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THE MOUSE FANCY'S SHOW OF THE YEAR

SEE THE MICE IN ALL THEIR COLOURS AT THE
NATIONAL MOUSE CLUB'S ANNUAL CUP SHOW
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★★ KENT COUNTY

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The weather was not very kind to the organisers of this event, but arrangements for the rabbit section were first class. Fancy exhibits outnumbered the fur and rex although quality in the main was good.

Best in show was Fairfield Stud's grey Dutch; best normal fur, Ottanford Stud's Giganta; best rex, Ridgeway Stud's Havana. John Humphrey's Californian youngster was a promising exhibit.

Many thanks to my stewards who stuck with me all day and included Master Hobbs, Farmer, Mrs Wratten, Mr and Mrs Hales.

Congratulations to all concerned on a well run event and also to the excellent caterers. Mrs Smith and Son really have this job reduced to a fine art.

NZ RED Ad: 1 CC Mrs Malone 68E05054 good colour and type, fair coat and finish **CALIFORNIAN** 5 mth: 1 CC Humphreys 69L01076 grand youngster, nice type and coat, good condition 2 Evans, not type of winner, fair else **CHIN GIGANTA** Ad: 1 CC best fur Ottanford Stud 68L00656 nice type, top, coat and finish 2 Abnett, not quite sparkle or condition of winner **SATIN** 5 mth: 1 CC Bishop 69E02160 fair colour, good sheen, could be denser **CHIN GIGANTA** 5 mth: 1 Ottanford Stud 69L00067 very young, good base, could make up well **AOV FUR** Ad 2: 1 CC Lurcock 68D10607 Lilac, good colour and type, needs to clear 2 Dobson, Chin, fair coat, top colour, not the required sparkle 5 mth 4: 1 Dobson 69D07903 Chin youngster of promise, good base etc 2 Edwards, Lilac, not quite the finish of winner, good colour 3 Evans, Chin, not quite class of leaders

Breeders ad 4: 1 Ottanford Stud 2 Lurcock 3 Abnett Chall ad 5: Repeat Breeders 5 mth 6: 1 Humphreys 2 Bishop 3 Edwards Chall 5 mth 7: 1 Humphreys 2 Dobson 3 Bishop

REX ERMINE Ad: 1 CC Hales 69E07088 wins on density and finish, young adult 2 Foad, fair coat, not finish of first 3 Candler 69E04969 good coat, nice texture, promising baby 2 Rhydderch, nice texture, rough on rump and haunches 3 Foad, giving away too much in age, fails density **BLACK** Ad: 1 CC Kingsland 68E09192 lovely coat and texture, off on colour 2 Wratten, not quite coat 5 mth: 1 Candler 69E04972 fair youngster, should make up well 3 Postling Stud, not quite density of winner **HAVANA** Ad: 1 CC best rex Ridgeway Stud 68E09857 bit to clear on rump but grand type, coat and colour 5 mth 2: 1 Bourner 69E03433 good coat and colour, promising, few white hairs spoil 2 Bishop, nice colour, promising coat, beaten age **SEAL/SABLE** Ad: 1 Candler 68E06445 fair coat, good colour, moultly under 5 mth: 1 CC Candler Seal, nice coat, good texture, colour and shading **ORANGE/FAWN** 5 mth: 1 CC baby, fair colour and coat, guard hairs on rump **AOV** 5 mth 2: 1 Bishop 69E02162 Smoke Pearl, very promising, nice dense coat 2 Whitcomb, Fox Rex, falls density and condition **Breeders** ad 4: 1 Ridgeway Stud 2 Hales 3 Kingsland Chall ad 5: Repeat Breeders 5 mth 8: 1 2 Candler 3 Rhydderch Chall 5 mth: 1 3 Candler 2 Rhydderch **JUVENILE** Rex: 1 Rhydderch Condition 7: 1 Hales 2 Cornwallis Schools 3 Rhydderch **Breeders** 3: 1 Hales 2 Ridley 3 Cornwallis Schools. **STAN SOUTHGATE**

DONCASTER

It gave me great pleasure to judge at Doncaster on August 2. The hospitality of this typical South Yorkshire club was overwhelming.

Competition was very keen, and the quality of stock very high. The chocolate Tan of Mrs Watson's was best fancy. This is a very nice rabbit. A pity slight moult on the left haunch spoilt its chance for best in show, giving way to a superb black Fox of Reg Drewry's. The Tan was followed by the Dutch of B Carpendale's, another good rabbit. I was surprised to see that the winning Dwarf was not duplicated. Had it been, it would have certainly done well in the duplicate classes.

I thank my stewards who stayed with me throughout the afternoon, especially Mr Carpendale on the book and the committee of Doncaster Excelsior Rabbit Club for their hospitality. **KS**

Mr K Smithy's classes

DUTCH Ad 2: 1 Carpendale, good stops, saddle and cut, out a shade one cheek, fit, well shown 2 Hardy, skew saddle, rather long stops, cut high on jaw, otherwise nice, not quite as fit as winner but two good exhibits 4 mth 8: 1 3 Carpendale, steel, good head, saddle and cut, rather short stops spoil 2 Greasley, not the out of winner, shade high cheeks 3 off one stop, good saddle and cut, nice colour **ENGLISH** 5 mth 7: 1 2 Balderson, tort, one I liked, nice head and smut, just a little dirty in ear roots, few stray spots in saddle spoil 2 tort similar to winner, congested on side, better colour of the two 3 Pierpont, good colour, nice head, gap one side and fails tear spots **SILVER** 5 mth 4: 1 Dalton, fawn, well up to age, well silvered but rather narrow silvering, good short sharp coat, just showing a light band at base of hair where the colour

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THE EXHIBITION MOUSE

Disappointing entry at Portsmouth

Southsea summer show on August 9 attracted only 194 mouse entries and these from a handful of exhibitors. It was expected that the northern support would be small although the faithful Mr and Mrs Marriot sent as they always do, and Mr Reice made the journey from Bristol with his entries. What was surprising was the poor support from the London Club. It could have been expected that with the London Club show secretary running this show he would have received full support from its members. It will be interesting to know why they did not. It could be holidays, or was it the any age classes? I don't like these myself and it does, I feel, make judging more difficult.

The show was ably run by Tony Cooke and did attract crowds of visitors. Unfortunately it was a dull day with heavy rain and the show tent was rather dark until it was lit by electric lights when the judging was more than half finished.

Most of the stock was of good standard and I had some difficulty in finding best in show. I gave this to Eric Jukes's Argente, I believe now a champion and Mr Jukes's first best in show win. Well done.

Thanks to my helpers Tim Heath and Mr Reice who did a good job.

PE WHITE/CREAM 1: 1 Hannant, PE White, good size and type, could be better colour **BLACK or BLUE** 4: 1 2 Reice, blues, 1 good even medium colour, very level, same under as top 2 blue, darker colour but a good quality mouse 3 Jukes, black, coat looked a little dull and some tan hairs **AOV SELF** 3: 1 2 Heath, 1 choc, nice deep colour and even, fails a little on feet 2 choc, light under 3 Hannant, dove, light nose, rather mealy colour Self chall ad 6: 1 3 Reice, blue 2 Heath, choc 3 blue 8 wk 2: 1 Heath, choc 2 Jukes, black **TAN BLACK** 9: 1 2 Heath, good all round, sound top and tan 2 fails a little on tan 3 Heywood, nice mouse, again fails tan **BLUE** 2: 1 Heath, very nice even top, good colour, good tan for a blue 2 Marriot, little darker tan, good little mouse **CHAMPAGNE** 2: 1 Marriot, good top colour, fails tan 2 Hannant, uneven coat, too dark

AOV 5: 1 3 Heath, choc, good all round, nice dark top and good tan 2 Heywood, dove, good top and under, level, nice mouse 3 choc, under eight week, very good top, sound tan Tan chall ad 11: 1 2 3 Heath 8 wk: 1 2 Heath 3 Marriot **DUTCH** 10: 1 2 Cooke, 1 choc, well balanced, usual small faults 2 dove, eight weeker, wild, difficult to handle but good all round markings, full cheeks 3 Jukes, Argente, out under, otherwise nice **AOV MARKED** 8: 1 2 Heywood, blue Broken, six spot, best balanced mouse 2 six spot black Broken, odd sized patches, brindled 3 Jukes, six spot black Broken, fair, brindled, rather plain one side **Marked** chall ad 11: 1 3 Cooke, Dutch 2 Heywood, Broken 8 wk 5: 1 3 Cooke, Dutch 2 Jukes, Dutch **CINNAMON/AGOUTI**: 1 2 3 Reice, silver Agouti, under the tent lighting these looked a little dull but of excellent type and I must confess to lack of experience in judging this variety **CHIN or FOX** 8: 1 2 Cooke, black Foxes, 1 good mouse, nice white under and good ticking 2 fails colour under, otherwise nice 3 Robb, black Fox, not much to choose with second, nice **AOV**: 1 2 3 Jukes, 1 Argente, best in show, large mouse with wonderful type, level, nicely blended 2 3 under eight week Long-haired Whites, nice silky coats with good length, big improvement **AOV Chall** ad: 1 Jukes, Argente 2 Cooke, Fox 3 Reice, silver Agouti 8 wk: 1 Cooke, Fox 2 3 Jukes, Long-haired Whites **AV Buck** 13: 1 Cooke, Fox 2 Hannant, PE White 3 Jukes, black Doe 11: 1 Cooke, Dutch 2 3 Reice, Self blue and Agouti Grand chall ad 26: 1 Jukes, Argente 2 Heath, chocolate Tan 3 Cooke, Dutch 8 wk: 1 Heath, chocolate Tan 2 3 Cooke, Dutch and Fox. **Best in show**, Jukes's Argente; **best opposite age**, Heath's chocolate Tan; **best self**, Reice's Self blue; **best marked**, T and J Cooke's Dutch. **HAMSTER GOLDEN** 8: 1 Treagust, best colour in class, bright golden extending well down, under clear white, clear flash and crescent, wins well 2 3 Craswell, both beaten by coat which seemed dull compared with first, not much between the second and third. **E N SMITH**

AOV 8 wk 7: 1 E Longbottom, nicest young Sable buck I have seen for a long time 2 Kellett, lovely little Silver Grey doe 3 Kitchen, Argente doe r S Smith, Argente buck, slightly thin under **AOV Chall** 8 wk 18: 1 E Longbottom, Sable 2 Cooper, Fox 3 Hartley, Cinnamon r B Longbottom, Chin AV Doe 8 wk 24: 1 Hallett, Cham 2 Beckett, PE White 3 Cooper, Fox r B Longbottom, black Stud buck: 1 r B Longbottom, Chin 2 Kitchen, Broken 3 Oxley Stud, PE White r Chin Grand chall 8 wk 45: 1 Hallett, Cham 2 Beckett, PE White 3 Cooper, Fox r B Longbottom, black. **M BLEAZARD**

PROXY VOTES ?

I WAS more than a little surprised when reading the National Mouse Club's rules recently to discover that there is no provision for votes by proxy or postal votes for any member who cannot attend the annual general meeting.

We should rectify this situation as soon as possible and the obvious time and place to do so is at this year's AGM. Incidentally, the NMC rules do not seem to require anyone to second a proposed amendment to the rules. Is this an oversight?

There should be no difficulty in getting voting papers out and back in time as proposed changes in rules and standards must be before the secretary at least three weeks before the meeting.

It is of course logical to hold the AGM somewhere in the middle of the country but even so it still means a 200 mile trek for many of the outlying fanciers. What do you say, fellow democrats. How about civil rights for all and a vote for everyone and not just the fortunate few? **TONY COOKE**, Petersfield, Hants.

NMC NOTES

NEW MEMBERS
Jane Fielding (juvenile), 'Woodroyde', 88 Sunnyhurst Lane, Darwen, Lancs.
Dennis Wilson (juvenile), 8 Alnwick Road, Lee, London SE12.

FORTHCOMING SHOWS
August 30—Poynnton.
September 1—West Midland (Walsall).
September 6—Guildford.
September 6—Birmingham.
September 13—NMC Annual (Shipley).
September 13—Greenwich.
September 20—Central England.

CYSTS
Mr Moxon, Wolverhampton, has written to say that several of his mice have developed lumps on their bodies and he would like to know the cause and also what they are.

I think the lumps are cysts, which crop up now and again in every stud. I think the best cure is to cull the affected animals. The lumps can probably be removed by surgery but I think that this is going to the extreme when one considers the life span of the mouse and its possible use afterwards.

NEWCOMER'S VIEWS
Mr Reeve writes that he visited Bingley show and he complains that he could see nothing of the mice in the Maxeys because of the bedding and also everyone seemed to be engrossed either in conversation or in watching the judging to pay any attention to him.

This is a difficult problem because if the hay is taken out of the cage the mouse will probably huddle into one of the corners with its coat standing out and will not create a favourable impression to the casual viewer. Which is the lesser of the two evils?

As for no-one having time to speak to him, did Mr Reeve approach anyone? Obviously, if one is exhibiting or meeting other fanciers there are many things to discuss but I am sure if a fancier had been approached he would have spared some time to show the various exhibits. **S SMITH** (secretary), 26 Grasmere Road, Bradford 2

J STODDART

With regret I have learned of the death of Jock Stoddart on August 11. He died in his sleep following a heart attack. Jock would be better known to the older members of the mouse Fancy. The past few years he didn't manage to show his stock very often due to his health, but when he did he proved he could still turn out the winners.

Jock was one of the Fancy's characters: he could tell many a tale of past shows he had been to. I have yet to see anyone who got greater pleasure from his hobby. I first met him thirteen years ago; he was the first National Mouse Club member I met and the many tips and tricks he taught me over the years helped me through my apprenticeship. His door was ever open to visitors and anyone who turned up was received with enthusiasm. To his wife and family I extend deepest sympathy. **J FERGUSON**

Self Champagnes on top at Halifax

Halifax show on August 9 was a very enjoyable event and in spite of the very humid atmosphere stock was in excellent condition. **EF**

Mr E Fletcher's classes

WHITE/CREAM Ad 9: 1 Beckett, PE White doe, excels colour, type and condition 2 3 Hallett, two very nice PE does, just a little thin under r Oxley Stud **BLACK/BLUE** Ad 8: 1 Cunningham, black doe, good level colour throughout, nice type and size, best condition 2 Miss Pearce, blue doe, colour could be better under, nice size and lovely type 3 r Longbottom, black buck, good colour, size and type, beaten for polish **CHAM/FAWN** Ad 11: 1 3 Chynowith, a new name to me, leader an excellent cham doe, best size, colour, type and condition, best mouse in my section 2 Parkinson, cham doe, good all round but beaten for size 3 large racy typed cham doe, excellent condition but would look better with a bit more weight on r Hallett **SELF AOC** Ad 5: 1 Miss Pearce, red doe, good colour, top and under, nice condition 2 Hallett, silver doe, good type and condition, fails under 3 Goodstock, silver doe, good size and type but moult on face kept it back r Cooper Self chall ad 29: 1 Chynowith, cham 2 Beckett, PE White 3 Hallett, PE White r Parkinson **TAN CHAM/SILVER** Ad 4: 1 3 Easley, both silvers, leader a buck, best colour tan, type and condition 3 beaten on top colour 2 r Miss Haggard, silver doe, loses on finish **CHOC** Ad 3: 1 Cross, very nice doe, best top colour, tan, condition and type 2 3 E Longbottom, both bucks, very good tan, size and type, beaten on condition **BLUE** Ad 5: 1 2 Clifton, both bucks, good colour and tan, nothing in these two 3 Parkinson, young buck, tan not yet fully developed r Carter **AOC** Ad 7: 1 2 Clifton, leader a black doe, very good top colour, tan and condition 2 buck, runs winner very close 3 r Heywood, dove doe, fair tan and nice condition Tan chall ad 19: 1 Cross, choc 2 3 Clifton, blacks r Easley **DUTCH** 4: 1 Cunningham, young choc doe, good colour, saddle and under, fair cheeks 2 Maynard, cinnamon buck, good head, beaten on other points 3 choc buck, good head, out on saddle r Smith **MARKED AOV** 4: 1 Kitchen, black Broken buck, still in very good condition for its age 2 3 Heywood, two seven spot black Broken, the buck just having the edge on doe r Wormald **Marked** chall AA 9: 1 Kitchen, Broken 2 Cunningham, Dutch 3 Maynard, Dutch r Heywood **CINNAMON/AGOUTI** Ad 7: 1 Hartley, Agouti doe, stood out for colour, type and condition 2 Pearce,

Cinnamon doe, nice type, colour lacks a little more brightness 3 r Parkinson, nice Agouti buck but again lacks polish of leader **CHIN/FOX** Ad 6: 1 2 B Longbottom, two very good Chin bucks, little to choose between them 3 Taylor, blue Fox buck, good ticking but lacks a little in size r Goodstock **AOV** Ad 6: 1 2 S Smith, two very pleasing Argente does, leader just better under 3 E Longbottom, Sable doe r Kellett **AOV Chall** ad 18: 1 r B Longbottom, Chin 2 S Smith, Argente 3 Hartley, Agouti **AV Doe** ad 33: 1 Chynowith 2 Cross 3 Beckett r S Smith Grand chall ad 57: 1 Chynowith 2 Cross 3 Beckett r B Longbottom. **E FLETCHER**

Mr M Bleazard's classes

The day started weather-wise doubtful, but once the sun came out and the crowds came into the grounds. We had a lot of interested visitors, children and adults. It was nice to see some of our members explaining the finer points to them. If this was done more, who knows, it may make even one new member. Many thanks to my steward, Harry Jowett. He did a great job. **WHITE or CREAM** 8 wk 11: 1 r Beckett, PE White, nice type and colour r cream doe 2 Pearce, BE White, genuine under eight week buck 3 Kitchen, PE White doe, beaten under **BLACK or BLUE** 8 wk 6: 1 B Longbottom, black doe, good all round 2 3 Pearce, lovely blue doe, good head 3 another blue doe, beaten type r black, well up to age **CHAM or FAWN** 8 wk 3: All chams 1 Hallett, doe, a little beauty, went on to win best self and best in show 2 Oxley Stud, doe, falls under 3 Cross, nice doe but had kinked tail **AOV SELF** 8 wk 2: 1 Cooper, red buck, well up to age, a little out of condition 2 Beckett, silver buck, well up to age, slight moult Self chall 8 wk 20: 1 Hallett, cham 2 Beckett, PE White 3 B Longbottom, black doe r Cooper red buck **TAN CHAM or SILVER** 8 wk 2: 1 Easley, cham buck 2 E Longbottom, cham buck, both a little rough **AOV** 8 wk 14: 1 Cross, nice choc doe, good all round 2 Parkinson, nice blue buck, good top and under 3 Todd, black doe, nice type and colour r Heywood, black doe, fails a little on feet, a good class Tan chall 8 wk 15: 1 Cross 2 Parkinson 3 Todd r Easley **CINNAMON or AGOUTI** 8 wk: 1 2 Hartley, Cinnamon doe leading, nice all round 2 Agouti doe, beaten on condition 3 Pearce, Cinnamon doe, fails under **CHIN or FOX** 8 wk 10: 1 3 Cooper, nice blue Fox doe 2 r B Longbottom, Chin buck, good top and under 3 Fox doe, fails under r Chin, genuine eight weeker; a lot of exhibits in this class were over developed