




HASTINGS BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the Hastings Budgerigar Society Newsletter for February.

I hope your breeding seasons are progressing well and that you have some nice youngsters starting to appear.

If anybody would like to send me an update of how their breeding season is progressing, then please feel free to contact me, I will publish it in future newsletters.

You can contact me on:

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Gary

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AGM

The Club held its AGM on Monday 23rd January. 14 members attended with 3 members sending apologies.

Gavin opened the meeting by thanking those present for attending and looked forward to putting on a full diary of events in the upcoming year. Despite many clubs struggling over the last couple of years it is a credit to our members that Hastings B.S. seems to have remained on a level playing field. Gavin thanked all the Committee for their work during the year and for maintaining good communication and keeping abreast of what has been happening and we look forward to a positive future. He gave a special thank you to Mike Reese for his continued support with the catering.

Gavin noted that our Facebook group has over 275 members. If anybody has not joined please do so.

He also said that if anybody wished to stand on the committee, they were welcome to do so. He went on to say that Ian Fordham, our current President, having come to the end of his tenure, will not be standing for 2023. Gavin thanked Ian on behalf of all Club Members, for his unstinted support over the past years.

Our Secretary, Ian Standley, then echoed Gavin's comments and said he was looking forward to the coming year.

Our Treasurer, Gary Simpson, presented the yearly accounts to the members showing a loss of £356.42 on the Yearly account. This was due to the Club spending £393.63 on some new staging and a judging stand. After taking this into account we are still in a strong financial position. It was agreed that a further judging stand be built in the coming year.

Gary reported that the Bank Account stood at £3,482.93, and cash at £160.58.

The election of officers then took place and are as follows:

President – Gareth Simmons, **Chairman** – Gavin Carter, **Secretary** – Ian Standley, **Treasurer** – Gary Simpson, **Show Manager** – Ian Standley, **Show Sec.** – Brian and Karen Scott, **Patronage Sec.** – Peter Ulyatt, **Publicity/Fundraising** – James Wheeler. **Bio. Security** – Dave Vandeppeer/Gareth Simmons, **Catering** – Mike Rees, **Website manager** – Gareth Simmons.

AVIAN FLU

There have been continuing outbreaks of bird flu over the last couple of months. 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 bird gatherings and movements in certain areas.

Most of the outbreaks are around the Midlands and East Anglia, but there have been outbreaks throughout the country, so it is important that you maintain good hygiene and keep your aviaries covered.

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.

Defra have a map of where the outbreaks are which you can find at: <https://defra.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8cb1883eda5547c6b91b5d5e6aeba90d>

LSCBS Sales/Show Day and Presentations

London & Southern Counties Budgerigar Society is holding an Open Day and Show/Sale (all birds available to purchase) on **Sunday 30th April 2023** at Centenary Hall, Wheelers Lane, Smallfield, Surrey, RH6 9PT.

It is open to all, with free entry, but you need to be a LSCBS member to enter birds in the show/sale. Judge for the day will be Andy Thorpe.

As well as the show/sale there will be presentations taking place throughout the day by Brian Scott, Peter Merritt, Bev Hutt and Laura O'Reilly.

Free tea and coffee will be available all day.

Full details can be found in the leaflet and entry form that accompanies this newsletter.

If anybody would like to contribute to the Newsletters, then please contact: **Gary Simpson on 07885 829373 or**

email: hastingsbudgerigarsociety@gmail.com

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

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 27th February 2022.**

This will be a face to face, questions and answers evening with Champion Breeder and BS Panel Judge Rick Watts.

If you wish to submit any questions prior to the evening then please contact Gavin on **01323 502252** or email him on gavin_john_carter47@yahoo.co.uk

Please come along and show your support for what should be a very interesting evening.

£ **2023** £
SUBSCRIPTIONS
Subs for 2023 are now due and are £12.00

If you cannot get to the meetings and would like to pay your subs then you can send them to:

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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:
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