



HASTINGS BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the Hastings Budgerigar Society Newsletter for November.

Most of us have now turned our thoughts to the breeding season. I know that some members already have birds with chicks and others are preparing to start at the end of the month.

I wish you all the best of luck for a successful season and hope you avoid any disasters!

As always, 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 on

01424 882951 or email: info@hastingsbudgerigar.society.org

Gary

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CLUB UPDATE

Not much has changed regarding the Club over the last month. Let us hope that with the breakthrough of a vaccine, there is finally some light at the end of this long, dark tunnel. It would be great to think we might have a chance of resuming our meetings again at some point next year. Fingers crossed.

We did have some exceptionally good news from our Chairman, Gavin Carter, who has been given the all clear after his cancer treatment. The club wishes him well on his way back to full fitness.

SURPLUS BIRDS

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

We have not heard anything recently from the dealer we had lined up. Obviously, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, there is little we can do to make progress at present. Additionally, we now have restrictions on bird movements due to the Avian Flu outbreaks around the country.

If, once all restrictions are lifted, I do not hear from the original dealer I will endeavour to contact another dealer who I have the details of and see what can be arranged.

SEED COLLECTIONS

For those of you who get seed from Peter, he is happy to do another trip over to Northiam on **Monday 7th December** 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 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.

AVIAN FLU

As many of you may be aware, there have been more outbreaks of bird flu during the last month. DEFRA has issued strict guidelines on the housing of captive birds. These include keeping them inside at all times. So, if you have outside flights they **must** be covered or you need to be preventing your birds from accessing them whilst these guidelines are in force. There are also restrictions on all bird transportation.

Most of the outbreaks are around the Midlands, but there was an outbreak in Deal, Kent at the beginning of the month which I now believe is under control.

None of us should be complacent and we should all be following good hygiene practices and taking precautions to prevent wild birds and their droppings coming into contact with our own birds.

Further information can be found at this link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/934684/ai-prevention-zone-201111.pdf

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE REMINDER

Don't forget, if you wish to purchase tickets for this raffle and have not yet done so, you only have until 7.00pm on 6th December.

Gavin Carter has once again kindly donated one of his birds to the raffle (see pic of bird donated).

All the profits from the number of tickets sold, after delivery costs are allowed for, will come back to our Club.

So the more tickets sold the more the Club will benefit. Tickets are £1.00 each and you can purchase as many tickets as you wish. The link below will take you to the raffle pages:

<https://budgieraffle.co.uk/>



£ 2021 £ SUBSCRIPTIONS

As has been previously mentioned in our Newsletters, due to the lack of events and meetings this year all members who were **fully paid up as of 1st April 2020** can have their membership for **2021 free of charge.**

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Gary Simpson on 01424 882951 or email: info@hastingsbudgerigarsociety.org

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