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LCA elects a new chairman in Andy

LIZARD CANARY ASSOCIATION

AT THE March 2026 council meeting Jeremy Goacher formally advised council that he was standing down from the chairman's role as he felt that, particularly over the last two years, health issues had prevented him from fulfilling the duties he would be expected to carry out as chairman, reports LCA secretary Ian Adcock.

It was obviously disappointing to lose our chairman, but Jeremy agreed to remain on the council so that we may benefit from his many years of experience.

It is worth reflecting on the progress that the LCA has made during Jeremy's time as chairman. You may remember that in 2018 the LCA was on the verge of collapse and the 2018 LCA Classic was cancelled. Jeremy stepped in as the leader of a team of enthusiasts which was voted into office at the EGM held on March 10, 2019. That new start breathed new life into the association, and over the last seven years it has continued to grow and flourish.

Under Jeremy's stewardship the enthusiastic and hard-working council have managed the LCA's activities and made many positive improvements for the benefit of the membership. The key to the LCA's success has been its clear and unwavering

dedication to its core objectives and its focus on the classic Lizard canary.

Over the past seven years these are a few of the highlights achieved:

- Membership remains strong and number of exhibits and exhibitors at the LCA Classic and the National Exhibition have been built up

- COM's show standard for the Lizard canary was comprehensively revised following a campaign by the LCA, with documentation submitted in six languages via COM-UK.

- The association's finances have been significantly strengthened

- A new website has been launched and an A5 newsletter in booklet form is sent to members at least twice a year

- Updated members handbook with rules that protect the original objectives of the LCA, namely the promotion and conservation of the oldest breed of canary: the Lizard canary.

We needed to elect a new chairman and this was done under the rules of the association. Huw Evans wished to remain as vice chairman, so it was proposed that **Andy Beesley** should step in to fulfil the role. Andy agreed and the council unanimously voted for Andy to formally assume the role of acting



Jeremy Goacher (right) presenting awards during his stint as chairman

chairman. Andy accepted the role and hoped that he would live up to the trust put in him to lead the LCA forward.

Many, particularly in the Lizard world, will know Andy from his presence on the many Facebook Lizard sites and with his "Classic Lizard Canary" YouTube channel created to give technical insights, show reports and breeding advice. The channel currently has more than 500 subscribers and many thousands of views.

Andy has had a long involvement with the LCA starting as a junior in the 1980s and has been a council member for a number of years.

On accepting the role of chairman, Andy said: "I am honoured that our incredibly dedicated and hard working LCA council unanimously voted me in to this interim role. My primary focus is to uphold the values that the LCA stands for as set out by our founders in 1945 and I intend to represent the classic Lizard com-



Jeremy Goacher judging an LCA Classic. He has stepped down as chairman



Jeremy Goacher judging a specialist Lizard show with John Record (right)

munity across the UK.

"Some of my key initiatives include: launching online pictorial shows for breeders during covid; supporting as many shows across the UK to boost interest in the breed; initiating a new venue for the LCA Classic in 2026, which is a bird show friendly and beneficial for wider bird-keeping communities; and creating the 'Classic Lizard Canary' YouTube channel to share technical insights,

show reports, and breeding advice, resulting in over 500 subscribers and thousands of views."

He continued: "I plan to further expand these efforts for the benefit of Lizard canary enthusiasts and LCA members."

The council members are looking forward to working under Andy's guidance and hope that the membership will support Andy in his new role and wish him every success as LCA chairman.



New LCA chairman for 2026: Andy Beesley in his birdroom



Andy agreed to the role which the council unanimously voted him for

THE CLASSIC LIZARD CANARY

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This YouTube channel was created by Andy and has had thousands of views