

Newsletter

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Message from the Chairman

This will be the first Newsletter to be sent by e-mail to our members. It's quick – it's cheap and will enable us to keep our members better informed. For those without e-mail we will continue to use "snail mail". We will, however, be able to keep those who have given us an e-mail address regular reminders and up-dates about our activities. To cover ourselves we are sending everyone this Newsletter by post but we will check the system and send by e-mail too. If you are unhappy about receiving Newsletters by e-mail, please advise the General Secretary.

We go into 2009 with a full team. David Harmer joins us on the committee and Trevor Thorpe moves from the Committee to become Patronage Secretary. Janet Jeffrey continues with all show secretarial duties but relinquishes her Patronage Secretary role but will help Trevor in his new post. Janet therefore moved to the committee.

We have a full programme for the year – we just need members to give their support. There are new fanciers joining the hobby and I would ask all our current members to encourage these new people to join the London & Southern.

We have moved the Open show to Woking Leisure Centre for this year. It's a fantastic centre, less than 10 minutes from the A3 and near to the M3 and the M25. It's the perfect location for a great London & Southern show if we are to attract teams of birds from our own area and from outside our area. More information appears later in this Newsletter.

I do try and get around the area and talk to members. Everyone seems to be very happy with what the society provides but time and time again I hear that members do need help to make improvements with their birds. Its not just about buying birds, its about getting help when problems arise. If you feel you are hitting that brick wall with your budgerigars – you need to be seeking help from the society. You really do need to ask for help if you need it. Take a look at the list of Officers and Committee and contact any of them for assistance.

It's a big welcome to Roy Aplin as our new President. Roy is a very successful breeder and exhibitor of budgerigars – and a super wildlife artist. He is a great person, very approachable and I know he is keen to get around our area to see members and their birds.

Fred Wright



2009 PROGRAMME

**SEMINAR &
YOUNG BIRD SHOW**
Sunday 21st June
Smallfield, Surrey

OPEN SHOW
Sunday 19th July
Woking Leisure Centre, Surrey

**SPECIALIST & RARES
SHOW**
4th October
Sutton, Surrey

**Sales &
Promotional Day**
Sunday
29th November
MAIDSTONE
KENT



Seminar & YB show – Sunday 21st June

Ron Pearce and Marcel Buhler (Switzerland) will entertain us at the Seminar. It's combined with a Young Bird show which will be judged by Alan Joyce. Lunch arrangements and a classification (entries on the day) will be distributed nearer the date. Mark it in that diary!

Open show – Woking Leisure Centre Sunday 19th July

The hall at Smallfield has been double booked so it's not available this year for our Open show. Always keen to take the advantage of what initially seems a disadvantage – the committee has decided to take the show up-market and move it for this year only to Woking Leisure Centre.

It's a superb venue with lots of space. It's easily accessible from the A3, M3 and the M25 and there is plenty of good parking. Catering is provided on-site, there is a bar and the lighting is excellent. Nothing has been decided but we are considering accepting birds later in the morning to enable more exhibitors to bench birds from the whole of our own area – and from outside our area – to increase the entry and make the show even better.

We will probably bring in an extra judge or two to speed the process up and there will be enough room for exhibitors to watch the judging from a balcony. The committee believe that in recent years we have been very careful with the finances – and this year might be the time to reward our members with a great show – in a very special venue. More details to follow.

Eric Peake was to be one of our judges but has unfortunately dropped out for personal reasons. He has however, donated a Limited Edition Print of a Hawk-headed Parrot to be raffled. We will be selling 100 tickets throughout the year up to the show with the aim of making £200 to put towards the show. The draw will take place on the Sunday afternoon of the show.

Specialist & Rares show – Sunday 4th October

They say it's nothing personal – but again the Smallfield Hall has been double booked so we are moving for this year only to Sutton where we

held a very successful Young Stock show a few years ago.

Further details to follow but the judges are Lyn Bancroft and Ian Standley.

Sales & Promotional Day – Maidstone 29th November

Last year was a great success and made money for the society. It's a huge opportunity for members to sell surplus birds and to buy feed and equipment from all the traders attending the show. It's hoped to secure sponsorship again from Gladwell's Seed Supplier from Ipswich. It's a fantastic opportunity to advertise the event well and to recruit new members.

AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS

Croydon & Dist BS

The society celebrated their 25th anniversary at the recent AGM with a special decorated cake which was shared between members present.

We congratulate our members Terry & Shane Walker on their being awarded the LSCBS President's Trophy by Derek Stiling at the LSCBS AGM.

An interesting and varied programme has been arranged for this year for our members. Judges for the silver championship show on 6th September are Mick Freeborn, Neil Johnson, Les Stanley, Andy Thorpe & Lars Voss (Denmark).

New members & guests welcome to attend our monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month. For further information contact the secretary David Harmer (01737 552111).

Sussex BS

Ruby Faulkner stood down from the chair at the recent AGM. Allan Wyness was elected as chairman, and Paul Harden is the new President, John Sopp remains as secretary. Members' Barrhead and YSS Tuesday 28 April at Lancing. A full programme for the year will shortly be posted to members. Our aviary visit this year has been arranged on the morning of Sunday 14th June to Les and Doreen Stanley.

South Eastern BC

South Eastern has the following speakers booked for the next few months.

All 8pm Uckfield Civic Centre, Uckfield, East Sussex TN22 1AE:

Monday 6th April An evening with Ron Pearce & Ricky Watts.
Tuesday 5th May Guest Speaker L&SC President Mr Roy Aplin.
Monday 6th July Speaker Ian Fordham Champion Lutino Breeder. Everyone is welcome.

Brian Mepham is out of hospital following a heart by-pass. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Dorset & District BS

This club might be just outside our area but all the members are L&SCBS people and give great support to our society.

Like all clubs, it is not as strong with members as it was a few years ago – but they still stage a decent Open show – Sunday 12th July this year, but probably much more interesting, they are staging another Open show towards the end of the year on a somewhat different theme.

It's for 2009 owner-bred birds only. Just because the club has a championship show, it's not entitled to more BS patronage, so the club needs to go it alone without BS patronage.

With the BS club show in September there is a strong feeling throughout the region that after September there are no more top shows for those who have no wish to breed their birds in the winter months. For those who decide to breed their birds in the spring and early summer, there is currently no place to show these youngsters. However, with Dorset staging this show at The Pelhams Centre, Bournemouth on Sunday 6th December it's a real chance to give those late-bred youngsters an outing.

The club is looking to get good support this year by offering great cash specials but the long-term plan is to build it up into a really big event at the end of every year. Further details are available from Neil Johnson, tel: 01202 740504. Make a note in the diary – Dorset Young Bird show – Sunday 6th December 2009.

The club meets on the third Thursday of the month at Pelhams Centre, Bournemouth and top speakers regularly entertain the membership. Details from Neil Johnson as above.