

# London & Southern Counties Budgerigar Society



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## Newsletter

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## Chairman's Message

I START this message with two **BIG CONGRATULATIONS**. The first is to my good friend Terry Tuxford who was awarded the Budgerigar Society **Silver Bird** for Meritorious Services to the Budgerigar Society and the Fancy as a whole. The award was announced at the recent B.S. AGM in Blackpool but unfortunately Terry was away on holiday at that time so unable to receive the award.



My second congratulations is to our society who won the **Premier Area Society Trophy** at the recent B.S. Centenary Club Show in Blackpool. I also congratulate our exhibitors who did well at the show to amass sufficient points to secure our society's win. I was honoured to be presented with the trophy at the trophy presentation time. Well done Terry and well done the London & Southern Counties B.S.

The B.S. Centenary Club Show weekend in Blackpool early this month was a great and successful event. The atmosphere was excellent with good attendance for the show which attracted a total entry of 1204 from 96 exhibitors. There was good comradeship about the whole event and the fancy gave this unique event their full support. A few of our members who exhibited at the show did well for our society to win the Premier trophy. Considering that we moved to a new venue with a new team running the show it was a great success. The only downside was the hotel for those who stayed there.

The show season has already started, and the National Specialist & Rare Variety Show took place recently with a good entry and again some of our members did well at the show. Our society's specialist & rare show incorporating the young stock show is only a few weeks away and you will find the schedule with this Newsletter. I do hope that many of you will support the show as we are now back with the usual dates for both shows.

We did well at last year's Combined Area Society Special Event, both financially and from exhibitors' point of view. I do hope that more members will give this event their support this year as it is staged nearer to us at Bugbrooke, Northants on 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> September.

I do hope that all our members have enjoyed a successful breeding season and you all have registered your studs with DEFRA and obtained your unique C.P.H. number to quote on show entry forms. Good luck with the forthcoming show season.

*Ghalib Al-Nasser, Chairman*

### **Future L&SCBS Events**

**S&RV / YSS**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Area Show**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**A.G.M.**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

# **LONDON & SOUTHERN COUNTIES BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the London & Southern Counties Budgerigar Society held at Centenary Hall, Wheelers Lane, Smallfield, Surrey RH6 9PT on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 commencing at 14.40 hrs, attended by 19 members.

Chairman, Ghalib Al-Nasser opened the AGM and welcomed the members present. The meeting shared a minutes silence and remembered past presidents Fred Wright, Frank Warren & Harry Stanley who had passed away during the past year along with Barry Mathews and other members who had passed away that the meeting was unaware of.

## **1. Presidents Address – Peter Merritt**

Peter welcomed the members present and thanked everyone for the honor of being the Society's President for 2024. He went on to thank the membership and fanciers for supporting our events throughout the past year, with special thanks to those who helped run them, given the difficulties the hobby had faced up to.

## **2. Apologies for Absence.**

The following apologies had been received. David Rafis, Ian Thorogood, Nick Masham, Gavin Carter & Joe Tuxford.

## **3. Approval of the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 AGM.**

Acceptance of those minutes were proposed by Janice Al-Nasser and seconded by Ian Standley. Carried by all those in attendance with 5 abstentions.

## **4. Matters Arising.**

No matters were raised.

## **5. Chairman's Report - Ghalib Al-Nasser.**

Reflecting back on our activities last year with our two shows and the Open Day, they all went well with the usual good atmosphere enjoyed by all. However, the two shows did not attract the desired entries because we tried something different by swapping the dates. Sadly, this proved a drop in entry in both shows and incurred a financial loss at both shows. We hope we can change that for this year as we are reverting back with the two shows at their original dates. However, the Open Day, staged with the assistance of Hastings BS proved to be a success with both attendees and financial profit. Well done to our members for their support.

Our committee work hard to stage our usual events; the two shows and the Open/Sales Day and I am very proud of them as they all put great effort for the members and the society. We need your support as always.

We supported and participated at the new Area Society Joint Show last September and although the show was a resounding success but we, the LSCBS, were successful both financially as the balance sheet shows and also our members captured the two best opposite sex awards (us for the any age and Rick Watts for the young bird). I do hope that more members will support that event this year. Also, few of our members were financially successful with the new B.S. 100 Club.

We continue to update our website with our events, thanks to Terry, and we have added a new file containing the new Newsletters.

In conclusion I would like to record my sincere thanks and appreciation to all members of our General Council for all their help and the time that they dedicate to the betterment of our society. Please support the society events that we are organising for you the members.

Thank you and wish you all a very successful year in both the breeding and showing later on.

## **6. General Secretary's Report - Terry Tuxford.**

Another quiet year being secretary of our Society. The committee met in March and October and regularly communicate via email and the telephone.

In addition to our usual events, we took part in the very successful combined event. The financial support provided us with a good return. There will be a similar event in September 2025 at Bugbrooke, Northampton, which L&SCBS will be supporting once again.

Thanks to the help of Hastings BS, we staged an Open Day and Sales Show in November. 30 members attended, to take part and listen to three excellent speakers on the day.

We had planned to take part in a shared event like 2023 which was an Introduction to Judging. This was in response to a request from the BS and we were to team up with SMBS once again. Unfortunately, SMBS were unable to organise this event.

The final two Society Sponsored events in our local societies were held in 2024. These were at South Eastern BS and Hastings BS.

#### **7. Subscription Secretary's Report - Wayne Greening.**

The current membership of our Society stands at 65, which is a concern, although a small number of new members have joined for 2025. However, a number of existing members are yet to renew for 2025, despite reminders being issued. The situation needs to be monitored closely throughout the year.

Simon Gage qualifies as an honorary member after 40 years membership.

#### **8. Treasurers Report - Wayne Greening.**

Wayne went through the Balance Sheet, which had been audited by Paul Tiller.

The following observations were highlighted: -

Newsletter, Postage costs will be reduced following the use of e-mail, where available to members.

Donations, Northdowns BS was a one-off payment in 2023 following the closing down of their club.

Losses on Shows attributed to changes made to the show dates and the reduced entries received. However additional Sponsorship will be needed to cover running costs.

Bank charges, reduced to zero following discussion at National Westminster Bank Plc as our account does not attract interest.

Acceptance of Balance Sheet proposed by Jim Lawrie and seconded by Peter Ulyett, carried unanimously.

#### **9. Patronage Secretary's Report - Brian & Karen Scott.**

The winners of our Awards at the various shows throughout 2024 are as published in the latest Society Newsletter

Patronage for 2025 shows remains constant, with our Blue Riband Patronage being awarded to Southend & District BS, South Hampshire BS, Hastings BS, Southern Classic, Mid Essex BS, South Eastern BC & The Budgerigar Society Club Show. These are in addition to our own Area Championship Show and Young Stock Show. Ipswich BS and the Combined Area Society Show are the only Rosette Patronage shows.

Presentations were made to the winners of last year's Chelfers Awards:-

Champion - Rick Watts.

Intermediate - Nick Masham.

Novice - Peter Fitzgerald.

Junior Not Awarded.

Colour Budgerigars - Joint winners Wayne Greening & Darren Gillett.

The Society's Blue Riband Cup was awarded to Rick Watts.

Brian also reminded everyone that we do offer affiliation patronage to Societies within our boundaries for their members shows at a cost of £6. And asked that If any shows wished to receive this patronage, to let him have the details.

#### **10. Show Organiser's Report - Ghalib Al-Nasser.**

Despite the low entries at both shows we still managed to have a good year for the society and thanks to those hard-working members of the committee for all their support. My thanks go to Brian, Andrew & Karen, Janice, Rupert, Marion, Tony, Wayne, Paul and special mention of David Rafis who is not in the best of health these days and all other helpers as without them we will not be able to run our events. Their help is very much appreciated. Please forgive me if I have missed one or two by name. We had full coverage in the fancy press who reported our 3 events fully.

#### **Combined Y.S.S. and Specialist & Rare Variety Show**

This event had a decrease in entry to a total of 222 from 23 exhibitors with 168 birds benched. Sue Clarke, Tim Gee & Brian Taylor from Northamptonshire judged the show assisted by Kerry Bellows & Gary Simpson as subsidiary judges.

This year's show will be held at its usual date on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July and the judges booked are Roy Aplin and Neil Johnson.

## Area Show

Again, the show had a decrease in entry of 381 from 34 exhibitors and 261 were benched. The judges were Bev Hutt, Graham Barton, Michael Chapman & Cy Thorne.

Judges booked for the usual date this year (12<sup>th</sup> October) are a team from the west country Dave Guppy, Richard Hooper, Steve Rich and Adrian Richards from north.

All the results of both shows appeared in the October issue of our Newsletter. May I appeal to members who would like to advertise in the schedule or to sponsor section rosettes or prize money to do so soon so that I can formulate the schedule to send out by June.

### 11. **Publicity Officers Report: - Rupert Redden & Ghalib Al-Nasser.**

Rupert and I work as a good team. We have managed to publicise the society's events in both the Budgerigar and the fancy press. We continue to assist Terry to update the website with those events with photos and material.

### 12. **Presentation of Awards.**

Peter Merritt announced that his nomination for the recipient of the **President's Trophy** this year was Wayne Greening.

**Silver Star Award**, The Silver Star committee were pleased to endorse the nomination received for Ian Standley, in acknowledgment of his service to Hastings BS and recently for organising our annual Society's Seminar and Sales Day,

Presentations were made to both recipients.

### 13. **Installation of New Presidents for 2025.**

Brian & Karen Scott were jointly installed as the Society Presidents by outgoing President Peter Merritt, who then received the Past President's Ribbon from the new Presidents.

Brian's acceptance speech acknowledged that the hobby was in decline since their previous appointment in 1994, some 31 years age, and urged everyone to come together and support all events across the South East to ensure the survival of the fancy, and continued existence of our local clubs within the boundary of our Society.

### 14. **Election of President Elect**

Ghalib Al-Nasser advised that the Council's nomination for President Elect was Rupert Redden. No other nominations were received from the floor. Rupert's appointment was unanimously approved.

### 15. **Approval of Officers for 2025: -**

Presidents	Brian & Karen Scott
General Secretary	Terry Tuxford
Patronage Secretaries	Brian & Karen Scott
Treasurer	Wayne Greening
Subscription Secretary	Wayne Greening
Editor & Publicity	Rupert Redden & Ghalib Al-Nasser

### **Approval of General Committee: -**

Seven nominations were put forward, leaving three vacancies still to be filled to maximise the Committee. Janice Al-Nasser, Tony Jeffrey, Jim Lawrie, Peter Merritt, Ian Thorogood, David Rafis & Tony Wilkinson. En-bloc proposal received from Ray Nicholls, seconded by Rick Watts and carried unanimously.

### **Appointment of Auditors & Scrutineers:-**

Auditor – Paul Tiller  
Scrutineers – NCA  
Carried unanimously.

### 16. **Any Other Competent Business:-**

Members were reminded that in order to exhibit at shows they must register their stud with APHA and provide their unique code number (CPH) on the entry forms.

Next years AGM will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.

Meeting Closed at 16.06 hrs.

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**Top Table at the AGM - Terry Tuxford, Brian Scott, Ghalib Al-Nasser & Peter Merritt**



**Brian & Karen Scott (new Presidents) with Peter Merritt (outgoing President) and Rick Watts receiving his Blue Riband & Champion Chelfers Award from Peter Merritt**



**Peter Merritt awarding the President's Trophy to Wayne Greening and Peter Merritt awarding the Society's Silver Star to Ian Standley**