




# HASTINGS BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the Hastings Budgerigar Society Newsletter for September.

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

With the lack of shows and the earlier ring delivery date many members are already starting to pair up their birds for the breeding season. Let's hope it is successful.

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

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

Gary

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## CLUB UPDATE

It appears that the Covid situation is starting to get worse rather than better, which does not bode well for the resumption of meetings in the New Year. The committee are keeping abreast of the ongoing situation and they are having an online Zoom meeting at the end of this month to catch up and discuss a possible programme of events for next year.

## SURPLUS BIRDS

A quick update for those members who have birds they wish to go to the dealer.

The dealer is based in Birmingham so is currently in a local lockdown. Added to this is the fact that there is a restriction on exporting animals out of the UK at present.

He is still keen to take the birds, but until restrictions are lifted he is unable to do so. He will be contacting us as soon as he has more information, so if members can be patient, hopefully we will get something arranged in the not too distant future.

## SEED COLLECTIONS

For those of you who get seed from Peter, he is happy to do another trip over to Northiam on **Monday 5th October** to meet in the Village Hall Car Park. Please observe the government guidelines on social distancing when collecting your seed. You can contact Peter on **01303 813893** or email: [ulyatt25@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:david1.vandeppeer@btinternet.com) to arrange collection at the same time.

# BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY PRESS RELEASE

The Budgerigar Society General Council held a Zoom meeting on 20th August 2020. A summary of some of the matters discussed and agreed are as follows:

## 2020 Young Bird Shows – Spring 2021

The Classification agreed for the 2020 Young Bird Shows staged by the Area Societies in Spring 2021 will be an Area Society Young Bird Classification for the four status sections, with 30 CC's including pairs, teams, colour budgerigars and colour budgerigar pairs and teams.

Area Societies can add any classes they wish, however, these classes will not be subject to BS Patronage. Rosettes will be provided as an Area Society Young Bird show and the Best in Show CC will be valued at 10 points. This bird will also receive a nil point Best Young Bird in Show Certificate.

Shows should be held in April and May 2021 to kick start the show season throughout the country. There is to be a financial package of £250 issued to the Area Society which can be used as they wish.

## Platinum Championship Patronage Package

A new level of patronage above the existing Gold level called Platinum Championship Patronage and based on a previous year's benched entry of 700 and over has been approved. This will offer 26 Any Age CC's pre-graded with a minimum value of 5 points, 2 Pairs nil point CC's, 2 Team nil point CC's and 26 Young Bird CC's pre-graded with a minimum value of 5 points. A Best in Show Certificate with a value of 9 points, 4 Certificate of Merits, 4 Diplomas and 27 Rosettes and a Best Young Bird in Show Certificate. The Best Young Bird in Show Certificate will be for 5 points if the bird is not Best in Show. This maintains consistency with the change on BYB in Show Certificate offered for other patronage levels.

The new patronage will be available for the 2021 season based on the benched entry at shows in 2019. The same safety net rules will apply to this type of patronage with the existing one year's grace. Different colour CC's for this type of patronage will be awarded.

## Judges Training Scheme Joining Fee

It has been agreed to abolish the BS Judges Training Scheme Joining fee with immediate effect as it was felt that the current fee of £28.50 was deterring potential judges from applying.

## Colour Budgerigar and Budgerigar Pairs

It has been agreed that Colour Budgerigars pairs can continue to be shown in a standard BS show cage. It was also agreed that the General Council will reconsider their earlier decision on changing pairs from being shown in normal cages to being exhibited in team cages.

## New Rosette for Best Young Birds of Colour

At Bronze and Silver Championship Shows, unless they win overall Best Of Colour (BOC), Young Bird BOC winners only get a blue spot and the number in the colour run down written on the cage label to signify their success. It was agreed that commencing the 2021 season, Young Bird BOC winners who had not won the overall BOC will be awarded a rosette for "Best Young Bird of Colour."

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