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# EDITORIAL

Could members please note that if your FULL membership lapses it means that any Associate memberships and/or Prefixes automatically lapse as both need you to be a FULL member of one of the Clubs. If your prefix lapses you will then need to pay for re-registration. If your FULL membership lapses then it could be a further year before you can apply for a prefix if you do not already have one, as you need to have held a membership for at least one year before applying. Therefore please check the Prefix Renewal page EACH MONTH.

Thank you to all the members who have sent in copy.

As you know I'm standing down as Editor so I am trying to get "STUFF" sorted out for the next Editor.

**Chris Logsdail - 29.03.2019**

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## **TURRIFF HAMSTER SHOW**

Yes, it's that time again folks! Another pet hamster show about to happen and here are the details. The show will be held on Saturday, May 11th at the Baden Powell Centre, Baden Powell Road, Turriff, Aberdeenshire.

The doors open to the public at 10:30 AM, with judging beginning at noon. Emma Jamieson, RVN, of Deveron Vets will once again be judging.

There is a hamster class and a class for other small pets, plus a novelty class. All pets to be exhibited in a suitable, secure travelling box or cage and they will be judged on condition and tameness only.

Refreshments will be available, thanks to Rare Breeds Scotland, who will also be organising and "Eddie swap" on the day.

The National Chinchilla Society vice chairman, James Buchan, will be bringing a chinchilla display and lots of information on these beautiful animals.

There will also be craft stalls and hopefully a book stall.

I went to the pet Expo in Thainstone, Inverurie recently and got chatting to a few stallholders there, in the hope of getting them to come along, or at least spread the word! That's me – never miss an opportunity.

If any of you want more details, please feel free to phone me on 01261 831530 and ours do my best to help.

What a lovely early spring we are having. Exclamation plants in my garden come into life again and the heating turned right down. Let's hope it continues.

**Honey Ingram**

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## PREFIX RENEWAL

### New Prefix

Moonstone Hamstery	Emma Jewsbury	March
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### Reinstated Prefixes

Sunflower Syrians	Catherine Miles	February
PS Hams	Wendy Palmer, and Alex and Clare Palmer-Stephenson	February
Wellington Hamstery	M Chamberlain	February

### Lapsed Prefixes

Polar Whites Hamstery	Laura Thompson	January
Cheverton Hams	F. Avill	January
Mally Hams	Charlotte Pollard	February

### Lapsed Prefixes Due to Membership Lapse

Dragonfly Hamstery	Julie Young
Camelot	Dawn Mason
Steel City Hams	Paul, Chloe, Bethany, Evie Rutherford and Millie Moore
Mad About Hamsters	T&A McHugh
Norwood Ham-Stars	Alison Barrow
Wyeside Hamsters	Gillian Bowden
Hamster Mischief	Emma & Paul Collins
Hurtle Hams	Rachel Brown
Dragonfly Hamstery	Julie Young
Camelot	Dawn Mason

**No prefixes due this month.**

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## MID LIFE CRISES IN THE HAMSTER WORLD

### (Part Five by Andrew Bryan)

Leaving Dumle in the custody of Sandy's friend's charming parents, Joep and I set off for Rianne Hin's home. Here I was scheduled to collect several hamsters; a hairless male and two female hairless carriers for Danielle and Sonya Bedford and two Cinnamons, a male and a female, for Pedro Machado. We rolled up at Rianne's on time and without further incident, parking the car in the warm sunshine.

Rianne welcomed the two of us with warmth and more delicious but nerve jangling Dutch coffee. I was fascinated by her hamstery, when she showed us round, as she had literally had cages built to her own specifications as banks of shelving units. Each cage was large and airy, furnished with toys for enrichment and deep, comfortable bedding for burrowing and nesting. Pedro's hamsters and the two carrier females were in excellent condition, (and beautiful show animals), and were soon in their travel boxes. Rianne also pressed me to take one of her lovely Cream males, (Lexus), and an extremely unusual Mosaic Pearl Winter White female, (whom I christened "Tessa", as in "Tessalation"), for myself; I know that we're not supposed to have favourites but these

two had such charming natures that I couldn't help but fall in love with them! I then asked about the Hairless male. Rianne said that he was in the house, rather than the outside hamstery, (well insulated though it was), as she had to keep him warm. Imagining the cool air of the air conditioned kennel room on the ferry, alarm bells began to ring in the back of my mind, but I tried to ignore them as we all trooped into the kitchen to meet Smeagol.

In the USA Hairless Hamsters are sometimes referred to as "Alien" hamsters and when I first met Smeagol I began to understand why. These animals are definitely a bit like "Marmite"; nearly everyone I spoke to either loves them or is repulsed them. I'm a bit ambivalent, sitting on the fence; I think they have a certain charm, but I'm not sure I would want one myself. Pink, bald and wrinkly, (I should talk), Smeagol reminded me of a Naked Mole Rat, his eyes and ears appearing oversize for his body due to their lack of fur "framing" and his skin almost transparent. However, handsome is as handsome does and, handling him I discovered that he had a charming personality. Although I can't say I was absolutely thrilled whenever I held his warm, slightly damp and sweaty body in my hands, his character was certainly endearing and I enjoyed making his acquaintance. I tucked him into a carrier, well packed with bedding, we said our polite goodbyes and left.

The journey South to Blesken-Graaf was uneventful, with Joep reminiscing on life in the largely Calvinist North and mainly Catholic South of the Netherlands. Since he gave his observations his own drily witty slant, I found this conversation very entertaining indeed! I also learned, movingly, how deeply embedded in Dutch culture is the desire to propagate life, to make things grow and prosper, whether that life be animal or vegetable. Although the Netherlands is very densely populated, central to even the most hardened of city dwellers is a love of nature, of animals and growing things that permeates day to day life. While in the UK breeding animals is seen as slightly weird, (even though we profess to be a nation of animal lovers), the Dutch do not see keeping animals or growing plants as in any way unusual; it's central to their culture and commerce.

Arriving at Joep's home, we trundled my trolley around to the back garden and set about "unpacking" the holiday cages, (now even more firmly welded together), to settle my various furry, (and one bald), protégés in. Joep's cat, a delightfully affectionate, (to humans), tabby and white with the predatory instincts of a miniature lioness, turned up to see what we were doing. Fortunately the hamsters were still safely encased in boxes on my trolley as we struggled with, and swore at, the holiday homes. Eventually Joep found a "knack" and we managed to separate sufficient tanks to house the hamsters. Joep had prudently given me the use of a spare bedroom to act as a temporary hamstery. This was accessed via a secure door, after opening yet another door onto the stairs. This "air lock" function for the stairwell was very useful because, although the cat respected Joep's animal shed threshold and regarded that space as inviolate, she spent the next few days glued to the stairwell door in the hope that some careless or befuddled human would leave it open and grant her an opportunity .....

## HAMSTER RESCUE PAGE

This is our regular feature in the NHC journal, and aims to raise awareness of hamsters in rescue centres in the UK.

Each month we will feature various hamsters looking to be adopted in national or private rescues. This page is compiled each month by Wendy Barry.

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**Sigrid & Sia** the Campbells/Russians

(Mother & Daughter)

Ashley Heath Animal Centre, Ringwood

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**Cinnamon** The Syrian (Black banded female)

Also, **Sienna** the Syrian, also a black banded.

(Both are listed as nervous at being handled)

Birmingham Animal Centre, Newbrook Farm

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**Woody** the Syrian

“Found dumped in the street in his cage”

RSPCA Middlesex & Hertfordshire Branch

[info@rspcamiddlesex.org.uk](mailto:info@rspcamiddlesex.org.uk)



**Anoushka** The Roborovski

“Found as a stray”

Brighton Animal Centre

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**Chrystal & Diamond** the Roborovski's

Scottish SPCA

Dunbartonshire Branch

[www.scottishspca.org.uk](http://www.scottishspca.org.uk)



# MIDLAND NEWS

Our show for this month will be held on the 13th April in Hereford.

Welcome to our new members Lane Raspberry and Jessica Hancock who are both from the USA. Thank you to all members who renewed recently for your continued support.

**Sue Carter**

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## CHACOMBE SHOW SEC REPORT MARCH 2019

Entries for this show were slightly thin on the ground but at least our judges Wendy Barry (Syrians) and Wendy Palmer (dwarfs) did not have to scabble to get finished to a strict time. Book stewards were Ged and Jenna and I think they also pen stewarded for their respective sections too.

Wendy and Ged had the tables up and the kettle on well before 9am – many thanks! It was lovely to see Sue and Mark at this show, glad to see you more mobile Mark.

Thank you Rachel for stepping in and taking the Pet entries (well she was handed the paperwork as soon as she came through the door!!). There was a lovely entry of twenty pets and Chris and Pete did a splendid job in assessing them.

Best Overall pet was a much loved sapphire winter white who was adopted from the Pets at Home “rescue” section. I am sure the owner was surprised to find out that his ‘female’ was in fact a male!

Rio and Pete sorted out the sales of animals and other bits and bobs and Ian and Ronnie kept us fed and watered during the day. There seemed to be lots of people lending a hand to put everything away and also sweeping the hall at the end of the day – this is much appreciated.

Best and Reserve Best in Show Syrian went to Tristar and Best and Reserve Best in Show Dwarf went to Wellington.

**Jean Tye**

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CHACOMBE SHOW 02.03.2019				
<i>Judge Syrian - Wendy Barry -- Book Steward - Ged Barry</i>				
	<b>SH Golden(1)</b>	<b>SH Cream(6)</b>	<b>SH AOC M(3)</b>	<b>SH AOC F(4)</b>
1	Lilliput Hams	Lilliput Hams <b>C</b>	Tristar <b>C</b>	Tristar <b>C</b>
2		P.S.Hams	P.S.Hams	Lilliput Hams
3		P.S.Hams	Towy Vale	Lilliput Hams
R		Tristar		Towy Vale

	<b>SH Patterned(3)</b>	<b>SH Satin(4)</b>	<b>LH Cream(5)</b>	<b>LH Self(3)</b>
1	Lilliput Hams <b>C</b>	Lilliput Hams	Tristar <b>C</b>	P.S.Hams
2	Tristar	Lilliput Hams	P.S.Hams	P.S.Hams
3	Tristar	Tristar	Lilliput Hams	M.Picot-Downey
R		P.S.Hams	Towy Vale	
	<b>LH AOC M(1)</b>	<b>LH AOC F(1)</b>	<b>LH Patterned(2)</b>	<b>LH Satin(3)</b>
1	Tristar	Towy Vale	Tristar	P.S.Hams
2			P.S.Hams	P.S.Hams
3				Towy Vale
R				P.S.Hams
	<b>Rex(1)</b>	<b>Junior(1)</b>	<b>Sm Hamstery(1)</b>	<b>Breeder(32)</b>
1	Tristar	M.Picot-Downey	M.Picot-Downey	Tristar
2				Tristar
3				Lilliput Hams
R				P.S.Hams
	<b>Young Stock(3)</b>	<b>FMC(23)</b>	<b>G.Challenge(38)</b>	<b>Non-Standard(2)</b>
1	Lilliput Hams	Tristar	Tristar	P.S.Hams
2	Tristar	Tristar	Tristar	Towy Vale
3	P.S.Hams	Tristar	Tristar	
R		P.S.Hams	Lilliput Hams	
	<b>B.I.S.</b>	Tristar	<b>RESERVE B.I.S.</b>	Tristar
<i>Judge Dwarf - Wendy Palmer --- Book Steward - Jenna Gray</i>				
	<b>Campbell Nor(11)</b>	<b>Campbell Arg(6)</b>	<b>Campbell Alb(5)</b>	<b>Campbell Mott(3)</b>
1	Wellington Hams	Wellington Hams	Wellington Hams	Tristar
2	Wellington Hams	Wellington Hams	Tristar	Tristar
3	Wellington Hams	Tristar	Wellington Hams	Somershire Hams
R	Wellington Hams	Wellington Hams	Wellington Hams	
	<b>W.W.Normal(4)</b>	<b>W.W.Sapphire(4)</b>	<b>W.W.Pearl(2)</b>	<b>Chinese Norm(8)</b>
1	Somershire Hams	Rio Hams	Tristar	Metallica
2	Tristar	Lilliput Hams	Lilliput Hams	Rio Hams
3	Lilliput Hams	Somershire Hams		Lilliput Hams
R	M.Picot-Downey	Lilliput Hams		Metallica
	<b>Chinese Spot(7)</b>	<b>Chinese BEW(1)</b>	<b>Junior(2)</b>	<b>Sm Hamstery(10)</b>
1	Rio Hams	Lilliput Hams	M.Picot-Downey	Rio Hams
2	Rio Hams		O.Picot-Downey	Rio Hams
3	Metallica			Metallica
R	Lilliput Hams			Metallica



	<b>Chinese Spot(7)</b>	<b>Chinese BEW(1)</b>	<b>Junior(2)</b>	<b>Sm Hamstery(10)</b>
1	Rio Hams	Lilliput Hams	M.Picot-Downey	Rio Hams
2	Rio Hams		O.Picot-Downey	Rio Hams
3	Metallica			Metallica
R	Lilliput Hams			Metallica
	<b>Breeder(39)</b>	<b>Young Stock(20)</b>	<b>FMC(39)</b>	<b>G.Challenge(52)</b>
1	Wellington Hams	Wellington Hams	Wellington Hams	Wellington Hams
2	Wellington Hams	Tristar	Wellington Hams	Wellington Hams
3	Tristar	Tristar	Tristar	Tristar
R	Tristar	Rio Hams	Tristar	Tristar
	<b>Non-Standard(6)</b>			
1	Wellington Hams			
2	Wellington Hams			
3	Somershire Hams		<b>B.I.S.</b>	Wellington Hams
R	Somershire Hams		<b>RESERVE B.I.S.</b>	Wellington Hams
<i>Judge Pets - Chris Logsdail --- Book Steward - Pete Logsdail</i>				
	<b>Pet Hamsters(9)</b>	<b>Other Pets(11)</b>		
1	A.Willson	Taylor Family		
2	S.Becker	Taylor Family		
3	C.Smith	S.Washbrook		
R	C.Smith	S.Washbrook		
VHC	Price Family	O.Picot-Downey		
HC	J.&.R.Rhardjo-Wright	M.Picot-Downey		
C	J.&.R.Rhardjo-Wright			
C	J.&.R.Rhardjo-Wright			
C	A.Willson			
C	E.Willson		<b>Best Pet</b>	A.Willson
C	L.Willson			



## **WHY DOES MY HAMSTER.....?**

**by Wendy Barry**

Why does my hamster.....? is a question that is frequently asked by new hamster owners, so I thought via this article I would answer some of the most frequently asked questions.

### **Why does my hamster have bald patches and itchy skin?**

One of the most common causes of fur loss and skin irritation in small rodents is mites, but other causes can be allergies to food, bedding etc. Cushing's Disease can

also cause skin problems

### **Why does my hamster have bluish coloured discs in the middle of its eye/s?**

This is usually a sign of cataracts, usually seen in older hamsters rather than youngsters.

### **Why does my hamster drink & urinate a lot?**

Excessive urination can often be a sign of bladder infections, but if seen in conjunction with excessive drinking can be associated with diabetes. Diabetes is sadly sometimes seen in the Campbell species, and occasionally in Chinese too. Affected animals urine will have a sickly sweet smell to it. Diabetes can be established by testing the hamster's urine with a "Diastrix" testing strip.

### **Why does my hamster have thinning tummy fur and is sleeping for longer periods?**

This is perfectly normal in elderly hamsters. As they age their tummy and chest fur will start to thin, and an elderly hamster will become less active, sleeping rather than playing as they once did. This is nothing to worry about, just the natural aging process.

### **Why does my hamster bury his food bowl?**

Hamsters are hoarding animals, storing excess food in their nests/burrows for when needed. Hamsters will often at times bury food in various parts of the cage, or indeed bury their food bowl, an instinct from their wild ancestors.

### **Why does my hamster pick on his cage mate who is sick(They are both dwarfs)?**

In the wild lots of social creatures like dwarf hamsters will live as large groups, these groups offer safety in numbers that they wouldn't get as a solitary animal. For the survival of the group sadly is not beneficial to have a sick, diseased or dying animal in the colony as this could attract unwanted attention from predators.

With many communal animals in the wild, large or small, sadly sick animals are often ostracized or driven away to die alone and away from the rest of the pack. This can be seen by the other members of the group as keeping a possibly diseased animal away, thus preventing any disease spreading.

Sadly, even in captivity sometimes a sick dwarf in a colony will be picked on.

Some will often choose to leave the nest, removing themselves from the rest of the group until they die.

### **Why does my hamster eat her still born babies or why did my dwarf hamster eat its cage mate after it had died?**

This is always a sad one to answer when someone who has experienced this for the first time asks this question.

The reality is that in the wild if a hamster's baby were to die then leaving it in the nest to decay would prove unhealthy for mum & babies. If a member of a dwarf colony were to die members of the colony would eat the corpse as leaving a decaying body in or near the burrow would soon attract predators and put the whole colony at risk.

Sadly & horrifyingly for many people this practice of eating a dead hamster is carried over into captivity too. I would stress that however horrifying you find this, that it should always be accepted that this is a natural & normal behaviour for a creature that was once a wild animal.

### **Why does my hamster have a sticky area in the middle of its tummy, (it's a dwarf hamster)?**

This is the hamster's scent gland. Where as a Syrian hamster has its scent glands on its hips (commonly known as "hip spots"), a dwarf hamster spreads its scent trail from the gland in the middle of its tummy.

This gland can look quite large in comparison to the size of the hamster, and in an older or inactive hamster can become blocked as the scent is not spread so readily.

A blocked gland can be gently wiped with cotton wool to remove the excess scent secretion and prevent the gland from becoming compacted.

The scent glands/hip spots on a Syrian do not normally need cleaning, but it's worth checking them from time to time to make sure there is no obvious skin problem with the gland and that the skin isn't sore in any way.

These checks could form part of your regular health check routine with your hamster.

### **Why does my hamster become frantic after I put him/her back in the cage after cleaning?**

Hamster's eyesight is pretty poor, so they live in a world of sound & scent. They like their cage to smell of home. If we clean their cage too frequently, or use strong cleaning products like bleach or disinfectants we can destroy the "homely" smell, and the hamster then frantically goes round the cage rubbing against the bars, toys etc to re-scent the cage.

Try putting a handful of the hamsters' nesting material/bedding back into the newly cleaned cage so that the cage retains the "homely" smell. Try to avoid strong cleaning products, or cleaning too frequently, a full clean once a week is fine.

### **Why does my hamster sleep on his shelf during warm weather?**

Some of my hamsters have done this.....We may throw off the duvet when the weather becomes too hot in the summer, and your hamster will feel the heat too, often moving from their snug bed, which has become too hot, and moving to a cooler area of the cage.

# **NORTHERN NEWS**

Thank you to those who renewed this month, it really does help us keep going, plus you get all the joys of membership!

Our next show is Sheffield on 28th April. It's a new venue so will be exciting to see what it is like!

Hope you are all having a good month, as always do contact me with any questions.

**Anita Workman**

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## **MIDLAND AND SOUTHERN SHOW MANAGER NEWS**

Unfortunately I am still on the hunt for someone to organise the kitchens at the following shows: - Hereford, Ferndown, Great Alne, Bath, Shurdington & Coventry. If you can help, please get in touch with me, thank you.

I still have some judges to find for 2019 shows too.

Don't forget, if you can display posters for forthcoming MHC or SHC Shows please get in touch with your clubs Publicity Officer (Ged Barry for the Southern & Jenna Gray for the Midland Club), thank you.

**Wendy Barry**

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## **SOUTHERN NEWS**

Welcome to new SHC club members and thank you to everyone who has renewed this month.

Don't forget, if you move house (or change your email address if you are a "Paperless" club member) to let me know so that you don't miss out on receiving your journals.

**Wendy Barry**

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## **HAMSTER REGISTRATION**

As mentioned in last month's Journal there is an independent scheme to register a four letter code by which any hamster you bred can be indentified.

Listed on next two pages are the CODES so far registered with me.

**Peter Logsdail**

<b>CODE</b>	<b>PREFIX</b>	<b>NAME</b>
ALEX		Alex Eames
ALPH	Alphabet Hamstery	Emma & Molly Pearce
AUSS	Aussie Hams	Mary Melbourne
BBEE	BrimbleBee Hamstery	Charlotte Brinfield
BBHH	Bluebell House Hamsters	Louise Cunningham-Jones
BLUE	Blue Rose	Jenny Champion
BRAM	Brambleberries	Victoria Holt
BVHD	Bourne Valley Hamsters	Mark Harris
BVHS	Bourne Valley Hamsters	Sue Carter
CAMT	Camelot	Dawn Mason
CARR	Carington Hamster Crew	Sheryl Lucas
CATS		Cat Bambrook
CHEV	Cheverton Hams	Frazer Avill & Hayley Jones
CHOC	Chocolate Hams	Julie Shepherd
CRST	Crystal Hamstery	Kirsty McClone
CUST	Custard Hamstery	Anastasia Blair
DJAY		Lyn Richell
DRCH	Doric Hamstery	Kat Barnes
DSNA		Di Skinner
DUNC	Duncton Hamstery	Andrew Bryan
HAMA	Hamster Manor	Ashlea Green
HAMP	Hamper Hams	C & T Groves
HARV	Harvey Hams	Amy Cartwright
HMFB	Hamster Mischief	Emma Collins
HNDX	Hendrix Hamstery	Gareth Hughes
IRID	Iridescent Hamstery	Maddi Bucki
JELL		Jane Goben
LEED		Charlotte Gummerson
LHGW		Gary Watkins
LIND	Lindellen Hamsters	Justine Bibby
MADA	Mad About Hamsters	Terasa McHugh & A. Linford
MIDN	Midnight Hamstery	Sarah Hughes
MOON	Moonraker Hamsters	Jenny and Jim Gudgeon
MTLH	Mettalica Hamstery	Jenna Gray
MYPT		Rachel Brown
MYTH		Amanda Hemsley

<b>CODE</b>	<b>PREFIX</b>	<b>NAME</b>
NOAH		Charlotte Thomson
NUBU	nooboo hamsters	Aneta Workman
NWDH	Norwood Ham-Stars	Alison Barrow
OAKF	Oak Farm Roborovskis	Tammy Buckland
OHKC	Olympus Hams	Craig and Kim Lewis
PEHA	Pennine Express Hamstery	Anita
PEHE	Pennine Express Hamstery	Emma Moreton
PENN		Marie Haigh and Dail Franklin
PHAM		Teresa Harris
PICO	Picoli??	Bill Taylor
RDHS	Red Devil Hamstery	Joshua Rowe
REEB		John Richardson
SATI		Samantha Josephine Pearce
SCSS	South Coast Sysyrians	Ellie Collins
SERE	Serendipity Hamstery	M.&.D.Lockland
SOLH.	Solihull Hamstery	Christopher Johnsone
SOME	Somershire Hams	Wendy Barry
SPAR	Stoneland Hamstery	Pamela Milward
STAR	Tristar	
TOWY	Towy Vale Hamstery	Pete & Chris Logsdail
TUFL		Sue and Carl Parker
TWHR		Julie-Ann & Colin Wearn
TWLT	Twilight Hams	Louise Raymundo
VCTS	Vectis Hamstery	Rachel Owers
WELL	Wellington Hamstery	Melissa Chamberlain
WESX	Wessex Hamstery	Rob Gudgeon
WGHS	Wyngrove Hams	
WYSD	Wyeside Hamsters	Gill Bowden
YAFF	Yaffle Hams	Claire Matthews
ZEMM	Zem Hamstery	Natasha Taylor



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### DATES FOR 2019

13TH APRIL	HEREFORD	MIDLAND
28TH APRIL	SHEFFIELD	NORTHERN
11TH MAY	FERNDOWN, DORSET	SOUTHERN
11TH MAY	TURRIFF	NATIONAL
18TH MAY	OTLEY	NORTHERN
1ST JUNE	GREAT ALNE	MIDLAND
15TH JUNE	ANDOVER	SOUTHERN
6TH JULY	BATH	SOUTHERN
20TH JULY	CARDIFF	MIDLAND
3RD AUGUST	EMLEY	NORTHERN
10TH AUGUST	GLASGOW	NATIONAL
7TH SEPTEMBER	ROTHERHAM	NORTHERN
14TH SEPTEMBER	REAL LONDON	SOUTHERN
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