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# Club News

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## National Gloster show debuts in Derbyshire



Judges Mario Zahra from Malta and the UK's Keith Baker. Inset: the National event's logo

### NATIONAL GLOSTER FANCY CANARY SHOW

THE first edition of the National Gloster Fancy Canary Show was held in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, on December 1, 2019. The debut event was launched to commemorate the works of one of the founding fathers of the Gloster fancy canary, the late John Thornton.

A historic solid silver trophy was donated and presented by one of the two Thornton daughters on the day, to kick start what will be one of the most prestigious all-Gloster shows in the UK. The show was judged by the chairman of the IGBA, Keith Baker and international secretary of the GFCC-UK, Mario Zahra.

In a show that had more than 500 Glosters benched in a stunning show hall, the organisers managed to present a day that will be remembered by all, where the best Gloster in show went to Goddard & Rands with a lovely cinnamon corona hen. The same

partnership went on to win best opposite head in show, best champion buff, best champion green, best champion white, best champion grizzle and best champion clear 25 per cent. Best champion yellow went to A. Hay-

### New national show set to honour one of the Gloster canary greats

**CANARIES** since there was a national show, the discussion quickly became serious, said Mr Pritchard. "We didn't want to create a new club, just put on a show," he explained. "There's no committee, just 10 motivated breeders working to make the day a success. "This is simply an annual national event open to every breeder, whether in the UK or anywhere in the world." Plans for the day developed rapidly and the organisers have already reached an agreement with two eminent judges for the launch event. One is IGBA chairman Keith Baker and the other is Mario Zahra of Malta, international secretary of the GFCC-UK.

"Mario has already produced the show logo and poster, and is working on the layout and schedule," said Mr Pritchard. The 10 enthusiasts behind the new event are: Brian Stiffington, John Herring, Trevor Goddard, Dave Rands, Jeff Crunkhorn, Steve Cook, Fred Osborne, Nick Barrett, Dave Thomas and Mr Pritchard. Dave Rands is organising a commemorative song for every exhibitor to take home at the first event. "Show manager and show secretary will be Trevor Goddard and Steve Cook, respectively," said Mr Pritchard. "John Herring will be in charge of the money and I'm the man for admin and general enquiries."

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In the headlines: our publicity for the show, in the July 17, 2019 issue

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Show reports, dates, club notices

### SHOW DATES

**BOSTON B&CBS** open show, due to be held on October 4 at Carrington Village Hall, has been cancelled due to coronavirus. Any enquiries to Dick Collier on 07966 202 430.

**BUDGERIGAR SOCIETIES IN THE WEST** wish to suspend all previous announcements regarding meetings and open shows that were advertised prior to the deadly Covid-19 virus. Like all responsible societies, Budgerigar Societies In The West will only be able to get back onto its pre-advertised meeting programmes when it is legally and morally responsible to do so. Please accept the apologies of the committees who have to make these decisions.

Budgerigar Societies In The West was formed to promote open-show support between members and encourage social

interchange between all clubs.

**Bristol BS** – Bristol BS committee are saddened to announce that the gold championship show scheduled for August 2, 2020 is cancelled. Provisional bookings have been made to hold the show on August 8, 2021 in the usual excellent Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre venue.

Schedules will be sent to 2019 exhibitors. Details from show secretary Bob Allen, 14 Brockley Close, Little Stoke, Bristol BS34 6EZ, tel: 01454 898 644 or email: boballen1402@gmail.com or contact secretary Ron Ramplin via: ronnie.ramplin@btinternet.com or tel: 07748 740 794.

**Somerset BS** – sadly, the Somerset BS committee have cancelled its gold championship show that was due to be staged at Bridgwater & Albion Rugby Club, Bridgwater on July 26.

Further information from show secretary Penny Lambert on

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● Our office is closed due to the coronavirus pandemic  
● Please DON'T send post to Peterborough ● If you have an important postal delivery, FIRST email: [birds.general@kelsey.co.uk](mailto:birds.general@kelsey.co.uk) or phone 01959 543 549 to arrange.  
Thank you

01373 466 938/07949 392 103 or email: pennywhite1310@gmail.com. Alternatively, contact chairman Steve Rich on 01643 862 105 or email: steverich557@yahoo.com

**Swindon BS** – regrettably, the Swindon BS committee have been forced to cancel the society's gold championship open show that was arranged for August 16 at the Punjabi Community Centre, Kembrey St, Swindon.

All enquiries to chairman Pete Smith on 01285 861 772 or email: recessdomspan@gmail.com

**NORFOLK FBA** is monitoring the government guidelines in conjunction with the club's John Fisher Memorial open

ward. The John Thornton Memorial Cup, which can only be won by an unflighted (UF) buff corona hen (class 6), was taken by Anderson & Roome.

In the novice section, G. Hunter continued to impress by winning best novice Gloster, best buff and best cinnamon. Best novice consort was taken by I. Chamberlain.

K. Onions won best yellow and best allied white. The rest of the winners were as follows: best green, A. Hooley; best grizzle, C. Rimmington; best clear 25 per cent went to J. Steward. Last but not least, the best juvenile went to Amy Lambert.



The winning exhibit of the John Thornton Memorial Cup



In 2018, Goddard (right) & Rands won best opp head (UF TPD consort) at the West Midlands Gloster Association show