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**ON THIS WEEK'S COVER**  
 Song thrush, yellow-crowned gonolek (© Shutterstock.com/Rudmer Zwerver/Dave Montreuil). Pages 15 & 10 >>

**TAUNTON 2020 SHOW**  
 TO AVOID clashing with a nearby bird show, Taunton CBS's 2020 open show will now take place on October 18. For enquiries, please contact club secretary Des Holley on 07772 426 927.

**TOUGH WINTER**  
 REMEMBER the "Beast from the East"? Researchers say Scotland's birds were hit hard by the snowstorm which caused chaos in early 2018, killing off robins, wrens and woodpeckers. A 12 per cent decline in the number of woodland birds was noted by Scottish Natural Heritage and BTO Scotland say the short-term decline of those species is likely as a result of the dreaded "Beast".

**NO GREASE, PLEASE!**  
 THIS festive season brings a warning from the RSPB to not put cooking fat from roast dinners out for garden birds. The greasy mixture can prove fatal if smeared on to birds' feathers, interfering with their waterproofing and insulation. The RSPB recommend only pure fats such as lard and suet should be used to make homemade fat balls.

**MOTORWAY MACAW**  
 A VIDEO of a scarlet macaw (*Ara macao*) hitching a free ride on a busy road in Brazil on the back of a cyclist has gone viral. The 900g (2lb) bird landed on the woman's back and pecked at her clothing before switching to the arm of a fellow cyclist who was trying to film the event.

**RSPB GUESS WHO? GIVEAWAY RESULTS**  
 CONGRATULATIONS to the three winners of our RSPB *Guess Who?* game prize draw (News, November 13): Steven Cooper, Blackwood, South Wales; Elizabeth Milligan, Dunfermline; John Wilson, Rainworth, Notts. Your prize is on its way to you!

# BCCC success: coloured canaries overflow on to temporary staging

By Laura Welch

## CANARIES

**BY ENGAGING A** full Irish judging line-up coupled with tempting cash specials, the British Colour Canary Club (BCCC) maxed out its staging capacity at its Premier show.

On November 16, BCCC officials resorted to using tables to judge the exhibits after a show-record number of birds were benched at the Grosvenor Centre, Stafford.

"This year's Premier has been our biggest and best to date with more than 500

exhibits," explained show secretary Ivan Chapman, who achieved a historic best-in-show hat-trick on the day.

**"We had to find extra tables to bench exhibits and for judging as the staging was full – it was a remarkable turn out! – Ivan Chapman**

"The event was so successful that we needed to find extra tables to bench some of the exhibits as well as for judging because the available staging was full – it was a remarkable turn-out!"

The entry boost comes from a surge of fanciers join-

ing the BCCC and exhibiting at its shows in 2019, say BCCC officials, as well as high interest in this year's first-ever all-Irish judges booking – BCCC vice president and full panel judge, David Ramsey, and full panel judges Nigel Keys, John Graydon and Robby Mitchell.

Mr Ramsey from Derry was one of the judges that had to give up his bench and carry out his judging on two tables.

He said: "Myself and Nigel Keys drove from Northern Ireland and the quality of the birds that came up in front of me made it worth the long journey."

The £500 for best exhibit was awarded to champion Mr Chapman for his flighted intensive red variegated cock. This marks the third consecutive year Mr Chap-



**Above: Ivan Chapman (left) accepts his third consecutive Premier best-in-show award from BCCC president Ron Hill. Left: fanciers' interest over the four well-established panel judges helped push entries higher than last year's total of 420. Pictured is Mr Chapman's best champion intensive red**



man has won best exhibit at this show, which he described as a "lifetime achievement".

● Full show results will appear in *Club News* in a forthcoming issue.

**i** IF YOU wish to join the BCCC, please contact Ivan Chapman via email: [ivankchapman@gmail.com](mailto:ivankchapman@gmail.com) or text 07745 671 329. All memberships are £10.



**Danny Higgins is congratulated for his best novice lipochrome win**



## Years of service applauded

### CANARIES

**THREE FORMER COUNCIL** members of the Lizard Canary Association (LCA) have been recognised for their decades of loyal support.

Last month, long-service awards were presented to David Allen, Stan Bolton and John Record who recently stepped down from their LCA roles. Mr Allen joined the LCA council in 2009 as patronage secretary and in 2015 undertook the role of secretary. He did not seek re-election in March this year, to focus on his role of secretary of the Blue Lizard Canary Club. Former secretary Mr Record was elected on to the LCA council 22 years go and became treasurer in 2013.

Both Mr Allen and Mr Record accepted their gift from LCA chairman Jeremy Goacher at the LCA Classic show on November 3. Mr Allen told *C&AB* he felt hon-



**LCA chairman Jeremy Goacher (left) presents David Allen with his long-service award, a clock. David remains an LCA member**

oured that the new LCA committee recognised his work within the association. He said: "Even though I am no longer involved, I will still continue to promote the Lizard and the LCA."

Chairman of the LCA up until 1991, Stan Bolton is a former council member and president of the LCA, following the death of John Scott in 2012. He stepped down from the LCA council in March and was presented with his long-service gift at the recent South Bucks Canary Breeders Association show by the new LCA president John Martin (see News, November 27). Mr Bolton is heavily involved with Lizards through his role at the East Anglian Lizard Canary Association.

Mr Goacher wished all three continuing success in their roles with their respective organisations.



**John Record (right) is now focusing on his role of secretary and treasurer of the Southern Lizard Canary Club**

## FFF FANCIER OF THE YEAR 2019 WEEK 8

**COMMENTARY:** First up was Cornwall & Devon FFCC where T. Keirle took four colour specials on his way to best champion and took best Fife; best novice K. Clemo took an impressive haul of five of the seven novice colour awards. At Essex Kent & Counties FFCC, J. & R. Weaire took best champion and best Fife with a delightful variegated cock. Best novice went to a heavily variegated cock owned by S. Roper. The Fife Federation Annual Exhibition was the first show of the season for the 2018 FOTY winner Gerald Spencer and he continued where he had left off by winning three colour specials along the way to taking best champion and best Fife with a cracking little clear yellow hen. The ever-impressive novice partnership of A.B.F. Fifes took four colour specials on their way to best novice in show and strengthen their grip on the 2019 Novice FOTY award **11** – Paul Larkin, general secretary

**BELOW IS THE FFF FANCIER OF THE YEAR 2019 LEAGUE STANDING FROM WEEK 8**

CHAMPION	NUMBER OF RESULTS	NOVICE	NUMBER OF RESULTS	
1. Kendall Stud .....	80	6	1. A.B.F. Fifes .....	105
2. Rodger & Wood .....	70	5	2. Dobbs & McGuigan .....	60
3. Gardiner & Morton .....	60	6	Emmett McAteer	3
45 points – Henry Cooper; Tony Abbot			3. M. Pilmer .....	55
40 points – McEwan & Campbell; Clarke & Gillott			45 points – Grimmer & Hornby	
35 points – M. Bell; Baechler & Vadder; J. & R. Weaire			40 points – T. McCarthy	
25 points – Alan Castles; G. Spencer			30 points – G. Long	
20 points – Junner & Burnett			25 points – A. Patterson; S. & K. Bell; S. Roper;	
15 points – B. Leggett; F. Sanderson			B. Kettle; K. Clemo	
10 points – M. Softe; Green & Stille; R. Weir;			20 points – D. Fones; K.W. Davis; R. Griffiths;	
Ashton & Goodwin; Holmes & Pepper; Smith & Evans; K. & S. Roberts; J. Watkins			C. Rundell	
5 points – D. Weaver; M. Smith; R.A. Cramp;			15 points – T. Aldridge; G. Everot; P. Dowling;	
A. Raine; D. & M. Lumsden; M. & P. Major;			A. Bond	
B. Timmins; Yates & Spare; Carline & McGuire;			10 points – N. Breeze; R. Mack; D. Dundas;	
B. Honey; B. Gammon; G. & J. Archer; J. Allen;			A. O'Donovan; P. Williams; M. Pellow	
K. Connolly; P. Ingre; C. & N. Fifes; Chris Mitchell;			5 points – K. Westbrook; R. Adams; I. Graham;	
M. & L. Whyman; R. Shaw; Lou Russell; Tonjes & Rathje; T. Warman; Brandhorst & Schwarberg;			M. Pape; F. Ross; S. Edwards; P.O. Donnel;	
			M. Gibbins	

