

**Messac National  
1st Open 1<sup>st</sup> Section E  
Mr & Mrs Alan Horton from Telford  
With ‘Irene’s Pride’**

Another good entry for the Barcelona Club’s second race of the year with 230 members sending 1,725 birds. It was one of those races where the timing had to be right for the liberation due to the inclement weather moving across the north of England. After Nigel and Roger were closely monitoring the situation on the Friday evening and early Saturday morning the birds were away at 7.30 in to a South South Westerly wind.

Thank you to everyone at the marking stations for your help. I know for some marking stations it was more difficult due to election voting taking place.

Warmest congratulations to our winners **Mr & Mrs Alan Horton from Telford** also **8<sup>th</sup> Open** as well. We have been racing pigeons for over 50 years our base pigeons are de Rauw Sablons and are old base stock Meulemans Van Den Bosch Janssen. These have kept us at the top over the last 30 years being premier prize winners in the three Clubs we fly in on many times. We fly in the Worcester Fed, Gloucestershire Fed and Shropshire Fed, we have had a good start to the season winning 11 x 1<sup>st</sup> Clubs, 4 x 1<sup>st</sup> Open Shropshire Fed (3 inland 1 channel) and now 1<sup>st</sup> Open British Barcelona club the blue flight hen we had is de rauw sablon from Treble Two and my Celine Marcel Aelbrecht from the famous Crack. In the photographs my wife Irene is holding the second pigeon who is half brother to first pigeon. I am with my grandson Lewis holding the first hen. I am lucky enough to have a wife who can help out in the loft I do appreciate Irene’s efforts.

We sent four birds and timed them all in 25 minutes. We fly widowhood with the cocks and natural hens the first pigeon was sitting 14 days.



Alan Horton and Grandson Lewis



Irene Horton



**2<sup>nd</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> Section C is Ernie Smith & Darren Baker Loft 2 from Swindon.** Our bird is a 4 year old widowhood cock. This cock has won many prizes in Club and Fed this year. He had 2 inland races and this was his third channel race, The sire was Bosua van Ochs bred by Nigel Langstaff and the dam is bred from Ern's old Jansen based family. I like to thank all fanciers for their support for Ernie after his major operation. At the moment Ernie is still in stable condition and still induced coma. Let's hope Ernie gets well soon and I would like to thank the BBC for another good race and well done to all the winners.



Darren Baker



**3<sup>rd</sup> Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Section E is John Hughes from Market Drayton.** The pigeon was a self bred yearling Gaby Vandenebale that's quite consistent week in week out. John's pigeons are on form at the moment winning 4 races in the club up to now. Pictured with John is his neighbour who very kindly trains his birds for him.



John Hughes with his neighbour

**4<sup>th</sup> Open is John Peever from Crewe.** Pigeon is a chequer hen which is a Louis Cooreman bred. The sire is a gift bird from Ken Machin from Kidsgrove and the dam was purchased from Jim Sansbury from North Cleveleys.



John Peever

**5<sup>th</sup> Open is Mr & Mrs Christine Beckett & Sons from Dunston.** This three year old pigeon was sent natural, his sire and dam were both bred by Chris Till from Penkridge. From BBC Coutances this year he was 13<sup>th</sup> Section E.



Christine and Paul Beckett

**6<sup>th</sup> Open is Mr & Mrs Alan Shore from Crewe.** Flown on widowhood, this cock had very few races as a young bird as we like to let them mature with a view to the longer races in the future. This was his first Channel race but he has flown most of the inland races in our Club programme. His breeding is Vandenabeele from Jo Hendricks, Holland. Two more dropped as I clocked him.



Alan Shore

**7<sup>th</sup> Open is Gary Lewis from Newport.** Firstly I must congratulate the officials and race controllers on making what turned out to be the correct decision, this following on from other so called major organisations indecision and the fiasco seen the weekend before - well done to all.

Gary flies a small team from a back garden that his loft has now taken over, he competes on a consistent basis at all levels, with the aid of Josephine who tends to the feeding of his young bird team and other trainee tasks such as scraping out, he is very clear on his expectations of his team and his tried and tested methods that make him a force to be reckoned with locally and nationally, he took the first four in the section in his first BBC race in the 2016 Coutances YB National, he was third section in the first old bird race this year, not a bad start to life in the BBC.

Over the years he has blended a family going back to the birds of his partnership with good friend John Jones, his first bird was through the "Combine Hen" of the Jones / Lewis team of tried and tested birds at Club, Federation and National level. His second bird that was timed four minutes later was a gift bird from good friend and top Whitchurch flyer David Pullen.

Gary would also like to thank John Whittingham for getting the birds to the marking station and congratulate all the officials of the BBC on the decisive decision to liberate when others delayed.



Gary Lewis

**9<sup>th</sup> Open is Pete Barlow from Coombe Hill.** Dark cock bred from birds gifted to me by Graham Clift. Two weeks ago he was 49<sup>th</sup> Open CSCFC Messac.

Thanks to Graham and Paul for taking birds to the marking stations. Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Horton and Ernie Smith & Darren Baker.





Pete Barlow

**1<sup>st</sup> Section D 10<sup>th</sup> Open is Roger Lowe from Reading.** Sending 32 birds, 19 widowhood cocks and 13 widowhood hens, I had 28 on the day and 3 on the loft in the morning.

First bird a two year old cock being a Grandson of “My Little Diamond” and Mark Gilbert's

International Dax winner “Southfield Supreme” he has been flying well this season. He's a winner of 1<sup>st</sup> Fed Honiton 1,105 birds, 27<sup>th</sup> Fed 2,236 birds, 8<sup>th</sup> Exeter 804 birds, 27<sup>th</sup> Fed Exeter 2,030 birds, 30<sup>th</sup> Fed Honiton 2,816 birds, 26<sup>th</sup> Section 308 birds, 39<sup>th</sup> Open BBC Fougères 1,856 birds, 21<sup>st</sup> Section 387 birds, 102<sup>nd</sup> Open CSCFC Messac 2,330 birds.

Sire is the “Main Man” best racing cock from “My Little Diamond” he's a winner of many prizes main ones 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Open NFC Saintes and 1<sup>st</sup> BB & O Fed 1,544 birds. His sire is “Magic Man” a direct Marcel Aelbrecht. Dam is “Lucky Supreme” a direct daughter of “Southfield Supreme” winner of 1<sup>st</sup> Dax International 17,416 birds for Mark Gilbert.

The race turned out to be a funny one may be to do with the strong wind they may have gone past then come back against the wind.

Well done to the winner and let's look forward to the next one.



Roger Lowe

**1<sup>st</sup> Section B is Bill Pitney from Weymouth.** This is my Blue Michel Van Lint cock flown on widowhood. He had 3 channel races with the Crossways FC before the Messac National. His Sire is a Grandson of Champion ATILLA on his Sires side and his Dam is a Grand daughter of Champion AMOS. Both parents purchased by me from Dean Pallatt UK Agent for Michel Van Lint. As you see my other passion is Italian Greyhounds These two girls posing to the camera as they don't like being left out bless them.



Bill Pitney

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section D is Steve Sheffield from Winchmore Hill.** My 2<sup>nd</sup> Section winner is a blue 6 year old Lindeluf cock. The parents were obtained from Louella Lofts. He has been a consistent bird over the years having achieved two wins to his credit plus numerous other minor positions. Also, this year he has scored a first and fifth club, 24<sup>th</sup> Inter Counties Fed and 42<sup>nd</sup> UBI Combine.



Steve Sheffield

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section B is Mary Ayles from Weymouth.** This chequer cock was flown North as a young bird and flew consistently as a yearling and so far this year. He is sitting on 6 day eggs. His father was a pigeon bought from a Richard Green sale and his mother was a gift from Neville & Diane Spracklen. I would like to thank Marg & Lawrence Cowley and Clive Harrison for taking the birds to the various markings and well done to all the other Weydor club members.



Mary Ayles



**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Section A is Mr & Mrs Gordon Emm from Downton** who were the winners of this race last year. Pat and Gordon are tireless workers for the British Barcelona Club and Central Southern Classic Flying Club and thoroughly deserve this.

Thanks to Nigel and his crew for looking after the pigeons, they came back in excellent condition. 1<sup>st</sup> pigeon is a Herman Couster and the 2<sup>nd</sup> was a Janssen. Thank you to the Ponderosa UK Stud.



Gordon Emm

**1<sup>st</sup> Section J is Bruce McAllister from Furneaux Pelham.** On the race day, as you do, I was cutting the grass when I got a call from my good friend Terry Robinson to tell me his channel birds were doing 60 mph, which meant our birds would be back about 12.30pm. So off the mower up to the loft. Unfortunately my first arrival was already in the loft. We never learn. Anyway she was my Tarbes hen, raced roundabout and is a Jose Thone Poco Valencia breed. Congratulations to all section winners.



Bruce McAllister

Next to Gordon and Pat in **Section A is Trevor and Sue Green from Ashurst.** Just like to thank Clare for bringing me luck, just as I was leaving from basketing she said to have a good one, and I have. My blue Pied cock is a Soontjen from birds I brought from Nigel Laycock, he has been a steady and reliable bird with a couple of minor cards.



Trevor green

**1<sup>st</sup> Section G is Derek Reid from Weybridge.** This 2 year old is bred from my best breeding pair. The sire was 8<sup>th</sup> Open Saintes NFC. He was bred from a Adrian Duggins cock and a full sister to my NFC winner of 2005. The dam is a Sablon pigeon from M and D Evans. She was 70<sup>th</sup> Open old hens race 2015 BBC. 2016 she was 47<sup>th</sup> Open NFC Fougères and 63<sup>rd</sup> Open Guernsey BICC 2016. I had a really good race 15 from 16 on the clock.



Derek Reid



**2<sup>nd</sup> Section J is David Beech from Dunmow.** Two year old Leo van Rijn pigeon, bred from stock pigeons I bought from Brian Hawes. I have recently moved to a new location, the birds that I sent to Messac was their first time across the channel.



David Beech

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section G is Mr & Mrs Barry Aldridge from Brighton.** First of all I would like to congratulate all the winners. I've been racing for many years in partners with my late father and now it's me and Sharon the wife. This year I thought I would join the BBC. This being my second race with the BBC I am very pleased with this result. This cock is flown widowhood and was one of three extra birds that I added on the day of basketing, he is a bird bred by Sullivan Bros of Brighton.



Barry Aldridge

**1<sup>st</sup> Section H is Glen Moon from St Helier, Jersey.** Well two surprises in one. First one, I timed a 3 year old blue slate cock in. First time in the clock in 3 years (it must have been because I promised him a nice holiday in Spain in a town called Zaragoza).

Second surprise was a phone call from Clare to say I had won the Section. I thought it had gone to Nigel Legg in Guernsey. Mind you if I had to lose the Section to anyone Nigel Legg would be a good candidate as this man is a hardworking fancier and dedicated to his sport. I think the Guernsey fanciers should get behind this man and support him and the BBC as the old Channel Island fanciers had to work very hard to get in this Club.

I must say good luck to everyone taking part in the new race point of Zaragoza and I am glad to see Clare is back to her bubbly self. Good luck to you Clare.

Last of all, to those who think it is easy being the shortest flyers. Look at my velocity winning Section H. I am close to 500 yards behind the winner. Look at how many fanciers from Section E are in the top 20. We had about 6 on the day, the rest are somewhere in England.

Good luck to everyone for the rest of the season.



Glen Moon

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section H is Nigel Legg (R Legg & Son) from Castel, Guernsey.** First I would like to start by thanking Clare, Martin, and Jack for giving me the opportunity to enter and compete let alone take a section placing along with my fellow Channel Island fanciers. Without the help we receive from them collecting our birds and returning our crates back down to Poole, none of this would be possible.

My pigeon was a two year old hen raced on roundabout, she was on here third trip to France this year, she is usually in the first few back to my loft but has a mind of her own regarding entering it. She is bred via a son of Gary (tomo) Tomlinson's Golden Balls x Lammys GEM cock, bloodlines 100 % Janssen sold for £2700 following Gary's clearance sale, crossed to another Jansen of Gary's spinner lines.





Nigel Legg

Telephone and website verifications which may be subject to change.

<i>Open</i>	<i>Mem No</i>	<i>Flying Name</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Ring Number</i>	<i>A-A-T</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Velocity</i>
1	E60	Mr & Mrs A Horton	Telford	GB13N16966	12 35 44	1	1954.700
2	C429	Smith & Baker (Loft 2)	Swindon	GB13J14527	11 24 23	1	1950.804
3	E116	J Hughes	Market	GB16D44827	12 48 53	1	1944.674
4	E147	J W Peever	Crewe	GB15N55337	13 2 0	1	1942.780
5	E606	Mr & Mrs Beckett & Sons	Dunston	GB14P39081	12 42 26	1	1923.518
6	E101	Mr & Mrs A Shore	Crewe	GB16N57750	13 0 29	1	1913.050
7	E316	G Lewis	Newport	GB14A40051	12 45 30	1	1911.842
8	E60	Mr & Mrs A Horton	Telford	GB14Z04239	12 44 8	1	1902.431
9	C223	P Barlow	Coombe Hill	GB13N36460	11 54 15	1	1899.629
10	D720	R J Lowe	Reading	GB15N16010	11 26 58	1	1896.300
11	B847	William Pitney	Weymouth	GB15V38476	10 33 12	1	1895.437
12	E203	K Pettitt	Stoke On	GB16N52636	13 3 13	1	1894.803
13	E349	D Harris	Newport	GB14N38455	12 48 29	1	1894.266
14	C77	Mr & Mrs M & C Brown	Hungerford	GB15S77752	11 24 8	1	1893.712
15	D153	S Sheffield	Winchmore	GB11N33585	11 46 33	1	1883.340
16	C397	R C Barlow	Cheltenham	GB12P19978	11 53 53	1	1879.645
17	C425	S Hughes	Swindon	GB14N42299	11 33 38	1	1877.477
18	E178	T Howarth	Nr Northwich	GB16N15161	13 27 35	1	1871.379
19	E60	Mr & Mrs A Horton	Telford	GB15R13119	12 49 25	1	1870.964
20	B490	M Ayles	Weymouth	GB15S28331	10 34 39	1	1867.679
21	E184	M/M K Hart	Stoke on Trent	GB13S34854	13 6 33	1	1867.271
22	E338	J Roper	Wolverhampto	GB13V45852	12 43 47	1	1866.967
23	C318	R Beaconsfield	Marlborough	GB16R05836	11 24 53	1	1866.446
24	C385	Mr & Mrs S Robinson	Marlborough	GB15S26748	11 24 16	1	1865.968
25	D435	P J Wells	Dunstable	GB16X65451	12 0 23	1	1862.922
26	A595	Mr & Mrs G Emm	Salisbury	GB14N52288	10 56 42	1	1862.535
27	J253	B McAllister	Nr Buntingford	GB11J14867	12 10 58	1	1857.719
28	C163	S Slade	Nr Calne	GB14N08427	11 29 37	1	1855.685
29	C309	Wyatt & Gray	Nailsea	GB15P19747	11 31 14	1	1850.420
30	D136	Chitty Brothers	Kings Langley	GB16N04046	11 53 21	1	1846.919

31	E347	M Hughes	Market	GB14Z38874	13	5	38	1	1846.217
32	C278	P B & W Hyatt	Nr Tewkesbury	GB14Z01553	12	8	35	1	1844.633
33	E781	Mr & Mrs N Shaw	Basford	GB13B11863	13	17	0	1	1843.202
34	D236	D Green	Monks	GB15N03871	11	51	57	1	1841.191
35	E188	K L Elstone	Nr Rugeley	GB15N09688	12	55	20	1	1838.567
36	D168	Sherman & Wells	Oxford	GB13N15846	11	50	12	1	1832.617
37	C139	J Draper	Faringdon	NWHU14E6469	11	44	31	1	1831.613
38	B684	B Woods	Shaftesbury	GB16N59667	11	1	49	1	1831.608
39	E353	P Stokes	Stoke on Trent	GB16Z85413	13	14	24	1	1830.894
40	E276	S Parkinson	Crewe	GB12C16543	13	22	17	1	1830.138
41	B96	Mr & Mrs L Cowley	Dorchester	GB15N17125	10	46	50	1	1826.921
42	E366	J & B Oakley	Whitchurch	GB15Z10715	13	16	21	1	1825.549
43	E60	Mr & Mrs A Horton	Telford	GB15R05081	12	57	58	1	1822.188
44	C373	D & R Williams	Kidderminster	GB15C44368	12	36	16	1	1818.432
45	C157	Brown & Elliott Loft 1	Devizes	GB14N93148	11	25	9	1	1808.276
46	C457	L Wall	Street	GB16N65624	11	16	21	1	1806.733
47	C118	T & M Carpenter	Lower	GB15N14545	11	35	49	1	1800.081
48	C619	D E Fox	Stroud	GB16F31213	11	56	24	1	1794.234
49	E409	J & T Barnett & Dtr	Telford	GB14S83255	13	2	45	1	1791.865
50	E279	J & M Barrett	Longton	GB15Z87344	13	22	0	1	1788.509
51	C610	M Williams	Hereford	GB16D36989	12	19	8	1	1787.815
52	C757	W Stribling	Weston-Super-	GB12N02485	11	35	18	1	1786.478
53	E239	R Need	Longton	GB14Z92906	13	24	10	1	1777.381
54	B150	P J Hollard	Lytchett	GB15N73841	10	51	33	1	1776.348
55	C247	Mr & Mrs C Merrills	Swindon	GB15E38111	11	48	53	1	1771.219
56	E354	Michael John Burden	Stoke on Trent	GB15N35122	13	23	19	1	1771.012
57	E306	Mr & Mrs T Williams	Crewe	GB15N78503	13	30	45	1	1770.326
58	E367	G & C Machin	Telford	GB16Z70048	13	5	16	1	1769.102
59	D321	Mr & Mrs E Upton	Newbury	GB15N59761	11	38	37	1	1761.020
60	B132	R Dibben	Poole	GB16N39692	10	49	54	1	1759.540
61	D196	G Bentley	Leighton	GB15N83981	12	18	1	1	1758.624
62	A595	Mr & Mrs G Emm	Salisbury	GB12J19307	11	9	8	1	1756.857
63	D379	M/M M Dickinson & Sons	Hemel	GB16N41777	12	8	4	1	1756.392
64	B89	Mr & Mrs B Frost	Crewkerne	GB14N13383	11	6	8	1	1755.791
65	B100	Mr & Mrs J Cooper	Bournemouth	GB14E16876	10	53	4	1	1753.626
66	A811	Mr & Mrs T & S Green	Ashurst	GB15X05156	11	3	51	1	1751.550
67	D23	Mr & Mrs K Hine	Hayes	GB16N13508	11	55	30	1	1751.446
68	B44	S Jack	Nr Salisbury	GB15V16983	11	15	50	1	1748.254
69	B234	Mr & Mrs K & C White	Weymouth	GB15S28341	10	47	25	1	1746.742
70	C76	F J Quinn	Devizes	GB14N28762	11	35	43	1	1743.390
71	D224	T Haley	Nr Watford	GB14A24360	12	7	45	1	1742.160
72	G900	D Reid	Weybridge	GB15N29207	11	45	32	1	1739.339
73	E370	W J Bresnahan	Waddicar	NWHU16S6286	14	10	45	1	1734.313
74	D671	W N Smullen	Dunstable	GB16N92624	12	22	12	1	1731.437
75	B323	C Bartlett	Salisbury	GB11X46423	11	20	36	1	1721.119
76	E36	A Roper	Penkridge	GB12P20944	13	16	32	1	1720.443
77	A841	D J Staddon	Southampton	GB16F21392	11	9	56	1	1716.684
78	B471	Mr & Mrs T Anderson	Poole	GB16N08464	10	58	17	1	1701.120
79	B345	J Clapcott	Poole	GB15F03947	10	57	42	1	1700.539
80	C844	K Henley	Trowbridge	GB14A42007	11	43	33	1	1692.218
81	B85	Mr & Mrs M Gower	Fordingbridge	GB15N04790	11	15	15	1	1691.991
82	A1156	J Attrill	Salisbury	GB16N53527	11	25	32	1	1689.060
83	B1171	C Hunter & Son	Poole	GB15R05647	10	59	50	1	1688.392



84	D499	T Robinson	Goffs Oak	GB13J16371	12	22	7	1	1687.090
85	C505	J J Williams & Son	Pontypool	GB16N37982	12	18	55	1	1685.320
86	D1211	J & P Parker	Reading	GB15N03853	11	51	53	1	1679.252
87	C214	P Quainton	Chippenham	GB12C10666	11	57	26	1	1678.803
88	A979	M Wiggins & Sons	Portsmouth	NWHU16S1679	11	12	4	1	1678.690
89	E216	A McKinnell	Telford	GB14D20870	13	26	31	1	1674.640
90	C454	G Clift (loft1)	Tirley	GB14N37467	12	31	14	1	1672.521
91	E607	B & S Stone	Belper	GB15Z71875	13	50	54	1	1663.114
92	D110	E Ilsley	Wantage	GB14N04694	12	8	15	1	1660.500
93	C293	D Vowles	Street	GB11N35818	11	36	5	1	1660.393
94	B412	A R Johnson	Poole	GB15N91058	11	3	52	1	1657.659
95	B502	D Vincent	Axminster	GB13C26240	11	14	36	1	1657.244
96	B282	R & V McConnell	Ferndown	DV0077-15-9842	11	7	43	1	1654.572
97	B355	J P Halstead	Gillingham	GB16N56680	11	25	15	1	1649.662
98	J388	David Beech	Dunmow	GB15N98177	12	47	28	1	1644.573
99	B328	A Parsons	Salisbury	GB16N43910	11	32	27	1	1641.629
100	B685	Mr & Mrs N Smith	Salisbury	GB16N23568	11	31	56	1	1638.393

### **Coutances National Winners**

**T Leggatt (A218)** – The Norman Fysh Memorial Trophy, The Hyatts Trophy.

**Wearn Bros 1 & Neilson (A122)** – The Ernie Rivett Memorial Trophy.

**Section Winners are:** Each Section Winner will receive a Medal.

**A – T Leggatt (A218), B – R & V McConnell (B282), C – Smith & Baker Loft 2 (C429),  
D – M/M M Dickinson & Sons (D379), E – D Harris (E349), F – P Smith & Son (F1059) G – D  
Reid (G900),  
J – Trevor & Adrian Wilson (J175)**

### **Bordeaux 29<sup>th</sup> July**

Bordeaux marking is on WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> July. We have to mark for Bordeaux on a Wednesday now to allow the Convoyer enough time to get to Bordeaux to feed and water the birds properly.

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