

London & Southern Counties Budgerigar Society



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FEBRUARY HAS BEEN a mixed month of weather and even today (26th) has been a mix of rain, sunshine, cold and mild so I wonder how our birds are behaving in the breeding cages with this changeable climate. We paired up very late this year in late January and some in February and I wish I could say that we are having good results; YES, from the lesser birds but not from those that matter. After 54 years in the hobby, I know what the answer is, pair up in March, but that is not always easy when we exhibit a lot and at the early shows.

The Budgerigar Society will be celebrating its Centenary Year with a mega club show with 4 speakers in Blackpool on 6th- 8th June. Much of the publicity about the event has been fully described in previous issues of The Budgerigar and a full programme/schedule will be in the March issue as well. I urge members to support this unique event either by showing, visiting or both. Janice and I have been honoured to judge the show in our capacity as past presidents with 8 other past presidents.

As the show season is approaching rapidly with the first being the BS Club Show in June, the obligatory scheme of registration of our Bird Studs by 1st October 2024 is essential if you wish to exhibit. We all know that it is now mandatory to register our studs with DEFRA/APHA and the registration is very simple if you phone them. I did just that a few days ago using the number 03000 200 301 then options (3,2,4 & 3 to get to the correct department) for assistance. I was on the phone for 3 minutes answering 5 or 6 very simple questions and within 4 minutes I had my certificate sent to me by email and then 3 days later I received the certificate by post. If you wish to exhibit, then it is mandatory to supply the APHA-CPH number on the entry form to get your show cage labels, as show secretaries will not be sending labels if the CPH number is not supplied on the entry form. Please act now and register.

Having tried swapping our two shows around, it resulted in a drop of entry in both, so the committee has decided to revert back to the old dates of the area show in October. We hope that members will support both shows and our affiliated societies' shows as well. I would like to thank the Hastings BS committee and members for their support in making the Open Day held in Northiam last November a success. The Day was well attended and enjoyed by those who came. See you all at the AGM.

Ghalib Al-Nasser, Chairman

Future L&SCBS Events

A.G.M.

Sunday, 23rd March 2025

S&RV / YSS

Sunday, 20th July 2025

Area Show

Sunday, 12th October 2025

A.G.M.

Sunday, 22nd March 2026

LONDON & SOUTHERN COUNTIES B.S. OPEN & SALES DAY

The society held its Open & Sales Day in November in Northiam organised by Hastings BS and its members. There were 30 fanciers in attendance.



The first guest speaker was Chris Snell, immediate past president of the Budgerigar Society who came all the way from Lincolnshire to be with us. It was an interactive session with the audience and Chris informed members that he joined the B.S. in 1966 and won best junior at a local show. A year later his father, the late Arthur, joined the partnership as C & A Snell and won best beginner at a local show. Their initial stock was

from the well-known fancier of the day Jack Fisher and they did well and won best novice breeder at the club show in 1969. In 1971 they won best intermediate breeder at the club show and the icing on the cake was when they won best in show at the club show in 1984 with a 7-month-old light green hen. This was 40 years ago.

When his father died in 1994, his mother Mary went into the partnership with Chris as C & M Snell. After his mother died, his wife Anita joined the partnership as C & A Snell. Chris told the audience that he visits many fanciers here and abroad and always learning something new. Chris explained his feeding and soft food methods and his seed has always come from Haith's because of its proximity to where he lives. Chris reminisced on his visits in his early days to the big names of the day like Harry Bryan, Jo Mannes, Alf Ormerod, Mrs Moss and Miss Kirby-Mason.

Ghalib Al-Nasser was the next speaker, and with the aid of a power point presentation and life specimens, he explained the background of three new mutations that hit our shores recently.

The Hagoromo, also known as The Japanese Crest or Helicopter, established in Japan in the mid 1980's. The name has some spiritual meaning in Japanese Buddhism and the crest on the wing is like a flower.

The variety is the same as the Crested variety but has a further crest, like a flower, on the butt of each wing. It was recognised by the WBO & BS in 2018 and must be shown in the Any Other Colour classes. The flower, of up to 10 feathers, should be a symmetrical and a uniform neat crest. The inner circle of feathers to be slightly smaller to give the appearance of a flower. The variety is very popular in the Arab countries and Asia. It is semi-dominant gene in breeding behaviour.

The Blackface, originated in The Netherlands in 1992. To be exhibited in the Any Other Colour class. It has a recessive gene. It was recognised by the WBO & BS in 2023.

The Blackwing, originated in Venezuela in 2002. To be exhibited in the Any Other Colour class. It has a recessive gene. It was recognised by the WBO & BS in 2023



The third speaker was Wayne Greening, and he concentrated on his work as the administrator of **The Budgerigar Club** and the number of followers that this club is attracting.

While the speakers were in progress, Gary Simpson judged the 4 Sales classes and after lunch the 4 formed a Question & Answer Panel.

It was a good day enjoyed by those who attended. Our thanks are extended to Hastings BS for their assistance.

LONDON & SOUTHERN COUNTIES BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY

BLUE RIBAND SHOW RESULTS 2024

Show	Champion Y/B	Intermediate Y/Bird	Novice Y/ Bird	Junior Y/Bird
LSCBS YSS	J Lawrie	J Wheeler	R Redden	Not Awarded
Southend & District	G & J Al-Nasser	Not Awarded	P Fitzgerald	Not Awarded
South Hampshire BS	R Watts	N Masham	D Ham	Not Awarded
Hastings BS	R Watts	J Wheeler	S Horner	Not Awarded
Southern Classic	Ulyatt & Warman	N Masham	D Ham	Not Awarded
Mid Essex BS	G & J Al-Nasser	Not Awarded	P Fitzgerald	Not Awarded
South Eastern BC	I Standley	N Masham	S Horner	Not Awarded
LSCBS Area	R Watts	R Nicholls	P Fitzgerald	Not Awarded
Joint Area Show	R Watts	Not Awarded	Not Awarded	Not Awarded

BLUE RIBAND WINNER – RICK WATTS

LONDON & SOUTHERN COUNTIES BS CHELFERS AWARDS 2024

Show	Champion Y/Bird	Pts	Intermediate Y/Bird	Pts	Novice Y/Bird	Pts	Colour Budgie Y/Bird	Pts
LSCBS YSS	J Lawrie	10	J Wheeler	10	R Redden	10	Kerry Scurfield	10
Southend & Dist	G & J Al-Nasser	6	Not Awarded		P Fitzgerald	6	G & J Al-Nasser	6
South Hants BS	R Watts	6	N Masham	6	D Ham	6	W Greening	6
Hastings BS	R Watts	6	J Wheeler	6	S Horner	6	W Greening	6
Southern Classic	Ulyatt & Warman	6	N Masham	6	D Ham	6	D Gillett	6
Mid Essex BS	G & J Al-Nasser	6	Not Awarded		P Fitzgerald	6	D Gillett	6
South Eastern BC	I Standley	6	N Masham	6	S Horner	6	Freeborn & Thorpe	6
LSCBS Area	R Watts	10	R Nicholls	10	P Fitzgerald	10	P Chandler	10
Ipswich BS	G & J Al-Nasser	4	Not Awarded		W Greening	4	G & J Al-Nasser	4
Joint Area Show	R Watts	10	Not Awarded		Not Awarded		Not Awarded	
WINNER(S)	R WATTS	32	N MASHAM	18	P FITZGERALD	22	W GREENING D GILLETT	12 12

Points: Special Blue Riband (YSS, Area Show, Combined Area Show & B.S. Club Show) 10 pts

Blue Ribands Shows 6 pts ~ Rosette Shows 4 pts

The 2025 subscriptions were due as from 1st January. Renewal forms were sent out to all 2024 paid up members with the October Newsletter. They can also be downloaded from the Society's website. If you see a form included again with this Newsletter it is to remind you that you have not yet paid your subscription and this will be the last communication from the society. PLEASE PAY YOUR SUBS NOW WITHOUT DELAY. ONLY PAID UP MEMBERS CAN ATTEND THE AGM ON 23rd MARCH 2025.

LONDON & SOUTHERN COUNTIES BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	INCOME	
	2024	2023
Subscriptions	653.50	727.00
Young Stock/Spec & Rare Show	470.92	491.70
Open Show	770.20	1,339.50
BS 100 Club	100.00	0.00
April Club Meeting	0.00	95.00
Area Society Joint Show	277.50	0.00
BS Allocation	0.00	215.00
Patronage income	0.00	21.00
November Meeting	280.00	211.00
Donations	21.50	864.87
BS New Member subsidy	70.00	110.00
Bank Interest	0.00	31.60
	2,643.62	4,106.67
Deficit	477.46	0
	3,121.08	4,106.67

	EXPENDITURE	
	2024	2023
AGM & Speaker	74.55	44.50
Young Stock/ Spec & Rare Show	558.09	683.68
Open Show	1,110.69	1,639.87
BS 100 Club	60.00	0.00
April Club Meeting	0.00	384.60
Area Society Joint Show	100.00	0.00
Affiliation fee BS	0.00	59.00
Trophies/Blue Ribbon	200.00	119.31
November Meeting	206.00	200.00
Newsletter costs	316.78	444.10
Sponsorship Local Clubs	160.00	100.00
Insurance	60.00	0.00
Patronage	89.97	68.30
Website	115.00	131.64
Sundries/Stationery/Prior Year	70.00	107.50
Bank Charges	0.00	75.10
	3,121.08	4,057.60
Surplus	0.00	49.07
	3,121.08	4,106.67

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
Current Account	3,515.31	3,601.37
Deposit Account	0.00	0.00
Cash	651.20	254.00
Prepaid Expenses	0.00	115.00
	4,166.51	3,970.37

	2024	2023
Prepaid Subs	221.00	431.00
Creditor	883.60	0.00
Net worth at beginning of year	3,539.37	3,490.30
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	-477.46	49.07
Net worth end of year	3,061.91	3,539.37
	4,166.51	4,853.97

Treasurer: W Greening

Auditor - P.Tiller

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OPEN SHOW 2024

INCOME	2024	2023		EXPENDITURE	2024	2023
Entry Fees	333.00	388.00		Hire of Hall	320.00	320.00
Door/Catalogues/Gen Raffle	161.20	166.00		Rosettes	117.04	147.00
Donations	0.00	114.50		Prize Money	238.00	238.00
Stewards Raffle	71.00	61.00		Judges Expenses	60.00	150.00
Sponsorship Rosettes/Prize Money	50.00	150.00		Catering	0.00	330.00
Open Show Schedule Adverts	155.00	100.00		Printing/postage	211.50	261.25
Lunches/Refreshments	0.00	360.00		Trophies/China prizes	138.15	193.62
Judges Fees Donated Back				Patronage	26.00	0.00
	770.20	1,339.50			1,110.69	1,639.87
Deficit	340.49	300.37				
	1,110.69	1,639.87			1,110.69	1,639.87

2024 SPECIALIST & RARE VARIETY SHOW and YOUNG STOCK SHOW

INCOME	2024	2023		EXPENDITURE	2024	2023
Entry Fees	319.42	178.40		Hire of Hall	250.00	250.00
Door/Catalogues	31.50	0.00		Postage& Printing	63.50	102.96
Donations	50.00	15.30		Rosettes & Awards	106.59	120.72
Catering	0.00	170.00		Judges' expenses	108.00	50.00
General Raffle	70.00	75.00		Catering	0.00	160.00
Stewards Raffle	0.00	53.00		Patronage	30.00	0.00
	470.92	491.70			558.09	683.68
Deficit		191.98		Surplus	-87.17	
	470.92	683.68			470.92	683.68

LONDON & SOUTHERN COUNTIES BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at Centenary Hall, Wheelers Lane, Smallfield, Surrey RH6 9PT on Sunday 23rd March 2025 at 2.00 pm for
2.15 pm AGM followed by a Tea Break

AGENDA

- 1 President's Address
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Minutes of the last AGM held on 24th March 2024 (circulated in the June 2024 Newsletter)
- 4 Matters Arising
- 5 Chairman's Report
- 6 General Secretary's Report
- 7 Subscription Secretary's Report
- 8 Treasurer's Report
 - a. Approval of the 2024 Accounts
- 9 Patronage Secretary's Report
 - a. Presentation of Patronage Awards (Blue Riband & Chelfers Awards)
- 10 Shows Organiser's Report
- 11 Publicity Officers' Report
- 12 Presentation of Awards - President's Trophy & Silver Star
- 13 Installation of New President – Brian & Karen Scott
- 14 Election of President-Elect
- 15 Approval of Officers as Recommended by the General Council
- 16 Approval of the General Council
- 17 Appointment of Auditors & Scrutineer
- 18 Any Other Competent Business