

Coutances National

1st Open & 3rd Open 1st & 3rd Section D Roger Lowe from Reading With "Fast Red" & "Blue Lightning"

With a good entry of just over 2,700 birds sent by 276 members, our first hop across the channel was to the Cathedral City of Coutances. After waiting for a window of opportunity in the weather due to the scattered rain in France and parts of the channel, the birds were liberated at 9.25am with a light variable wind on site. The winds in the channel were forecast north westerly and south westerly with parts of the UK turning south east in places.

With 700 extra birds sent on the day of marking, the marking stations were very busy. On behalf of us all thank you to everyone who helped and to the members for your patience.

Please could all members using ETS make sure any previous races are cleared from the clock before arriving at the marking station. By not clearing previous races holds the marking up for everyone else. It is not the BBC markers responsibility to clear any members ETS clock. Thank you.

Also for members using Penkridge marking station, as of Thursday 7th June there will be a designated parking area for BBC members to use. I have been asked by Monckton Recreation Centre if we could make sure we use this area only.

All positions are provisional until the paperwork has been checked.

The winner of the Coutances National is a household name in National and Classic races and must be leading the British Barcelona Club table on 1st Open positions. Our congratulations go to **Roger Lowe from Reading 1st & 3rd Open 1st & 3rd Section D.** I didn't expect to do so well as it was not the best of days weather wise as our Federation were held, but it turned out to be a very good day.

My first bird a widowhood cock now named Fast Red is a three year old Janssen x Lou Wouter. He has won many prizes in Nationals 8 times, no lower than 171st in them, the best being 2nd Sec 29th Open BBC Fougeres 2,038 birds.

He's bred from two National Winners the sire being Fast As Lightning Winner of the BBC National from Fougeres beating 2,258 birds by 25 minutes, also a sire of 2nd Open NFC National. He's bred from the Janssen Cock X Ruby Red both bred by Sheldon Leonard of Ireland. The dam of Fast Red is The 02, she is a winner of 1st Open BICC National Guernsey and is a double grand daughter of My Little Diamond a winner of 1st Open NFC National and dam of winners with every cock she been paired including breeding 1st Open NFC National Winner.

My 2nd bird a 2 year old widowhood hen now called Blue Lightning is a winner of two minor Fed positions.

Her sire is Diamond Supreme bred for stock from My Little Diamond when paired with Mark Gilbert's Southfield Supreme his International Dax Winner.

The Dam is Lightning Blue nest mate to Fast As Lightning put to stock as she had won many prize including 1st Section 2nd Open Central Southern Classic 3,172 birds and 5th Section 37th Open BBC, 14th Section 47th Open NFC National, 9th Section 37th Open BICC 4th Section 394th Open NFC 7,006 birds.

I would just like to say thanks to all friends that phoned and texted to congratulate me.





In the Runners Up spot 2nd Open 2nd section D is Barry Sherman & Steve Wells from Oxford. Barry and I sent all of our hens to this race 24 in total. We got 15 on the day and 3 was sat on the loft in the morning.

We fly our pigeons on roundabout and this hen that was 2^{nd} Open has been a good bird for us racing, she has been 2^{nd} Section 50^{th} Open Coutances before for us and her sister was also 2^{nd} Section 3^{rd} Open Coutances. She is bred from a Drapa cock and a Koopman hen. We would like to congratulate Roger Lowe on winning the race and thank ever one who phone or text us to say well done for coming 2^{nd} .



Steve Wells

Mick Hughes from Market Drayton 1st Section E 4th Open The yearling that I timed was from my old Busschaert family that I have had for many years. He has flown consistent as a young bird and this was his 4th race of the season. His father won 2nd Section 81st Open and other National prizes, his grand father won the coefficient in the Midland National. This line is responsible for other good pigeons for other fanciers as well.

2nd Section E 5th Open Gene & Mick Rigby from Telford. We started racing as a partnership this year from our dad's old loft location at Dawley Bank, Telford. Our first timer is a 2 year old blue cock the sire of this pigeon is down from pigeons Gene purchased off J Gibbons of Sunderland from Jim's old family. The sire was a successful racer for Gene winning many channel races in Dawley HS through to Saintes 485miles and this pigeon also scored in the NFC. The dam is a Gaby hen from Jack Walker stock. The pigeon is pooled £5 open and section and was in excellent condition on arrival.





Mick Hughes

Gene & Mick Rigby

6th Open 1st Section C Phil Newton from Weston Super Mare. This bird has been a consistent racer for me and last season he was the first bird to the loft in the BBC Bordeaux race winning 7th section C 111th Open. He is raced on the natural system and was sent to this race sitting 5 day eggs whilst feeding ready to wean youngsters. The sire is bred down from my own family of birds, the dam was obtained from my good friend Dave Vowles of street. This season in preparation for this race he has had 3 inland races from approximately 60 miles and the BICC Falaise race.

I would like to congratulate the winner Roger Lowe and all section winners on their performances.

7th & 8th Open Mr & Mrs Nigel Shaw from Basford. Our first bird is a yearling blue Ceuster hen bred for us by David Sara. She has won Audlem HS twice and won the Saltney Open Race by a clear 30 minutes from Carentan as a young bird. She was our fancied pigeon and was pooled all the way.

The hen that arrived with her was another blue Ceuster that won the Club from Carentan as a young bird and she was also bred by David Sara.





Phil Newton Nigel Shaw



9th Open Dave Harris from Newport, Shropshire. Dave & Kyle Harris holding provisional 9th Open and their second bird that was timed within two minutes of the first. Their first timed "88" is a three year old flown on widowhood and has been in good early season form, he is a Soontjen through the old lines of the "Gauty Cock" the father of the loft. Their second timed is also a three year old widowhood cock and is also a Soontjen being a grandson of the Gauty Cock but also has Corneel Birtells on the dams side. He has been a consistent bird over the last two years, being placed at Club and National level. Kyle feeds the cocks in the mornings as well as looking after the young birds, whilst Megan assists in loosing them out for their afternoon exercise. Thanks to both for their help.

Dave would like to thank his good friend John "Jack" Whittingham who has helped and advised over the years and takes the birds to the marking stations.



Kyle & Dave Harris

 10^{th} Open is Andrew McKinnell from Telford with his five year old red chequer Marcellis cock. This is Andrew's 3^{rd} season racing with the BBC and on his first ever race with us took 2^{nd} Section E from the Coutances OB race.



Andrew McKinnell

Dave & Lisa Waterhouse from Portsmouth take 1st **Section A.** Can we firstly congratulate Roger Lowe on winning 1st Open BBC Coutances, and all the other winners. The cock is now named "The Minstal" as he's a dark pied. He is bred from my Jacob Poortvliet birds crossed by Leo Hermann. He is raced on roundabout and fed on super power corn. Hoping he stays in condition for the National next weekend.

Can I also congratulate Jason Ross, Wearn Bros 1 & Neilson and Garry Moody on their top positions in the BBC as we all are members of the Parade Invitation Club. Big well done to Clare, the Convoyers and the Committee.



Dave Waterhouse

Jason Ross' Chequer Cock

2nd Section B is Jason Ross from Portsmouth. I would to congratulate Roger on yet another BBC win, great flying yet again. And Dave and Lisa Waterhouse for winning the section.

Also a big thank you to Dave Waterhouse for taking my birds to the marking, as I was busy at work. Even though my results have gone downhill, as the last time Dave took my birds for me I won the NFC Saintes race.

My pigeon is a Vandenabeele cock raced on roundabout and has been very consistent as he was my 1st bird from the Classic and the BICC this year and was also 7th Open from the BICC Falaise last year, plus has been very consistent in the club.

I would also like to say well done to my club members, the parade superstars on some great results this weekend.



The Parade Superstars
Dave Waterhouse, Erik Neilson, Jason Ross & Garry Moody

2nd Section C Martin Williams from Hereford. Congratulations to Roger Lowe on his win, and also to Phil Newton for winning our section.

My first bird is a 2 year old celibate hen, my old Hybrects x Roodhooft. Having ten spare hens this year, she was put aside, locked up and not trained. She only exercised when I put my main team on the roundabout three weeks ago.

She went straight into a race from Yeovil, and then Kingsdown. I noticed she was in the clock early both weeks, so the decision was made to send her to the BBC. She came on a good line, but dropped onto the roof, rather than straight through open doors which my roundabout birds normally do. It didn't take too much persuasion to get her in.

My team came well, having 3 in 5 minutes, and 11 out of 12 by 3.45. With thanks to the convoyers for a good first race.



Martin William

1st Section G is Mike Armitage from Ash. Mike is one of the hard workers for the sport always trying to promote pigeon racing. The pigeon he timed is a yearling blue chequer cock who has already won other inland races as well.



Mike Armitage with Lexi & Paul

1st Section B Chris Lake from Poole. I would like to congratulate the winner Roger Lowe on another fine performance.

The Section B winner is a two year old Janssen blue widowhood cock by the name of 'Blue Raviky'. He was bred from my winning Janssen family which I have cultivated for over three decades.

He has had two races this year with the Dorset South Road Fed from Exeter and Carentan where he came seventh in the Upton Pigeon Club from which I race.

I would like to thank all the committee of the BBC on a difficult race weather wise and a good race for returns.



Chris Lake



Chris Lake 1st Section B

2nd & 4th Section G Mr & Mrs Darren & Sarah May & Son from West Ashling. Firstly congratulations to all the winners and runners up.

Our 2nd section G, 30th Open winner is a blue yearling cock bred from a son of our base breeding pair "Spider-Man" (son of "Rossi & Spinneke", Leo Heremans.) and "Avelange" (direct daughter of "Euro x Roulette", Leo Heremans) when paired to a daughter of our base breeding pair.

This is only his second race, he is raced on widowhood and trained regularly from the coast.

Our 4th section G winner is another Hereman-cuesters blood line. Our 5th & 7th section G winners are both Belgium pigeons bred by vermeerbergen-Wilms, from Mol, Belgium.



Josh & Hollie May

Brian Young from Bournemouth 2nd Section B. I would like to congratulate those who have won prizes, but what's more important are those who send to every race, and support the BBC. I'm 79 going on 50!!, but its encouraging when the birds you have sent get a decent result now and again. My methods are simple now, I only keep the unlucky 13 widowhood cocks and feed Versa Laga corn and can then give them indvidual attention. These birds will race up to Messac and one or two will go to Tarbes or Bergerac. Last year was a good year for me, I can't expect to match that again this year. The pigeon in question was a gift bird from Terry Wareham, it's a de Rauw Sablon which is now 4 years old.

I appreciate all the work Clare, Martin and all Officers do to keep the BBC running

smoothly.



Brian Young

 1^{st} & 2^{nd} Section J Mark Bulled from Harlow I timed two widowhood hens for provisional 1^{st} and 2^{nd} section.

Both were wet through, as it started raining in Essex at about 12 noon and got wetter and wetter as the day wore on resulting in very poor returns over this side.

My first timer is a gift from Mark Sands, Kent. A Staf van Reet. Mark bred the dam to my top cock Rocky who won 1st and 2nd National and this hen is from the same cock. She has won the club previously both inland and across the channel.

My 2nd hen is another consistent timer and is a direct daughter of my other BBC Winner "Eastbourne".



Mark Bulled

Up next in **Section J is John & Theresa Gladwin & Jarvis from Leigh on Sea.** My first pigeon today is a Formula 1 lofts yearling Frans Zwols cock which is steeped in a long line of winning bloodlines. Both parents were bred for stock with the sire being bred direct from two Combine Winners, one from Thurso 512 miles and the other from Falaise 187 miles. These were paired together as they were not only both Combine Winners for me but they both had the same grandsire which was "D'artagain". The dam of my first bird is also a granddaughter of "D'Artagain" and "Tip Top Junior" being direct from "Tip Top 076". Can I also say a big thank you to my Dad who took the birds to marking and broke down on the way and also to the Brighton marking station who kindly waited for my Dad to be picked up and took to the marking station by my brother. Many thanks all much appreciated.



John & Theresa Gladwin



Convoyers Report

Thursday 10th May:

The birds were fed and watered on the docks before boarding.

Friday 11th May:

Arrived at Coutances at 9:00 am and the birds were watered, at 2:00 pm the birds were fed and re watered. I gave Roger a call at 6:00 pm and he told me that there may be a window in the morning between 8 and 10 but with cloud cover but good all the way to GB. Saturday 12th May:

Dawn broke to full low cloud cover and no wind. By 7:00 am the low cloud had lifted but still complete high cloud cover and no wind. the information was that things were improving to the West and the Channel Islands.

After numerous calls to the mainland and the skies a lot brighter I made the decision to liberate at 09:25 with no wind on site, all the birds cleared the site without exception but when the birds were about three miles to the North they broke into three batches and began to wheel but after a couple of minutes they were out of sight. Nigel Rigiani

Telephone & Website verifications only which may be subject to change.

Open	Mem No	Flying Name	Town	Ring Number	A-	A-7	' 1	Day	Velocity
1	D720	R J Lowe	Reading	GB15N15965	12	54	44	1	1422.120
2	D168	Sherman & Wells	Oxford	GB14N24542	13	17	13	1	1406.759
3	D720	R J Lowe	Reading	GB16N19653	12	58	42	1	1395.723
4	E347	M Hughes	Market	GB17N088681	15	7	39	1	1389.389
5	E41	G M Rigby Brothers	Telford	GB16N58658	14	48	12	1	1388.815
6	C556	P Newton	Weston-Super-	GB15V49111	13	4	52	1	1386.254
7	E781	Mr & Mrs N Shaw	Basford	GB17H01276	15	23	33	1	1381.523
8	E781	Mr & Mrs N Shaw	Basford	GB17H01292	15	23	37	1	1381.266
9	E349	D Harris	Newport	GB15N77788	14	59	44	1	1371.844
10	E216	A McKinnell	Telford	GB13D20573	14	55	53	1	1370.380
11	A182	M/M D Waterhouse	Portsmouth	GB17N11534	12	7	13	1	1366.500
12	E213	D Hughes	Market	GB16D44799	15	14	12	1	1364.877
13	E116	J Hughes	Market	GB16Z90690	15	14	19	1	1364.258
14	A593	J Ross	Portsmouth	GB16N58744	12	7	22	1	1363.328
15	D375	M/M P Kenny & Family	Wantage	GB14N90353	13	13	55	1	1359.141
16	A122	Wearn Brothers 1 &	Ramsdean	GB17A14275	12	21	44	1	1358.154
17	E306	Mr & Mrs T Williams	Crewe	GB14B04609	15	30	25	1	1353.362
18	E320	T J Greenfield	Telford	GB15D14782	14	59	8	1	1351.915
19	C610	M Williams	Hereford	GB16D36995	14	2	53	1	1350.790
20	G676	J M Armitage	Ash	GB17N003413	12	48	32	1	1349.833
21	A593	J Ross	Portsmouth	GB17N24510	12	9	3	1	1349.339
22	E60	Mr & Mrs A Horton	Telford	GB14Z04220	15	3	37	1	1340.404
23	D1211	J & P Parker	Reading	GB17N26920	13	1	37	1	1335.179
24	E203	K Pettitt	Stoke On	GB14F35713	15	29	44	1	1330.780
25	B806	C Lake	Poole	GB16F23409	12	4	2	1	1330.099
26	E185	McGraw Clegg Preece	Stoke on Trent	GB16Z85878	15		53	1	1329.261
27	C309	Wyatt & Gray	Nailsea	GB16R18179		17	58	1	1328.023
28	C211	Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil	Writhlington	GB16R14664		59	7	1	1326.865
29	C839	S Riley	Walsall	GB16X80042		53	51	1	1326.191
30	G400	M/M May & Son	West Ashling	GB17N030165		14	58	1	1323.254
31	B259	B & D Young	Bournemouth	GB14E14392	12	4	39	1	1321.823

32	E433	K Rhodes	Telford	GB16Z59708	15 5	19	1	1319.894
33	A125	M/M Moody	Portsmouth	GB17N23932	12 13	22	1	1317.256
34	A48	L & M Dyer	Nettlestone	GB17N37952	12 0	31	1	1314.104
35	E202	R Lutner & Co	Lilleshall	GB14N23561	15 13	13	1	1311.583
36	B27	Carpenter & Bastable	Poole	GB14E16623	12 5	42	1	1306.795
37	E270	C Whittingham	Stafford	GB17B30191	15 9	54	1	1305.651
38	E771	P Whitfield	Newcastle	GB17N65025	15 41	56	1	1303.031
39	C278	PB & W Hyatt	Nr Tewkesbury	GB16C32310	14 8	30	1	1302.392
40	D229	J Poole	Kings Langley	GB17N04617	13 41	3	1	1298.899
41	D229	J Poole	Kings Langley	GB17N04659	13 41	8	1	1298.476
42	C619	D E Fox	Stroud	GB13A37320	13 42	49	1	1297.639
43	A33	F Bartlett & R Jones	Southampton	GB17N31680	12 22	58	1	1296.439
44	B471	Mr & Mrs T Anderson	Poole	GB14N47055	12 6	58	1	1295.495
45	C454	G Clift (loft1)	Tirley	GB16C32488		47	1	1295.387
46	C879	N Greatwich	Cleobury	GB15Z17115	14 44		1	1293.952
47	E276	S Parkinson	Crewe	GB15A20212	15 52	5	1	1293.241
48	C293	D Vowles	Street	GB16N38256		53	1	1293.198
49	A417	R & H Barrs	Stubbington	GB17S36660		42	1	1292.365
50	C318	R Beaconsfield	Marlborough	GB15S26946		19	1	1290.379
51	C66	S Dickinson & P Newton	Weston Super	GB17A00171		24	1	1286.332
52	A33	F Bartlett & R Jones	Southampton	GB16N49013		28	1	1285.604
53	B345	J Clapcott	Poole	GB14F07025		33	1	1282.703
54	B85	Mr & Mrs M Gower	Fordingbridge	GB17N22232		32	1	1282.664
55	A395	M Shipp	Portsmouth	GB17N54700		51	1	1282.535
56	A358	S & K Brimecome & Son	Portsmouth	GB15P43273	12 13	6	1	1281.750
57	B462	M/M McClements	Ivybridge	GB17P36770	12 46	32	1	1280.895
58	E147	J W Peever	Crewe	GB1/130770 GB16N77702		17	1	1280.049
59	E640	M Hope	Telford	GB16N59897		43	1	1279.937
60	D236	D Green	Monks	GB17N88285	13 43	50	1	1279.248
61	A811	Mr & Mrs T & S Green	Ashurst	GB171100203 GB16X13723	12 21	28	1	1278.417
62	E101	Mr & Mrs A Shore	Crewe	GB16N57754	15 47	6	1	1278.393
63	C385	Mr & Mrs S Robinson	Marlborough	GB17R03275	13 11		1	1278.054
64	B257	Lee & Dyer	Plymouth	GB17N016187	12 51			1276.642
65	D321	Mr & Mrs E Upton	Newbury	GB17N010107 GB15N59762	13 10		1	1275.384
66	C118	T & M Carpenter	Lower	GB15N14511	13 10		1	1275.300
67	C73	N Charlton	Andover	GB17N24171	13 23	5	1	1274.607
68	A496	B Smith	Winchester	GB16R08024	12 39		1	1274.396
69	E809	D & P Whitfield	Newcastle	GB17A00880	15 49		1	1272.569
70	A456	R Murray	Southampton	GB15N78579	12 22		1	1272.486
71	G900	D Reid	Weybridge	GB16N50633	13 15		1	1272.334
72	C139	J Draper	Faringdon	NWHU14E6469	13 34		1	1271.941
73	E78	J Lambert	Northwich	GB16R24419	16 14	40	1	1270.599
74	B228	Mr & Mrs Crutcher	Poole	GB16N68143	12 10		1	1268.684
75	B18	Mrs L Travers	Poole	GB16B10550	12 10		1	1266.793
76	C247	Mr & Mrs C Merrills	Swindon	GB15E38112	13 31	3	1	1265.239
77	A240	T Willis	Niton	GB17R09613	11 54	7	1	1264.688
78	B132	R Dibben	Poole	GB17F16045		30	1	1264.419
79	A595	Mr & Mrs G Emm	Salisbury	GB17S44696	12 33		1	1262.404
80	B150	P J Hollard	Lytchett	GB15N73805		56	1	1258.274
81	A850	K King	Havant	GB16N43304	12 23	9	1	1256.671
82	D435	P J Wells	Dunstable	GB17N02106		25	1	1256.302
83	A850	K King	Havant	GB17N02100 GB16N43319	12 23		1	1255.966
84	A217	R Broome & Grandson	Havant	GB17N03574	12 23		1	1255.474
85	B11	A Harp	Poole	GB17N03374 GB16N40721	12 12		1	1255.193
86	A314	Freddy Smith	Havant	GB15C03939	12 12		1	1255.073
87	D52	J K Edwards & Son	Luton	GB16A00383	14 4		1	1254.327
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88	B323	C Bartlett	Salisbury	GB15N58174	12 44	54	1	1252.776
89	B1072	J Fulford	Salisbury	GB15N54008	12 46	31	1	1252.150
90	D866	Burgin & Marshall	Bovingdon	GB17B34591	13 51	24	1	1251.374
91	A529	Dowden Bros	Portsmouth	GB14P23785	12 22	20	1	1250.250
92	C896	M F T Bird	Andover	GB14N05640	12 57	0	1	1250.160
93	E16	J Smith	Northwich	GB17B45373	16 20	28	1	1249.816
94	C757	W Stribling	Weston-Super-	GB17N94386	13 28	44	1	1248.779
95	B89	Mr & Mrs B Frost	Crewkerne	GB15N35858	12 43	2	1	1247.664
96	B847	William Pitney	Weymouth	GB17C44300	12 14	45	1	1247.505
97	D136	Chitty Brothers	Kings Langley	GB16A00124	13 53	41	1	1246.728
98	C425	S Hughes	Swindon	GB15H34498	13 33	55	1	1246.357
99	D391	Mr & Mrs R Morris	Great	SU15NE3334	13 47	8	1	1244.649
100	G400	M/M May & Son	West Ashling	GB17N030141	12 25	54	1	1243.278

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