



Wadebridge National

1st Open 1st Section B **John Halstead of Gillingham** **With “Nyland Wade”**

At the end of last season no one could have foreseen what was to come in the first few months of the New Year. We were all planning our breeding pairs and dreaming of winning the big one in 2020. In March we were locked down and couldn't anticipate when racing would start.

Wind on 3 months and thank goodness we have finally reached our first race. Due to the Government guidelines on travel Wadebridge was on the agenda in order to at least get the pigeons up and running.

The first marking was always going to be a headache for the marking stations as everything was new to us making sure we had the correct procedures in place for social distancing etc and also there were existing venues we couldn't use but luckily we had great members stepping up to the mark and offering their help, premises and club headquarters for us to use.

Thank you to everyone involved at the Radstock, Southampton, Watchfield, Penkridge, Brighton and Bovingdon and also to the members for your patience.

The 1,280 birds sent by 121 members were liberated at 7am in to an East North East wind.

All positions are provisional until the paperwork is checked

Even racing Inland you still see previous National and Classic Winners still at the forefront of the result. The winner of our first race of the season **1st Open 1st Section B**. A blue yearling widowhood cock bred and raced by **John Halstead of Gillingham** and now named “Nyland Wade” held his line to make a speed of just over 43½ mph to take the first National win of 2020. His sire was Ruby's Lad, himself a winner of 1st Section 42nd Open NFC Saintes 3,187 birds as a yearling in 2014, also into a NE wind. His dam was purchased in 2017 from Hawkins and Evans and is a granddaughter of 'Pre Olympic'. The Ruby line has been very successful in National and Classic competition with at least six top three National and Classic performances and this bloodline goes all the way back to M & D Evans' original Vandenabeeles with Rolls Royce, Jester, Carrie, Pearce and Jade Leanne all in the pedigree.

Hatched mid April last year 'Wade' only had 2 young bird races whilst his sister won as a Young Bird; 1st Club 18th Dorset Fed, also from Wadebridge. Given 6 training tosses up to 35 miles and a first race last Saturday flying the 63 miles in 66 minutes this was only his 4th ever race. Exercise of 40 minutes each session morning and evening and a diet containing Golden Boost, Harkers Hormoform and Versele Laga feeds of Depurative, Gerry Plus and Champion Plus served to put him in tip top condition for the fly into a head wind.

Taking 3rd Open was John's pooled pigeon and one of the lofts sprint stars already named “Nyland Linford”. In 2019 he won the Dorset Fed yearling of the year trophy with several

good performances including 1st Club and 1st Federation Carentan 584 birds. Last Saturday he was again first Club from Newton Abbot and is of Vandenabeele cross Hardy Kruger bloodlines.

John would like to thank the secretary for all her efforts in getting the race on and all at Treetops for their sterling work in marking and getting the birds off to the race.



John Halstead and “Nyland Wade”

2nd & 8th Open, 2nd & 6th Section B Chris Bartlett from Salisbury. Congratulations to John Halstead and all the winners. I have one 18 foot 3 section loft and keep around 30 old birds, which are Janssen based and have 30-40 young birds each year. The old birds are raced widowhood and then paired up for the longer races.

My first bird is a hen now called “Primrose Jean” she is paired to another hen sent sitting eggs she has an X gold ring which was purchased for the Watchfield triple chance race where she was 7th.

Her sire as a young bird won the first 3 club races topping the Wiltshire and District Federation once and second club beaten by a loft mate as a yearling. Her dam has won 4th South West Section 26th Open Central Southern Classic Flying Club Messac.

My second bird is one I purchased in a young bird kit from Simeon Turner he has won 14th Section 118th Open National Flying Club Cholet, three 1st clubs and other positions.

Thanks to Nick Smith and Andy Parsons for taking my birds to the marking stations, that's another breakfast I owe you!



Chris Bartlett



2nd Open 2nd Section B



8th open

Lawrence and Marg Cowley from Dorchester timed in one of Marg's roundabout hens for **4th Open, 4th Section B**. She is flown to the hens own section only, trapping in the cock's section on race day. She is a Denis Sapin pigeon, bred from birds bought at Blackpool. She has 5 x 1st club and Fed cards and her 2 brothers have topped the Dorset Fed. The feed is Country Wide corn with Quill boost tonic in the water. We would once again like to thank Clare for all her hard work, particularly at this moment in time.



Marg Cowley

1st & 2nd Section G, 5th & 7th Open Mr & Mrs Darren May & Son Josh from West Ashling. 1st Section: He is a 2 year old cock, raced on roundabout widowhood. He has raced in National races previously being consistent. He is now winner of 1st Section G Wadebridge BBC 2020, 5th Open Wadebridge BBC 2020, 1st Premier 100 specialist club 2019, 48th Open Messac CSCFC 2019, 57th Open Le Mans BICC 2019. He is bred from one our of number 1 breeding pairs “Blue Rossi” (Son of our superbreeder “Spiderman”, son of “Rossi” and “Spinneke”, Heremans-Ceusters) x “Combine queen” (Granddaughter of “De Jan” and “De Power”, Heremans-Ceusters). This pair are parents of 10 x 1st Federation, 1st Section G BBC and Grandparents of 1st Section A NFC, 5 x 1st Federation. 2nd Section: He is a yearling cock, also raced on roundabout widowhood. He was a consistent young bird and is now winner of 2nd Section G Wadebridge BBC 2020, 7th Open Wadebridge BBC 2020, 6th South Coast Federation and Surrey Federation Amal (Beaten by loft mates on trap) 2019, 6th South coast Federation (Beaten by loft mates on trap) 2019, 6th Solent Federation 2019. He is a grandson of our supersire “Spiderman” and brother to one of J May & Son’s best racers “700” winner of 4 x 1st.



1st Section G 5th Open



2nd Section G 7th Open

6th Open Vincent McConnell (R & V McConnell) of Ferndown. My pigeon is a blue cock down from my mate Mark Gilbert and a grandson off his NFC winner Champ! (At least one of us wins Mark). He has topped the Dorset Fed as a yearling. He was well fancied after being 2nd Club 5th Fed last week in his warm up race. He's pictured here when I dropped off a special young bird to my mates daughter who's pigeon mad.

Now named "Parley"!!

Can I thank A Harp and N Pearse who took my pigeons to the marking station and informed me the marking went like a dream .!!

Thank you BBC and congratulations to all who took part.



Vincent McConnell and Friends

1st Section C 9th Open Dave Wyatt & Merv Gray from Nailsea. This yearling hen that topped the Section is from a family of pigeons similar to the one that bred 2nd Section BBC Fougères 2019. The grandsire has Gary Summers' NFC winning bloodlines in.



Wyatt & Gray's Hen

2nd Section C 10th Open Alan & Sue Thompson from Radstock. 2 year old Blue hen, “Sweet Harvest”. She is the most consistent hen we have had for a long time. Last year as a yearling she had 2 races each week for four weeks and was first bird to the loft each time. She then got badly hawked and we thought she wouldn’t race again. She recovered and is always in good condition.

Last week she was 2nd Club from Exeter, now she has put in a good performance with the BBC. She is of the Gaston Van de Wouwer family.

We would like to congratulate John Halstead for winning the race and Dave Wyatt for winning the section.

We also like to thank Clive & Jill Rogers and their team at Treetops for all their hard work at the marking station.



Alan & Sue Thompson

1st Section A 12th Open Rod Berry of Berry & Matthews from New Milton. The 1st Section Winner is a hen called “Lucy” she is a granddaughter of “Scar” the base of my Janseen Van den bosche family which I have had since 1986. She is raced on the roundabout system. She is four generations down from the originals.

Pictured is four generations of the Berry family. Rod and Ang with daughter Julie, granddaughter Chantel and great granddaughters Mia and Lucy.



The Four generations of the Berry Family

1st Section D 14th Open Steve Wells (Sherman & Wells) of Oxford. The pigeon that topped the section for us we brought at a Belgium show I went to with club mate Keith Shipperley.

Keith had purchased some young birds from Franz Lange of Germany and he had a stand there at the show where Keith was picking them up from. While we were at the stand I purchased two young birds, the hen that won being one of them.

She is Van den Bulck x Janssen Delbar she was flown on roundabout, her cock was my second pigeon.



Steve Wells

2nd & 3rd Section A 15th & 16th Open Mr & Mrs Garry Moody from Portsmouth.

We had two pigeons arrive together, The 1st bird is from a kit of baby's we brought in last year from my friend Paul Rimmington (Rimmington & Wright).

Second bird is van de Bulck and is a sister to one we gave to Bill Edwards which won the Section last year in the NFC which is Kittle lines.



Garry Moody & Lee

3rd Section G 17th Open John May & Son from Chichester. She is a 2 year old hen raced on Widowhood. She had been given some inland federation races leading up to this race. She has been a consistent hen in Federation and Nationals races. She is a direct Belgian rung Pitbull pigeon.



John, Darren & Josh May

2nd Section D 20th Open Mr & Mrs Paul Kenny & Family. We would like to congratulate the winners of the race and to say well done to the marking team at Watchfield.

Our bird is a yearling blue bar cock, flown on widowhood. He is a Vandenabeele, bred from our stock team off Mark Evan's at Myrtle lofts. His sire is off a son of Queen of Diamonds when paired to Levi Young and his dam is off Maverick when paired to Lady Cruise. All birds are fed Vanrobeyes corn which we get from our friend Steve Hughes of Swindon.



The Kenny Family

Paul Whitfield from Newcastle Under Lyme 1st Section E. One of the furthest flying lofts in band E on the day, times a 2 year old chequer widow cock to top band E flying over 208 Miles. It was bred from a cross of pigeons which Paul and his father swap every year, the mother of it was bred by Paul and is Kuyper x Verhaye and the sire is raced and owned by his father. Both parents have won many times.

The lofts sent 12 birds and had 9 on the day, Paul would like to thank the convoyer Patrick for the excellent condition of the returning pigeons.



Paul Whitfield's Lockdown Lad

2nd Section E Daniel Hughes from Market Drayton. The pigeon I timed “Westland Dream” was 2nd Section Bordeaux in 2019 and other multiple National performances. He was not raced as a young bird. He was bred by my Dad Mick Hughes.



Daniel Hughes

Convoyers Report

Thursday 11th June: Finished loading at Southampton (4.30pm). Arrived at Radstock for final pickup 6.00pm and left Radstock 7.00pm. Arrived at Wadebridge 10.45pm.

Friday 12th June: Up at 6.00am watered birds, 8.30am-9.00am fed birds in anticipation of early lib on Saturday.

Saturday 13th June: Up at 5.30am – not looking great at site but could see bright weather coming from the East. 6.15am totally different picture at site – sunshine and 20 miles visibility. 6.30am called Roger and agreed to liberate at 7.00am. Birds circled once and left heading East in one batch.

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	B355	J P Halstead	Gillingham	GB19N68892	9 38 37	1	1279.746
2	B323	C Bartlett	Salisbury	GB19X31943	10 14 39	1	1261.808
3	B355	J P Halstead	Gillingham	GB18N54985	9 41 25	1	1257.547
4	B96	Mr & Mrs L Cowley	Dorchester	GB17N54572	9 30 36	1	1228.811
5	G400	M/M May & Son	West Ashling	GB18N30924	11 15 18	1	1224.505
6	B282	R & V McConnell	Ferndown	GB18E21813	10 10 22	1	1224.427
7	G400	M/M May & Son	West Ashling	GB19N59664	11 17 0	1	1216.405
8	B323	C Bartlett	Salisbury	GB17S44732	10 23 10	1	1208.914
9	C309	Wyatt & Gray	Nailsea	GB19P16614	9 45 34	1	1204.723
10	C469	A & S Thompson	Radstock	GB18E16769	9 55 21	1	1200.508

11	B437	J M Fisher	Wimborne	GB17N071571	10	10	46	1	1199.853
12	A82	Berry & Matthews	New Milton	GB19N10743	10	29	40	1	1199.533
13	C826	S Thorpe	Swindon	GB19N29768	10	49	51	1	1197.546
14	D168	Sherman & Wells	Oxford	DV 17 0674607	11	24	48	1	1197.387
15	A125	M/M Moody	Portsmouth	GB19P01857	11	7	41	1	1194.162
16	A125	M/M Moody	Portsmouth	GB19N20520	11	7	42	1	1194.082
17	G411	J May & Son	Chichester	BELG18 6070992	11	21	7	1	1193.018
18	B132	R Dibben	Poole	GB19E21260	10	7	26	1	1190.429
19	A496	B Smith	Winchester	GB19R02506	10	53	50	1	1188.406
20	D375	M/M P Kenny & Family	Wantage	GB19N77341	11	14	37	1	1187.318
21	C425	S Hughes	Swindon	GB18N14099	10	50	22	1	1179.237
22	C425	S Hughes	Swindon	GB15N35898	10	50	51	1	1176.768
23	C157	Brown & Elliott Loft 1	Devizes	GB12N17727	10	24	26	1	1174.725
24	D566	N Finch	Wantage	GB19N32713	11	12	23	1	1173.754
25	B47	M White & Son	Bournemouth	GB18N06729	10	16	15	1	1169.350
26	G163	D & J Novis	Brighton	GB18N36166	12	17	48	1	1169.235
27	B685	Mr & Mrs N Smith	Salisbury	GB18N06752	10	33	13	1	1166.480
28	B1072	J Fulford	Salisbury	GB19A18831	10	36	8	1	1163.634
29	C223	P Barlow	Coombe Hill	GB19N10743	10	53	30	1	1163.623
30	A595	Mr & Mrs G Emm	Salisbury	GB19V45948	10	33	54	1	1162.571
31	D379	M/M M Dickinson & Sons	Hemel	GB17N04926	12	18	31	1	1161.996
32	A209	M Skidmore	Havant	GB18N73972	11	20	59	1	1161.726
33	B323	C Bartlett	Salisbury	GB19N25782	10	31	51	1	1159.363
34	A894	Mr & Mrs B Wall	Bedhampton	NEHU19Z6344	11	21	42	1	1156.114
35	C66	S Dickinson & P Newton	Weston Super	GB19N02084	9	37	58	1	1155.529
36	A140	Poole & May Bros	East Dean	GB18R10442	10	44	39	1	1154.164
37	C143	C & B Slocombe	Paulton	GB19P09981	9	59	8	1	1152.873
38	A1189	C Edwards	Romsey	GB19N23480	10	54	18	1	1146.859
39	B806	C Lake	Poole	GB18F33830	10	13	39	1	1141.090
40	D379	M/M M Dickinson & Sons	Hemel	GB17N04946	12	24	38	1	1140.102
41	B806	C Lake	Poole	GB18F24749	10	13	50	1	1140.010
42	A1085	G C Kingswood-Cox	Southampton	GB18F34001	11	2	16	1	1139.071
43	C197	D & K Bullingham	Stroud	GB16R17143	10	43	8	1	1138.875
44	D136	Chitty Brothers	Kings Langley	GB18N18377	12	24	24	1	1137.793
45	C454	G Clift	Tirley	GB19N10401	10	55	50	1	1137.549
46	B458	Mrs J Mills	West Moors	GB18S28302	10	27	7	1	1131.792
47	A1108	Mannor Lofts (M C & J	Southampton	GB18N07534	10	59	29	1	1128.400
48	B18	S Travers	Poole	GB19B26877	10	23	42	1	1124.890
49	D387	M/M F Elliston	Haddenham	GB16N87765	12	2	7	1	1124.542
50	C556	P Newton	Weston-Super-	GB19B02648	9	42	1	1	1122.243
51	E771	P Whitfield	Newcastle	GB18N26756	12	27	57	1	1119.399
52	D410	D Crick & Son	Luton	GB19L09205	12	44	49	1	1110.062
53	A486	J J Schoeman	Andover	SU191752	11	7	45	1	1109.695
54	E213	D Hughes	Market	GB18N58026	12	10	35	1	1105.581
55	C426	S Wilcox	Bristol	GB19F08776	10	6	47	1	1104.927
56	C111	R E Taylor & Sons	Bristol	GB19N24006	10	9	1	1	1100.226
57	B345	J Clapcott	Poole	GB19E21229	10	22	43	1	1091.528
58	C94	Mr & Mrs Fairfax & L	Langport	GB19N66302	9	40	38	1	1087.402
59	G447	T & J Gunn	Brighton	GB16C46182	12	41	8	1	1086.971
60	D224	T Haley	Nr Watford	BELG16 6003259	12	42	4	1	1083.543
61	E606	Mr & Mrs Beckett & Sons	Dunston	GB19Z08893	12	19	38	1	1082.425
62	B722	T Vincent	Dorchester	GB18X44735	9	47	50	1	1082.401
63	C619	D E Fox	Stroud	GB17R13600	10	52	1	1	1082.000
64	A182	M/M D Waterhouse	Bedhampton	GB19N01248	11	39	6	1	1080.498
65	E116	J Hughes	Market	GB17Z077277	12	18	12	1	1079.117
66	D45	D Hawthorne	Tadley	GB16P44839	11	46	39	1	1065.707
67	B576	Corey & Roger Owers	Crewkerne	GB19C23780	9	37	20	1	1062.553

68	A218	Mr & Mrs T Leggatt	Havant	GB18B06264	11	48	1	1	1059.501
69	E781	Mr & Mrs N Shaw	Crewe	GB19H07741	12	42	39	1	1059.174
70	G120	M/M Chaplin	Woking	GB17N43005	12	23	58	1	1053.179
71	C247	Mr & Mrs C Merrills	Swindon	GB16X61243	11	19	6	1	1052.146
72	D335	J & P Treanor	Luton	GB16L15187	13	0	11	1	1051.612
73	G46	P Gretton	Peacehaven	GB18V96817	13	0	14	1	1049.048
74	E519	J Richard & Son	Whitchurch	GB18N04565	12	23	18	1	1046.783
75	E216	A McKinnell	Telford	GB18D08608	12	11	50	1	1046.373
76	E809	D & P Whitfield	Newcastle	GB17N50391	12	48	1	1	1045.292
77	D335	J & P Treanor	Luton	GB15N69881	13	4	22	1	1039.538
78	A1097	Mr & Mrs D Stickland	Southampton	GB19D24911	11	16	39	1	1036.458
79	A303	E Booth	Gosport	GB18N03069	11	39	34	1	1033.825
80	C725	A Smith & Son	Wotton-Under-	GB19N31914	10	51	0	1	1029.688
81	C586	J Garvey	Walsall	GB17A40438	12	34	3	1	1024.113
82	C423	M/M P Goldfinch	Swindon	GB15S20520	11	26	7	1	1018.677
83	G249	D Rushman	Hove	GB18N96817	13	7	39	1	1008.511
84	B445	B Freeman	Abbotsbury	GB17S24695	9	55	45	1	1007.175
85	B1002	M Blake	Christchurch	WHU17R09696	11	0	30	1	998.349
86	A398	F Drain	Waterlooville	GB19B07548	12	2	58	1	995.222
87	A893	B D Basham	Southampton	GB19N56628	11	33	19	1	989.460
88	E147	J W Peever	Crewe	GB18N46167	13	11	19	1	987.742
89	E366	J & B Oakley	Whitchurch	GB17X26142	12	53	13	1	978.835
90	D678	Mr & Mrs D J Newman	Aylesbury	GB16N79819	12	45	4	1	966.042
91	B436	T J Godlonton	Milborne St	GB19C31203	10	31	21	1	961.150
92	A173	D Wells	Liphook	WHU19A40370	12	35	37	1	960.295
93	C39	Mr & Mrs N Nutt	Street	GB19N44913	10	8	17	1	959.187
94	B20	D Whitefield	Dorchester	GB19C31488	10	21	39	1	937.511
95	E57	G J Hallam	Dukinfield	GB18B31047	14	28	10	1	936.223
96	C478	M Edwards	Weston-Super-	GB18V45885	10	11	30	1	934.439
97	B451	F Jordan	Weymouth	GB18F41063	10	22	51	1	918.378
98	C855	G Hancock	Devizes	GB19N37050	11	27	23	1	910.019
99	D494	H Hine & Son	Dunstable	GB19L08943	13	59	25	1	894.175
100	C592	P & D Clarke	Taunton	GB19N70172	9	46	35	1	882.969
101	C227	B Holley	Frome	GB19N75805	11	2	41	1	880.402
102	E450	M Lovelock	Shrewsbury	GB19B27402	13	7	26	1	862.009
103	C77	Mr & Mrs M & C Brown	Hungerford	NEHU16B0502	12	36	43	1	841.883
104	A673	B Smith & Father	Southampton	GB18N31923	12	19	0	1	832.624
105	E36	Talent & Westbury	Corwen	GB18B39222	13	51	57	1	795.757
106	G245	S Simmons	Brighton	GB18R30599	14	47	12	1	774.608
107	A99	R D Hurst	Romsey	GB17E29279	13	1	4	1	742.129
108	G443	D Winter	Littlehampton	GB19L20217	16	51	30	1	572.374

Next race is from Messac June 27th. Marking is on Thursday 25th June. Closing date for postal entries is the weekend of 20th/ 21st June and online entries Monday 22nd June.

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