



THE HOME OF LONG DISTANCE PIGEON RACING

Bordeaux National
1st Open 1st Section B
Tony Stephens from Parkstone
With “Annie”

The journey to Bordeaux saw a collaboration with the Central Southern Classic Flying Club for the first time with 177 members sending 1,030 birds of which 351 were duplicated from the Classic in to the BBC. Between the two organisations the total amount of actual pigeons sent was 1,434 birds. Working together from both sides the Race Advisors Roger Hurst and Clive Merrills held off on the liberation by one day due to the weather conditions on Saturday with the birds being released on Sunday at 6.15am.

Roger Hurst/ Clive Merrills: The birds were liberated at 6.15am into a broken sky with a very light Westerly breeze and very good visibility. Birds cleared immediately and last seen heading north in one bunch.

The forecast is as follows. The weather through France is mainly sunny with some cloudy parts and a variable West to SW wind which increases as the birds come up though France. The Channel is clear with a West to South Westerly wind of 15 to 20 mph. Into the UK this continues with more cloud later in the afternoon with some isolated showers. Visibility is given as good to very good over the whole route.

Temperatures are of no concern at a maximum of low to mid 20 degrees centigrade.

As always our thanks and appreciation go to our marking stations for all their hard work in assuring everyone is kept safe whilst the birds are being marked.

Considering the strong West/ South West in the wind it is very unusual to have 6 sections out of the 8 sending to be in the top eight of the provisional, well done to you all. Well done to all who timed on the Monday during the rainstorms and to all the further flying members whose pigeons worked hard to get home.

Warmest congratulations to our Bordeaux National Winner **Tony Stephens of Parkstone 1st Open 1st Section B**. I was pleased and surprised to see my name at the top of the leaderboard. The pigeon (Annie) I timed is a blue yearling hen paired to another hen, sent on a one day old baby. She has been raced mainly from the West Country and had one channel race from Messac with the Classic. She is a Vandenabeele, her father has one the Fed 4 times for me, twice from Fougeres and twice from Carentan. The mother was my best young bird in 2018 winning the Dorset Fed Breeder Buyer and scoring 6 times in the first 10 in our club. They originate from Brian Shipley and C.B and C. Harris. Well done to everybody who timed in on a hard day.



Tony Stephens

1st Section G 2nd Open Phil Weedon & Sons from Uckfield. May we first thank you and your team for all the organisation that has been required to get this season up and running since lockdown was eased. We can't believe how hard you work keeping up with the updates coming as birds arrive. Thank you.

Also we'd like to congratulate all who have timed in on this difficult race and especially Tony Stephen's on his 2nd Section win in succession and his Open win this weekend.

Here is a little bit of information about the Blue Hen.

Her Sire is from a Grandson of Raoul Verstraete's Topstar and a Granddaughter of Hooyman's Harry. He was bought at Blackpool a few years ago. The Dam was a gift from James Parker from JPS Lofts and was bred down from Pros Roosen's Blauw Prins.

This was only her 2nd time across the channel. Last year she flew BBC Cholet but homed 2 days late. This year she has had 5 inland races up to 266 miles and has been consistently one of our first birds home. She was our 1st bird from last weekend's Okehampton 180 mile dash and really fresh and keen on her cock on return so we felt that we should basket her for Bordeaux.



Phil Weedon's Hen

1st Section D 3rd Open Dan Crick & Son from Luton. Blue Hen GB19L09003. Flying almost 500 miles on the day is an achievement in itself, but winning the Section and taking 3rd Open BBC with a yearling makes people sit up and take notice. Dan Crick's "WhatsApp" lit up on race night when word went round the Leagrave club members and the congratulations just kept coming. There was no fluke about this performance. The Sire of this medium size blue hen is a Mealy cock which won 25th Open BBC Fougères for Dan. The Dam was purchased at a BICC auction from the Dover lofts of H & P Archibald. The breeding is from "The Proof" which won 2nd and 3rd Open Tarbes in consecutive years.

Since moving to Luton two years ago and joining the Leagrave Club, Dan Crick's main priority has been National racing. He comes from a family steeped in pigeon racing and wishes to thank them for the support they gave him when setting up on his own in Luton.

He would particularly like to thank Colin Crick of Stotfold and his son Adam. He also sends thanks to his former racing partner Andy Baron of Offley. Andy and Dan won 6th Open Midlands National Bordeaux in a very hard race with no day birds.

Finally, and not to be forgotten Dan thanks his Loft Manager, his son Harry, aged 5. Harry is what you would call an active club member on race nights.



Dan Crick

2nd Section D 4th Open Dennis Baker of Maidenhead. This two year old blue bar cock is of Rauw Sablon blood, being a grandson of 1st International Bordeaux for Eric Limbourg and "Going or Gold" 1st CSCFC Carentan for Roger Lowe.



Dennis Baker

1st Section A 5th Open Jimmy Wearn & Erik Neilson of Ramsdean. Our blue hen provisional 1st Section 5th Open from the Bordeaux race now called Ramsdean Clare. Her breeding on the sire's side is Herman Ceusters and on the dam side is John Gerrard. She has been raced every other week with her last race being Messac.

All our race birds have been raced celibate this season and results have steadily been improving in recent weeks. Just like to congratulate everyone else who clocked especially our good friend Roger Lowe who was immediately on the phone to congratulate us as we were also entered in the Classic Bordeaux race in which we won.



Erik Neilson

6th & 10th Open Roger Lowe from Reading. My first two arrivals are nest sisters bred from the “Main Man” winner of 1st Fed and 2nd & 3rd Open National Flying Club Saintes. He is sire to many winners including “The One” winner of 1st Central Southern Classic Guernsey and “Main Son” winner of 1st Sigogne National FC. Main Man is a son of “My Little Diamond” winner of 1st NFC in her only ever race being of the de Klak blood lines, sire is a direct Marcel Aelbrecht Magic Man de Raw Sablon blood lines. Dam of the sisters is “Lucky Supreme” given to me as a egg by Mark Gilbert from his Southfield Supreme winner of the Dax International for Mark. Lucky Supreme as always paired to the Main Man so is the dam of many winners.

The first hen “Main 615” was not earmarked to go as I lost one of the eight I’d entered training so she took its place, as it had been my first old bird back from the previous weeks race from Messac with the National.

Sending eight double widowhood hens having 3 home on the night and 3 the next morning it turned out to be a reasonable race so hopefully all had good returns (Where are you Gilbert).



Roger Lowe

7th Open Paul Davies from Jersey. The hen I timed “Lynne” is a 2 year old sitting 14 days. This was my first race this year having only been able to train off of a boat at Granville 30 miles, then jumped in to Bordeaux 304 miles.

This hen was given to me from Keith Duffin which I am very grateful for.

Thank you to Clare for all her hard work and Bill Edwards for collecting the Jersey birds from Portsmouth docks and taking them to the marking station.



Paul Davies

1st Section J 8th Open Rob & Andrew Wilton (D Wilton & Son) of Chadwell St Mary. The pigeon we clocked is a two year old cock flown on the widowhood system. He's a Brockamp pigeon his dam is a grand daughter of Euro Diamond and Perpignan 06 she has been a very good breeder for us breeding many top National performers. His sire is also a grandson of Euro Diamond on one side and has also been a very good breeder for us both of them were bred by the Jutla Brothers from East London in 2011.

Ee had Bordeaux in mind for this cock from the start sending him up to Poitiers with the BICC in preparation and he flew well being there and never made any mistakes every Channel race he had this year. We are very happy to win Section J and had a very good days racing on the day winning both our clubs and the strong Thames North and Eastern Counties aswell as our top performance in the BBC.

Well done to all those that timed birds in on the day in what turned out to be a tough race all over.

2nd Section A 9th Open Ken & Sue Francis of Southampton. Our pigeon is a 3 year old blue chequer cock, flown on the traditional Widowhood system. He had only two races with the Southampton & District Fed prior to going to Messac with the CSCFC, and then on to Bordeaux. He is a Billy Lynch Casaert; the Casaerts being the only family now housed at our lofts.



Rob, Andrew and Louie Wilton



Ken Francis

2nd Section G 11th open Don Harvey of Dover. First of all I'd like to say congratulations to Tony Stephens on a fine win, also thanks to Clare and Martin Norman for all the work they put in.

My first bird is a 2 year old widowhood cock who has shown some promise in the few races he has flown this year. He had a month out last season from his first channel race. He is bred from a direct Menne & Daughter cock who is a son of Christine - she was 1st National, 3rd International from Pau. The dam is one of the first five that I bought from my mate Bert Shepherd being from his family of Ko Nipius/Jan Aarden.



Don and Elaine Harvey

2nd Section B 12th Open Mark & Julie Gower of Fordingbridge. Congratulations to Tony Stephens on a great result topping off a great season for him.

My bird is a yearling cock flown on a roundabout system. He is a result of some co breeding with Andy Parsons as it's four grand parents are 4th, 2nd & 5th Open Tarbes NFC and the fourth being a top stock cock originating from Keith Bush.

This cock has flown 3 inland races and then the BBC Messac where he homed with so much energy left that I knew he would go to Bordeaux next.

I like to use this race to send some yearlings to test out some stock pairs.

My next bird at 06.23 is a full sister to the first bird which is pleasing. Let's hope they go on to Tarbes next year and the job they were bred for as more often than not BOP stop them achieving this.

Last years section winner and 4th Open was taken by BOP !!



Mark Gower

1st & 2nd Section C Mrs Janet Wilcox (Janet & Ken) from Midsomer Norton, Radstock.

Congratulations to winners to Tony Stephens in the BBC and Wearn Bros & Neilson in the Central Southern Classic in what turned out another difficult race for many due to the lack of sun on route total cloud cover which results in only the very fittest bird coming through.

Our first bird was a widowhood cock very consistent for several seasons in Classic races. It is bred from winning lines being 3 parts Geoff Kirkland old lines Desmet/ Bowen line from his days at Coalport. We have preserved these lines now for 25 years and at no time have they let us down with introductions from Tom Sherwood's (Champion Jack) twice 2nd Open NFC Saintes. The cock we timed is g.grandson of Jack. Good pigeons have also been exchanged with our friend Dave Vowles of Street.

Our second timer was a gift bird from Fil & Karen Travetti when they decided like many other to leave the fancy, they bred him and it won the Paulton breeder /buyer race in 2017. It was gifted to us on conditions we race him on. Lightly raced till this year he had come well from Messac and Poitiers this season.

Finally on behalf of all fanciers here in this area we must thank Clive & Jill Rogers for the way they have organised their premises for marking, without them we are sure it would have been almost impossible to compete during the pandemic.



Janet & Ken Wilcox

2nd Section H Willie Healy from Jersey. Well done to the winner and also my pigeon friend Paul Davies for winning the section and his open position.

My pigeon is a three year old chequer pied cock sent sitting on four day egg, he was my timer from Bordeaux last year. His sire is a Kirkland cross Janssen pigeon, his damn is a Van Wan Roy cross Scottish blood, personally speaking after the time in the basket, my birds were in good condition on their return.

To all those involved in the BBC thank you on behalf of the Channel Island pigeon fanciers, and thank you to Clare.



Willie Healy

1st Section E Team Aurel (Aurel Voiculescu) of Telford. There she is, Nela my beautiful hen, 1st Section E (over 500miles) from Bordeaux National, 540miles with British Barcelona Club BBC. What a gallant hen in such a difficult race! She flew her heart out through a wall of rain on Monday morning with a velocity of 878ypm. The next bird clocked in Section E was timed nearly 4 hours later.

What is more amazing is that Nela was never raced as an young bird, yearling or 2 year old, she was only basket trained to the South Coast. This year, as a 3 year old, she completed 4 inland races and one Channel race from Carentan. She is flown on a roundabout system to Bordeaux.

I dedicate this win to my childhood mentor Nelu Vasile, who passed away last year. Rest in peace Nea Nelu, your marathon bloodlines are the foundations of my loft!

Special thanks to my loft manager Cristi, with whom I share the same philosophy on racing and being patient with pigeons. Also to Bob Besant for his calming influence for this race. Very impressed with John Garvey at Penkridge marking with the organisation of basketing and thank you Clare Norman the BBC secretary for putting up with my pestering emails.

The most beautiful thing I experienced is the camaraderie in the sport. Thank you Jeremy Davies, Anthony Besant, Wayne Jones, Chris Balson, Mark Bulled, Kevin and Lee Buddle, Geoff and Catherine Cooper, Cosmin Darda, Stewart Reed, Gica Stanca, Barry Winter. Without your guidance and support I would be lost by now.



Team Aurel (Aurel Voiculescu)

2nd Section J Mark Bulled of Harlow. This is a yearling widowhood hen who breeding is half of my Legacy family. The dam is from Lee & Kevin Buddle through Tom and Elsa.

Our furthest flyers competing from Bordeaux is **Noel & Adam Gaunt from Leeds 2nd Section E** flying 613 miles. We are a father and son partnership flying as Noel & Adam Gaunt from Leeds. Our bird has previously been 8th Heavy Woollen fed from Poitiers 513 miles on the day in 2017, 7th Leeds Amal Poitiers on the day 2018, 7th Leeds Amal Poitiers 2019. She was going to be our sole NFC Pau candidate but as the Combines 500 mile race was cancelled we decided to join the BBC and send our 500 & 700 birds (7 in total) to Bordeaux 613 miles to us. The hen is bred from a full brother to our first clocking from the only other time we sent to Bordeaux that time with the MNFC when we got 5 of our 7 on the day finishing 5th & 6th section, 31st & 32nd open. The dam was

purchased from a charity auction as a youngster from Brian Holland from Keighley and is a granddaughter of Pennine Heights of Shackleton & Son.



Mark, Abbie & Charlotte Bulled



Neil and Adam Gaunt

Next in line to Janet Wilcox in **Section C is Clive & Wendy Merrills of Swindon**. Congratulations to the winners and all those that timed in on the day. As one of Race advisors I was somewhat disappointed at the number of birds that made it on the day. I had hoped the weather was more in their favour than it appears to have been. I am however pleased at the number of arrivals on the next day given the rain and wind that covered the country in the morning. The pigeon is a Deweerdt/Jan Aarden having her third race, two inland and Messac two weeks ago. As with all my birds she was celebrate but had paired to another hen, no eggs, having them taken away after laying. The sire is a gift from Guy Reed (IOW) and the dam a 4 year old which as this is written is on her way to Barcelona with the BBC.



Clive & Wendy Merrills

Telephone & 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>Velocity</i>
1	B181	A Stephens	Poole	GB19N11884	16 1 4 1	1229.882
2	G441	P R Weedon & Sons	Uckfield	GB18V78689	16 21 27 1	1225.285
3	D410	D Crick & Son	Luton	GB19L09003	17 55 36 1	1216.083
4	D438	Dennis Baker	Maidenhead	GB18H08654	17 27 12 1	1199.747
5	A122	Wearn Brothers 1 &	Ramsdean	GB18N04020	16 44 17 1	1178.935
6	D720	R J Lowe	Reading	GB18N07615	17 34 47 1	1177.094
7	H483	P Davies	Jersey	GB18A14954	13 51 19 1	1176.372
8	J401	D Wilton & Son	Chadwell St	GB18V87431	17 55 0 1	1147.451
9	A263	K & S Francis	Southampton	GB17V04207	16 56 47 1	1137.418
10	D720	R J Lowe	Reading	GB18N07614	18 6 13 1	1125.071
11	G753	D Harvey	Dover	GB18N87509	17 47 19 1	1120.611
12	B85	Mr & Mrs M Gower	Fordingbridge	GB19N26379	17 23 6 1	1112.085
13	A417	R & H Barrs	Stubbington	GB17S36676	17 5 53 1	1110.901
14	G900	D Reid	Weybridge	GB15N29218	18 9 6 1	1101.769
15	D1211	J & P Parker	Reading	GB17N26920	18 17 49 1	1097.989
16	D198	A McIlquham	Enfield	GB18X47588	19 12 25 1	1061.767
17	D383	Shefqet Breznica	Hatfield	GB18B00502	19 25 36 1	1054.631
18	C109	Janet Wilcox	Radstock	GB15N28242	18 47 45 1	1051.350
19	G37	Mr & Mrs T Welch	Chichester	GB18N09787	17 46 23 1	1044.643
20	B96	Mr & Mrs L Cowley	Dorchester	GB18N43769	17 57 27 1	1037.057
21	B328	A Parsons	Salisbury	GB19N26657	18 29 45 1	1034.059

22	C109	Janet Wilcox	Radstock	GB17E07141	19	2	51	1	1030.675
23	G501	Fagg & Nicholas	Sittingbourne	GB19N65069	19	0	57	1	1029.301
24	B132	R Dibben	Poole	GB18F24859	17	53	9	1	1026.602
25	H361	W Healy	Jersey	GB17A04201	14	59	30	1	1025.373
26	B323	C Bartlett	Salisbury	GB18S41150	18	40	43	1	1018.306
27	B1072	J Fulford	Salisbury	GB19N50189	18	43	59	1	1016.183
28	G400	M/M May & Son	West Ashling	GB19N59899	18	34	9	1	980.241
29	G251	N Jones	Sandwich	GB16P33990	19	48	47	1	972.129
30	G221	A Richardson	Seaford	GB18S09518	18	34	0	1	971.030
31	B471	Mr & Mrs T Anderson	Poole	GB17F16021	18	35	30	1	970.587
32	A26	G Reed	Shanklin	GB19N21793	18	20	43	1	965.721
33	A218	Mr & Mrs T Leggatt	Havant	GB18N78924	18	53	1	1	956.644
34	B685	Mr & Mrs N Smith	Salisbury	GB17N28439	19	44	19	1	937.060
35	B16	D Lanaham	Poole	GB19E21347	19	32	15	1	909.480
36	B355	J P Halstead	Gillingham	GB19N68872	20	17	46	1	896.508
37	E295	Team Aurel (Aurel	Telford	GB17V37543	8	4	43	2	878.085
38	B729	Cottrell Richmond & Son	Wimborne	GB18N87653	20	17	21	1	864.493
39	G31	P Baker	Seaford	GB18X18272	20	24	33	1	855.927
40	J58	M Bulled	Harlow	GB19B06957	6	21	38	2	848.723
41	J302	Sontag & Son	Harlow	GB18V64000	6	48	18	2	827.176
42	E290	N A Gaunt	Leeds	GB15L23694	12	7	13	2	812.426
43	C247	Mr & Mrs C Merrills	Swindon	GB18V03023	6	54	8	2	806.858
44	G481	I K & S M Butler	Crowborough	GB19N81663	5	55	25	2	779.867
45	B1071	S Bunn	Amesbury	GB18R03820	6	41	23	2	766.118
46	B85	Mr & Mrs M Gower	Fordingbridge	GB19N26310	6	23	24	2	753.994
47	E809	D & P Whitfield	Newcastle	GB17N50374	12	8	8	2	750.300
48	B729	Cottrell Richmond & Son	Wimborne	GB18H46394	6	26	21	2	736.791
49	D438	Dennis Baker	Maidenhead	GB17R27652	8	17	14	2	733.667
50	A271	A Barrett	Portsmouth	GB19N20169	6	26	15	2	732.262
51	J292	Gladwin & Jarvis	Leigh on Sea	GB18N76523	8	41	47	2	727.887
52	A620	A E Shepherd	Woodmancote	GB19N41411	6	35	34	2	727.356
53	D438	Dennis Baker	Maidenhead	GB17N60138	8	33	58	2	722.666
54	D438	Dennis Baker	Maidenhead	GB17N60136	8	36	32	2	721.008
55	B282	R & V McConnell	Ferndown	GB18E21821	6	45	6	2	718.757
56	B228	Mr & Mrs Crutcher	Poole	GB14B17628	6	50	36	2	709.945
57	G623	Mr & Mrs V J Durrant &	Godalming	GB18D21103	7	59	37	2	705.483
58	B85	Mr & Mrs M Gower	Fordingbridge	GB19N26409	7	32	22	2	704.675
59	A1189	C Edwards	Romsey	GB17R12732	7	36	44	2	704.123
60	E771	P Whitfield	Newcastle	GB18N26748	13	43	36	2	701.528
61	G753	D Harvey	Dover	GB18N87555	8	33	3	2	695.771
62	B85	Mr & Mrs M Gower	Fordingbridge	GB19N26365	7	46	26	2	695.397
63	D438	Dennis Baker	Maidenhead	GB17R27640	9	18	39	2	694.845
64	B16	D Lanaham	Poole	GB19E21371	7	22	8	2	694.437
65	B132	R Dibben	Poole	GB18F24837	7	17	36	2	689.422
66	A26	G Reed	Shanklin	GB19N21785	6	54	39	2	689.363
67	G842	F Knowles & Son	Canterbury	GB17F13822	9	4	22	2	688.681
68	D541	R Nye	Stevenage	GB14S23071	10	36	30	2	688.645
69	C309	Wyatt & Gray	Nailsea	GB18P28733	9	44	44	2	687.046
70	A1070	C Ret & Dtr	Southampton	GB18S24546	7	47	6	2	686.798
71	C309	Wyatt & Gray	Nailsea	GB18V69280	9	47	44	2	685.314
72	C76	F J Quinn	Devizes	GB18N48007	9	15	40	2	684.304
73	D690	P & L Worley	Staines	GB14N01655	9	24	21	2	683.167
74	G391	P Price	Canterbury	GB16N52773	9	9	34	2	682.573

75	C586	J Garvey	Walsall	GB18R24992	13	5	35	2	682.317
76	G753	D Harvey	Dover	GB18N87540	8	56	33	2	681.410
77	C340	B J Millard	Bristol	GB17N83498	9	28	25	2	681.188
78	A192	C Hallett	Portsmouth	GB17S08333	7	44	9	2	674.340
79	E101	Mr & Mrs A Shore	Crewe	GB17N042367	14	37	14	2	674.327
80	C324	E Davis	Marlborough	GB17N26718	9	24	11	2	673.832
81	E270	C Whittingham	Stafford	GB18B26019	13	47	5	2	671.266
82	E651	P A Prinold	Derrington	GB18N58715	14	4	48	2	670.250
83	C879	N Greatwich	Cleobury	GB15N05390	12	58	14	2	668.526
84	A140	Poole & May Bros	East Dean	GB17N88302	8	43	1	2	668.188
85	C309	Wyatt & Gray	Nailsea	GB18V69257	10	18	45	2	667.901
86	D438	Dennis Baker	Maidenhead	GB17R27610	10	6	6	2	667.553
87	G827	Lyden Brothers	Sandwich	GB17N007310	9	41	39	2	667.214
88	C109	Janet Wilcox	Radstock	GB16N29003	9	47	52	2	665.121
89	D438	Dennis Baker	Maidenhead	GB18H08666	10	15	21	2	662.481
90	G400	M/M May & Son	West Ashling	GB19A38438	8	12	47	2	661.817
91	C879	N Greatwich	Cleobury	GB17 065404	13	12	56	2	661.481
92	C403	S Bennett	Bristol	GB18N15046	10	40	4	2	661.432
93	A26	G Reed	Shanklin	GB18N22469	7	37	35	2	661.431
94	G753	D Harvey	Dover	GB17L49858	9	32	36	2	660.497
95	E24	Mark Lester	Burton on	GB19V97535	14	24	38	2	657.956
96	A496	B Smith	Winchester	GB15N63670	9	5	17	2	657.649
97	G772	A J Turner	Dover	GB16N97769	9	54	18	2	652.816
98	G384	D Bridger	Littlehampton	GB18N34666	8	20	8	2	652.309
99	C76	F J Quinn	Devizes	GB18N48030	10	19	59	2	648.287
100	C109	Janet Wilcox	Radstock	GB16N29042	10	23	22	2	645.852

Convoyers Report

Wednesday 22 July - finished loading Southampton 15.30hrs, put water on birds and drove to Portsmouth Docks at 17.00hrs. Fed birds 17.30hrs, topped up water. Overnight sailing to Caen.

Thursday 23 July - left Caen at 06.30hrs. Drove for 5 miles, stopped and topped up water. Stopped again at 10.00hrs in a service station, filled up water tanks on transporter, Topped up water and rested birds until 11.30hrs. Parked up for the night at 16.15hrs, fed birds 17.00hrs and topped up water.

Friday 24 July - drove the 1hr into Bordeaux at 09.00hrs. Filled up water tanks and cleaned out drinkers. Fed the birds 11.00hrs, put water back on birds, back doors left open all day and water topped up regularly. Phoned Clive (Race Advisor) 19.30hrs. He said things not looking good for a Saturday liberation, but to phone him 07.00hrs.

Saturday 25 July - spoke to Clive at 07.00hrs. He said weather in the UK not good and the Channel was very bad. We decided to holdover and try for Sunday. Fed birds at 10.00hrs and put clean water in all drinkers. Phoned Clive 19.30hrs and he said looking good for Sunday lib and to phone him at 06.00hrs.

Sunday 26 July - up at 05.00hrs and put transporter into position and pulled back sides and cut strings. Weather on site was good, phoned Clive 06.00hrs and agreed to lib at 06.15hrs. The birds left the site in one batch heading North in a light west wind. All birds were out of sight in less than a minute.

Messac National Award Winners 2020

N Jones (G251) – The Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate, Glass Rosebowl and Section G Medal.

Mr & Mrs S Harris & Dtr (A760) – Section A Medal.

A Stephens (B181) – Section B Medal.

S Hughes (C425) – Section C Medal.

D Baker (D438) - Section D Medal.

D & P Whitfield (E809) - Section E Medal.

Gladwin & Jarvis (J292) – Section J Medal.

Return of 2019 Trophies. Please could all 2019 trophy winners make sure any trophies are returned to me by September 10th at the latest. If you wish to take them to the young bird marking, the I/C will make sure I receive them. Thank you.

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