsbudgerigar.org

All submissions to be in by 12th of the month.

Gary

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CLUB UPDATE

We have received notification from Northiam Village Hall advising us that they are reopening under strict guidelines.

The Jenkins room where we hold our meetings is available to hire, but is limited to a maximum of 6 people. Chairs cannot be brought into the room from the barn area at the back, so you can only use the chairs that are in the room. Also it is not permissible to use the kitchen facilities in either the Jenkins room or the main hall. Face masks must be worn at all times whilst within the premises, unless you have a genuine health reason which means you are exempt.

The main hall is limited to 30 people, again with no kitchen facilities and only using the chairs located in the hall.

The committee has discussed the above regulations and, having spoken with a couple of our members, it has been decided that the club will not hold any meetings until next year, dependent on the restrictions in place at the time.

Obviously, there is no point in having a meeting that only 6 people can attend and, although we could have hired the main hall, this would involve changing our meeting night due to an existing long-term booking. Also, with the demographic of our club membership, it was felt that at the present time few members would wish to attend a meeting.

Hopefully, by the New Year things may be better and some of the restrictions on the use of the Jenkins Room will have been eased, so that we can have a more 'normal' meeting and members will feel happier about venturing out to such meetings. Obviously, with guidance changing on a daily basis at present we can only hope that this will be the case.

Looking forward on a more positive note, the club has booked the hall for our Annual Show next year, which will be on **Sunday 22nd August 2021**. We have also booked the hall for the evening of Saturday 21st August to allow for our set up.

SEED COLLECTIONS

For those of you who get your seed from Peter, he is happy to do another trip over to Northiam on **Monday 7th September** to meet in the Village Hall Car Park, this is a week later than normal due to the Bank Holiday. Please observe the government guidelines on social distancing when collecting your seed. You can contact Peter on **01303 813893** or email: ulyatt25@hotmail.com to order.

Also, if you require any hygiene products from Dave Vandeppeer then please contact him on **01233 860440** or email: david1.vandeppeer@btinternet.com to arrange collection at the same time.

SURPLUS BIRDS

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the club is organising for a dealer to come and take our surplus birds. Some members have already been in touch with me with the numbers of birds they have to go, but if anybody has not yet contacted me and you have surplus birds to go, could you please do so ASAP to enable us to arrange a date and time for the dealer to come down. We will try to arrange for two collection points to help our Sussex members, one will be somewhere in the Newhaven area (to be confirmed) and the other will be Peter Ulyatt's shop in Sellinge, Ashford.

If you have birds to go to the dealer then please contact Gary on **01424 882951** or email: info@hastingsbudgerigarsociety.org with the number of pairs you have by **Monday 31st August**.

NB: All birds must be closed rung with the years 17, 18, 19, 20 and must be healthy. No French moulters. He will pay £15.00 per pair. The number of birds you say you have for the dealer, must be the final number that you supply on the day.

FUND RAISING OFFER FROM GARETH SIMMONS

The club has been contacted by one of our member's, Gareth Simmons, offering to visit your bird room and take photographs of your birds or to paint your favourite bird (if the bird is not with us anymore you can provide a decent photo which he can paint from).

If enough people are interested, then the person willing to pay the highest donation to club funds will secure the services of Gareth to take the photos or paint the picture.

Anybody who is interested in taking up the offer can contact Gareth on **01233 663482** or email: gareth_simmons@yahoo.com

The club would like to thank Gareth for his kind offer and hope that members will participate.

BIRDS FOR SALE

One of our members, Phil Hogben, has around 30 birds for sale at reasonable prices. If you are interested you can contact Phil on **07798 677972** or email: pejhodben@gmail.com.

Phil is based in the Ashford area.
