

St Philbert OB1 National
1st Open 1st Section D
Dennis Baker from Maidenhead
With “Challen”

The first French channel race in two years saw the BBC, CSCFC and BICC joining forces and head to St Philbert du Peuple. On board the BICC lorry being convoyed by Trevor and Steve was 2,173 birds. This was new territory for channel racing from the UK with lots of hurdles to overcome in order to just cross that stretch of water. We need to applaud everyone who has assisted in making this possible for the future of South Road pigeon racing. The marking day went very well considering all the new formalities and big thanks must go to everyone who helped, even the members waiting in line who mucked in too. All latest information is available on “Latest News” on the website if you could keep any of our members updated who do not have access to the internet please.

With his second BBC winner under his belt this season congratulations go to **Dennis Baker of Maidenhead 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 8th 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Section D.** My 1st bird was a yearling hen whose four grandparents are Southfield Champ 1st NFC Saintes x daughter of Che 2x 1st NPO and Rolex 1st NFC Saintes x The 139 1st Open Messac NFC, 2nd bird is mainly Sablon from the Gilbert 1st International Bordeaux bloodlines. My winner I have now called Challen after a mate of mine who won BBC Palamos in 1970 W.J Challen of Cookham Dean flying 691 miles. I did time 3 others all GB18H08663, GB19N45532, 19N45511 times 14:39:43, 14:57:23, 15:23:30, I would like to thank Clare and Lady Di and all the markers for their help.



Dennis Baker

1st Section C 2nd Open Trevor Booth & John Roper of Tewkesbury. It was an awesome Saturday for Trevor & John taking 3x 1st Sections from St Philbert. Their 1st pigeon timed, raced on their roundabout system, off their old established family, the Van den Bosche/ Dordin lines with some of their French hen in the mix. This hen has been very consistent in top competition this season. She was the fancied bird, coming through in a very tough race with storms to negotiate flying nearly 50 miles further than the open winner. Her dam, French Magic, was a top racer in the loft taking 2nd Section 3rd Open BICC Falaise, 13th Section 22nd Open MNFC Carentan, 2nd Section 4th Open BICC Le Mans, 3rd Section 26th Open NFC Falaise, 1st Section 150th Open BICC Guernsey. Her Grandsire, Sportsview TJ, took 3rd Section 31st Open NFC Messac, 2nd Section 43rd Open NFC Ancenis. They would like to take this opportunity to thank all the well wishers and club members at Charlton Kings FC for giving them a really warm reception in the pub. It has been quite overwhelming. They would like to congratulate Dennis Baker on winning the open and all section winners.



Trevor Booth & John Roper

1st Section G 6th Open Kevin Foster of Longfield Hill. It's a 2 year old dark widower cock bred by John Crehan from his Hooymans Harry family. It's been very consistent regularly featuring in NFC and BICC results but always finding a few loft mates just in front.

He is actually one I wanted for a little later on, thinking that around 400/500 would suit him better. We will see. Well done to all those who featured in the result of a difficult race especially the winner Dennis Baker.

1st Section A 7th Open Bob and Mark Pegler of Downton. We would like to thank everyone who has helped to make racing from France possible, we could have done with a little easier race to start with, the birds certainly had to battle to get home. Well done to the winners in the Classic John and Dave Staddon and the BBC Dennis Baker. Our bird is a 2 year old widowhood cock his sire was bred by Roy Orchard and is a Kirkpatrick and his dam was bred by Geoff Kirkland bred down from the Snake.

2nd Section C 9th Open Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales of Writhlington. This two-year-old cock was bred from a Padfield (Miracle Lofts) cock that was bred from a half-brother to the Dream Maker crossed with a daughter of Iron Lady and a granddaughter of Indy. The dam was from Ray Strawbridge (City Lofts) with Jan Aarden and Padfield bloodlines. So, all the old tough, hardworking pigeon blood produced a pigeon to find its way home to Treetops Loft in this really hard race from St Philbert. The loft sent 33 pigeons to this race and timed three on the day. Jill, Clive & Neil would like to thank everyone involved in the epic voyage to get channel racing started up again, like this race it has been a long road but hopefully will produce a brighter future for the sport.



Kevin Foster



Bob Pegler



Neil Sales, Clive & Jill Rogers.

2nd Section G Dave Bridger of Littlehampton. I was delighted to see that after bit of a long wait my yearling blue hen now named 'Sahara' dropped on the loft as fresh as if she had just been out for a spin. The name 'Sahara' came about from the amount of Sahara dust that was falling with spots of rain we had later, this must have made flying conditions for the birds very difficult and probably together with the heat in France must have accounted for many empty perches on Saturday night. 'Sahara' has had 4 other races this year with the South Coast Federation which included two Amalgamation races from Wadebridge and Okehampton so was therefore well set up to go to the next step. She is flown on my Bridgerhood system which is loosely based on widowhood but because I race both cocks and hens the system has been adapted over the years to suit the racing that I want to have. This hen has always been one of the early birds to the loft and has shown good promise right from the start. Her G/Dam is 'Topaz' direct from my National winning hen 'Heatwave' who was 1st NFC Messac 2017 when she was paired to Crammond &

Langstaff's NFC National winning cock 'Spartacus' who was also 1st NFC Messac. On the sire's side the breeding is G/Sire 'War Admiral' bred by Jim & Eileen Whitehead of Durham out of Syndicate Lofts 'War Drum'. As you can see full of winning potential. It was a tough race and I would like to pass on my congratulations to Dennis Baker who had a fantastic day with a convincing win.



Dave Bridger's Loft and blue hen

2nd Section A Martin, Clare & Jack Norman Mannor Lofts of Southampton. Our hen on the Sire's side is our own family made up of Andy Parsons/ Les Kidd & Guy Reed. The Dam was bought from Earling Dean and she was bred by Roger Phillips in Guernsey.



Martin, Clare & Jack Norman's hen

1st Section B Mel & Sue King of Blandford Forum. Congratulations to the winner and all section winners. Our section winner was again from our Vandenabeele family. A yearling hen raced on our celibacy system, amongst minor prizes she was previously 2nd Section 22nd Open Young Bird National Guernsey National Flying Club. Her sire is a Grandson of our original "Shadow" Daughter and won 1st

Federation Longest Young Bird race. Her dam is also a Grand daughter of our “Shadow “Hen and a daughter of the sire of 1st Open National Flying Club Coutances.

Well done to all who took part in getting this race off the ground contributing in a major or minor way. It was so nice to see so many happy and helpful people mucking in at the marking.



Mel and Sue King



Izabelle Wilson holding 2nd Section and Jazmin Wilson holding 3rd Section.

2nd & 3rd Section B Dave Wilson & Daughters of Yeovil. Great result to be 2nd and 3rd Section BBC with our Jan Aarden based birds on a very hard day, both birds have the Witbuik Aarden lines in them and they are very hardy birds.

2nd Section BBC St Philbert GB20 N27608 Blue Cock who has been one of the most consistent pigeons in the loft since a young bird. Bred from a gifted bird from Ian and Lee Sullivan and the dam lines are from the House of Aarden birds Witbuik Aarden and Padfield Invincible. Winner of Club race from Brighton as a yearling and also 4th Section NFC Guernsey 2 as a yearling. This Season from Guernsey 1 was 5th Section CSCFC and 5th Section BBC Guernsey 2. Bred to fly longer distances we are very pleased with his 2nd Section from St Philbert on a very hard day.

3rd Section BBC St Philbert GB21 D24961 Chequer Hen. Gifted to the twins as a young bird from Paul Imeson from Wakefield as Paul was unable to race in 2021. Sire is from the Witbuik Aarden lines and the dam is a grand daughter of Incredible Louella and Black Shadow. Was ready to race as a young bird but had fat eye and ended up not racing at all in 2021. This season had 1 race in club from Lyndhurst and then went to Guernsey 1 in BBC and was 8th Section Guernsey 2 BBC was 6th Section again, bred to want longer distance and very impressed that such an inexperienced bird made it home on such a hard day to be 3rd Section.

1st Section E Dave & Paul Whitfield of Newcastle Under Lyme. He is a 3 year old chequered cock 3/4 Jan Arden 1/4 Verheye. He prized from Messac as a yearling. This is his 6th race this season consisting of 3 club races and 2 races from Guernsey with the BBC.

The photo is of my chequer cock in immaculate condition taken on his return from St Philbert

A big thank you from both Dave and Paul to Richard Chambers for getting the birds to the marking station also congratulations to all section winners on a hard day.



Dave & Paul Whitfield's hen



Dean Jones hen

2nd Section E Dean Jones of Boston. The pigeon is 100% Padfield's being a granddaughter of Padfield's Jack and Padfield's St Vincent. She is raced on the roundabout system. She had previously been to Guernsey twice this year with BICC/NFC. She will now be re paired with either Poitiers or NFC Pau in mind.

At the time of writing I have 5 of my 14 entries back on what proved a very testing day for the northern fanciers.

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| <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 | D438 | Dennis Baker | Maidenhead | GB21N36253 | 287 841 | 12 44 46 1 | 1205.339 |
| 2 | C369 | Booth & Roper | Tewkesbury | GB19A38895 | 333 198 | 14 8 20 1 | 1164.791 |
| 3 | D438 | Dennis Baker | Maidenhead | GB19N45505 | 287 841 | 13 6 34 1 | 1145.832 |
| 4 | D438 | Dennis Baker | Maidenhead | GB19N45544 | 287 841 | 13 15 36 1 | 1122.861 |
| 5 | D438 | Dennis Baker | Maidenhead | GB18H08656 | 287 841 | 13 37 18 1 | 1071.270 |
| 6 | G126 | K Foster | Longfield Hill | GB20X10845 | 276 992 | 13 20 16 1 | 1069.158 |
| 7 | A604 | R Pegler & Son | Downton | GB20N74732 | 259 1521 | 12 52 52 1 | 1068.933 |
| 8 | D438 | Dennis Baker | Maidenhead | GB18H08660 | 287 841 | 13 44 46 1 | 1054.598 |
| 9 | C211 | Clive & Jill Rogers & | Writhlington | GB20B05370 | 289 1633 | 14 7 32 1 | 1015.401 |
| 10 | G384 | D Bridger | Littlehampton | GB21N58507 | 237 53 | 12 59 39 1 | 959.791 |
| 11 | D438 | Dennis Baker | Maidenhead | GB18H08663 | 287 841 | 14 39 43 1 | 946.223 |
| 12 | A1108 | Mannor Lofts (M C & J | Southampton | GB20N46094 | 252 1091 | 13 47 34 1 | 921.346 |
| 13 | D438 | Dennis Baker | Maidenhead | GB19N45532 | 287 841 | 14 57 23 1 | 915.960 |
| 14 | B388 | Mr & Mrs M A King | Blandford | GB21N08506 | 255 1702 | 14 18 25 1 | 877.459 |
| 15 | B166 | D Wilson & Daughters | Yeovil | GB20N27608 | 271 1687 | 14 51 52 1 | 875.254 |
| 16 | D438 | Dennis Baker | Maidenhead | GB19N44511 | 287 841 | 15 23 30 1 | 874.608 |
| 17 | A1108 | Mannor Lofts (M C & J | Southampton | GB20N46077 | 252 1091 | 14 24 35 1 | 855.707 |
| 18 | B166 | D Wilson & Daughters | Yeovil | GB21D24961 | 271 1687 | 15 46 38 1 | 795.579 |
| 19 | B16 | Lanahan & Gerard | Poole | GB18F42009 | 250 817 | 15 16 48 1 | 770.929 |
| 20 | G728 | A Annis & Son | Canterbury | BELG186116867 | 274 1364 | 18 6 20 1 | 652.344 |
| 21 | E809 | D & P Whitfield | Newcastle | GB19N64136 | 401 1470 | 6 5 17 2 | 639.875 |
| 22 | E250 | D Jones | Boston | GB20B60296 | 388 1417 | 7 16 46 2 | 581.516 |
| 23 | E809 | D & P Whitfield | Newcastle | GB17N50390 | 401 1470 | 11 15 16 2 | 499.722 |
| 24 | E809 | D & P Whitfield | Newcastle | GB18V09790 | 401 1470 | 13 24 57 2 | 457.775 |

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