

THE EXHIBITION MOUSE

Hutchings 2 Dando 3 Westgate Stud 5 mth 4: 1 Savidge 2 Hutchings 3 Westgate Stud BLACK Ad 4: 1 Powell Stud 2 3 Hutchings 5 mth 1: 1 Fresson Stud AOV Ad 1: 1 Stadium Stud Breeders ad 13: 1 Powell Stud 2 Hutchings 3 Dando 14 wk 1: 1 Powell Stud Chall ad 12: 1 3 Hutchings 2 Powell Stud Breeders 5 mth 5: 1 Savidge 2 Hutchings 3 Westgate Stud Chall 5 mth 5: Repeat AV Buck 12: 1 Hutchings 2 Dando 3 Sharp Doe 7: 1 Winter 2 Powell Stud 3 Hutchings Gents 8: 1 Powell Stud 2 Dando 3 Westgate Stud Ladies 4: 1 Savidge 2 3 Sharp 1968 bred 5: 1 Winter 2 Powell Stud 3 Westgate Stud Members points 4: 1 2 3 Fresson Stud Grand chall 14 wk 2: 1 Stadium Stud 2 Powell Stud 5 mth 8: 1 Winter 2 Stadium Stud 3 Savidge Ad 21: 1 Winter 2 Powell Stud 3 Dando. ALBERT TITCHENER

* ULVERSTON

April 20. Total entry 189. Judges, F Buckler and A Boshier. Best in show, B Gill's chinchilla; best fancy, E Phizacklea's Polish; best rex, Trazom Stud's Chin; best juvenile, M C Shepherd's Ivory Satin.
ENGLISH Ad 1: 1 Rigg 68D10441 5 mth 2: 1 2 Yorke 69D04491 **DWARF** Ad 2: 1 Evans 66X02556 2 Hawkridge 5 mth 1: 1 Brockbank 68X02696 **TAN** Ad 2: 1 Phil-Nor Stud 68B 06667 2 Tawerian Stud 5 mth 2: 1 Farish 69B 06512 2 Turner **POLISH** Ad 2: 1 Edmondson 67A00474 2 Rose 5 mth 3: 1 3 Phizacklea 69A 00383 2 Edmondson **AOV FANCY** 1: 1 Kenlucky Stud 69E02239 Breeders ad 3: 1 Edmondson 2 Phil-Nor Stud 3 Rose 5 mth 7: 1 Phizacklea 2 Farish 3 York Buck 7: 1 Phizacklea 2 Evans 3 Phil-Nor Stud Doe 6: 1 Kenlucky Stud 2 Edmondson 3 Yorke Members points 8: 1 Phizacklea 2 Evans 3 Edmondson Spoon 7: 1 Kenlucky Stud Chall ad 5: 1 Evans 2 Edmondson 3 Phil-Nor Stud 5 mth 8: 1 Phizacklea 2 Kenlucky Stud 3 Farish **CALIFORNIAN** 1: 1 Edmondson 68L01436 **SABLE** 3: 1 Trazom Stud 67D15068 2 3 A Birnie **SILVER FOX** Ad 1: 1 Hopwood 68D13782 5 mth 1: 1 Rose 68D07010 **AOV FUR** 3: 1 3 Gill 68D02147 2 Shepherd **REX** ERMINE Ad 3: 1 3 R Rigg 68E10945 2 Mrs Wilson 5 mth 2: 1 Hawkridge 68E11081 2 N Rigg **NON-SELF** Ad 4: 1 Trazom Stud 68E 00985 2 Boast 3 Miss Knowles Breeders ad 7: 1 Gill 2 Hopwood 3 R Rigg 5 mth 3: 1 Rose 2 Hawkridge 3 N Rigg Buck 6: 1 Gill 2 3 Trazom Stud Doe 8: 1 R Rigg 2 Shepherd 3 Boast Members points 8: 1 R Rigg 2 Shepherd 3 Boast Spoon 6: 1 Trazom Stud Chall ad 11: 1 Gill 2 3 Trazom Stud 5 mth 2: 1 Rose 2 N Rigg **AV Grand** chall ad 10: 1 Trazom Stud 2 Edmondson 3 Phil-Nor Stud 5 mth 8: 1 Phizacklea 2 Kenlucky Stud 3 Hawkridge **JUVENILE FANCY** 4: 1 D R Rigg 2 Farish 3 Turner Fur/Rex 5: 1 Shepherd 2 Miss Rigg 3 Miss Knowles Condition 8: 1 Miss Rigg 2 Hawkridge 3 Miss Knowles Spoon 9: 1 Shepherd Chall 9: 1 Shepherd 2 D R Rigg 3 Miss Rigg. A BIRNIE sec

* GAINSBOROUGH

Stock at Gainsboro show on April 19 was very good, but not many in number. Best fur was an Ivory Satin shown by Mr Watkins. It was beaten for best in show by a Dutch shown by Mr W H Pearson.
 Thanks to my stewards and John Turner on book. Also thanks to the ladies for a jolly good tea, also to Linda for transport.
ARGENTE 1: 1 Yates 68E01408 **FOX** 5: 1 Turner 69D04648 2 Rhodes 3 Horkinson **SABLE** 2: 1 Stubbs and Watson 68D08360 2 Stennett **REX NON SELF** 1: 1 Rhodes 68E 07280 **AOV** 5: 1 Watkins 68E11458 2 Brasier 3 Cooper Fur or Rex 5 mth 4: 1 Turner 69D 04648 2 Horkinson 3 Mrs Turner Breeders 9: 1 Watkins 2 Stubbs and Watson 3 Brasier Chall ad 9: 1 Watkins 2 Rhodes 3 Stubbs and Watson 5 mth 3: 1 Horkinson 2 Mrs Turner 3 Drewry **AV Chall** ad 13: 1 Rhodes 2 Turner 3 Stubbs and Watson 5 mth 6: 1 Clipsham 2 Horkinson 3 Mrs Turner Upside Down 19: 1 Pearson 2 Watkins 3 Clipsham Juvenile 3: 1 3 Yates 2 Horkinson. FRED TOYNE

MANSFIELD

April 19. Total entry 82 (20 rabbits). Judges, P Fahey and R Doughty. Best in show, Miss J V Donson's Argente; best fancy, Mr M A Bonser's Dutch; best rex, B C Rhodes.
Juvenile Fur 5: 1 D Littler 2 Doraleen Stud 3 J L Littler **ARGENTE**: 1 Miss Donson Fur 14 wk: 1 J L Littler **DUTCH** 5 mth: 1 Yeomans 2 Ball 3 Bonser **Fancy** 14 wk: 1 Ball 2 Doraleen Stud Dutch ad 1: 1 Bonser 2 K Charles 3 P Charles **SILVER**: 1 Cheesman **POLISH**: 1 Coupe **TAN**: 1 Wood **HAVANA**: 1 Watts **SATIN**: 1 Doraleen Stud **AOV FUR**: 1 Smith **FOX**: 1 R Donson 2 J L Littler 3 D Littler **REX**: 1 Rhodes Breeders fur ad: 1 Miss Donson 2 Watts 3 Smith Chall ad: Repeat Chall fancy ad: 1 Coupe 2 Wood 3 Cheesman 5 mth: 1 Yeomans 2 Ball 3 Bonser Breeders ad: 1 Bonser 2 Coupe 3 Wood 5 mth: 1 Ball 2 Bonser 3 Halliday Breeders fur 5 mth: 1 Rhodes 2 J L Littler 3 D Littler Chall fur 5 mth: 1 H Donson 2 J L Littler 3 D Littler Juvenile fancy: 1 Miss Wood AV Grand chall 5 mth: 1 Yeomans 2 H Donson 3 Ball Ad: 1 Miss Donson 2 Coupe 3 Watts Buck: 1 Miss Donson 2 Coupe 3 Watts Doe: 1 H Donson Upside down: 1 Miss Donson 2 H Donson 3 Watts. R DONSON sec

An appeal to Mr Kitchen and Mr Kellett: TELL HOW TO BREED THE PEARL

THE response to my article 'Please, tell us more Mr Higgs' in *FUR AND FEATHER* of January 30 was greater than I expected. Mr Higgs promptly replied in *FUR AND FEATHER* of February 13 when indeed he told us more about his recreation of the dove Tan. As he said 'simple in words' but of necessity backed by years of experience and feeling for which mice to select. Thank you Mr Higgs.

Towards the end of my article I asked about the Pearl and up popped Mr Angus Ridley (February 20) to enlighten everyone on its history, attractions and past popularity. Mr Ridley is obviously as much attracted to Pearls as he is to Sables. Thank you Mr Ridley; either your memory is very good or many hours were spent on research for the information with which you also managed to arouse my interest in this variety. I hope Mr Ridley will keep fanciers informed of his progress in search of the elusive Pearl.

There have been other references to the Pearl, viz, Mr Higgs (March 6), Mr Stuart Smith (March 20) and Mr Hartley (April 3). Mr Higgs suggested I try a little experiment of my own to re-create the Pearl. This I shall try in the future but at present with my small stud of Foxes and blue Tans I am endeavouring to establish a sound basis before widening my interests. I believe that newcomers, such as myself, should get to know one or two varieties well before branch-

ing out. There is so much to learn, so many points to look for which members who have been in the Fancy a number of years probably do not now consciously think about. Things, which are basically common sense really, one has read in Mr Jude's book and thought at the time 'well really that is common sense'. Then later something you notice has gone wrong, concentrating on the improvement of one or two points at the expense of others for example and only then do you remember having been warned against such an error. Yes, there is no substitute for good old fashioned experience.

Mr Smith tells us that Mr John Kellett and Mr Eric Kitchen have in recent years shown several Pearls. Do you still have them Mr Kellett and Mr Kitchen? Mr Ridley must have missed you both or have already learnt that you no longer breed them. Mr Hartley also recalls Mr Kellett's excellent Pearl mice. Maybe Mr Kellett and Mr Kitchen, time permitting, will, as Mr Smith suggested, tell us how to form a stud, or should it be string, of Pearls.

In an endeavour to improve the feet and top colour of my Foxes I have recently been fortunate to obtain from Mr Marriot four of his black Tans. The buck is a little beauty. If all goes well, by this time next year my Foxes should be much improved. At it's best the Fox is, in my opinion, a wonderful, nay, a magnificent mouse. J WROBB

top and under, just a shade fat and fails on ears 2 Smith, silver, correct top carried well under, slight tan-vent 3 Beckett, silver, shade dark but even top and under r Goodstock, silver, good colour, fails type 8 wk 8: 1 Pearce, red, best of a bad lot, good colour, nice type 2 Beckett, silver, nice top, fails tan flanks and vent 3 Longbottom, chocolate, nice top, tan vent, fails a little under SELF Chall ad 37: 1 Smith, white 2 Gilpin, black 3 Hallett, champagne r Pearce, red 8 wk 24: 1 r Pearce, blue 2 Smith, white 3 Hallett, champagne r blue AV Doe ad 35: 1 Smith 2 Hallett 3 Clifton r Easley 8 wk 27: 1 Smith 2 Pearce 3 Clifton r Easley Stud buck 16: 1 Smith 2 Hallatt 3 Horne r Goodstock Members 49: 1 Smith 2 Ridley 3 Gilpin r Clifton Grand chall ad 82: 1 Kitchen 2 Smith 3 Gilpin r Parkinson 8 wk 63: 1 S Smith 2 Pearce 3 Clifton r H Smith. KEN MORTON

BIRMINGHAM

Winners at Birmingham Mouse Club show on April 27. (Judge, Mr G Harlow) were:
PE SELF/BE CREAM Ad: 1 Smith 8 wk: 1 2 Smith 3 Godfrey **AOBE SELF** Ad: 1 Godfrey **SELF** Chall AA: 1 2 3 Smith **TAN BLACK/CHOC** 8 wk: 1 2 Whitehouse AOC ad: 1 2 Morton 8 wk: 1 2 3 Morton Chall AA: 1 2 Morton 3 Whitehouse **DUTCH** Ad: 1 2 Whitehouse 8 wk: 1 2 3 Whitehouse **AOV MARKED** 8 wk: 1 Miss C Passmore 2 Miss L Passmore Chall AA: 1 2 3 Whitehouse **AOV** Ad: 1 English 8 wk: 1 2 Cavandale 3 English Chall AA: 1 3 Cavandale 2 English **AV Grand** chall ad: 1 Smith 2 Morton 3 English 8 wk: 1 Morton 2 Cavandale 3 Smith Juvenile: 1 2 Godfrey 3 Miss C Passmore Pets: 1 Godfrey. Best in show, K Morton. **GERBILS MONGOLIAN** Male: 1 Gardner 2 Morton 3 Cavandale Female: 1 2 Cavandale 3 Morton Chall: 1 Cavandale 2 Gardner 3 Morton. B J COOKE (publicity officer)

GERBIL NEWS

A NUMBER of Midland fanciers have formed the nucleus of what it is hoped will become a National Gerbil Club. The main aims of the club will be to forward the breeding and exhibiting of gerbils.
 The gerbil is fairly new to the British scene and very little information is available at present on feeding, habits, the various species etc. It will be high on the list of priorities of the club to remedy this.
 I shall be pleased to hear from any interested fanciers. A stamped addressed envelope for reply will be appreciated. B J COOKE, 98 Oscott School Lane, Great Barr, Birmingham 22a

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GERBILS were seen on a judging table for the first time in Wales at the recent Blaenavon show. They were exhibited by pupils of Blaenavon Secondary School. Great curiosity was shown in them, as for most people it was the first time they had seen any. The school is intent on building a strong small livestock section, and the pupils are gradually achieving their aim. It was most encouraging for them to win the Gerbil class and get first and second in the pets and condition classes, and to win the National Young Fanciers' Society's diploma for condition. The judge was Mr B Kemp, secretary of Gloucester club. D CADDICK

LONG-TAIL WINNERS AT THE SHOWS

LONDON

IT was a pleasant surprise to receive a visit from Fred Beach and family and also from Dave Shigger and Neil Wallace at the London and Southern Counties Mouse Club's April show. Neil Wallace travelled down from Cheltenham to a nearby hamster show and at the same time decided to come on the final fifteen or so miles to see how his rats, which Fred had brought down, had made out. The rats seem to be on the up and up—nine entries with two of the London 'ratters' absent.

The total entry for the show of 225 was quite a good one considering Tony Jones was judging and Ian Holland was unable to show as he is just getting over a session in hospital. Nice to see you getting about again Dan. Tony Holland won best in show. With four mice only on show he managed eight red cards.

PE WHITE Ad 2: 1 Jukes **SILVER CREAM** Ad 2: 1 2 Madge **SELF AOC** Ad 2: 1 2 Heart of England **SELF** Chall ad 6: 1 3 Heart of England 2 Jukes r Madge **TAN BLACK/CHOC** Ad 4: 1 T Holland 2 3 Madge 8 wk 3: 1 T Holland 2 3 Coster **AOC** Ad 7: 1 T Holland 2 3 R Dobson Chall ad 11: 1 2 T Holland 3 R Dobson 8 wk 4: 1 T Holland 2 3 Coster **DUTCH** Ad 10: 1 2 3 r Cooke 8 wk 7: 1 Coster 2 Cooke 3 r Knight **AOV MARKED** Ad 9: 1 3 Jukes 2 Heart of England r Cooke 8 wk 6: 1 2 3 Cooke r Jukes Chall ad 12: 1 3 Cooke 2 Jukes r Heart of England 8 wk 9: 1 Coster 2 Cooke 3 R Knight **AGOUTI/CINNAMON** Ad 1: 1 Jukes **CHIN/FOX** Ad 5: 1 Knight 2 Cooke, 3 Coster r T Holland 8 wk 3: 1 Knight 2 3 Cooke **LONGHAIR** AA 6: 1 2 3 r Jones **AOV** Ad 1: 1 Jukes 8 wk 1: 1 Jukes Chall ad 9: 1 Knight 2 Jukes 3 Cooke r Carter 8 wk 6: 1 Knight 2 3 Cooke r Jones **AV Stud** buck 7: 1 3 T Holland 2 R Cooke Brood doe 4: 1 3 R Cooke 2 Knight Juvenile 10: 1 3 r Coster 2 Napthine Novice 2: 1 2 Napthine Supporters 14: 1 2 T Holland 3 Jukes r Cooke Grand chall ad 25: 1 T Holland 2 Knight 3 Jukes r Cooke 8 wk 13: 1 Knight 2 T Holland 3 Cooke r Coster **RAT** Ad 7: 1 Heart of England 2 Wallace 3 r Jukes 13 wk 2: 1 2 Wallace Best self Heart of England; best Tan, T Holland; best Marked, T and J Cooke; best AOV, R Knight; best in show, T Holland; best opposite age, W Coster; best rat, N Wallace. TONY COOKE (Show sec)

NMC SPRING SHOW (concluding report)

What a tonic it was, after almost losing touch with the Fancy in the last six months, to judge at this show. The journey going, the show, meeting old and new friends and the hospitality of Mr Horne and family made this a weekend I shall remember for a long time. I thank everyone who stewarded for me.
 The entry of 732 was very good and with the gift classes I think the club should show a little profit.

WHITE/CREAM Ad 7: 1 H Smith, white, lovely big mouse, grand type, only fault a bit thin on neck 2 Beckett, white, another good mouse, lost on type to winner 3 Cross,

cream, good colour and type, a bit rough in coat r Collings, cream, moult on back 5 wk 7: 1 Smith, white, a nice body, good all round, lovely colour 2 Collings, cream, nice even colour, just fails on type to winner 3 Beckett, white, nice colour, thin under, good type r Pearce, white, fails type and under **BLACK/BLUE** Ad 13: 1 Gilpin, black, good top colour, slight tan on flanks, good type 2 Pearce, blue, lovely big mouse, correct tip but tan vent and flanks 3 Gill, black, not the sheen of winner, tan vent r Berry, blue, nice top colour and under, only a young mouse, fails on size, should do well later 8 wk 7: 1 2 Pearce, blue, lovely little baby, the correct top and under, level right through, best self 2 blue, another good mouse, fails on type to winner 3 Wormald, black, nice top and under, feet good, pity to come up against such good blues r Barry, blue, nice even colour but a shade dark **CHAM/FAWN/DOVE** Ad 15: 1 2 Hallett, champagne, good correct tip, shade light under, lovely racy type 2, champagne, same as first, little between these two 3 Harlow, champagne, nice buck, lovely even colour, under, very good, lost on size, only young r Shield, fawn, nice top, fails a little under 8 wk 6: 1 r Hallett, champagne, another nice mouse from this stud, lovely even colour and good under 2 Longbottom, fawn, this is a class one doesn't usually see this name appearing, very nice fawn, best I have seen for a long time, pity it had moult on back 3 Cross, champagne, top colour good but fails under r champagne, darker top to winners, good type **AOC SELF** Ad 13: 1 Pearce, red, very nice red, very good

The NMC secretary writes . . .

YEAR BOOKS
 All paid-up members should have received a copy of this year's year book. Will any member who has not received one please let me know.
NEW MEMBERS
 The following have joined the club since the year book was sent to the printers:
 R Arnold (juvenile), 20 Sherwood Avenue, Boston, Lincs.
 Mr and Mrs Baker, 9 Parkfield Drive, Nantwich, Cheshire.
 M J Baker (juvenile), 35 Melton Road, Kettlethorpe Wakefield.
 Elizabeth Brown (juvenile), 62 Fifth Avenue, Low Hill, Wolverhampton.
 J Gaitens, 19 Newton Road, London NW2.
 R C Knight, 51 Lennox Road, Walthamstow, E17.
 G Leighton, 18 Stradbroke Avenue, Sheffield.
 A Maxwell, 13 Snow Street, Blackburn, Lancs.
 W O'Neill (juvenile), 71 Thorpe Lane, Yeovil, Somerset.
 Miss Snell and Partner, Farrington, Main Street, Sulton-on-Forest.
 A W Sutherland, 105A Hobs Moat Road, Solihull.
 J S Watson (juvenile), 395 Barnsley Road, Sandal, Wakefield.

RE-JOINED
 The following members have rejoined but their subscriptions arrived too late for their names to be included in the year book:
 R E Caund, 47 Skelwith Road, Sheffield 4.
 Mr and Mrs Davidson and Miss Davidson, South Kerrow Farm, Blisland, Nr Bodmin, Cornwall.
 J F Nott, 98 Fairlop Road, Barkingside, Essex.
 Spurden and Peck, Birk Hill, Blyth Road, Ranskill, Retford, Notts.
CHANGE OF ADDRESS
 Mr C Penny has moved to 7 St Lawrence Road, Denton, Manchester.
SHOW CANCELLATION
 The mouse section at Nelson Agricultural show (May 17) has been cancelled.
NEW SHOW
 There will be a mouse section at the Poynton Agricultural show on August 30. Mr J Hartley will judge.
NEW VENTURES
 The next two shows will be the Central England Mouse Club on May 24 and the Great Harwood show on May 26. Please support both shows as they are new ventures, S SMITH (hon sec), 26 Grasmere Road, Bradford 2, Yorkshire.