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EDITORIAL

I am saying SORRY in advance because I may have to use smaller fonts etc to make the space to include everything in this Christmas Journal. I'm glad so many members (like me) still want a paper copy of our Journal.

The copy I have in hand which I cannot squeeze in due to constraints of Post Office re postage, size etc I'll put in the January Journal. If possible I would like copy in by 17th December to allow more time over the holidays to compile Journal.

May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a great showing New Year.

Chris Logsdail - 1.12.2011

NORTHERN NOTES


Our AGM has been and gone and if you wish to know what changes have been made then it will be on the Northern webpage, or you can send me a large stamped address envelope and I will send you a paper copy. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas. Don't forget your hammies. For the tit-bits, they enjoy the bits of fruit cake left on the plate and I have not had a hamster yet that turned up its nose at turkey.

S Kilburn

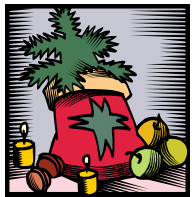
Lymm show - 23.09.2011

Judge Syrian - Mrs S Washbrook --- Book Steward - ?

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|---|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | SH Golden(6) | SH Cream(6) | SH Yellow(4) | SH Cinnmon(5) |
| 1 | Tristar | Tristar | Tristar | K.Skews |
| 2 | Flattop | Hamster Manor | Flattop | Flattop |
| 3 | Aire City Hams | L.Upton | L.Upton | Scorpio Syrians |
| R | Red Devil Hams | Aire City Hams | Aire City Hams | Wynngrove Hams |
| | SH AOC M(5) | SH AOC F(5) | SH Patterned(3) | SH Satin(7) |
| 1 | Mad About Hams | Flattop | Tristar | Custard Hams |
| 2 | Wynngrove Hams | Scorpio Syrians | A.Burton | Mad About Hams |
| 3 | Scorpio Syrians | Dan's Hams | Hamster Manor | Mad About Hams |
| R | Dan's Hams | Duncton Hams | | Tristar |
| | LH White(3) | LH Cream(13) | LH Patterned(3) | LH AOC M(1) |
| 1 | Tristar | Tristar C | Mad About Hams | E.Green |
| 2 | Dan's Hams | Mad About Hams | Scorpio Syrians | |
| 3 | Dan's Hams | Scorpio Syrians | Duncton Hams | |
| R | | J.Rowe | | |
| | LH AOC F(7) | LH Satin(6) | Junior(7) | Young Adult(2) |
| 1 | Nooboo Hamstery | Wynngrove Hams C | Dan's Hams | Custard Hams |
| 2 | Wynngrove Hams | Tristar | Dan's Hams | Red Devil Hams |
| 3 | A.Burton | Tristar | Dan's Hams | |
| R | Nooboo Hamstery | Flattop | Dan's Hams | |
| | Novice(2) | Intermediate(14) | Young Stock(8) | Breeder(35) |
| 1 | E.Green | Wynngrove Hams | Tristar | Tristar |
| 2 | L.Upton | Wynngrove Hams | Mad About Hams | Wynngrove Hams |
| 3 | | Wynngrove Hams | Wynngrove Hams | Tristar |
| R | | Hamster Manor | Tristar | Mad About Hams |

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| | G.Challenge(79) | | |  |
| 1 | Tristar | B.I.S. | Tristar | |
| 2 | Wyngrove Hams | B.O.S. | Wyngrove Hams | |
| 3 | Custard Hams | JUNIOR B.I.S. | Dan's Hams | |
| R | Tristar | B.O.S. | Dan's Hams | |

Judge Dwarf - Ms J Tye --- Book Steward - Mrs C Leat

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|---|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| | Campbell Nor(1) | Campbell Arg(1) | Campbell Patt(3) | W.W.Normal(8) |
| 1 | Duncton Hams C | Scorpio Syrians | Nooboo Hamstery | Lilliput Hams C |
| 2 | | | Nooboo Hamstery | Lilliput Hams |
| 3 | | | Nooboo Hamstery | K.Washbrook |
| R | | | | Lilliput Hams |
| | W.W.Sapphire(4) | W.W.Pearl(4) | Chinese Nor(3) | Chinese Patt(10) |
| 1 | Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams C | Lilliput Hams C | Lilliput Hams |
| 2 | J.Rowe | Duncton Hams C | Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams |
| 3 | J.Rowe | Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams |
| R | Duncton Hams | K.Washbrook | | Lilliput Hams |
| | Roborovski(1) | Young Adult(4) | Young Stock(14) | Breeder(21) |
| 1 | Nooboo Hamstery | K.Washbrook | Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams |
| 2 | | K.Washbrook | Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams |
| 3 | | Red Devil Hams | Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams |
| R | | Red Devil Hams | Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams |
| | G.Challenge(35) | Non-Standard(1) | |  |
| 1 | Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams | | |
| 2 | Lilliput Hams | | | |
| 3 | Duncton Hams | B.I.S. | Lilliput Hams | |
| R | Duncton Hams | B.O.S. | Lilliput Hams | |

Judge's Report

My thanks to everyone in 'The North' for making me so welcome with a special thank you to Anastasia & her mum for book and pen stewarding and Andrew for his delicious toasties. MHC and SHC Show Managers take note: - When Andrew isn't judging he could be a whizz in the kitchen!!!

The main faults with the 73 entries were age, too young or too old and thin open coats, thin belly fur, and moult probably due to the time of year. Another prevalent fault was type only two hamsters got above 20pts (BIS and BOS) the average mark being 18 out of 25pts. The standard requires 'The body shall be broad and cobby. The head shall be large in proportion to the body with a broad skull, short face and blunt nose'. The definition of 'cobby' is stout and hearty or 'chunky' as I prefer to call it. Many of the animals on the bench were more long and rangy with a nipped in waist and long narrow head.

As most of you now know my average show hamster, no major faults but no wow factor gets about 72pts, 75- 79pts is a good show hamster and over 80pts is a stunning animal worthy of a certificate.

S/H Golden (5) 1st 103 Male young, orangey, lacks heavy ticking 74.5pts

S/H Cream (6) 1st 203 Male BEC good colour, thin belly fur 75pts

S/H Yellow (4) 1st 303 Male Rex nice colour but needs more ticking, thin coat, tatty

ears 73.5pts

S/H Cinnamon (5) 1st 404 Male lacks richness 72.5pts

S/H AOC Male (5) This was a good quality class with 4 / 5 hamsters getting 74pts+. These 4 had very good colour and fur marks. 1st 504 a nice Lilac just down on size 75.5pts

S/H AOC Female (5) 1st 604 a lovely Yellow Black, lost marks as white hairs in coat and small 74+pts

S/H Patterned (3) 1st 701 BEC Banded Female very nice type with an okay band 74.5pts

S/H Satin (7) 5 / 7 were very nice hamsters in this class with good colour and fur, 804 got the best colour mark in this class. 1st 803 BEC Male very nice all round 77.5pts
2nd 806 BEC Male down 1pt on colour but still very nice 76.5pts

L/H White (3) 1st 902 DEA Male nice type, very white with thick but shortish coat, no real skirt 76.5pts

L/H Cream (14) A very mixed class but the top four were good to excellent. 1st 1014 BEC an outstanding male with excellent type a solid chunky body and a beautiful head. The icing on the cake was that he had body and a magnificent skirt 83pts BIS and Certificate. 2nd 1011 REC Female pale but even colour, nice type 76.5pts

L/H Patterned (3) 1st 1101 Grey Tort Banded lacked 'yellow' areas 72pts

L/H Male (1) 1st 1201 a Smoke Pearl with potential, needs more ticking and skirt, moult line 74pts

L/H Female (6) A very disappointing class most had good type but poor colour, fur and size. 1st 1304 Yellow Black with patchy black, attractive but not what the standard requires 72.5pts

L/H Satin (6) The top three were good to outstanding creams, 1405 had the best colour mark in this class. 1st 1401 BEC Female with excellent type, chunky with a beautiful head, pale but even colour 80.5pts BOS and Certificate. 2nd 1404 BEC Female up on colour but much weaker on type 77pts

Congratulations to BIS winner Tristar and BOS winner Gary Crompton.

Susan Washbrook



A very Merry Christmas

And

A Happy Hamstering New Year

From the Northern Hamster Club

BROCKHOLES SHOW - 12.11.2011

Judge Syrian- Mrs T Linford --- Book Steward - Ms S Lucas

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| 1 2 3 R | SH Golden(4) Flattop Aire City Hams Aire City Hams K.Skews | SH Cream(4) Flattop C J.Rowe Aire City Hams J.Rowe | SH Yellow(2) Flattop Scorpio Syrians | SH Cinnmon(8) Scorpio Syrians K.Skews S.Mousette Wyngrave Hams |
| 1 2 3 R | SH AOC Male(5) Scorpio Syrians C Aire City Hams Wyngrave Hams E.Steel | SH AOC Female(7) Scorpio Syrians Wyngrave Hams Dan's Hams Flattop | SH Patterned(2) J.Young A.Burton | SH Satin(5) Custard Hams Wyngrave Hams Wyngrave Hams Scorpio Syrians |
| 1 2 3 R | LH White(3) Dan's Hams Dan's Hams Dan's Hams | LH Cream(8) J.Rowe C J.Rowe C Scorpio Syrians F.Steel | LH Patterned(1) Roxy Hams | LH AOC M(5) S.Mousette S.Mousette J.Young Flattop |
| 1 2 3 R | LH AOC F(5) K.Skews A.Burton Nooboo Hamstery Roxy Hams | LH Satin(4) A.Burton Wyngrave Hams Flattop F.Steel | Junior(16) Dan's Hams Dan's Hams Roxy Hams Roxy Hams | Young Adult(1) Custard Hams |
| 1 2 3 R | Novice(4) F.Steel E.Ketteringham F.Steel E.Steel | Intermediate(16) A.Burton A.Burton A.Burton Wyngrave Hams | Young Stock(13) Scorpio Syrians Wyngrave Hams F.Steel Wyngrave Hams | Breeder(23) Scorpio Syrians K.Skews K.Skews Wyngrave Hams |
| 1 2 3 R | G.Challenge(59) J.Rowe J.Rowe Scorpio Syrians Flattop | Non-Standard(1) S.Mousette | B.I.S. B.O.S. JUNIOR B.I.S. JUNIOR B.O.S. | J.Rowe Scorpio Syrians Dan's Hams Dan's Hams |

Judge Dwarf - Mrs A Workman --- Book Steward: A Burton


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|------------------|---|---|--|---|
| 1 2 3 R | W.W.Normal(4) R.Thorneloe S.Siddall J.Rowe J.Rowe | W.W.Pearl(1) R.Thorneloe | Chinese Patt(1) Roxy Hams | Roborovski(2) D.Mason D.Mason |
| 1 2 | Junior(1) Roxy Hams | Novice(2) R.Thorneloe R.Thorneloe | Intermediate(1) Roxy Hams | Young Stock(2) R.Thorneloe J.Young |
| 1 2 3 R | G.Challenge(8) R.Thorneloe R.Thorneloe D.Mason Roxy Hams |  | B.I.S. B.O.S. JUNIOR B.I.S. | R.Thorneloe R.Thorneloe Roxy Hams |

Photo by Terance Phillips



Photo by Katie Dales



Lilliput Hams

*Would like to wish everyone in the hamster Fancy
a very happy Christmas
and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.*

*Susan, Neil, Rosanne, Catherine,
Laurence and Kenton Washbrook.*

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OH DEAR, WHAT CAN THE MATTER BE

Oh dear, what can the matter be
Santa's on holiday up to next Saturday
The presents are shocking
The elves are out shopping
And the reindeer are drinking the beer

Sue Kilburn



Dear Ed,

Does anyone know of a glue that is completely safe to use on the wooden sleeping quarters of hamsters, please? I am thinking of sticking on roofs etc, and anxious about any chewing.

Ann Warren

Dear Ed,

As you are aware I live in Canada and have owned many different types of hamsters over the years. Ann Warren asked if any one knows anything about "Ruby-Eyed White hamsters".

I have owned a number of ruby-eyed white dwarfs (no Syrians) and it has been a challenge. In my experience and according to my exotic pet vet such hamsters are prone to corneal ulcers, premature blindness, eye infections, glucoma...to name just a few of the ailments. I have suffered through most of these with my ruby-eyed whites. Many refer to these hamsters as Albinos.

These hamsters, again in my experience coupled subsequently with tremendous research, suffer more with eye issues than any other eye color. Personally, no matter how intriguing ruby-eyed hamsters are whether they be dark or light ruby, I would stay away from them unless you have a lot of money to spend on vet visits, medications, etc.

Now when I go out to purchase any hamster one of my prerequisites is that the hammy **not** be "ruby-eyed" no matter if the hamster is white, beige or some other coat colour. You are just asking for trouble....that's my opinion.

Inese Freimanis-Barnett



HAPPY HAMMY CHRISTMAS

What shall we do when Christmas comes
To make sure our hamsters have a lot of fun?
A comfy, soft nest to curl up tight
A big, roomy wheel to trundle on all night,

A raisin from the pudding, a half cracked nut
A chewy nibble stick and a cosy hamster hut
A handful of sunflower seeds, a shiny running ball
Snuggle time with mummy and a run around the hall

That's what we'll do to make their day so fine
And we'll wish them a Happy Hammy Christmas Time

Lynne Blair



Photo by Katie Dales



Photo by Charlotte Gummerson

MIDLAND NOTES

As another year draws to a close I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

I hope you have enjoyed sharing hamster stories and information with us and look forward to another year of hamstering.

The AGM at Shurdington was well attended and all business taken care of swiftly and efficiently. A copy of the minutes is enclosed with this journal for all Midland members.

Welcome to our new members Wendy Weck from Stroud and Jemma Godbeer from Cardiff.

Thank you to all members who renewed recently for your continued support.

Sue Carter

Shurdington - what an entry!! 163 Syrians and 117 dwarfs - on the day it was decided to split BOTH sections which entailed writing two extra sets of 'duplicate' cards and I am so grateful to Rachel Brown for writing the majority of them! She was sitting with me to learn what being Show Secretary involved, but this was being thrown in at the deep end (Rachel it is not always like that - honest!), she also coped with taking Pet entries and sorting out prize cards for that section.

Syrians were split into long and short hair. Melissa remained as long hair judge and Wendy Barry kindly volunteered (or was volunteered) to do the short hairs. Sue P. and David were book stewards and there were a few pen stewards the ones I remember were Lisa and Joyce, but thanks to the others who helped.

Dwarfs were split Campbell and Chinese, judged by Emma P, and Andrew kept the Roborovski and Winter Whites and pen stewards were Matt and Jayden (first time for him!)

Best in Show Long Haired, Short Haired and Dwarf were awarded to Tristar Hamsters with Reserve BIS's going to Tristar (LH), Bourne Valley (SH) and Oakfarm (Dwarfs).

Thanks to Chris for keeping us well fed and watered and to all on sales, those who helped sell Tombola tickets and, of course, those who set up first thing, and cleared away at the end. Hectic, but enjoyable day. **Jean Tye - Show Secretary.**


SHURDINGTON SHOW - 29.10.2011

Judge SH Syrian - Mrs W Barry --- Book Steward - Mr D Baglin

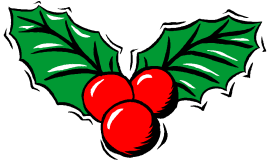
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|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| | Golden(12) | Cream(?) | AOC M(4) | AOC F(12) |
| 1 | Pick n' Mix | Tristar | Tristar | Bourne Valley |
| 2 | Pick n' Mix | Tristar | Hurtle Hams | Tristar |
| 3 | Pick n' Mix | Wyeside Hams | Bourne Valley | Tufftyfluff Hams |
| R | Hurtle Hams | Wyeside Hams | Tristar | Hurtle Hams |
| | Patterned(15) | Satin(12) | Rex(7) | Junior(?) |
| 1 | Bourne Valley | Pick n' Mix | Tufftyfluff Hams | C.Parker |
| 2 | Tristar | Severn Vale | C.Parker | C.Parker |
| 3 | Bourne Valley | Lilliput Hams | Bourne Valley | C.Parker |
| R | Lilliput Hams | Tristar | Tristar | C.Parker |
| | Novice(?) | Intermediate(?) | Sm Hamstery(?) | Breeder(?) |
| 1 | I.Grenville-Payne | Pick n' Mix | Severn Vale | Tristar |
| 2 | J.Boulton | Pick n' Mix | Severn Vale | Bourne Valley |
| 3 | J.Boulton | Pick n' Mix | I.Grenville-Payne | Tristar |
| R | | Pick n' Mix | J.Young | Hurtle Hams |
| | Young Stock(?) | FMC(?) | G.Challenge(?) |  |
| 1 | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tristar | Tristar | |
| 2 | Pick n' Mix | Bourne Valley | Bourne Valley | |
| 3 | Wyeside Hams | Tristar | Tristar | |
| R | Wyeside Hams | Hurtle Hams | Hurtle Hams | |

Judge LH Syrian - Mrs M Chamberlain --- Book Steward - Mrs S Parker

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|---|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Cream M(8) | Cream F(7) | AOC M(10) | AOC F(14) |
| 1 | Tristar | Wyeside Hams | Tristar | Hurtle Hams |
| 2 | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tristar | Hurtle Hams | Tufftyfluff Hams |
| 3 | Hurtle Hams | J.Rowe | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tristar |
| R | Tufftyfluff Hams | Wyeside Hams | Tristar | Pick n' Mix |
| | Patterned(12) | Satin(15) | Rex(1) | Junior(?) |
| 1 | Tristar | Tristar | Pick n' Mix | C.Parker |
| 2 | Hurtle Hams | Pick n' Mix | | C.Parker |
| 3 | Bourne Valley | Wyeside Hams | | Author Hams |
| R | Bourne Valley | Tristar | | C.Parker |



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| | Novice(?) | Intermediate(?) | Sm Hamstery(?) | Breeder(?) |
| 1 | E.Curtis | Pick n' Mix | E.Curtis | Tristar |
| 2 | E.Curtis | Pick n' Mix | Author Hams | Hurtle Hams |
| 3 | J.Boulton | Pick n' Mix | Somershire Hams | Hurtle Hams |
| R | C.Buckland | Pick n' Mix | E.Curtis | Tufftyfluff Hams |
| | Young Stock(?) | FMC(?) | G.Challenge(?) | Non-Standard(7) |
| 1 | C.Parker | Tristar | Tristar | Hurtle Hams |
| 2 | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tristar | Tristar | Tristar |
| 3 | Pick n' Mix | Hurtle Hams | Hurtle Hams | Tufftyfluff Hams |
| R | Pick n' Mix | Hurtle Hams | Hurtle Hams | Towy Vale |
| | BEST SH MALE BEST LH MALE | Tristar Tristar SH B.I.S. JUNIOR SH RESERVE B.I.S. JUNIOR SH B.I.S. & RESERVE B.I.S. LH B.I.S. JUNIOR LH RESERVE B.I.S. JUNIOR LH B.I.S. LH RESERVE B.I.S. | BEST SH FEMALE BEST LH FEMALE | Bourne Valley Hurtle Hams C.Parker C.Parker Not Recorded C.Parker C.Parker Tristar Tristar |
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Judge Dwarf - Dr E Picot --- Book Steward - Mr M Downey

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|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| | Campbell Nor(18) | Campbell Arg(6) | Campbell Self(10) | Campbell Mott(5) |
| 1 | Pick n' Mix | Wellington Hams | Wellington Hams | Tufftyfluff Hams |
| 2 | Pick n' Mix | Wellington Hams | Tufftyfluff Hams | C.Parker |
| 3 | Wellington Hams | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tufftyfluff Hams |
| R | Pick n' Mix | Wellington Hams | Tufftyfluff Hams | C.Parker |
| | Chinese Norm(9) | Chinese Spot(12) | Junior(?) | Novice(?) |
| 1 | Tristar | Tristar | C.Parker | J.Boulton |
| 2 | Severn Vale | Lilliput Hams | C.Parker | |
| 3 | Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams | C.Parker | |
| R | Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams | C.Parker | |
| | Intermediate(?) | Sm Hamstery(?) | Breeder(?) | Young Stock(?) |
| 1 | Pick n' Mix | Severn Vale | Severn Vale | Severn Vale |
| 2 | Pick n' Mix | Pick n' Mix | Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams |
| 3 | Pick n' Mix | Pick n' Mix | Lilliput Hams | Tristar |
| R | Pick n' Mix | Severn Vale | Lilliput Hams | Pick n' Mix |
| | FMC(?) | G.Challenge(?) | Non-Standard(13) |  |
| 1 | Tristar | Tristar | Wellington Hams | |
| 2 | Severn Vale | Lilliput Hams | Tufftyfluff Hams | |
| 3 | Tristar | Tristar | Tufftyfluff Hams | |
| R | Pick n' Mix | Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams | |

Judge Dwarf - Mr A Bryan --- Book Steward - Ms T Buckland

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|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | W.W.Normal(18) | W.W.Sapphire(10) | W.W.Pearl(13) | Roborovski(10) |
| 1 | K.Washbrook | Wellington Hams | Tristar | Oak Farm Hams |
| 2 | Wellington Hams | Lilliput Hams | Tufftyfluff Hams | Oak Farm Hams |
| 3 | Lilliput Hams | C.Parker | Lilliput Hams | Oak Farm Hams |
| R | Wellington Hams | J.Rowe | Lilliput Hams | Oak Farm Hams |

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| | Junior(?) 1 C.Parker 2 C.Parker 3 R | Novice(?) R.Thorneloe I.Grenville-Payne J.Boulton I.Grenville-Payne | Sm Hamstery(?) K.Washbrook K.Washbrook I.Grenville-Payne J.Boulton | Breeder(?) Tristar Wellington Hams Lilliput Hams Tufftyfluff Hams |
| | Young Stock(?) 1 Oak Farm Hams 2 Oak Farm Hams 3 Tristar R Oak Farm Hams | FMC(?) Oak Farm Hams Oak Farm Hams Tristar Oak Farm Hams | G.Challenge(?) Oak Farm Hams Oak Farm Hams Tristar Oak Farm Hams |  |
| | | B.I.S. JUNIOR RESERVE B.I.S. JUNIOR B.I.S. RESERVE B.I.S. | | C.Parker C.Parker Tristar Oak Farm Hams |
| | Pet Hamsters(7) 1 J.Boulton 2 Author Hams 3 E.Curtis R S.Parsons VHC Author Hams HC M.Williams C L.Cooke | Other Pets(2) I.Grenville-Payne I.Grenville-Payne |  | |



HAMMY'S CHRISTMAS NIGHT

It was cold outside and the ground was white
 As hammy peeped out that Christmas night.
 He couldn't sleep - he was wide awake!
 His whiskers were trembling - he was all of a quake!

Back in his nest, he knew something was afoot
 When Santa arrived with a flurry of soot.
 With a long white beard and laden with toys
 Lots of presents for girls and boys.

He saw Hammy Hamster and with a broad cheery smile
 Knew their secret would be safe for a little while.
 Snuggling back down in his warm cosy bed
 Hammy knew he hadn't dreamt about the Man in Red!



Nicola Sankey

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**Mark, Sue and Katisha
of Bourne Valley Hamsters and Disney Hams
would like to wish all their friends
a Merry Christmas
and a happy and healthy New Year.**



| PREFIXES DUE | |
|--|-----------|
| Red Devil Hams – J Rowe | January |
| Iridescent Hamstery – M Bucki | January |
| PREFIXES OUTSTANDING | |
| Milton Hams – Elaine & Andrew Milton | September |
| Paradise Hamsters – Adrian & Gillian Rigden | October |
| Classic Hams – Mrs Deborah Sharon Clarke | October |
| Mythic Hams – Ms A Hemsley | November |
| PREFIXES LAPSED | |
| Bluebell House Hamsters – Mrs Louise Cunningham- Janes | August |
| NEW PREFIXES | |
| Grantabrugge – Jennifer Johnson | September |
| Roxy Hams – Fiona Cameron | October |

Please note: Prefixes are renewable at a cost of £2 within 3 months of their due date. Prefixes that are more than three months overdue will lapse and cost £5 to renew. **Please make cheques & postal orders payable to the NATIONAL HAMSTER COUNCIL.**

PREFIX RENEWALS

Just a quick note to everyone about Prefix renewals. There has been some confusion lately about payment of members' renewals so I would like to clarify how it works.

Twice a year, the full list of Prefixes appears in the Journal and shows the month that any given prefix was issued. Roughly a month before each prefix is due for renewal, I do a table for the Journal showing members which ones are due & which ones are outstanding.

I have to keep the records & paperwork up together and all renewal cheques, PO's etc are sent to the NHC Treasurer. (By the way, PLEASE do not send cash in the post. It's not secure & means I then have to issue one of my own cheques to send to the Treasurer. If you don't have a cheque book, please get a postal order from the post office).

Lately, I've had members ringing or emailing me to say that they've paid for their

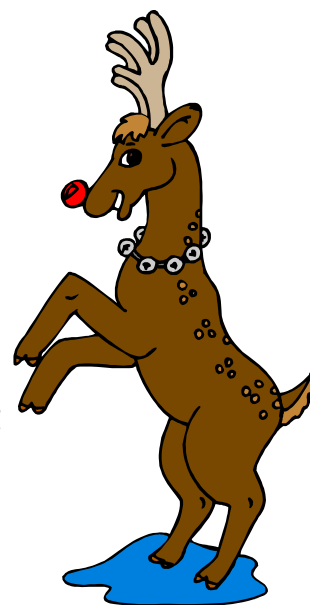
prefix renewal which is showing as 'outstanding' in the Journal table. This is because they have sent, or given, the money direct to the Treasurer.... There is nothing wrong with this except that I don't know you have done it so **PLEASE, PLEASE** if you do pay the Treasurer direct, let me know so that I can keep the records up to date.

Ideally, send the renewal money to me to avoid muddles in the future. Thank you.

Rosie Ray - National Sec

THE HAMSTERS WERE ALL WALKING

The Hamsters were all walking
In the deep dark wood
They saw the sled in the ditch and went to have a look
Santa sat there sighing, oh what am I to do
Rudolphs playing panto and the rest have gone off too
Oh Jeffrey will you help me your nose is very bright.
That's because I've got a cold and want to go to bed
The children won't get presents, I can't see through the fog
We'll help said all the hammies and pushed Jeffrey to the front
And with Santa's magic spell they went up and up and up
The presents were all delivered and Jeffrey got to bed
In a big new quilt from Santa to put on to his bed



Sue Kilburn



A
Merry Christmas
And a
“Hammy”
New Year
to everyone
in the Fancy,
from all of us at
Honeybuzz Hamstery

SOUTHERN NOTES

Welcome to new SHC club members, Verity Lovegrove from Wimborne. Emily, Katy & Poppy Norman from Ferndown. And to Nina Goldsworthy from Southampton, welcome to you all.

Some of you will have already received your AGM minutes, others will receive with this journal. Please have a look at them. In the minutes there is some clarification regarding lapsed memberships. It has also been clarified that juniors must be SHC members to gain points towards the annual junior awards.

Can I remind people too that they **MUST** be SHC members to enter the Members Points Class.....there are still exhibitors entering this class who are not members.....please, you are potentially taking away points from people who genuinely are members. If people are not sure of their membership status please don't be afraid to ask.

In the last 2 journals there has been discussion regarding the monthly journals. I have been contacted by some club members worried that they are going to lose their "paper" journals, please be assured, that even though electronic journals are now available, the journals **WILL** continue in the paper format, as this is by far the most popular format.

I have a request from Ged again to ask that people see if they have any trophies that need returning, thank you. Don't forget too that Ged & I can re-cycle any unwanted trophies or rosettes you no longer want.

The SHC/Hamster Fancy has been invited to attend the "London Pet Show" on Saturday/Sunday 12th/13th May 2012. This event will be at Earls Court in London. Although its called a pet show, its not a "competition", but instead an educational event covering ALL small & domestic animals (cats, dogs, rabbits, rodents, exotics, reptiles etc) From what I gather this is quite a "posh, upmarket & professional" event designed to educate the public on animal care & welfare. We are looking for volunteers who could help at this event.....please get in touch with me if you can help or would like more info.

Finally, can I, on behalf of the SHC Officers & Committee wish all SHC club members & everyone in the Hamster Fancy a very Happy Christmas.

Wendy Barry

Judge's Report for Syrians at Clevedon.

Many thanks for your entries. Some animals were quite young and will, with luck, improve with age; others were a little past their best, but this reflected in the points range. Thanks go to Elaine Milton and Lisa Lipski for book and pen stewarding respectively.

Golden (4) points 75-67.5 1. 103. Male. Good rich colour, slightly patchy ticking, wide hair line. Lacked body - possibly older? 2. 101 Young female, colour needs to clear, has a good hair line. Slightly short tail.

Cream (11) points 74.5-71 1. 203. Male. Slightly patchy colour, not much white under. Lovely cobby type with good solid body. Coat a little woolly. 2. 207. Female. Fairly even colour, a bit pale over the back of neck. Thin belly fur. Lovely chunky body. Good size.

AOC Male (9) points 76-68.5 1. 309. Melanistic Yellow. Slightly patchy ticking, excellent undercolour. Thick plush fur. Nice head and body shape. 2. 303 Black. Best colour of this class being a really "black" black with very little white underneath. Not the type, size

or fur of the winner.

AOC Female (5) points 74-69 1. 404. Another Melanistic Yellow. Similar comments to the male except she had white patches underneath and slightly thin belly fur. 2. 405. Honey. Slightly patchy colour, good chest band. Best type in the class. Lovely solid bodily condition.

Patterned (10) points 79-69 1. 503. Male yellow dominant spot. Nice spots, would have liked the yellow a bit more dusky, but what he had was nicely ticked. Excellent head, body shape and thick plush fur. Good size and condition. My Best in Show winner and COM 2. 509. Female BEC Banded. Excellent rich cream and fairly good band. Nice chunky lady with thick fur (even her belly!). Pushed the male hard but I just preferred his pattern. Reserve Best in Show and COM3. 504 Male BEC Banded. Similar to 509 except his band is a bit higgledy-piggledy!! COM

Satin (10) points 73.5-65 1. 601 Black Eyed Cream male with a nice head and good thick glossy coat. Excellent size, solid and chunky body. 2. 608. Really lovely solid bodied BEC banded male. Fabulous head, compact shape. Best type in this class. Down to winner as his band was irregular and fur not so thick.

LH Cream (17) 76.5-66 1. 709. Lovely big solid BEC female. Rich even colour, jet black ears, sparkling eyes! Slightly thin belly fur. Excellent bodily condition. COM 2. 712. another BEC female. Not such a rich colour as the winner and fur was a bit thin on her neck, belly and chin. Excellent size and type.

Class 8 LH Self (9) points 74-66 1. 803. Dark Eared White male. Good body shape, nice head, very alert. Even skirt, slightly thin fur on back of neck and face. Spotless white coat. 2. 806. Pink Eared White male. Fairly good skirt. Nice type with solid body. Slight yellow sheen underneath.

LH AOC Male (8) points 70-65.5 1. 907. Golden. Good type, chunky body. Colour lacks richness but his under colour is really good. Thick body fur, tufty skirt. 2. 903. Silver Grey. Reasonable type with good solid body. Good chest band, slightly uneven colour, lacking ticking. Wispy skirt.

LH AOC Female (4) points 71-66.5 1. 1002. Silver Grey. Nice even colour but lacks ticking. Beautiful head, solid chunky body. Very good chest band. Thick body fur, slightly thin belly fur. 2. 1004. Another silver grey. Very much like the winner in type and she was a better colour, but lacked body so lost out on condition.

LH Patterned (9) 71.5-66.5 1. 1103. Black Eyed Cream Banded male. Lovely solid body, good head and overall shape. Pale cream colour, poor band. Excellent size and condition. 2. 1108. Another Black Eyed Cream Banded male. Absolutely spot on for condition and size. Better colour than winner but broken band brought him down on colour. His skirt was wispy.

LH Satin (8) points 70.5-66 1. 1202. Male cinnamon. Nice skirt and thick body fur. Pale undercolour, fair top colour. Lovely size and condition. 2. 1201. Red Eyed Cream female. Possibly older. Thin fur on back of neck and belly. Good colour, size and bodily condition.

Class 13 Rex (5) points 70-66 1. 1301. SH male rust. Nice frizzy coat, just lacking a bit in density. Slightly patchy colour and needs to be richer. Excellent condition. 2. 1305. Silver Grey Tort. Lovely thick plush soft coat, lacking tort patches. Slightly narrow head, good size and condition.

Class 23 Non-standard (5) points 54-50.5 1. 2301. Nice LH Chocolate Yellow. Good size, fur and condition. Slightly narrow head. 2. 2302. Another LH Yellow Chocolate. Similar in all ways to winner except she had slightly thin belly fur.

Jean Tye

A fairly small show for Bath with 92 syrians and 70 dwarfs in the main show, but yet another bumper pet entry with 27 entries! I would like to say a big "Thank You" to Wendy for taking the pet entries and dealing with the prize cards and many questions from the owners. Thanks also to Rosie for taking on the mammoth task of judging the pets - always a difficult thing to do.

Susan and Jeannie judged syrians and dwarfs respectively with book stewards Sue P and Ged and the pen steward for syrians was Lisa, I think dwarfs sorted themselves out - sorry if I missed *you* as their pen steward. Best dwarf was awarded to Carl Parker with a Self Campbell and best syrian was Tristar's long haired cream male who was the only hamster to be awarded a Certificate of Merit and he also won the Diploma class.

As usual my most grateful thanks go to Chris and her helpers in the kitchen. Several times I noticed a queue for refreshments and I know Chris sold out of lots of food which makes it worthwhile. Thanks to Mark, Pete and Sue on sales and Rachel with the Tombola.


The setting out and clearing up were done quickly with almost everyone taking a turn to do "their bit". If I have forgotten anyone, sorry, but all help is much appreciated, even if only to collect used cups, saucers and plates!! Thanks all.

Jean Tye - Show Secretary


BATH SHOW - 05.11.2011

Judge Syrian -Mrs S Washbrook --- Book Steward - Mrs S Parker

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|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | SH Golden(6) | SH Cream(10) | SH AOC M(7) | SH AOC F(6) |
| 1 | Tristar | Tristar | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tufftyfluff Hams |
| 2 | Tristar | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tristar | Bourne Valley |
| 3 | Pick n' Mix | Tristar | Bourne Valley | Tristar |
| R | Pick n' Mix | Miles To Go | Bourne Valley | Tufftyfluff Hams |
| | SH Patterned(7) | SH Satin(9) | LH Cream(9) | LH Self(10) |
| 1 | Bourne Valley | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tristar | Tufftyfluff Hams |
| 2 | Bourne Valley | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tufftyfluff Hams | Pick n' Mix |
| 3 | Bourne Valley | Tristar | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tristar |
| R | Tristar | C.Parker | Pick n' Mix | Aussie Hams |
| | LH AOC M(4) | LH AOC F(5) | LH Patterned(8) | LH Satin(10) |
| 1 | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tristar | Pick n' Mix | Tristar |
| 2 | Tristar | Towy Vale | Sunflower Syrians | Tristar |
| 3 | C.Parker | Tufftyfluff Hams | Bourne Valley | Tufftyfluff Hams |
| R | Towy Vale | Towy Vale | Bourne Valley | Pick n' Mix |
| | Rex(7) | Junior(4) | Novice(4) | Intermediate(21) |
| 1 | Tufftyfluff Hams | C.Parker | J.Boulton | Pick n' Mix |
| 2 | Pick n' Mix | C.Parker | E.Curtis | Pick n' Mix |
| 3 | Tristar | C.Parker | J.Boulton | Pick n' Mix |
| R | Bourne Valley | N.Melbourne | E.Curtis | Aussie Hams |
| | Sm Hamstery(13) | Young Stock(26) | Breeder(66) | M.P.C.(53) |
| 1 | Sunflower Syrians | Tristar | Tristar | Tristar |
| 2 | Miles To Go | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tufftyfluff Hams | Pick n' Mix |
| 3 | J.Boulton | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tufftyfluff Hams | Pick n' Mix |
| R | Miles To Go | Pick n' Mix | Tufftyfluff Hams | Tristar |

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| | G.Challenge(92) | Non-Standard(2) | Diploma(41) |  |
| 1 2 3 R | Tristar Tufftyfluff Hams Pick n' Mix Tufftyfluff Hams | Towy Vale Bourne Valley | Tristar Tristar Tristar ? | |
| | | B.I.S. RESERVE B.I.S. | Tristar Tufftyfluff Hams | |

Judge Dwarf - Ms J Birch --- Book Steward - Mr G Barry

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| | Campbell Nor(12) | Campbell Arg(3) | Campbell Self(6) | Campbell Mott(4) |
| 1 2 3 R | Tristar Pick n' Mix Tristar Tufftyfluff Hams | Not Awarded T.Phillips Tufftyfluff Hams T.Phillips | C.Parker Tufftyfluff Hams Tufftyfluff Hams Tufftyfluff Hams | C.Parker Tufftyfluff Hams C.Parker Tufftyfluff Hams |
| | Chinese Norm(10) | Chinese Spot(11) | W.W.Normal(7) | W.W.Pearl(10) |
| 1 2 3 R | Vectis Hams Vectis Hams Lilliput Hams Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams Lilliput Hams Lilliput Hams Lilliput Hams | Tristar Tristar K.Washbrook Lilliput Hams | Lilliput Hams Lilliput Hams K.Washbrook Tufftyfluff Hams |
| | W.W.Sapphire(4) | Roborovski(2) | Junior(9) | Novice(2) |
| 1 2 3 R | Tristar Lilliput Hams J.Boulton C.Parker | Lilliput Hams Vectis Hams | C.Parker C.Parker C.Parker C.Parker | J.Boulton J.Boulton |
| | Intermediate(4) | Sm Hamstery(10) | Young Stock(16) | Breeder(44) |
| 1 2 3 R | Pick n' Mix Pick n' Mix Pick n' Mix Pick n' Mix | Pick n' Mix K.Washbrook K.Washbrook J.Boulton | Lilliput Hams Pick n' Mix Tristar Tristar | C.Parker Lilliput Hams Vectis Hams Lilliput Hams |
| | M.P.C.(21) | G.Challenge(68) | Non-Standard(3) |  |
| 1 2 3 R | Vectis Hams Vectis Hams Tristar Tristar | C.Parker Lilliput Hams Vectis Hams Vectis Hams | Lilliput Hams Tufftyfluff Hams Vectis Hams | |
| | | B.I.S. RESERVE B.I.S. | C.Parker Lilliput Hams | |

Judge Pet - Mrs R Ray

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| | Syrian M(11) | Syrian F(8) | Dwarf(5) | Rabbit & GP(1) |
| 1 2 3 R | T.Phillips C.Hughes M.Hughes S.Letchford Others(2) | M.Pietersen K.Melbourne G.Green N.James | G.Higson E.Strutt E.Strutt E.Strutt | K.Beetham |
| 1 2 | G.Barry W.Barry | | | |

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sarah and Rob Gudgeon on the Birth of their son, Reuben, on 17th October at Swindon Hospital at 3:21pm weighing 9lb and half an oz. A grandson for Jenny and Jim.



Wessex Hamstery and Moonraker Hamsters would like to wish all our hamster friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



MIKE VILE

It is with regret that I have to announce the death of Mike Vile on 13th November. Mike, for many years was Editor (and printer) of the Southern Journal. He leaves a daughter and granddaughter.

Chris Logsdail

THISLEDOWN AGAIN

Bring out the fireworks 'cos here I am, Thistledown from Bournemouth again!

Can you believe I have ended up in a place with only 4 other hamsters and they are ALL girls. After the fantastic place I was born in, at Bourne Valley, which is full of boys [and girls]. Here there are NO boys, unless you count Bobby Burns, who stayed a mere two weeks, a while ago. I tried to draw attention to myself. I fluffed out my melanistic yellow long fur and called to him but I think he had his mind set on one of my room mates. I said to him, "Choose me. I'm over here." But he didn't listen! Next time!

So, what has been happening here? Well, I have a new cage, now that I am nearly grown up. With a wheel, yippee! I can run forever on it, without getting tired! I also love chewing the bars with my tongue out. Mum thinks I look hilarious, she says it should give me a lisp, so she calls me "Sistledown." Is that funny? I don't think so!

Well, lots to do, I like to keep busy, can't keep chatting to you! Perhaps I can persuade Mum to let me run in the big living room.

Chris Miles



**Merry Christmas
and a hammie New Year
to everyone who reads the Journal
From
Miles to Go Hamsters and Sunflower Syrians**



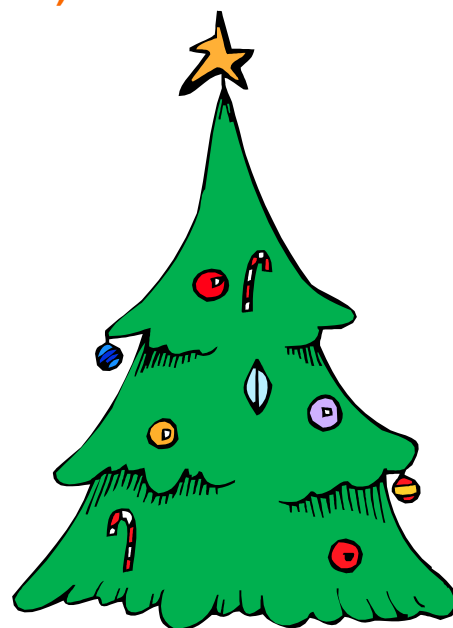
A HAMSTER CHRISTMAS TREE (dedicated to Daisy-Belle)

Who is the prettiest on the tree -
Pixie, as handsome as cream can be?
Or long-coated Flinty, grey and tall,
Autumn so golden, sweet and small?

What about Susie, soft to my touch?
All the hamsters are loved so much.
Each has a place, and now I can see
One little hamster on top of the tree.

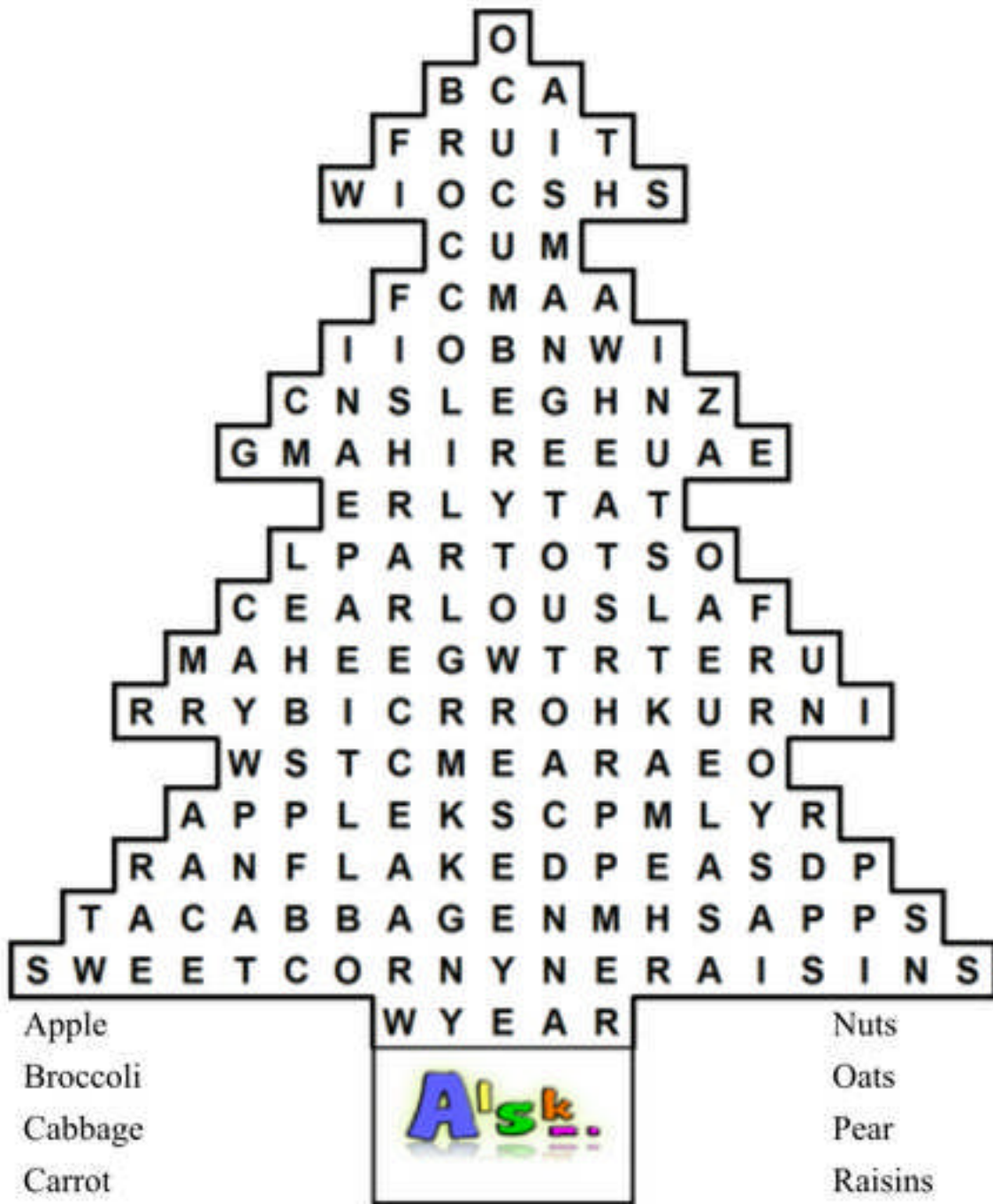
With eyes so pink and a coat of snow
Whiter than any mistletoe -
Little Wisteria, you will be
The Christmas Fairy on the tree.

Ann Warren



Christmas Yum Yum Tree

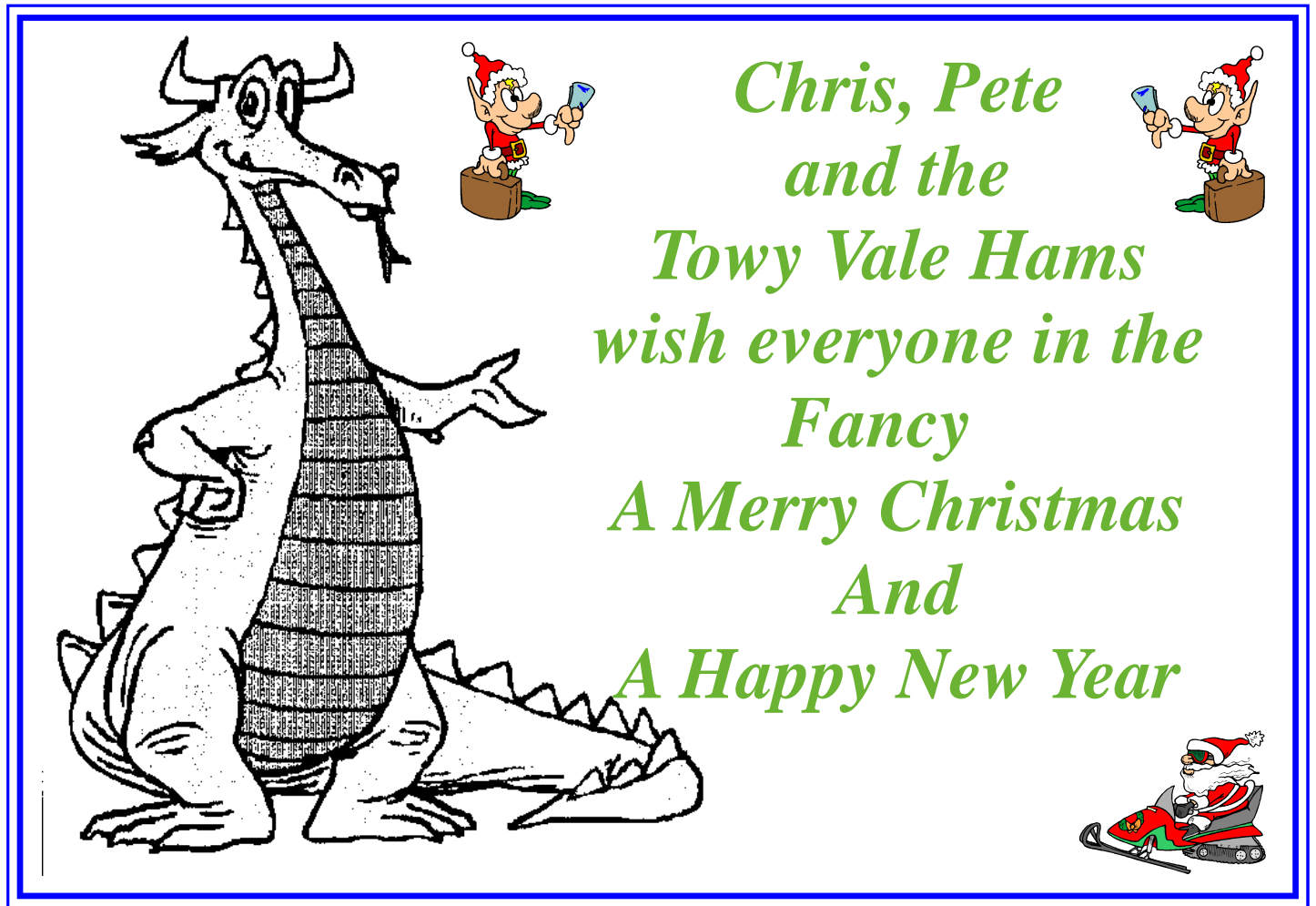
Listed below are some food items you could feed to your hamster. Find them all in the Christmas tree. Words can be forwards, backwards and diagonal. Unused letters when read from left to right, top to bottom will spell out a message.



- Apple
- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Carrot
- Cereal
- Chicken
- Cucumber
- Fish
- Flaked peas

- Fruit
- Grapes
- Maize
- Mange tout
- Meal worm
- Melon

- Nuts
- Oats
- Pear
- Raisins
- Sprouts
- Strawberry
- Sweet corn
- Tofu
- Turkey
- Wheat



To date, I have received 2 written nominations for two of the Officers posts on the Council.

If you want to nominate anyone, or apply yourself, please send the nomination (in writing) to me by the 31st December.

It doesn't have to be a huge document. All I need is the name of the person applying; the name of the person nominating; the name of the person who is seconding the nomination and the Post applied for. The person nominated also has to sign the paper to say they accept the nomination.

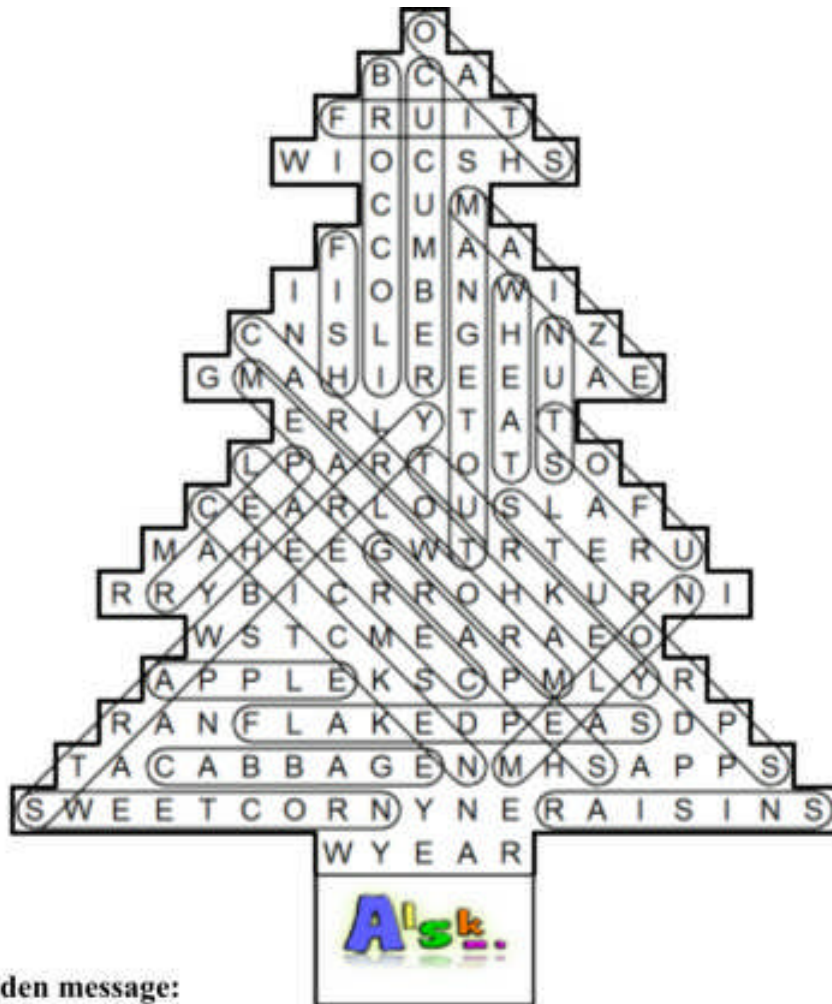
So, as an example:

J Smith
Nominated by Fred Bloggs
Seconded by A Other
For the post of whatever
Nomination accepted by J Smith



There is nothing to report from the world of politics so it just remains for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Rosie Ray - National Sec



Hidden message:

WISHING ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



LILY'S MOTHERHOOD.

Hello, this is Lily with more news from Bournemouth.

I met a young hamster named Rouxpert, he was very handsome, charming, relaxed and good company.

Now I have twelve babies. And Mum says I am a very clever girl. I have cared for them ceaselessly, giving little time to myself. And Mum says I am a wonderful mother. I have shown them how to eat solid food and where to toilet. And Mum says I am doing a brilliant job.

Now, they are 4 weeks old and we are to split up. My work is done. The boys stay together. The girls stay together. I go home to my own cage. Mum cuddles me and says, "Lily, you beautiful girl, well done. I am so proud of you!"

I don't really miss the children, in fact I am tired and need a rest. Twelve children, 5 boisterous boys and 7 adventurous girls have taken their toll on my energy and looks! But, as I reflect on my experience, I realise motherhood has made me a more rounded hamster!!

Chris Miles

FOR AND AGAINST

At Gatcombe, some of the reasons for and against buying a hamster

Reasons for buying.

1. Really cute and fluffy.
2. I want one.
3. Mummy had one when she was a little girl.
4. Rather buy from a breeder who knows what they are doing.
5. Want a lovely tame friendly hamster not like some pet shop ones that bite.
6. Teaches children about death.
7. Let's ring "....." to see if we still have the cage.
8. I want another, mine's just died.
9. Want something to cuddle.



Reasons against buying.

1. We have a cat/ dog that will eat it.
2. You have already got one/enough pets.
3. You can have one when you are bigger.
4. Mummy/Daddy would go mad if we took one home.
5. You/family member are allergic to fur/peanuts etc.
6. Your other one died because you didn't look after it.
7. They are horrible - they bite.
8. They don't live very long.
9. They escape all the time.
10. They sleep all day and are only up at night.
11. You will have to ask Mummy/Daddy.
12. No, I don't want one.
13. They are small and you won't handle small things.
14. We don't have the cage any more.



Jean Tye

NATIONAL HAMSTER COUNCIL PREFIX REGISTER 2011

| PREFIX | NAME | DUE |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| AIRE CITY HAMSTERS | GEORGE GREER | 11/2012 |
| ALPHABET HAMS | M & E PEARCE | 2/2016 |
| ANIMAL ARK | C. WASHBROOK | 12/2012 |
| AUSSIE HAMS | MARY, NAOMI & KIMBERLEY MELBOURNE | 4/2012 |
| AUTHOR HAMS | NIAMH & LAVINIA BROWN | 5/2014 |
| BLACK COUNTRY HAMS | ELAINE SKIDMORE | LIFETIME |
| BLACKBERRY STUD | J. ADDIS & M. ADDIS | 7/2012 |
| BLUEBELL HOUSE HAMSTERS | MRS LOUISE CUNNINGHAM-JONES | 8/2011 |
| BOCHDEW HAMS | MAI-LOUISE ROBERTS | 7/2012 |
| BOURNE VALLEY HAMSTERS | M. HARRIS & S. CARTER | 11/2011 |
| CHEVERTON HAMS | F. AVILL & H. JONES | 1/2014 |
| CLASSIC HAMS | MRS DEBORAH SHARON CLARKE | 10/2011 |
| CUSTARD HAMSTERY | A. BLAIR & MRS L BLAIR | 5/2016 |
| DAISY HAMS | VICTORIA MEACOCK | 4/2015 *** |
| DANS HAMS | D. KILBURN | 1/2013 |
| DISNEY HAMS | K.D. HARRIS | 5/2012 |

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| DUNCTON HAMSTERY | A. BRYAN | 9/2011 |
| FARTHING HAMSTERS | K. & J. ABBOTT | 11/2013 |
| FLAT TOP HAMSTERY | S. KILBURN | 10/2013 |
| GOLDEN HAMS | CHRISTINE SHIPLEY (nee Davies) | 5/ 2014 ** |
| GRANTABRUGGE | MS JENNIFER JOHNSON | 9/2012 |
| HAMSTER MANOR | ASHLEA GREEN | 6/2012 |
| HAPPY VALLEY HAMSTERY | M & M RODGERS | 5/2012 |
| HONEYBUZZ HAMSTERY | H & B INGRAM | 12/2012 |
| HURTLE HAMS | RACHEL BROWN | 5/2014 |
| IRIDESCENT HAMSTERY | M. BUCKI | 1/2012 |
| JESS' HAMS | JESSICA DEAL | 3/ 2012 |
| LILLIPUT HAMSTERY | S & N WASHBROOK | 8/2012 |
| MAD ABOUT HAMSTERS | T McHUGH & A LINFORD | 8/2014 |
| MIDNIGHT STUD | S. THORELL | 10/2014 |
| MILES TO GO HAMS | MRS CHRIS MILES | 4/2012 |
| MILTON HAMS | ELAINE & ANDREW MILTON | 9/2011 |
| MOONRAKER HAMSTERS | J.& J.GUDGEON & T., E. & B.PARFITT | 9/2011 |
| MYTHIC HAMS | MS A HEMSLEY | 11/2011 |
| NETHERWOOD HAMSTERY | C & A TOWNLEY | 8/2012 |
| NOBODY'S HAMS | EMMA PICOT | 8/2011 |
| NOOBOO HAMSTERY | A & D WORKMAN | 4/2013 |
| OAK FARM | T. BUCKLAND | 2/2012*** |
| PARADISE HAMSTERS | ADRIAN & GILLIAN RIGDEN (re-reg) | 10/2011 |
| PEACHES & CREAM HAMSTERS | KELLY BAKER | 8/2012 |
| PICK 'N' MIX HAMSTERY | ANDREW & LISA LIPSKI | 8/2012 |
| RED DEVIL HAMS | J. ROWE | 1/2012 |
| ROXY HAMS | FIONA CAMERON | 10/2012 |
| SATINE HAMSTERY | SAMANTHA PEARCE | 4/2012 |
| SCORPIO SYRIANS | SHERYL LUCAS | 4/2013 |
| SEVERN VALE HAMSTERY | MATT DAY | 2/2012 |
| SOMERSHIRE HAMSTERS | W & G BARRY | 3/2012 |
| SOUTH COAST SYRIANS | ELLIE COLLINS | 6/2012 |
| STARLIGHT | J CLEMENTSON & P ORDONEZ | 5/2012 |
| STONELANDS HAMSTERY | P. MILWARD (Deceased)Not re-issued | |
| SUNFLOWER SYRIANS | CATHERINE MILES | 10/2012 |
| TER HAMS | TERANCE PHILLIPS | 8/2012 |
| THE ORCHARD HAMSTERY | MELISSA ORCHARD | 8/2012 |
| TOWY VALE HAMSTERY | LOGSDAIL FAMILY | 4/2012 |
| TRISTAR HAMS | J TYE, D BAGLIN & G CALVERT | 10/2015 |
| TUFTYFLUFF HAMS | MRS S PARKER | 6/2012 |
| VECTIS HAMSTERY | RACHEL OWERS | 10/2012 |
| WELLINGTON HAMSTERY | M. CHAMBERLAIN | 11/2012 |
| WESSEX HAMSTERY | ROBERT GUDGEON | 5/2012 |
| WHITEWATER HAMSTERS | JEN BRIDGEWATER & KATE MUSSELWHITE | 3/2012 |
| WYESIDE HAMSTERS | GILLIAN BOWDEN | 5/2012 |
| WYNGROVE HAMSTERS | GARY CRUMPTON | 6/2012 |
| ZEM HAMSTERY | NATASHA TAYLOR | 8/2012 |

*** Note: Tammi Buckland (Oak Farm – Feb 2010) paid £3 in cash for renewal so will owe £1 to renew in 2011. (not paid so £1 carried over to 2012).

Note: Tammi Buckland (Oak Farm) has contacted me re her renewal & will pay £1 direct to Emma Pearce at Hereford Show on 14th May 2011. Emma did not go to show so £1 still owing (carried over to 2012)

Daisy Hams – Victoria Meacock. Sent cheque for £10 for 5 years renewal but her prefix had lapsed so £5 is re-instatement & £6 owed for 3 years renewal. As cheque was for £10, amount is a £1 short. Email from her Mum (Christine Shipley) to say she will send the extra £1. In meantime, prefix re-instated.

As of **3rd September 2011** extra £1 not received. Monitor & update as necessary.

Rosie Ray

COMPETITION RESULTS

Thank goodness I do not judge the entries! Thank you to everyone who entered.

The results are as follows:-

1st Photo - Lynne Blair (page 18)

2nd Photo - Anastasia Blair (front cover)

1st Poem - Nicola Sankey (page 10)

2nd Poem - Sue Kilburn (page 13)

There weren't any Junior entries.



Chris

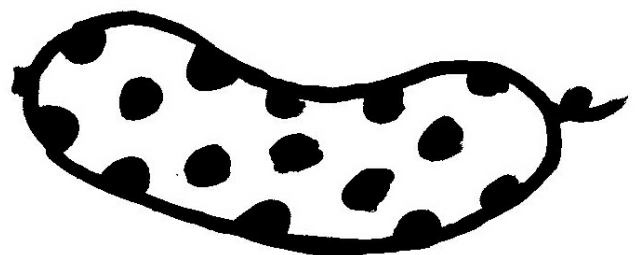
**Wellington Hams and their carer Melissa
Would like to wish all my dear friends in the hamster World
a very Happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year.
I am sorry this year I haven't completed any Christmas cards
but I think the majority of you know the reason why.
See you all in the New Year.**

**Love
Melissa.xxx**

MY MIND BOGGLED !

Sign spotted outside farm (? shop) on the way to Midland Christmas Show. Sorry, couldn't resist these doodles!

**RARE
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SAUSAGES**



Gloucester Spot



saddleback

| PROPOSED SHOWS AND DISPLAYS FOR 2012 | | |
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| RED = PROPOSED, BLACK = CONFIRMED, GREEN = DISPLAY ONLY | | |
| DATE | VENUE | CLUB |
| 28TH JANUARY | BRADFORD CHAMPS | NHC |
| 10TH MARCH | DAWLISH | SOUTHERN |
| 11TH MARCH | LYMM | NORTHERN |
| 24TH MARCH | WILLINGTON | MIDLAND |
| 8TH APRIL | THAME | MIDLAND |
| 9TH APRIL | THAME (SHOW) | MIDLAND |
| 21ST APRIL | TOPCLIFFE | NORTHERN |
| 6TH/7TH MAY | BURGHLEY | MIDLAND |
| 12TH MAY | NATIONAL MEETING | |
| 12TH/13TH | EARLS COURT - LONDON PET SHOW | |
| 19TH MAY | OTLEY | NORTHERN |
| 26TH MAY | HEREFORD | MIDLAND |
| 3RD JUNE | ROMSEY (SHOW) | SOUTHERN |
| 4TH & 5TH JUNE | ROMSEY | SOUTHERN |
| | ANDOVER | SOUTHERN |
| 17TH JUNE | N.YORKS COUNTY SHOW | NORTHERN |
| 1ST JULY | BRINSWORTH | NORTHERN |
| 7TH JULY | GREAT ALNE | MIDLAND |
| 21ST JULY | BATH | SOUTHERN |
| 4TH AUGUST | CARDIFF | MIDLAND |
| 4TH AUGUST | EMLEY | NORTHERN |
| 25TH/27TH AUGUST | CHESHIRE SHOWGROUND | MIDLAND |
| 8TH SEPTEMBER | REAL LONDON | SOUTHERN |
| 8TH/9TH SEPTEMBER | SANDRINGHAM | SOUTHERN |
| 9TH SEPTEMBER | ROTHERHAM | NORTHERN |
| 22ND SEPTEMBER | BOWOOD HOUSE (SHOW) | SOUTHERN |
| 23RD SEPTEMBER | BOWOOD HOUSE | SOUTHERN |

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