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## **The British Barcelona Club celebrating '50' years 2014**

### **Fougeres National 1<sup>st</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> Section J Mark Bulled from Harlow With "Rocky"**

This weekend was a case of sitting and waiting. With the elements totally against us, it was a wonder that we actually got a race out of France. Telephone calls were backwards and forwards from Friday night right up until liberation on Sunday morning and when Nigel finally managed to get the birds away at 10.30am, what a terrific race it turned out to be.

With only about 16 members not bothering to verify out of the 223 that entered 1,892 birds shows what type of race panned out.

A massive thank you to all the markers and helpers at all the marking stations as I know you were all full on due to the tremendous birdage we had for this race. We should also thank Nigel, Bill and Steve Appleby for their hard work too.

A special mention to Mr P Curtis from Skiptonthorpe, York who made the trip down to Hungerford marking station. Flying 383 miles from Fougeres he clocked 4 birds in 5 minutes and 6 birds within 21 minutes.

The winner of the Fougeres National is one name that always stands out whether racing short or long distance and that is **Mark Bulled from Harlow 1<sup>st</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> Section J**. I timed a 3 year old widowhood cock from my Red Bull family. This cock bird is a previous winner of 2<sup>nd</sup> NFC Messac 2013 6,500 birds and 1<sup>st</sup> East Section BICC Alencon 2,000 birds.

He has had 5 channel races and won the Club in 4 of these and only beaten by a loft mate in the other. I am now considering retiring him.

Rocky's sire was also a good winner and the sire's full brother has won the M11 Club and Thames Club 7 times between 700 and 1,500 birds.

I had a good race with all 13 cocks home within an hour.

I would like to thank Michael and Edna Shepherd for running the Walkern marking station.



Mark Bulled with daughters Abbie and Charlotte.



Mark Bulled's "Rocky"

Runner up to Mark is fellow club mate **Dennis Smith from Bethnal Green taking 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Section D.** (information kindly supplied by Mark Bulled) Like most of us around here Dennis is an ex North Roder and only went south last year. He is a previous winner of 3 x 1<sup>st</sup> London North Road Combine.

His first pigeon clocked is a yearling hen sent on a small young bird. She has been extensively trained in the week up to basketing and is full of long distance blood lies i.e Jimmy Shepherd x Paul Kendall.

Dennis' second bird is an old cock that has won twice on the North Road and is a Grandson of his LNRC Stonehaven winner x Henderson of East London.



Dennis Smith.

**4<sup>th</sup> Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Section are Keith Gosling and Mick Jarvis from Mountnessing** who have had a cracking weekend also scoring 2<sup>nd</sup> Open BBC Barcelona and 6<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Barcelona. The partnership timed one of their best racing hens “Ria”. Her parents both bred by Wall Lunt and Green, they are responsible for numerous prize winners. The sire is Koopman from Astrix and Trinity the dam is Janssen from Blauwe Van Rocket and Blauwe Henrietta. Ria has previously won 26<sup>th</sup> Section 99<sup>th</sup> LSECC 4<sup>th</sup> breeder buyer and gold ring Vire, 159<sup>th</sup> Section 250<sup>th</sup> NFC Fougères, 44<sup>th</sup> Section 66<sup>th</sup> LSECC Carentan, 9<sup>th</sup> Section 50<sup>th</sup> LSECC Alençon, 17<sup>th</sup> Section 33<sup>rd</sup> BBC Fougères, 48<sup>th</sup> Section 79<sup>th</sup> BICC Le Mans, 26<sup>th</sup> Section 147<sup>th</sup> BICC Alençon, 112<sup>th</sup> Section 295<sup>th</sup> BBC Messac, 15<sup>th</sup> Section 21<sup>st</sup> BICC Guernsey.

Ria was raced on widowhood after initial training and exercised twice a day for 1 hour during the day. The hens are shut back in a conventional widowhood box to stop them pairing to each other. Prior to the Fougères race she had 3 inland races and Carentan and Cholet in the NFC. She was shown her cock for 5 minutes before basketing and was fed on Verese Laga Super Widowhood.



Keith Gosling and Mick Jarvis.

In **5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Open 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Section D** we have **Mark Gilbert from Winkfield**. The first two birds timed were brother's, the sire was bred from Syndicate Loft and is a son of Dutch Master. The dam was from M & D Evans' Golden Gaby.

I had a great race clocking 13 birds in 6 minutes. I would like to thank the convoyers and race controllers in giving us an excellent race in difficult conditions.





Karen and Mark Gilbert.

**6<sup>th</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> Section A** is the Dynamic Duo **Jimmy Wearn & Erik Neilson of Ramsdean** who also look like they might take the first 3 in the Section. They have a very good race clocking 32 of their 55 sent by 4.10pm with the birds returning in good condition.

Their first bird a yearling chequer cock is from John Gerard x Van Reet blood lines, the second bird clocked a yearling hen is a De Klak and their third pigeon also a yearling is down from a Geoff Cooper x Brian Denney.

Jimmy and Erik would like to congratulate Mark Bulled and all the other winners.



Erik Neilson.

One member who I have written about more than anybody this season and am thinking about including him on my Christmas list as I have spoken to him so many times is **Peter Wells from Dunstable who is 7<sup>th</sup> Open 4<sup>th</sup> Section D.** Peter timed a yearling blue widowhood hen of Janssen blood lines bred by his good friend Simon Schofield of Leeds. His second pigeon which would have been in the top 20 was unable to be recorded as it was incorrectly race marked.



Peter Wells with 2 of his Grand daughters and their friend.

**9<sup>th</sup> Open is Alex Mackenzie from Chelmsford.** Firstly we would like to say well done to Mark Bulled for winning the race.

Our pigeon which is provisionally 3<sup>rd</sup> Section 8<sup>th</sup> Open is a 3 year old blue chequer cock flown on widowhood. The strain is Janssen x Busschaert.

He has scored before in the BICC from Le Mans in 2012 coming 60<sup>th</sup> Open out of 2,253 birds.

In 2013 he was 7<sup>th</sup> Section 7<sup>th</sup> Open from Le Mans 2,182 birds.

We had a good race getting 12 in 45 minutes and 18 out of 20 on the day.



Alex and Tony Mackenzie.

In **10<sup>th</sup> Open** we have another household name, that of **Mr & Mrs Mick Carrick & Sons of Chesham**. The pigeon we clocked is a yearling Herbots Brothers cock who has flown well all season.

We purchased this pigeon from Mr Brian Gill in Wales, he was in an internet charity sale. I bid £50 my first bid and got him. He is a full brother to 2 Welsh National winners. I think he has paid for himself now.

(Thank you to [pipa.be](http://pipa.be) for the use of this photograph).



Mick Carrick.

**Mr & Mrs Mick & Lorna Dickinson & Sons** from Hemel Hempstead are provisionally **11<sup>th</sup> Open** with a yearling blue chequer hen.



We race as Mr & Mrs Dickinson & Sons. My wife Lorna looks after the darkness young birds and the old birds when necessary and our son Stuart help clock the birds on race days. I am a self employed builder, soon to be retired I hope.

Our pigeons are all raced on widowhood up to July, then are paired up for the longer races. We race cocks and hens. The hens are paired up in late January, they rear a single youngster and are separated when sitting the second round of eggs.

The hens go into a section with a slatted floor and narrow perches. They are exercised once a day and trap back in to their section.

Our hen we timed was sent to Fougères paired up two days before basketing. She had 3 inland races and raced Carentan, Alençon, Tours, Poitiers and Fougères being out 1<sup>st</sup> bird twice and our 2<sup>nd</sup> bird twice. She was 59<sup>th</sup> Open Poitiers with the BICC and is from my old family of Janssens.

We had a good race with all 16 birds home on the day.

Thanks to all the people involved in making it a successful race.



Mick Dickinson.

Winner of **Section G** is **Ken Abbott from Brighton**. The sire of my 2 year old cock bird is a Reynaert from Premier Stud and the dam is also a Reynaert from Ian Crammond crossed with a Robert Venus Supercrack from Bob Short. He is raced on widowhood and this year has flown BICC Falaise, BICC Alençon 1<sup>st</sup> bird home, NFC Carentan, NFC Cholet again 1<sup>st</sup> bird home and now BBC Fougères.

All birds are exercised around home for 1 hour in the morning and the same in the evening. They are fed on Economic Breeding and G10's from Brian Walls Gem are mixed with Verse Laga Superstar.





Ken Abbott.

Provisionally **2<sup>nd</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Section G, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Open** are **Ian Crammond and Nigel Langstaff of Fontwell**. Their first bird is 100% Syndicate loft blood from a son of Outlaw x Daughter of Dutch Master, this yearling cock won the Fed as a young bird and a week before this race from Fougères he was sent to Nort-sur-Erdre with the South Coast Fed and was 1<sup>st</sup> Club 1<sup>st</sup> Federation, so he is now earmarked for NFC Saintes.

Second pigeon time is a Verreckett Arien bred by Ian Stafford, this cock also won the Federation from Truro 2 weeks previous and their third pigeon is from a brother to their 1<sup>st</sup> Open NFC Messac which is 100% Kees Bosua x a full sister of 7<sup>th</sup> Open BBC Lamballe which was a very difficult young bird race in 2005.

The partnership have won 10 x 1<sup>st</sup> Federation this year between the South Coast Fed and the Solent Fed. Nigel says “Keep them west winds blowing”.



Nigel Langstaff and Ian Crammond.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section A is Buddy Shipp from Portsmouth.** Pictured is Buddy's gorgeous daughter Lily who the pigeon belongs to. This yearling cock was a gift pigeon to Lily from Alfie Harp of Parkstone in Poole. The sire and dam on one side is a Jos Thone Grand daughter of Avril and on the other side bred from Jimmy Wearn's stock.



Lily Shipp.

**1<sup>st</sup> Section E is Brian & Sue Stone from Belper.** This blue hen was one of our best young birds in 2013, winning 1<sup>st</sup> from Wincanton, 16<sup>th</sup> Section 62<sup>nd</sup> Open in the Midlands National Flying Club 3,986 birds. She had two channel races before being 1<sup>st</sup> Section E BBC Fougères. She came straight in and in excellent condition.

Her sire is a son of Replay, one of Peter Van Der Merwe's top stock birds. Her dam is also Peter Van Der Merwe's Tournier lines. This hen was one of a batch bred for us by Anslow Farrar out of his stock loft.



Brian & Sue Stone.

Our BBC Messac National winners **Mr & Mrs Christine Beckett & Sons, Paul & Colin are Runners Up in Section E.** Our pigeon a 2 year old chequer hen is called Charlie's Girl. She is a natural hen sent to Fougères on a 5 day old baby. It is a Colin special with the great grand parent originating from P Whittingham and C Lloyd with others added in between.

This season she has been 22<sup>nd</sup> Open 6<sup>th</sup> Section Carentan, 162<sup>nd</sup> Open 31<sup>st</sup> Section Messac and 71<sup>st</sup> Open 5<sup>th</sup> Section Niort.





Paul Beckett.

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Section C is Mark & Clare Brown from Woodlands St Mary.** Firstly, we would like to pass on our congratulations to the race winner Mark Bulled and outstanding fancier. Following the news that the birds had been liberated at 10.30am, we worked out our ETA and penciled in that we needed a timing by 15.30 hrs to be in with a chance for Section honours. Knowing that the Open would be won further East today. But following on from our two previous channel races at Messac on 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June when our teams were well below par, we were unsure what this day would bring.

I had changed our corns to a much heavier mix after feeding a lighter mix this season and re-paired all birds after the NFC Messac 21<sup>st</sup> June race, as I was unhappy with the teams performances over the previous 2 weekends channel races. I rested the team on the 28<sup>th</sup> June and gave them 3 training tosses of 15 miles on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday pre marking to blow the cobwebs.

Anyhow, we timed our little blue Vandenabeele/ De Rauw Sablon hen “Cassie” at 15.26 hrs to win 1<sup>st</sup> Section C. This being the fourth time we have been lucky enough to achieve 1<sup>st</sup> Section with the BBC since joining in 2012. Her sire is “00” who is a 2 year old Blue Vandenabeele cock in the race team and a consistent performer. Her dam a blue hen is bred by our good friend Steve Bennett of Bristol and of De Rauw Sablon blood lines. She has had 2 x Carentan and then the hard Messac race on 14<sup>th</sup> June with the WoESRC. We lost her cock from this race so she was put with the youngsters, being exercised with these since then. We brought her out and back in the race team on Wednesday prior to marking and paired her to a cock in a different section. She readily accepted and this was what obviously motivated her to race home.

Shortly after this at 15.29hrs we timed our good blue Vandenabeele/Schoor de Weil/Van Loon cock “52” who was sitting 5 day eggs. This cock was previously 10<sup>th</sup> Section C 25<sup>th</sup> Open BBC Messac on 17<sup>th</sup> May which I thought was a fantastic performance against the wind on that day. His sire is our champion “33” a Gaby Vandenabeele cock who won 2 x 1<sup>st</sup> Combine for me and dad when racing in

St Helens. His dam is funnily enough bred by our good friend Steve Bennet of Bristol from a sister of his “champ” a top performer of Steve’s.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Section winner, is our good 2 year old blue hen “White Eyes” sitting 5 days who was our first bird from BBC Bordeaux in 2012 and I had her on my entry form for NFC Tarbes basketing on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July but due to work commitments I couldn’t get to marking so decided to put her in this Fougères race instead where she didn’t disappoint when arriving at 15.35hrs.

The birds were in excellent condition upon their return.



Mark, Mia & Ben Brown.

Second members to time in **Section C** was **Ernie Smith & Darren Baker Loft 2 from Swindon.**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> bird is a two year old Koopman cock flown on widowhood and bred down from our stock which we brought in 2003.

The cock had three races in the Wiltshire federation then he was sent every fortnight across the channel either with BBC, NFC or CSCFC.

The Koopman cock has raced & scored well in the races he has been sent to this season.

Our 2nd bird is a three year old syndicate blue cock which was bred from our stock. Also this bird has been in the same races as the Koopman cock above and has also won many prizes this season.



Mitchell & Ben (Smith & Baker Loft 2)

First bird in to the Channel Islands belongs to **Glen Moon from St Helier, Jersey 1<sup>st</sup> Section H.** Well, well, well, I've won the section for the BBC race for the second time in a row (mind you, it was only by a beak from my good friend Paul Davies' bird!) Not a lot to add about my bird as its the same one that won the Niort section and 3<sup>rd</sup> Open BBC, other than to say that this bird "True Grit" also won the two longest club races this year (La Roche - Yon and Jarnac) and will hopefully be going to the Bordeaux National.

I can't close without saying a huge well done to everyone involved with the holding over and liberation of the birds, you were all first class. The West wind does not suit the C.I. birds but hopefully it will be better for Bordeaux.

Thanks to Clare Norman and all BBC members.....Good luck for the last old bird race!!





Glen Moon.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section H is Paul Davies from St Clement, Jersey.** Paul timed a 4 year old chequer cock flown widowhood. This pigeon was lost from St Malo as a youngster and returned a year later, it won 1<sup>st</sup> Club Messac as a yearling, and won 1<sup>st</sup> Club Saintes by 40 minutes as a two year old.

In 2013 it was 4<sup>th</sup> Section 14<sup>th</sup> Open Niort, 9<sup>th</sup> Section 180<sup>th</sup> Open Le Mans, 9<sup>th</sup> Section 186<sup>th</sup> Open Bordeaux, all with the BBC.

In 2014 it has been 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Jarnac and 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Rennes and 5<sup>th</sup> Section 107<sup>th</sup> Open Niort.

I thank Clare Norman who is one in a million for taking the Channel Islands birds to marking station.



Paul Davies.

Finally he has won a trophy this year! This person is **Mark Gower from Fordingbridge and his long suffering wife Julie** who are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> **Section B**. I was beginning to think we were going to be a couple of people down on the presentation night.

My section winner is a Vandenaabeele hen flown on the roundabout system. She is from M & D Evans stock with her four grand parents being Legend, Lady Bond, True Blue & Carla.

After flying well from the BBC young bird Fougères last year she has been inconsistent this year and took 11 hours to get back from NFC Messac two weeks ago!!

For this race I thought I would gee her up by letting her have a new mate for all of the basketing day. I would like to say a big thank you to my wife Julie & mate Andy Parsons for taking the birds to marking as long work hours would prevent me from racing in Classic & Nationals.



Mark Gower's hen.

**Bill Woods of Shaftesbury is runner up to Mark Gower in Section B.** Bill is very modest about all his performances, but for most of the older generation fanciers they will know that Bill can hold his own with many a top flyer.

Bill timed a 2 year old cock which was bred down over generations through Houbens obtained from Kenny Land of Bournemouth in the late 80's, early 90's on one side and Wildemeersch & De Klak Janssens on the other.



## Bill Woods of Shaftsbury.

Photo by Keith Mott.



Bill Woods.

### **Convoyers Report**

Firstly, I am going to change the format of my reports in the future by not stating when, where and how many times the birds are fed and watered due to the inane questions I am frequently asked at the marking stations which goes to show how many of the fanciers don't or can't read my reports on when and where the birds were fed and watered.

The more discerning of you will know that I have kept and raced pigeons for most of my life and the birds in my care whilst conveying them will be afforded the same care and attention as if they were my own birds, on this matter I shall say no more.

#### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Having arrived at Fougères the temperature was 29 degrees so we parked the transporter in the shade of the cattle market and attended to the birds, as the afternoon progressed the cloud began to thicken and it started to rain in the early evening.

After calling our weather advisor Steve Appleby things did not look promising for a liberation on Saturday.

#### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Another call to Steve at 05:30 gave rain all day and through the night with brisk SW winds but rather than make any snap decisions we would look at the situation in three hours' time to see if the wind would move the weather front on quicker than anticipated, some other information received indicated that there may be a window between 10 and 12 o'clock but sadly this was not to be and Steve's forecast was spot on, so the first holdover of the season was called. It rained constantly all day and all night.



After speaking to Steve at 5:30 pm a glimmer of hope was that the wind would change direction and the rain would clear in the morning.

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

I Dawned to heavy rain and as predicted the wind was from the N.W. completely the opposite to yesterday, yet another call was made telling me that the rain would clear by mid-morning.

With the skies brightening to the north we moved the transporter into position for a liberation at 10:30 into 75% cloud cover but improving all the time. The birds broke into two batches; the larger headed North immediately and the smaller made a couple of left and right turns but heading north all the time.

My thanks to all concerned and especially to Steve Appleby 100% correct from start to finish, well done Mate, and lastly to Ant and Dec from the BB&O whose constant banter made this long stay in a wet and windy cattle market a lot more bearable, thanks Lads.

**Nigel Rigiani**

## **Weather Report**

A difficult weekend working with the weather but patience was rewarded. At first light on Sunday morning the weather front responsible for Saturday's hold over was still in position over north western France. As forecast by the Met Office this rain belt gradually moved away south-eastwards into France with good weather following on behind. Broken cloud and sunshine arrived over the Fougères area from the north west at approximately 10:00 hours. This development also cleared the flight path along the Cherbourg Peninsula and over the channel. A liberation sky now became available over Fougères and our convoyer Nigel had the BBC convoy away at 10:30 hours. Winds over northern France and the channel light from the west north west veering to westerly over southern England. Visibility very good.

Steve Appleby.

## **Barcelona Race Report Part 2**

Due to a fancy press deadline last week I was unable to complete my Barcelona Race Report.

**8<sup>th</sup> Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Section J** we have **Mr & Mrs Les Hawkins from Bishops Stortford** *who have also put in another great performance from Tarbes NFC provisionally 28<sup>th</sup> Open with the same cock that won the section from BICC Poitiers on June 14<sup>th</sup>.*

Our 6 year old black cock has been a top bird for us 3 x NFC Tarbes. His best was 110<sup>th</sup> Open last year, also 91<sup>st</sup> Open BICC Perpignan in 2012. His brothers are also top channel racers.

We would like to say a big thanks once again to Mark Bulled who bred the sire, himself a good racer for Mark and a son of "Die Hard", Mark's top pigeon.

The black cocks dam is our top stock hen, a daughter of a top cock bought at David Coward-Talbot's sale. She has bred lots of my good birds crossed with my old Jim Biss lines of Lama x Natrix which I have had since the early 90's.



Les Hawkins with Grand daughter Meg.

*Next we have an established Barcelona name that of **Mr & Mrs Simon Fear from Hayes 9<sup>th</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> Section D.** Simon Fear timed his 5 year old chequer hen who has now achieved Spanish Diploma status after winning 21<sup>st</sup> Open 2013, 47<sup>th</sup> Open 2012 and now 9<sup>th</sup> Open 2014. Her sire is a Grand son of Red Barcelona and her dam was bred by Alan Parker.*

*She was first paired up the middle of February and allowed to breed a round of youngsters before being separated and raced on the roundabout system. She was then re-paired in preparation for Barcelona and sent sitting 12 days. She has had several races in the build up for the big one and was Simon's first pigeon from NFC Cholet. Feeding is Verse Laga Irish Mixture.*

*Our furthest member to time flying 837 miles is someone also guaranteed to clock whatever the distance, topping **Section E is Gordon Rigg (J G) from Congleton.** I timed in a 2009 blue chequer cock who was on his thirteenth channel race. He flew Bordeaux 575 miles on the day last year and this year has had Carentan and Cholet as preparation for Barcelona.*

*His breeding down from the sire's side is 100% Dusardyne Delbar and includes my Sennon Cove NFC winning hen as Grand dam. The dam is 100% Braspenning from the late Roy Whittaker of Leek when in 2008 we exchanged eight young birds.*



Gordon Rigg.

*It just goes to show that not only are the pigeon's quality but the names are household names that appear time and time again up at the top. 2<sup>nd</sup> Section C is John Ludlam of Nelson.* The sire and dam of my 5 year old blue hen were bred by Paul Woolliss. She was my single entry for Barcelona and only had two channel races before being sent sitting 8 day eggs. She was fed Verse Laga Super Widowhood..

Her achievements so far include 2010 Bergerac 500 miles 7<sup>th</sup> Section 18<sup>th</sup> Open WSR National, 2011 Tarbes 602 miles 2<sup>nd</sup> Section 6<sup>th</sup> Open WSR National, 2012 Tarbes 602 miles 3<sup>rd</sup> Section 19<sup>th</sup> Open WSR National, 2013 Barcelona 754 miles 5<sup>th</sup> Section 21<sup>st</sup> Open BICC and now 2014 Barcelona 754 miles 2<sup>nd</sup> Section 16<sup>th</sup> Open.





John Ludlam.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section B we have John Halstead from Kington Magna.** *Since moving down from the Midlands, John has become one of the top fanciers in the British Barcelona Club.* His 13<sup>th</sup> Open winner is Nyland Chesil, a 4 year old cock flown on the widowhood system. This dark schaille coloured bird was bred from a grandson and grand daughter of Nyland Ashley – who himself was 2<sup>nd</sup> Open BICC Barcelona in 2008 and 46<sup>th</sup> Open BBC Palamos in 2007.

The dam of Chesil won 2<sup>nd</sup> Section Classic and 4<sup>th</sup> Section NFC as a young bird and was a cross between John's Vandenabeele BBC Bordeaux National winner "Nadal" and Ashley's daughter, a Jim Biss cross Southwell hen.

Chesil flew Barcelona last year but was out of race time and the original plan was to send him to NFC Tarbes this season as he had been 4<sup>th</sup> Section 170<sup>th</sup> Open from Tarbes in 2012 2,809 birds. During 2014 in just 4 channel races he had flown consistently well taking 255<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Tours 3,655 birds in May and a similar Open position from his final preparation race from Poitiers on 14<sup>th</sup> June, when he flew 11 hours 20 minutes. Following a discussion with the Secretary's husband Martin – who along with Clare and Jack welcomed home last year's Barcelona winner, it was

decided that the experience Chesil had gained from last year's Barcelona attempt had to be utilised, and so he became John's single entry.

Fed on Verse Laga Champion Plus along with Super Widowhood supplied by Countrywide Feeds, plus Harker's Hormoform and redskin peanuts, Chesil spent 2 ½ hours with his hen before basketing for the race.



Nyland Chesil.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Section C is Dave Whitefield from Dorchester.** *Dave who is a BBC Life Vice President and serves on the Committee knew this cock bird was going to be a sure bet when he made the single entry.* My Barcelona pigeon is a 7 year old chequer cock from the lofts of S & T Luscombe, Plymstock, Plymouth the breeding being Van Wanroy. He has flown consistently on all shorter south road points until 2010 and was then sent to BBC Bordeaux. In 2011 he flew NFC Tarbes and was 8 days in returning home and that was when his place was booked for Barcelona. His first year at Barcelona in 2012 there was an International birdage of 25,348 birds and he was 9<sup>th</sup> Section 32<sup>nd</sup> Open BBC. 2013 he did not return until 20<sup>th</sup> July and this year he has achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> Section 20<sup>th</sup> Open.



Dave Whitefield's cock bird.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Section C is Clive Taylor from Bristol.** *Clive was over the moon to clock this pigeon and being only four years old he could go on to earn a Spanish Diploma for him.* Pigeons have been part of my life since the day I was born. I am 67 going on 68 and a retired window fitter but I still help friends and neighbours with any DIY jobs.

My father and two brothers raced in partnership on the North Road talking always about Lerwick being the one to win. My older brother and my self had tipplers and the sport of flying tipplers stayed with me until 1997 when it became impossible to carry on because of the Peregrine falcon. It was then I decided to turn to racing. The South Road looked more inviting than the North Road, so I joined the Brislington SR Club before moving to Farrington FC with all its history of winning more National races than any other Club in England, so I'm told.

I have won the odd race but nothing to shout about. I flew Palamos and was 27<sup>th</sup> Open a while back and I have sent to Barcelona before and have gotten birds home but out of race time.

The birds I have are from Bruce Millard and his Spangle family, Ken Hine, Fear brothers crossed and Time Ellis Vanhees. This Season I have been given some sprint birds from a friend Maurice Oliver, these being Vandenabeele x Van Lind.

The cock I sent to Barcelona is a four year old cross Spangle Hine Ellis bird.





Mr & Mrs Clive Taylor.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Section J is Keith Gosling & Mick Jarvis of Mountnessing.** Their second BBC Barcelona timer is a 5 year old red cock who in last year's Barcelona race was 7<sup>th</sup> Open 4<sup>th</sup> Section.

### **Niort Trophy Winners**

**Mr & Mrs L Cowley (B96)** – Mr & Mrs Hooper Trophy, The Everson Sports & Trophies Cup and the Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate, The Guernsey Racing Pigeon Club Trophy (best 2 bird average in race time), The Andy Parsons Trophy (best velocity in to Section B), The P J Build & Maintenance Trophy (best velocity in to Dorset), The Cottrell, Richmond & Son Trophy (best velocity by a hen in to Dorset).

**M, G & M Ayles (B490)** - The Cottrell, Richmond & Son Trophy (best velocity by a cock in to Dorset).

**B Sheppard (C290)** – The R J Clarke Trophy (best 2 bird average in to Wiltshire).

**J Attrill (A1156)** – The Ray Hoare & Claire Trophy (best velocity in to Section A).

**C & J Rogers & N Sales (C211)** – Mr & Mrs Hooper Trophy (best velocity in to Section C).

**Mr & Mrs A Shore (E101)** – The J M Binns Trophy (best velocity in to Section E).

**R Beaconsfield (C318)** – The Mr & Mrs E & M Wright Trophy (best velocity in to Wiltshire).

**J & T Barnett & Dtr (E409)** – The Mr & Mrs John Mellor Trophy (best velocity in to Shropshire).

**Mr & Mrs M Gower (B85)** – The London Lad's Trophy (best velocity in to Hampshire).

Each Section Winner will receive a special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal.

### **Section Winners are:**

**A – J Attrill (A1156), B – M/M L Cowley (B96), C – C & J Rogers & N Sales (C211),**

**D – F Lloyd & E Kelly (D65) E – Mr & Mrs A Shore (E101), G – M/M T Welch (G37),**

**H – G Moon (H228).**

**Please note all trophies won in 2013 must be returned to me before September 13<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

**If you would like to take them to the marking station, the I/C will make sure I receive them.  
Thank you.**

For members wishing to attend the dinner on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, ticket prices are £35 per person. Those wishing to stop over can book their accommodation direct with The Days Hotel, Bournemouth on 01202 552111. Please mention the Club when booking to ensure special rates. For more details on the dinner please see your Club Handbook.

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