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Red-headed finch, pomegranate (© Shutterstock.com/Dennis Jacobsen/Africa Studio); baby whitecap seafoam budgerigar (Don Burke). See stories on pages 14, 12 and 16 >>

**BRIAN MCCABE**

THE Éire Budgerigar Society is saddened to report the death of its chairman Brian McCabe. Mr McCabe passed away on November 28, after a short illness. Funeral arrangements will be announced on the society's Facebook page in due course: search "Éire Budgerigar Society" on Facebook.

**ROY STRINGER**

AT LAST month's National Council for Aviculture (NCA) management committee meeting, members unanimously agreed to transfer the late great Roy Stringer from the Roll of Honour list to the NCA Hall of Fame. Full meeting details to follow.

**GLOSTER BOOST**

NEW exhibitors to Banbridge CBS have helped the club achieve its biggest Gloster canary section increase. A total of 170 Glosters were benched at the open show, held on November 11 at Banbridge Church of Ireland Hall, County Armagh. A full results list will appear in due course.

**GAINSBOROUGH CBS**

MORE than 1,000 exhibits were entered at the recent Lincolnshire National open show of Gainsborough CBS – an increase of 165 birds on the previous year. A full show report will appear in Club News in a forthcoming issue.

**NIGHT PARROT SUCCESS**

THE first fledgling night parrot in 100 years has been photographed at Bush Heritage Australia's Pullen Pullen Reserve in Queensland. The sighting confirmed that the 56,000-hectare nature refuge is successfully protecting the breeding population of one of the world's rarest birds. Scientists Nick Leseberg and James Watson were able to photograph the young fledgling from a safe distance.

# Gloster canary council releases a new, updated pictorial model

By Laura Welch

**CANARIES**

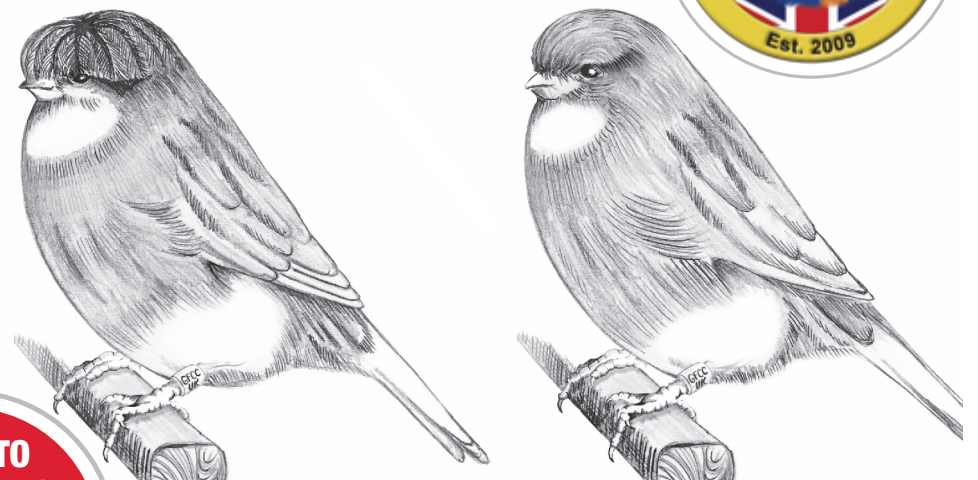
A NEW PICTORIAL model of the exhibition Gloster canary has been confirmed by the Gloster Fancy Canary Council-UK (GFCC-UK).

The artwork was passed during the council's AGM in September, held in Leicester, where 25 members attended from as far as Malta and Italy to discuss in

depth the standard of the Gloster canary.

Following the meeting, the GFCC-UK has registered the copyright of the Gloster Standard of Excellence artwork.

Secretary Fred Osborne told *Cage & Aviary Birds*: "It has been rambling on for a number of years that fanciers were reporting birds being exhibited that were not at the same standard as the pictorial model.



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Approved: 'The new pictorial includes a slight rounding of the bird's head, and there is a slight change in the body shape from the beak down to the legs,' Fred Osborne told *Cage & Aviary Birds*



Pictured at the GFCC-UK September council meeting: Nick Barrett (left) was re-elected as chairman and Fred Osborne (right) as secretary and treasurer. Mario Zahra from Malta will continue as the council's international secretary, along with Dave Thomas as vice chairman

"The original pictorial was drawn up way back in the mid 1920s, and in the past two or three years the GFCC-UK had discussed looking at new pictorials.

"Our international secretary Mario Zahra drew the pictorial, and took it to the council

meeting in September. This was one of a number of drawings, but Mario's artwork was

**"In the past, some fanciers have drawn their own Gloster standard, and some I've seen don't look anything like the Gloster**

**– Fred Osborne, GFCC-UK secretary**

unanimously chosen."

The artwork is the sole

property of the GFCC-UK. Mr Osborne explained:

"The council had to own the copyright because in the past there had been some fanciers doing their own drawings, and some I've seen don't look anything like the Gloster. This is a way to protect the Gloster standard."

## Big changes for Rochdale in 2017

**CLUBS**

ROCHDALE BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY'S (BS) move to a new home next month will coincide with a change of date to its monthly meetings.

On January 9, Rochdale BS will host its first 2017 meeting at the Unitarian Church, Rochdale, and future meetings are booked for the second Monday of each month.

Edward Cheetham, club treasurer and president elect for 2017, explained: "For several years Rochdale BS's meetings have been held on the second Tuesday of each



In 2013, former president Bill Wilkinson (left) won at Rochdale BS's members' show. He is pictured here with Susan and David O'Neil

month at the Liberal Party Headquarters. But the venue's additional rooms have been let out on a full-time basis, and while our meeting room in an evening was still available, the room we used for showing can no longer be used.

"Luckily, the Unitarian Church has offered a superb venue for our evenings with first-class kitchen facilities and a further room is available for our club shows."

However, the room was not available on the usual Tuesday meeting night, and so members opted to change the evening to the second Mon-

day of each month.

A full 2017 programme of events is currently being prepared and will be available in due course.

● For enquiries, contact secretary Patsy Mayers on 01706 842 564.

**NEW VENUE DETAILS**

ROCHDALE BS's meetings will be held at Rochdale Unitarian Church, Clover Street, Rochdale OL12 6TP at 8pm on the second Monday of each month. Members are welcome to arrive at 7.30pm for a pre-meeting tea.



Former president Patsy Mayers (left) accepted the chain of office from current chairman and outgoing president Ken Rose in 2015

## Winter help needed for Dudley's wild visitors

**ZOOS & BIRDPARKS**

DUDLEY ZOO IS seeking donations of old or unwanted hanging bird feeders or bird stations this winter.

As part of the West Midlands park's native species work, it plans to create more feeding zones around the 40-acre site and is asking for anyone with unwanted feeders or stations to donate.

Alternatively, if you would like to support the park in other ways, you can buy a plastic bird feeder from Dudley Zoo's online Amazon Wishlist of products specifically chosen by keepers to benefit its animals. These will be delivered directly to the park.

The zoo's conservation officer Chris Leeson said: "Birds need to be nice and plump for the cold months to come, so we've built wooden bird tables around the site where we can feed them up with fat balls, bars and wild bird seed.

"Any help supporters

can give us with bird-feeder donations would be much appreciated as it's just as important that we care for and provide visitors with information about our native species as the more exotic ones we have on site.

"These are the animals that people can readily find in their own back gardens."

● Donations can be dropped off in the Safari Shop or you can buy a feeder from: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/wishlist/wishlist> and search "Dudley Zoo".



Dudley Zoo's Chris Leeson wants to provide additional feeding stations for chaffinches, blue tits and long-tailed tits, etc