

very nice Angora, followed by an Ermine Rex.

A very pleasant place to hold a rabbit show, out in the country with a view of the Malvern Hills in the distance. AM.

**Mr A May's classes**

**ARGENTE** 5 mth 1: 1 Langley 69G00098 Ad 1: 1 Langley 69B07738 **CHINCHILLA** 5 mth 2: 1 Densu Stud 69D08317 Ad 6: 1 Densu Stud 68D13764 2 Hazell 3 Ware **FOX** 5 mth 5: 1 J Ridler 69D09420 2 M and D Ridler 3 Speke **HAVANA** Ad 1: 1 Hyde 68D01571 **SABLE** 5 mth 2: 1 Chelt Rabbitties 69D00485 2 Fish Ad 2: 1 Fish 68D09078 **SMOKE PEARL** 5 mth 1: 1 Macey 69D10883 Ad 1: 1 Macey 69D 04333 3 Miss Szelebaum **CASTOR** Ad 1: 1 Kiddle 69E06648 **HAVANA** 2: 1 Miss Sandy 69E00300 2 Watts **LYNX** 1: 1 Bright 69E06691 **ORANGE** 5 mth 1: 1 Hyde 69E1382 Ad 3: 1 3 Teague 69E01567 2 Hyde **SABLE/SEAL** 5 mth 2: 1 Rutherford 69E05015 2 Gilliard Ad 1: 1 Marwil Stud 69E05015 **Fur** Chall 5 mth: 1 Densu Stud 2 Macey 3 Langley Ad: 1 Breach 2 Macey 3 Densu Stud Rex chall 5 mth 5: 1 Edwards 2 Dando 3 Hyde Ad 9: 1 Mitchell 2 Miss Sandy 3 Teague **AV Pairs** 2: 1 Macey 2 J Ridler 3 M and D Ridler 5 mth 1: 1 Macey Doe and litter 2: 1 M and D Ridler 2 Miss Fish Breeders 5 mth 8: 1 Edwards 2 Dando 3 Turle Chall 5 mth 12: 1 Miss Szelebaum 2 Edwards 3 Dando Breeders Ad 13: 1 Breach 2 Mitchell 3 Waywhite Stud Chall Ad 18: Repeat Juvenile 5 mth 8: 1 Altra 2 M and D Ridler 3 Jackson Juvenile chall 11: 1 Breach 2 Measey 3 Altra. **ARTHUR MAY**

**Mr H B Critchlow's classes**

With shows at Walsall, Nuneaton, Kenilworth, Leicester and Mansfield on the same day, Madresfield Society did remarkably well to come up with an entry of 492. The Bristol Society brought up a bus load of fanciers for what must have been a grand day out.

Best in show went to a well turned out Angora which was a credit to its owner.

Stewards generally I had plenty, names regretfully I had none but to all who helped, thanks a lot.

It is a decided pleasure to see Mrs Taylor and her Malvernites work; everything goes like clockwork. Penning was first class, stock was watered and fed, and a good time was had by all.

It was indeed a pleasure to see Mr and Mrs Harry Farmer of Tan fame around the shows again.

To the Malvern Society, congratulations on a first-class effort in every way.

**DUTCH** 4 mth 4: 1 M Perkins 69B09000 2 3 Altra Ad 2: 1 Wren 69B03611 2 L Perkins **ENGLISH** Ad 1: 1 Cullis 67D14158 **NETH DWARF WHITE** 5 mth 2: 1 Redbar Stud 69X 03839 2 Waywhite Stud Ad 2: 1 2 Waywhite Stud 68X00099 3 Redbar Stud AOC 5 mth 3: 1 Redbar Stud 69X03843 2 Buck 3 Waywhite Stud Ad 3: 1 Gilliard 69X01339 2 **Buck POLISH** 2: 1 Rutherford 67A00578 2 Measey **SILVER** 5 mth 3: 1 Turle 69D05365 2 Chelt Rabbitties 3 Measey Ad 2: 1 Bright 68D11213 2 Hands **TAN BLACK** 5 mth 3: 1 Denecroft Stud 69B06887 2 Mrs Farmer 3 Peart Ad 3: 1 2 Mrs Taylor 69B05433 3 Denecroft Stud Fancy 5 mth 1: 1 Miss Szelebaum 69E06814 Chall 5 mth 10: 1 Miss Szelebaum 2 Turle 3 Denecroft Stud Ad 11: 1 Mrs Taylor 2 Waywhite Stud 3 Rutherford. **H B CRITCHLOW**

**BEXLEY**

**EASTERN AND SOUTHERN FOX SHOW**

It was a great pleasure to judge the Eastern and Southern Counties Silver Fox Club's show at Bexley on September 1. Thanks to my stewards, John Self, Mr and Mrs Spicer, Vic Green, Roy Russell, and Mrs Dorrington, who did most of the running backwards and forwards from the pens, Tony Dorrington, Mrs Green and Arthur Howard, the section's hard-working secretary on the cards.

Best in show was an adult black shown by Mr Spicer. There was a very fine class of blues which was won by Vic Green and a nice chocolate shown by John Self.

**BLACK** Ad: 1 Spicer, good all round rabbit, right on top form 2 Russell, in good order, fails on ears only 5 mth: 1 2 3 Self, nice markings, good coat, slight moult on back, every rabbit in this class had moult on one part or another 2 similar to winner, not such a silky coat 3 the same as second but not as finished r Dorrington, the best rabbit in the class but moult on flanks lost it a higher place **BLUE** 5 mth: 1 Green, a top class blue, good coat and markings, only a slight moult on flanks 2 Russell, a good blue, good coat, nice type, loses on nose 3 Adaway, another good blue but in moult today **AOC** 5 mth: 1 Self, a good chocolate, we will hear a lot more of this one 2 3 Dorrington, lilacs **FOX REX**: 1 2 Whitcombe, first in moult, second white hairs all over AC Breeders Ad 3: 1 Spicer 2 Russell 3 Whitcombe 5 mth 11: 1 Green 2 Self 3 Dorrington Grand chall 10: 1 Spicer 2 Green 3 Russell. **OLIFF ROPER**

**THE EXHIBITION MOUSE**

**WINNERS AT GUILDFORD**

(Concluding results)

**Mr H Jowett's classes**

In the company of three lads from Yorkshire I set off to Guildford at 3.30 am and arrived to have breakfast at 9.15 am. We had a very pleasant journey. I judged the seals and marked sections and my co-judges, Mr Stuart Smith did the AOV section and Mr Rodger Edmondson the Tan section.

Mr and Mrs Cooke had everything ready on hand and I got off to a nice start with a grand total entry of 475.

The stock in my section was quite good. Best self was an under eight week champagne shown by Mr Jones. Best marked was an adult Broken shown by Mr Heywood. Best in show was a lovely Argente shown by Mr Kitchen, and best opposite age a nice young Fox shown by Mr Morris.

It is always a pleasure to judge down south and to meet and have a talk with southern fanciers. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Cooke and their willing helpers and a special thank you to my stewards, who did a fine job. We all had a very enjoyable day.

**PE WHITE or CREAM** Ad 4: All whites 1 Reice, nice doe, best colour and finish, good head, nice tail set, lovely type, first class condition, could be better under 2 3 Jones, doe, not the colour of winner, good head and tail set 3 buck, not the colour and finish of leaders, could be in better condition r Jukes, buck, same faults and lacks condition 8 wk 3: 1 Hartley, lovely white doe, good sound colour, lovely type, nice broad head and in first class condition, could be better under 2 Jukes, white buck, not the colour of winner and had a slight break in coat, not just ready yet 3 Reice, another white buck, not the colour and fails under **BLACK/BLUE** Ad 6: Five blacks, one blue 1 2 Sill, black doe, good sound dense colour, good head, nice type and in tip top condition, could be better on tail set 2 black buck, sound colour, again very close, the doe just had it on under 3 Reice, blue doe, nice shade of colour, nice head, bit baggy on sides and could be in better condition r B Longbottom, black doe, not the colour of leaders, slightly rusty on sides and lacks condition today 8 wk 5: Three blacks, two blues 1 3 Reice, nice type blue doe, nice head, lovely tail set, good top colour, fails slightly on under 2 r Jukes, bonny black doe, good top colour, very close, the winner just had that finish 3 another nice one, blue buck, nice top colour, fails on type and under to leaders r fails on colour and bit rusty on sides **CHAM/FAWN** Ad 4: Three fawns (one abs) 1 2 3 Home, fawn buck, best colour in class, good head and tail set, smashing under, in first class condition, good all round 2 fawn doe, not the top colour of buck but again a smashing under and excellent condition 3 fawn doe, again same fault, not the colour and fails badly on under to leaders 8 wk 5: Two chams, one fawn (two abs) 1 2 Jones, beautiful cham doe, lovely top colour, had that pinky tinge, excellent type, nice broad head and two eyes which stood out like beads, in tip top condition, best self 2 another lovely cham doe, lovely top colour, nice condition, very close, finish just decided it 3 Home, nice little fawn buck, nice top colour but just fails on light under, in nice condition **AOC SELF** Ad 3: 1 2 Jones, silver doe, nice top colour, good broad head, nice tail set, lovely type and in first class condition, my best adult 2 silver doe, nice top colour, lovely type, again in nice condition, bit moult on face 3 Heath, chocolate doe, good top colour, nice condition but just fails on under to leaders 8 wk 5: Two silvers, three chocolates 1 2 Jones, bonny little silver doe, good colour, good head, nice and tippy, excellent condition 2 another nice little silver doe, good colour but not the finish and fails slightly on under to winner 3 Heath, chocolate buck, best colour in class for chocolates, nice condition, fails on tan vent r Meredith, chocolate buck, fails on colour and lacks condition Chall Ad 16: 1 r Jones, winning silver 2 Home, winning fawn 3 Reice, winning white r second silver 8 wk 18: 1 3 r Jones, winning cham 2 Hartley, winning white 3 winning silver r second cham **DUTCH** Ad 9: 1 2 r Cooke, argente buck, well balanced, nice colour, good head and stops, excellent under, first class condition, ideal stud buck 2 blue buck, good head and stops, fails slightly on under, again in nice condition 3 Cunningham, good head but fails on wavy saddle, again in nice condition r chocolate doe, same fault, falling on saddle to leaders 8 wk 8: 1 2 Maynard, nice little Argente buck, good colour, nice head and stops, nice saddle, in tip top condition 2 another Argente buck, very close, winner just had it for finish 3 r Cunningham, black buck, in first class condition, good head but fails slightly on under 3 chocolate, nice little doe, good colour and head, only fault wavy saddle **AOV MARKED** Ad 6: 1 2 Hey-

wood, eight spot black Broken, good clear spots and nicely placed, good head and nice type, in first class condition, best marked 2 black Broken seven spots, very close, winner just had it for finish 3 r Cooke, six spot black Broken, spots not as clear as leaders r five spot chocolate Broken, lacks condition to leaders 8 wk 3: (one abs) 1 2 Jukes, six spot chocolate Broken, nice distinct spots, good head and in first class condition, a nice baby, a good win 2 seven spot black, another nice one but not as clear on spots to winner but in lovely condition Chall Ad 15: 1 2 Heywood, first Broken 2 second Broken 3 r Cooke, first Dutch r second Dutch 8 wk 11: 1 2 Jukes, first Broken 2 second Broken 3 r Maynard, first Dutch r second Dutch. **H JOWETT**

**Mr R C Edmondson's classes**

There was a good turn-up of fanciers from all parts, including my brother, our president, P L Edmondson, Mr and Master Gill, Messrs Cunningham, Morris, Reice, and numerous southern fanciers.

I was particularly pleased to have as my co-judges Harry Jowett and NMC secretary, Stuart Smith.

Tony Cooke had everything well in hand and a good start was made. Entries were a little short of 500. Best in my section was a very nice under eight week black Tan which had excellent tan and feet.

Many thanks to my stewards, Dan Holland and Bill Coster.

**TAN BLACK/CHOC** Ad 1: 1 Holland, black buck, dense top, rich tan, good size, fit 2 3 r Heath, sound top, tan creeping-up sides and jowl 3 beaten richness r beaten tan and feet 8 wk 10: 1 Heywood, black, dense top, rich tan, excellent feet, fit, my best Tan 2 3 Heath, choc, beaten tan and feet 3 Black, beaten top and tan r Marriott, black beaten richness and feet **CHAMPAGNE** 3: Where are all the champagne Tans? All to Jones, winner best top 8 wk 5: 1 3 Marriott, doe, nice top and tan 2 r T Holland, lovely top, poor tan 3 beaten tan, shade dark top r beaten top and tan **AOC** Ad 4: 1 T Holland, silver, shade dark top, lovely tan 2 Heywood, dove, beaten tail root and feet 3 r Heath, blues 3 nice top, beaten tan and feet r similar, moultly 8 wk 4: 1 Heath, blue, level top, nice tan, good feet 2 Heywood, 2 another nice blue, not the richness of tan 3 dove, fair top, nice tan **Chall** Ad 13: 1 3 T Holland, 1st silver 2 Jones, 1st cham 3 1st black r Heath, 2nd black 8 wk 16: 1 Heywood, 1st black 2 r Heath, 2nd choc 3 Marriott, 1st cham r 3rd black **STUD BUCK** 17: Some really outstanding bucks here, plenty of bone and size, fit for any stud, 1 2 Cooke, black Fox, 2 Argente Dutch 3 Coster, Chinchilla r Jones, Argente **DOE** Ad 17: 1 Kitchen, Argente 2 3 Jones, Cham Tan 3 silver r Hartley, Agouti 8 wk 10: 1 Kitchen, Seal Point 2 Heywood, black Tan 3 Cunningham, Seal Point r Jones, Silver **GRAND CHALL** Ad 47: 1 Kitchen, Argente 2 Cooke, black Fox 3 r Jones, cham Tan r Silver 8 wk 40: 1 Morris, blue Fox 2 Heywood, black Tan 3 Kitchen, Seal Point 4 Cunningham, Seal Point **PET**: Judged on condition, cleanliness and docility 1 Linda Woodger 2 3 Katy Whitbourne r Rodney Meredith. Sorry I missed my notes on this class, but, all were very tame, fit and clean, a credit to all of you. **R C EDMONDSON**

**Successful Greenwich**

Greenwich Show on September 13, with 340 entries was, I feel, a great success in view of the fact the National Mouse Club's annual show was on the same day. As is usual with these town shows, the mouse section attracted a lot of interest, and the mouse and rat fanciers were kept busy answering questions.

Quality of stock in my section was high and what was surprising was the rat entry of thirty-seven rats in two classes.

Lighting conditions and a dull day made judging under canvas difficult.

**TAN CHAM or SILVER** Ad 2: 1 2 T Holland, silver, rather dark, good tan 2 cham, good top, fails tan 8 wk 5: All champagnes 1 3 Marriott, best top, fair tan, good type 2 T Holland, dark top, fair tan 3 same as second **BLACK or CHOC** Ad 9: 1 2 T Holland, black buck, good top and tan, nice size, not duplicated 2 black, same as first except tan hairs on flank 3 Heath, choc, strong tan, spoilt by moult on top 8 wk 8: 1 Heywood, black, best all round, even top and nice tan 2 3 Todd, choc, nice dark top, fails tan to first 3 black, fair all round **AOV** Ad 10: 1 Higgs, beautiful mouse, wonderful condition and type, strong tan, very even top which should be darker for a dove 2 Heywood, dove, good tan, uneven patchy top 3 Higgs, dove, very dark top and patchy 8 wk 8: 1 3 Marriott, dove, top too dark, good tan 2 Higgs, dove, dark top, fails tan to first 3 blue, good top, patchy under **Chall** Ad 19: 1 Higgs, dove 2 Holland, black 3 Heath, choc 8 wk 17: 1 Heywood, black 2 3 Todd, choc 3 black **AGOUTI or CINNAMON** Ad 1: 2 3 Reice, 1 best all round, sharp bright top and good under, slight moult round eyes 2 lighter top, otherwise equal, slight moult 3 beaten by moult **CHIN or FOX** Ad 7: 1 Cooke, black Fox, good big mouse, only fault slight moult on face 2 3 Robb, black Fox, fails a little under 3 black Fox, not much to choose with second 8 wk 4: 1 Robb, black Fox, very good indeed, perfect condition, lovely type, dead black top, even ticking and even white under, best **AGV** 2 D Holland, Chin, fails under 3 Cooke, black Fox, fails under, not a good white and thin **AOV** Ad 4: 1 3 D Holland, Siamese, fails gradation, blotchy 2 T Holland, Argente, fails moultly head 3 Siamese, very patchy, all over 8 wk 3: 1 3 Jukes, long-hair white, good length of coat, coat silky but thin under and fails a little on condition 2 T Holland, Argente, beaten by moult 3 Argente, rather a poor one this **Chall** Ad 15: 1 Cooke 2 3 Robb 8 wk 7: 1 Robb, Fox 2 D Holland, Chin 3 Cooke, Fox **RAT** Ad 16: 1 Jukes, fawn agouti, perfect for type and condition, very even top and under, best in show 2 T Holland, white, good colour, type and condition 3 Lane, white, also a good rat, not as good colour as the second but very fit, no serious fault 13 wk 21: Two equal firsts in this class 1 Tremear, black, very nice for type and condition and a real black, what the colour will be as an adult is another matter, we judge as on the day, only fault feet equal 1 2 3 Wallace, white, another good rat, again good type and good condition, eyes could be a little bolder 2 black Japanese, good effort, fails markings uneven 3 fawn, again as usual in the Wallace collection, very fit and good type, nice colour. **E N SMITH**

**Provisional standards for the Rump White and the Tricolour**

**RUMP WHITE**

Rump White is any standardised colour having a white rump. The line of demarcation should be straight and encircle the body so that the lower third of the mouse, including hind feet and tail, is completely white. The remaining colour must be without any white markings at all and should conform with the standard laid down for that variety.

- Colour 10 points
- Rump 10 points
- Demarcation line 20 points
- Feet 10 points
- Condition (not fat, short and glossy coat) 15 points
- Shape and carriage 10 points
- Size 5 points
- Ears (shape, size and position) 5 points
- Eyes (large, bold, prominent) 5 points
- Muzzle (long and strength carried out to end) 5 points
- Tail (long and uniform, no kinks) 5 points

**TRICOLOUR**

The Tricolour mouse is one showing distinct patches of any three colours in about equal

proportions. The spots or patches should be well distributed over the top of the mouse. Cleanmess, tone and distribution of the coloured areas are features to be selected.

- Cleanness of markings 20 points
  - Tone of colour 10 points
  - Distribution of spot or patches 20 points
  - Condition (not fat, short glossy coat) 15 points
  - Shape and carriage 10 points
  - Size 5 points
  - Ears (shape, size and position) 5 points
  - Eyes (large, bold, prominent) 5 points
  - Muzzle (long, strength carried out to end) 5 points
  - Tail (long and uniform, no kinks) 5 points
- Both the above varieties were exhibited by Mr Meredith at the annual show. The Rump White was unanimously granted a provisional standard and the Tricolour was also granted a provisional standard with Mr A Ridley voting against owing to the mouse having a tendency to wobble and therefore not being wholly tractable.

Both varieties are to be exhibited in the marked section. **S SMITH** (NMC secretary)