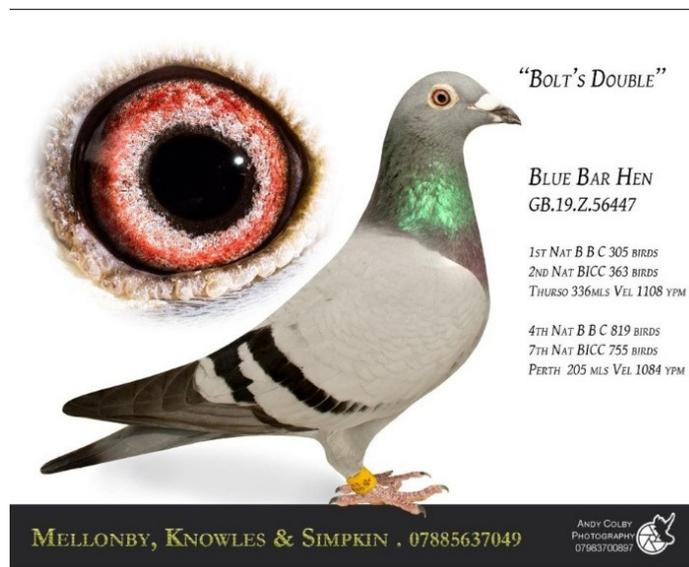


**Thurso National**  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Section E**  
**Mellonby, Knowles & Simpkin**  
**of Bridlington**

The trip to Thurso saw 305 birds sent by 58 BBC members (62 of these duplications). Our convoyer Pat Harris made his way up country collecting birds from Bovingdon and Rugely on the way to Cambridge to meet up with the NRCC on Thursday morning. We would like to thank the NRCC and Ray Knight for all their help and assistance. The entire convoy were liberated on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 6.45am.

Thank you to all the marking stations for another job well done and that wraps up the marking for old birds for this season.

Congratulations once again to **Mellonby, Knowles & Simpkin of Bridlington 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Section E**. Their winning pigeon is Bolt's Double who has previously been 4th Open BBC Perth. This hen is a real gem and has won many times a super hen being a double grandchild of Leo Heremans Bolt.



**1<sup>st</sup> Section D 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Graham and Michael Britton of Peterborough.** It gives us great pleasure in winning "back to back" Section wins with the Club, especially as we only sent a small Team of pigeons (just the 2) to Thurso. Firstly congratulations to Race winners Mellonby Knowles & Simpkin also to all Section Winners & all who timed in the race.....especially those Fanciers flying over 500 miles on what was a particularly tough racing day.

However it didn't start out like that.....there were those (with it predicting NW wind on the coastline) that thought it could be a fast race.....my Father included.... and so a long wait ensued until finally just before 7:15 at night our 2 year old main pool pigeon came hurtling towards the loft.....albeit out of the south! How far down country he had been one can only guess, but he was slightly dazed on landing (appeared to have not been down for water) & duly tried to enter both stock loft aviaries instead of going into the loft!

He had previously been our second pigeon home, recording 10<sup>th</sup> Section 54<sup>th</sup> Open BBC Perth earlier this year and since such had really "bloomed" in the loft after that near 10h fly. He is paired to a full sister to our 1<sup>st</sup> Section E, 4<sup>th</sup> Open NRCC Perth Cock bird aka "Fruit Loop" (please see image included).

His breeding on the Dam's side is from our old family of Emiel Dewerdt's, going back to Emiel the International winner of 1992. With the Sire being bred by Geoff Cooper and is a Grand Son of Wollongong his fantastic

International winner from Pau (please see images included). As Geoff says you need to breed distance pigeons that can sprint 600 miles ...which is easy to say, but not quite as easy to do, (try running a Marathon at 4 minute mile pace).



1<sup>st</sup> Section D



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Wollongong, 1st International Pau 2013

Sire's side to 1<sup>st</sup> Section D



Dam's side to 1<sup>st</sup> Section D

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section D Catalin Anghelache of Farnborough.** Catalin wasn't expecting this bird to arrive first, but was very pleased to see this 2 year old cock bird drop on to the loft. Both the sire and dam are Jan Aarden's from Catalin's good friend Pavel Dan. This cock bird is flown naturally and was sitting 12 days.

**1<sup>st</sup> Section A 5<sup>th</sup> Open Darren Ede & Family of Southampton.** My 2 year old cock "Bitter Sweet" arrived at 9am dead to win 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 5<sup>th</sup> Open. In the only 3 long distance races I've sent this cock to he's now won 3<sup>rd</sup> Section, 11<sup>th</sup> Open CSCFC Elgin 474 Miles, 1<sup>st</sup> Section BBC Perth 392 Miles & 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 5<sup>th</sup> Open BBC Thurso 539 Miles, He's certainly bred for the hard day as this years Thurso turned out to be, his mother is a daughter of "Iron Man" & "Dark Star" Iron man won 1<sup>st</sup> National Perpignan, 2<sup>nd</sup> National Marseille, 7<sup>th</sup> National Palomos, 15<sup>th</sup> National Perpignan & 132<sup>nd</sup> National Tarbes, Dark Star won 1<sup>st</sup> National St Vincent & 19<sup>th</sup> National Tarbes etc. The father is a super breeding cock I bought from Darren McFadden's entire clearance, he also bred "Royal Blue" 11<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> Grand National Tarbes & 12<sup>th</sup> National Bordeaux.

The Thurso Classic was my last race, so to all my club members, friends & competitors, thank you for bringing out the best in us, good luck going forward everyone, much love Team Ede.



Darren Ede's Bitter Sweet

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section A 5<sup>th</sup> Open Mr & Mrs Kevin Bakes of Havant.** Firstly well done to the winners and to Darren whose loft is very much in top form and also all who clocked on a very testing couple of days. The hen I clocked is a Bernard Deweerdt off my number one pair and she was my 3<sup>rd</sup> bird from the very tough Perth race, many thanks to all at the marking station my hen was in great condition.



Kevin Bakes

**1<sup>st</sup> Section G Pavel Dan of Aldershot.** This 2 year old dark chequer cock was bred by myself and the breeding on the sire and dam's side is Van Roy. I race on widowhood and previously this pigeon has not had any special performances usually always returning home much slower than other loft mates but I am happy he's home. When writing this report I have 1 out of my 5 home. I feed Superwidowhood and build the birds up with added extras for the harder races.



Pavel Dan

**1<sup>st</sup> Section C 9<sup>th</sup> Open Pete Barlow of Coombe Hill.** Congratulations to both NJ Evan's & Mellonby Knowles & Simpkin on a very hot day. My section winner is claiming 1<sup>st</sup> Section for the second time from Thurso, his preparation was Guernsey & Perth then rested. He is a Dewerdts x M Gilbert, both parents gifted to me by Graham Clift (Lord Tirley ). His half brother topped section for Guernsey earlier this year.



Pete Barlow

**10<sup>th</sup> Open Owen Aberly of Theale.** My 1<sup>st</sup> bird is bred down from sire Golden Barcelona Lines x Dam Starlight and Southfield Supreme bred from birds from Mark Gilbert. As a young bird it had one race from 160 miles she was a late bred bird and I managed to get her into one of the last races. As a yearling she had 2 races from 80 and 100 miles on the south road, then as a 2 year old she started on the south road then I switched her north to race the CSCFC from Wakefield, Hexham and Perth, she then sat in the loft in preparation for the Thurso race. She was fancied and had the money on.



Owen Aberly

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Section B 11<sup>th</sup> Open Tony Cottrell (Cottrell, Richmond & Rogers) of Wimborne.** “Red Hot”. That was hard and it was hot. I was knackered just waiting for the birds and what a game two little birds they were. For all of us to keep going and keep our dreams alive on what was one of the hottest days this year.

“Red Hot” is a 3 year old bred in the stock loft. The sire was on lone from my mucker Shaun Stockley, a red Jan Aarden out of the International winning lofts of Hagen Bros, bred by The House of Aarden. Bought at Doncaster by Ian and Shaun it took their eye, a fantastic handling bird with an outstanding dark gold eye. Being Jan Aarden based put him to a daughter of “Roger” Jan Aarden gifted to Ollie Richmond before we went in to partnership in 2002 from Rgoer Jones. He was broken out to the loft and sent to Pau that year, being first bird in to Dorset and high up in the result. Put to stock and paired to Devilwomen 666 outstanding racer for us to 525 miles. We kept a hen for stock, she was paired to the red cock to breed “Red Hot”. She is a medium to small hen sent sitting 3 day eggs with a new cock having lost her cock bird at Perth. She was my first bird from Thurso last year. This year she has had 2 club races to Chesterfield, CSCFC Hexham 3<sup>rd</sup> to loft, CSCFC Perth 4<sup>th</sup> to Loft, next day, loft exercise, one toss 22 miles two weeks before basketing.

My second bird GB20N79256 is out of my old long distance family I’ve had since 1969 and is paired to “Red Hot”, he has had 3 club races this year and CSCFC Hexham 4<sup>th</sup> to loft, CSCFC Perth 2<sup>nd</sup> to loft next morning. They were fed fat mix for 5 days before going and chopped veg.

Lastly, well done to the winners of the respective races and a massive thank you to the Secretary and the club markers that put themselves out to help. Also to the convoyer for looking after the birds. Good luck to all who sent and thank you all who have phoned me.

To Pau this weekend until the next time, be positive keep safe and above all keep flying.



Tony Cottrell

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section G Graham Wright (F C Wright & Son) of Eastbourne.** Graham would like to congratulate the winners and all members that managed to clock birds on another difficult racing day. My bird is from Darren Mc Fadden's family of pigeons and is a full brother to my 2<sup>nd</sup> Section G BBC Hexham National race a few weeks ago. He was flown on the roundabout system leading up to the Hexham race where he was my 5<sup>th</sup> bird home and then allowed to go to nest and was sent sitting 10 day old eggs. Three weeks prior to Thurso the cocks were exercised for 3 hours in the morning and the hens for 3 hours in the afternoon to try and acclimatise them to the heat. My birds are fed on Country Wide corn and in the build up to Thurso they were fed Redstar Speedplus, Lo-Pro Jerry plus, and Irish Champion mix plus extra peanuts. I have named the pigeon Frankie in memory of my dad who I spent numerous happy hours with racing from the Scottish race points many years ago. Finally I would like to thank all my friends and members of the Sussex North Road Federation for all their phone calls and text messages.



Graham Wright

**1<sup>st</sup> Section J Mick Parish of Great Burstead.** She is a 2 year old previously raced south and flew Guernsey early on this year. Her breeding goes back to my original Eric Cannon birds. Her sire was given to me by Simon Knowles direct from my Eric Cannon birds that he had off me. I believe Simon done well with them same lines from Barcelona this year which was nice to hear. Raced natural open loft, food available 24/7. Due to my personal circumstances very little racing has taken place in recent years and even less in the foreseeable future.

The way the situation with the Bird Flu is going I feel that this is going to have a bigger impact on racing in the coming years.

Well done to all those that timed in what turned out a fairly difficult race.



Mick Parish Hen



Les Hawkins

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section J Mr & Mrs Les Hawkins of Bishops Stortford.** Thanks to all at the Bovington marking station for all their hard work providing a north road programme last year and again this year. Also well done to everyone who clocked on what turned out a hard race. My cock bird winner of second section is bred from a son of Domino my good Tarbes cock a winner of 1<sup>st</sup> GDSBC Tarbes also 28<sup>th</sup> & 34<sup>th</sup> open Tarbes also 1<sup>st</sup> sect BICC Poitiers who was a grandson of Mark Bulleds Legacy cock 1<sup>st</sup> NFC Tarbes. He was also provisionally second section BICC Perth three weeks ago. I saw Mick Parish won the section Domino was also a grandson of a top Eric Cannon hen I had from Mick that had bred him some good birds. She has left her mark in my loft especially on hard days. Hope he remembers her? The dam of my cock was bred by the House of Aarden and is a daughter of Padfield's blue badge BICC certificate of merit winner. This hen is breeding me some good pigeons including my first birds clocked from Thurso and Lerwick last year also my 1<sup>st</sup> section winner from Berwick all these when crossed with sons of Domino or when paired to Domino himself. My second bird clocked is also a granddaughter of Domino and the Blue Badge hen.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section C Colin Pountain & Son of Walsall.** The pigeon originates on the fathers side from Martyn Hammond of Wolverhampton and is a De Mayer, the mother is a Mantle Brothers of Buxton pigeon. It's the pigeons 4<sup>th</sup> prize this season. The pigeon was raced South this year and then turned North to compete in BBC.



Colin Pountain

Next up in **Section E Paul and Wendy Woolliss of Grimsby.** Well poor pigeons the last 2 races have been really really tough Lerwick and Thurso, so well done to any fanciers that clocked from either.

We timed a 2 year old Blue cock unraced or trained as a baby. As a yearling went up to the coast to Eastbourne making quiet a few mistakes along the way, but always coming home looking like he had had a go.

This year he flew south to Eastbourne in fed then 2 weeks ago switched straight into Perth for his first ever race North he was my third bird home on another very testing day hot with head winds. He had 2 weeks rest then into Thurso 375 miles to me. He came very fresh not tired really considering the heat, no weight loss so pleased with him. His breeding is Dam a daughter of Ruby gifted to me by my good friend Dave Goddard, (Thanks Dave a true Gent) Ruby 1<sup>st</sup> sec 5<sup>th</sup> open Barcelona, 2<sup>nd</sup> sec 5<sup>th</sup> open Barcelona, 4<sup>th</sup> sec 38<sup>th</sup> open Barcelona, 34<sup>th</sup> open Perpignan. Sire, G/ son Bettini, 1<sup>st</sup> nat DAX, 3<sup>rd</sup> Int DAX paired to G/ dau of Dark Lady 1<sup>st</sup> Int Bordeaux hens from my stock loft.

Can I just finish with thanks from the Northern members for the BICC giving us National North racing.



Paul and Wendy Woolliss

Runners Up to Tony in **Section B** is **Mark & Julie Gower of Fordingbridge**. Congratulations to the winners, also a big well done to Darren Ede what a year he has had.

My bird is a 4 year old Andy Parsons blood, being down from a brother to his 5<sup>th</sup> Open Tarbes winner.

She went to the race having flown Hexham 276 miles 3 weeks ago as her prep race and looked a picture on basket day.

She flew Pau in 2020 and Thurso last year arriving early on the second day.

It was a tough race and well done to all that got pigeons home. I hope a few more of mine stay safe and work back in the coming week.



Mark and Julie Gower's hen

## 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>Mls</i>	<i>A-A-T</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Velocity</i>
1	E470	Mellonby Knowles	Bridlington	GB19Z56447	336	10 15 38 33	1	1108.368
2	E470	Mellonby Knowles	Bridlington	GB21Z42411	336	10 16 28 33	1	1013.401
3	D546	G V & W Britton	Peterborough	GB20X02714	431	1271 19 23 47	1	1001.381
4	D81	Catalin Anghelache	Farnborough	GB20D31574	516	241 7 57 32	2	843.037
5	A408	D Ede & Family	Southampton	GB20N29476	539	1456 9 0 46	2	832.857
6	E470	Mellonby Knowles	Bridlington	GB21Z42463	336	10 18 40 54	1	826.051
7	A440	Mr & Mrs Bakes	Havant	GB19N40649	544	1574 9 24 51	2	823.294
8	G270	P Dan	Aldershot	GB20D31558	521	840 8 38 7	2	820.845
9	C223	P Barlow	Coombe Hill	GB18N09227	463	345 6 47 25	2	809.223
10	D137	Owen Aberly	Reading	GB20N08099	504	625 8 48 30	2	786.588
11	B729	Cottrell Richmond &	Wimborne	GB19N86697	541	1492 10 19 26	2	782.045
12	G428	F C Wright & Son	Eastbourne	GB20E04397	560	1620 11 26 29	2	767.379
13	D137	Owen Aberly	Reading	GB20N08092	504	625 9 25 42	2	761.487
14	J596	M Parish	Great	GB20C42999	507	1663 9 52 48	2	749.483
15	D199	A Hitchcock	Windsor	WHU21C40166	506	102 10 1 26	2	741.333
16	A218	Mr & Mrs T Leggatt	Havant	GB20B07160	544	1521 12 1 37	2	725.597
17	J754	Mr & Mrs L Hawkins	Bishops	GB19N92761	484	562 10 33 49	2	690.866
18	C319	C Pountain & Son	Walsall	GB21R20333	418	1210 8 13 11	2	674.077
19	C586	J Garvey	Walsall	GB21V47337	417	344 8 10 24	2	673.390
20	C879	N Greatwich	Cleobury	GB20Z56922	431	1686 8 52 23	2	671.368
21	E470	Mellonby Knowles	Bridlington	GB21Z02416	336	10 4 45 0	2	668.215
22	B729	Cottrell Richmond &	Wimborne	GB20N79256	541	1492 13 52 23	2	665.780
23	E470	Mellonby Knowles	Bridlington	GB21Z42494	336	10 5 5 57	2	652.762
24	E755	Mr & Mrs P Woolliss	Grimsby	GB20N77449	375	405 7 0 0	2	647.456
25	A408	D Ede & Family	Southampton	GB20N29498	539	1456 15 34 55	2	618.989
26	B85	Mr & Mrs M Gower	Fordingbridge	GB18N46693	533	25 15 54 57	2	603.302
27	E470	Mellonby Knowles	Bridlington	GB21Z49520	336	10 6 39 56	2	591.409
28	A99	R D Hurst	Romsey	GB16R08060	532	1058 17 10 58	2	574.738
29	D137	Owen Aberly	Reading	GB19L01465	504	625 16 21 23	2	561.322
30	D137	Owen Aberly	Reading	GB20H43021	504	625 21 10 29	2	474.565
31	B1072	J Fulford	Salisbury	GB19A18837	522	1223 9 48 32	3	419.389

### Brighton Marking Station for Young Bird / Any Age Races

Marking for both the YB/AA races in Brighton will take place back at Whitehawk Football Club, East Brighton Park, East Sussex, BN2 5TS. Time: 8.30am – 10am.

### Young Bird / Any Age Races 20<sup>th</sup> August & 27<sup>th</sup> August

Like with the old birds we have organised North Road and South Road Young Bird/ Any Age races to cater for our members for whatever road they wish to race. Both races will be together with the CSCFC. The first Young Bird / Any Age race is from Ashbourne on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August. The birdage cost is £2.75 per bird. If you wish to cross nominate from one club to the other it will be £1.50 per bird. Marking is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

The South Road Guernsey YB/ AA race is a week later on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August. This race incorporates Young Bird Nomination race. Birdage for Guernsey is £3.50 per bird and cross nominations are £1.50 per bird.

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