

WHO'S WHO AFTER THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

RABBIT CLUB OFFICIALS

**NORTH HERTS. F.A.**—President, Mrs. A. A. Dawson; chairman, Mr. M. E. Richards; vice-chairman, Mr. G. H. Peters; hon. secretary, and treasurer, Mr. A. J. Howard; show manager, Mr. M. E. Richards; show secretary, Mr. A. Peters; Hitchin secretary, Mr. J. Baines; Letchworth secretary, Mr. G. Griffiths; Hitchin asst. show secretary, Miss F. Richards; Letchworth asst. show secretary, Mr. G. H. Peters; cup steward, Mr. H. Wall; finance secretary, Mr. K. C. Saunders; B.R.C. representative, Mr. G. H. Peters; press agent, Mr. H. Worsley; ladies' adviser, Mr. K. C. Saunders; ladies' secretary, Mrs. R. Pettengell; ladies' chairman, Mrs. L. Peters; junior show secretary, Master A. Freeman; Letchworth junior secretary, Master K. Billson; Hitchin junior secretary, Master M. Baines. Sufficient pens have been purchased to stage a large show. The association has a substantial bank balance. The bi-monthly shows will alternate between Hitchin and Letchworth. The young stock show will be at Hitchin in conjunction with the flower show on July 12th. The association will stage the Herts. County Agricultural show this year.

**HAVINGER R.C. (JUNIOR SECTION)**—Junior patron, Mr. S. J. Davis; junior chairman, V. Davies; vice-chairman, C. Maltwood; show manager, F. Blackman; show secretary, Mr. A. Coe, 10, Oak Street, Romford, Essex; general secretary, Miss P. Kilby.

**BROMLEY (KENT) R.C.**—President, Miss H. Vincent; vice-presidents, Mr. R. Hunter, Mr. J. Pocock, Mr. Murrell; chairman, Mr. H. Moriarty; hon. general secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Clark, assistant secretary, Mr. S. Miles; hon. show secretary, Mr. J. Brown.

**HORNINGLOW VICTORIA D.R.C.**—President, Mr. W. A. W. Cox; vice-presidents, Mr. I. Tivey, Mr. C. Thacker; chairman, Mr. H. Critchlow; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Aldridge; committee, Mr. A. Smith, Mrs. E. Harlow, Mr. R. Harper, Mr. S. Heayse, Mr. T. Banton, Mr. E. Merriman; hon. secretary, Mr. E. F. Wareing, 18, Baker Street, Stapenhill. Club shows will be on March 15th, April 12th, April 26th, May 24th, July 12th, Aug. 16th, Sept. 20th, Oct. 18th, Nov. 8th, and Jan. 9th, 1953.

**SANDY & D. F. & F.S.**—President, Mr. T. H. Sills, M.B.E.; vice-presidents, B. S. Porter, Mr. S. C. Banks, Mr. J. Newton, Mr. G. Howlett, Mr. I. Quince, Mr. V. J. Clow, Mr. J. A. Allison, Mr. W. R. Parrin; chairman, Mr. W. B. Hanford; vice-chairman, Mr. H. C. Bilcock; general secretary, Mr. S. W. Gaylor, 25, Laburnum Road, Sandy; treas., Mr. J. H. W. Barker; B.R.C. representative and show manager, Mr. H. C. Bilcock; committee, Messrs. A. T. Horner, P. King, W. Ellis, L. Hall, P. Wildsher, A. Wootton, A. J. Northwood, G. Horner, S. Gell, Mr. Endesby, A. Sparkes, and K. Gaylor. Annual adult stock show Nov. 1st. Judges, Mr. F. Maynard and Capt. Smith.

**COVENTRY D.F. & F.S.**—President, Capt. J. E. Southall; chairman, Mr. B. Bromfield; secretary, Mr. L. G. Pittam, 107, Morris Ave., Wyken, Coventry.

**GOSPORT F. & H.A.**—Vice-chairman, Mr. P. G. Croucher (not Mr. F. G. Stone, late chairman, as announced previously in FUR AND FEATHER). Miss E. M. Landon has been elected life president. Mr. F. Pink will judge cavy at the association's annual open show on Nov. 8th.

**ENFIELD D.R.C.**—President, Mr. L. Rayner; chairman, Mr. Saville; vice-chairman, Mr. Boothby; joint general and show secretaries, Mr. and Mrs. T. Dixon. The club's first show on April 27th will be held in aid of the widow and children of one of its former members.

**BARKING F.S.**—President, Mr. J. S. Wollton; vice-president, Mr. J. Presley; chairman, Mr. R. Bates; general secretary, H. Gardner, 34, Julia Gardens, Barking; show secretary, Mr. Henstock; social secretary, Mr. P. Bull; treasurer, Mr. Leigh; financial secretary, Mr. Talbot; B.R.C. representative, Mr. F. Bull.

**CHELMSFORD F. & F.S.**—President, Mrs. D. E. Jones; vice-presidents, Mr. V. Garton, Mr. T. Rudd, Mr. R. Thurlborn; chairman, Mr. C. Banfield; vice-chairman, B. J. Clements; treasurer, Mr. B. J. Clements; secretary, Mr. A. J. Roxby; asst. secretary, Mr. T. Rudman; show manager, Mr. G. E. Bradley; auditor, Mr. Thornton; B.R.C. representative, Mr. C. Banfield; committee, Messrs. W. Bridgeman, N. Gower, C. S. Parmenter, L. Prahl, W. Perrin, W. Skingsley.

Owing to continued ill-health, Mrs. D. Eccleston has been reluctantly obliged to resign the secretaryship of Wolverhampton D.F.S. The new secretary is Mr. H. Thompson, Caer Glow, Willenhall Road, Bilston, Staffs.

National Cavy Club Reports Best Financial Position For Many Years

THE National Cavy Club held its annual general meeting at Leeds on Jan. 19th. Members present were: Miss J. Radeglia, Miss Castleman-Brown, Mrs. E. M. Elward, Mrs. H. Craven, Messrs. C. Naylor, J. Dufton, G. R. Lodge, W. Wilkins, S. Kent, W. Pipe, B. Turner, R. J. Metcalfe, N. H. Stennett, S. Taylor, R. Tetlow, D. Feather, G. E. Murgatroyd, J. Mitchell, T. Crabtree, A. Robinson, A. Asquith, J. Willacy, F. Lark, C. J. Wilson, S. G. Close, H. Turner, H. Fisher, and the secretary, H. Craven.

At the last A.G.M. it was decided to have year books if enough money could be raised by advertisements to cover the cost. The secretary pointed out that he had not had enough advertisements, so he had had to leave the matter until this year's A.G.M. Several members present offered to have an advertisement and the secretary was asked to appeal through FUR AND FEATHER for further advertisements, and as soon as the ballot for officers was over to have the year books printed.

Miss J. Radeglia proposed that rule 16 be deleted. An amendment that the rule should stay as it is was proposed by Mr. G. E. Murgatroyd, and was carried.

The secretary thanked members for the very able manner in which they had helped him during 1951. He recalled that at the previous A.G.M. one of the members had gone round with the hat to collect enough money to put the club on the right side by 13s. 9d.

This year the position was very different. The balance stood at £60, and the club was in a better position financially than it had been for years.

Miss J. Radeglia proposed that the young stock show be held at Sandy on Thursday, Aug. 28th.

An amendment by Mr. T. Crabtree that club shows should only be held on Saturdays was defeated when put to the meeting.

A proposition written by Mrs. Mather that the adult stock show should be held each year at Bradford was read. After much discussion Miss Radeglia stated that it would perhaps be better not to tie ourselves to any rule, but she would like the matter to be brought up each year, and proposed that we ask the Bradford Small Livestock Society to stage the show again next year.

Mr. Metcalfe proposed an amendment that the committee should select a venue either in October or November. On being put to the meeting Miss Radeglia's proposition was carried.

Mr. Dinning proposed that Durham County should be better represented on the judges' panel (at least three judges). Mr. Pipe stated that the feeling of the fanciers in Durham was that if they had more judges on the panel more fanciers would join the club. He said that he was the only club judge who resided in Durham County, and it was a great expense to societies to send into Yorkshire or elsewhere for club judges. There was a roar of disapproval when Mr. Pipe suggested standing down from the judging panel to let another Durham member take his place. Mr. Mitchell said that if the fanciers in Durham would only join the club now and use their vote at the proper time, they were sure to put on the panel whoever they wished. Methods of dividing the country into more sections to provide for Durham County were discussed, but nothing arose to satisfy the meeting. Mr. Mitchell's proposal that the method of electing judges should remain as at present was carried.

Mr. R. P. Woods proposed that Rule 4 in the 1946 Rule Book be reinstated. There was no seconder to this.

Mr. E. J. Brooke proposed that judges be allowed to exhibit in sections other than the ones in which they are officiating. No seconder could be found to this.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Mather in which she stated that she was not satisfied with the classification for the adult stock show. She asked if the Nat. Cavy Club had become a self club. There were 12 classes for selfs, three for Abyssinians, three for Agoutis, and only one each for Tortoise and White, Dutch, Himalayans and Peruvians. Mrs. Mather thought that if self whites and blacks were entitled to boar and sow classes surely Tortoise and Whites, Himalayans and Peruvians were. Dutch were entitled to at least a class for reds and one for A.O.C.

The secretary stated that the letter was misleading. The classification gave 15 classes for A.O.V. and 12 for selfs. The total entries in the classes were: A.O.V. 176, selfs 216. Several ways of improving the classification were discussed, but at the end it was decided that the secretary should contact the committee on the matter before the next show.

The secretary stated that the club had lost two life-members during the year, Mr.

A. Foster and Mr. C. Reynolds. The following members were nominated to take their places, Mr. A. Hartley, Mr. J. Dufton, and Mr. F. Lark. On vote being taken, Mr. Dufton and Mr. Lark were elected. — H. Craven, 83, Thackeray Rd., Eccleshill, Bradford.

NATIONAL TORTOISE-AND-WHITE CLUB

THE result of the National Tortoise-and-White Cavy Club ballot for 1952 is:

President (1 required): R. J. Metcalfe (unopposed). Vice-presidents (2): E. J. Brooke 16, J. Jenkinson 14, G. W. Mallinson 6, W. Pipe 5, J. Ridyard 19, M. Tordoff 17. Committee (6): E. J. Brooke 19, Miss Burnett 22, H. Dewhurst 13, S. W. Elkington 16, J. Jenkinson 28, G. W. Mallinson 18, N. Orange 5, W. Pipe 12, J. Ridyard 16, W. F. Smith 13, G. A. Starkey 12, M. Tordoff 29, J. Whitworth 13. Judges (10): E. J. Brooke 23, S. W. Elkington 19, J. Jenkinson 27, G. R. Lodge 18, G. W. Mallinson 20, R. J. Metcalfe 27, N. Orange 15, W. Pipe 21, J. Ridyard 23, F. F. Rogers 33, W. F. Smith 20, G. A. Starkey 17, M. Tordoff 31, J. Whitworth 20. Secretary-Treasurer (1): F. F. Rogers (unopposed).

I certify the above figures to be correct. NORMAN PARKER, Accountant, Scrutineer.

HOW THE SELF CAVY CLUB STANDS

ENGLISH SELF CAVY CLUB

RESULT of the English Self Cavy Club's election of officers for 1952 is: president, S. W. Elkington, unopposed; vice-presidents, J. M. Sharp, F. Overton, Miss Radeglia, unopposed; committee (8): G. R. Lodge 32, H. Craven 29, F. Lark 27, Miss Castleman-Brown 24, A. Ellershaw 24, A. Robinson 24, S. Kent 21, R. Tetlow 21 (elected); H. Waterhouse 19, C. Naylor 18, W. Baron 17, Mrs. Elward 16, N. Orange 14, M. Baxter 13, R. J. Metcalfe 11, J. Place 11, J. A. Armes 11, A. Asquith 10, H. Hinchcliffe 6. Club judges (12): S. W. Elkington, J. M. Sharp, G. A. Townsend (life judges); C. J. Wilson 35, H. Craven 32, S. Kent 29, F. Overton 28, Miss Radeglia 28, F. Lark 27, G. R. Lodge 27, A. Robinson 25, W. Baron 25, H. Waterhouse 24, C. Naylor 23, Miss Castleman-Brown 22 (elected); N. Orange 21, R. Tetlow 21, A. Asquith 19, R. J. Metcalfe 18, M. Baxter 18, J. Platt 15, H. Hinchcliffe 14, J. A. Armes 12. Secretary-treasurer: C. J. Wilson (unopposed). Auditor: J. M. Sharp (unopposed). Scrutineer: H. Dyson (unopposed). Number of papers 51. Scrutineer: H. Dyson.

BALANCE SHEET 1951 INCOME

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1950 .. .. .	3	13	7
Donations:			
S. W. Elkington .. .. .	2	7	0
J. Radeglia .. .. .	2	6	0
Yates and Waterhouse .. .. .	10	0	0
C. Naylor .. .. .	15	0	0
E. J. Brook .. .. .	5	0	0
Ellershaw and Redhead .. .. .	4	5	0
4 Championship Certs. at 2/6 .. .. .	10	0	0
2 Prefixes at 1/6 .. .. .	3	0	0
Special prizes, per Mr. Suthurst and Mr. B. Waterhouse .. .. .	15	0	0
74 Subscriptions at 5/- .. .. .	19	10	0
3 Juvenile Subscriptions at 3/- .. .. .	9	0	0
Adverts. in Year Book .. .. .	13	11	6
50 per cent. profit from Y.S.S. (Sandy) .. .. .	6	6	0
	£42	3	7

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
2 Receipt Books .. .. .	3	4	0
Books to and from auditor .. .. .	2	8	0
Floral Wreath (A. Foster) .. .. .	1	0	0
Certificates of Merit .. .. .	1	10	0
Nomination Papers .. .. .	1	8	0
Voting Papers (Election) .. .. .	17	6	0
Purchase Tex .. .. .	1	2	7
	4	18	1
Voting Papers (Judges) .. .. .	19	7	0
150 Year Books .. .. .	16	10	0
Judges' Expenses (Cleckheaton) .. .. .	1	5	0
Commemoration Cards .. .. .	1	2	6
Secretary's Honorarium .. .. .	3	3	0
Cheque Book .. .. .	5	0	0
Bank Commission .. .. .	5	0	0
Special Prizes .. .. .	15	0	0
Postage Account .. .. .	3	1	8
Stationery, etc. .. .. .	11	1	0
Balance Dec. 31st, 1951 .. .. .	7	8	8
	£42	3	7

J. M. SHARPE, Auditor.

NATIONAL MOUSE CLUB NOTES

By G. H. JOHNSON, hon. secretary, "Highfield," Driffield. Mouse Show Calendar:— March 1st—Calder Valley.

I THINK I had better finish one story before commencing another. Readers will, in any event, want to know how Mr. Asquith, of Heckmondwike, fared with his exhibition of Fancy mice. Here in his own words is a synopsis of what took place:—

"The weather on the day of our exhibition was terrible and this did not help us, but we had a good show and plenty of visitors. What few mice we had caused much interest, and our little table was surrounded for the best part of two and a-half hours. Along with Mr. Tom Blackburn, Birstall, we were kept busy answering all manner of questions. Mr. Blackburn went through the process of judging the mice and explained the faults and good points to a very interested and attentive audience. The prospectus forms which you sent were soon gone, and the books borrowed.

"The day after the exhibition, Sunday, I was kept busy with visitors and only wished I could have shown them more mice. We have several juveniles among our members, and they come to every show, but cannot afford to buy or keep rabbits and cavy. I have started up some of these juveniles with a pair of mice. I can only hope that it will encourage them to become fanciers.

"I had a trip round during the week and picked up about 22 mice. These were all disposed of on the Sunday.

"In the case of the adults who inquired about Fancy mice, I referred them to FUR AND FEATHER, the year book and yourself, explaining that, if you had not the variety which they fancied, another fancier would be recommended. The rabbit and cavy men would have liked to have seen some Agoutis, Chinchillas, Sables, Foxes, Silvers, etc.

"My Society will hold a meeting on Thursday, when I will put your letter before them, and see if they will give mice a trial."

Another letter from Mr. Asquith reads:— "I showed your letter to the committee of my society at our recent meeting, and they were very pleased with the contents, so much so that they are considering classes for mice at our March 22nd show. If members of the N.M.C. would give some support, they would be quite willing to 'have a go.' My society asked me if I would contact you with regard to this support. I would also ask fanciers who would be willing to help with the section to write me. I should then be in a position to ask for classes in March.

"What do you think would be a suitable classification? For myself, I would suggest marked adult, marked under 8 weeks, Self adult, Self under 8 weeks, A.O.V. adult, and A.O.V. under 8 weeks. Anything you could do to help would be much appreciated."

In my reply, I told Mr. Asquith that six classes would not be sufficient under present-day circumstances to create a draw, and suggested a minimum of ten classes. But whatever the classification I am sure that members will rally to the call and assist Mr. Asquith in his object of booming the Longtails in Heckmondwike. As I said before, the work being carried out by Mr. Asquith on our behalf is meritorious and praiseworthy. Compared with what he has done and is prepared to do, the sending of a few entries would be nothing at all. I cannot help but wonder how many mouse fanciers we have in the Heckmondwike district; not a lot according to our records, but whoever they are and wherever they may be, I would ask them to link up with Mr. Asquith and Mr. Blackburn, and see what can be done about getting together a really active and enthusiastic body. With such a grand leader, it should not be difficult. Who knows, we may have in Mr. Asquith's efforts the embryo of a new local mouse club. At one time, there were several mouse fanciers in and around Heckmondwike. There is no reason why we should not have a revival of interest in the district.

With this advice, I would ask members to keep a careful eye on the advertisement columns of FUR AND FEATHER, and if they see a mouse show advertisement under the name of the Heckmondwike Fanciers, not only to send entries, but go along and give Mr. Asquith a hand. Workers such as Mr. Asquith are not born every day. He needs our help and support. His address is 78, Wormald Street, Heckmondwike. Drop him a few lines of encouragement and thanks.

I received a letter from Mr. C. W. Ford, Ashburton, to say that the mice he sent to Bradford ch. show were returned to him on show day without seemingly having left the district. From what we can make out, the outward label became detached, and the mice, instead of travelling North, travelled back home. This was a pity and very annoying for Mr. Ford. Was it a lapse on the part of the railway authorities or the handiwork of a practical joker? Some people are always trying to be funny, and to tear off a label might to them appear a joke, but

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to the unfortunate fancier, it was anything but. We can only commiserate with Mr. Ford and take heart from the fact that of all the thousands of travelling boxes sent to shows in the course of a year, very few go astray. It is, however, now known why Mr. Ford's stock did not arrive at Leeds.

Mr. Horace Massey, c/o The Vicarage, Middleton-in-Chirbury, Mont., has offered to guarantee two variegated classes, adult and under 8 weeks, at each of the 1952 cup shows. The Mr. Massey I refer to is none other than our old friend, "Horace," who was a stalwart of the mouse Fancy before and during the war. For that matter, he still is, but since the war he has taken a position in South Wales which has made it somewhat difficult for him to participate in our activities. He is hoping to remedy this deficiency from now on. Mr. Massey has always been a keen devotee of the variegated mouse. On behalf of the Fancy, I

would extend our best thanks to Mr. Massey for his generous offer.

And talking about cup shows reminds me that the spring cup show of 1952 will be held at Rotherham, under the auspices of the Rotherham Mouse Club, on April 19th. Will members please note?

On Saturday, March 1st, Calder Valley Mouse Club will hold its first show of the year, and, according to reports, it is going to be a good one. The classification, prize money and management are good. What about the entry? That is up to you! Let Mr. J. Wormald, 27, Hollins Bank, Sowerby Bridge, have every possible entry.

**AIREDALE MOUSE CLUB SHOW**

The Airedale Mouse Club held its show at Saltire on Feb. 9th. A good entry, a splendid room, a beautiful day, and an enthusiastic band of workers combined to make this show a good omen for the new show season. Add to this the attendance of many well-known fanciers, and a happy day was passed in the company of friends with common interests. I was asked to take the classes allo-

ated to Mr. J. Otter in his unavoidable absence, and found them to be made up of entries well up to standard but with few outstanding, which made my task more difficult. Thanks to Mr. Taylor and two other youthful but efficient stewards whose names I did not acquire.—F.W.C.

**Mr. F. W. Cole's Classes**

CHAM. SILVER OR DOVE TAN, 18: 1 Day; 2 Ashley; 3 Walker; r Jowett, 8 WKS., 11: 1 Moore; 2 Ashley; 3 Espley, A.O.C., 16: 1, r Day; 2 Dobson; 3 Longbottom, 8 WKS., 10: 1, 3 Espley; 2 Dobson; r Day, CHALL., 32: 1 Espley; 2, 3 Day; r Ashley, DOE, 28: 1 Marriott; 2 Dobson; 3 Ashley; r Hardman, JUVENILE, 22: 1 Harris; 2 Willars and Poole; 3 Yeardon; r Evans, CUP CLASS, 38: 1 Gregory, PRESENTATION CLASS, 50: 1 Gregory; 2 Higgs; 3 Marriott; r Lumb.—F. W. COLES.

**Mr. J. Patchett's Classes**

An entry of 601 is quite good for these cold days. My stewards, Mr. Lumb and Master Kellet, did a fine piece of work and made my task much easier. Variegated are

at last coming up in numbers, but lack belly splashes. My winning adult Dutch ran through the cards to be best in show. My nominations were best adult and best 8 weeks in show.

DUTCH, 13: 1, 2 Gregory; 3 Day, 8 WKS., 6: 1 Mellor; 2 Day; 3 Hardman; r Watts, EVEN, BROKEN, VARIEGATED, 14: 1, 3 Cole; 2 Prior, AGOUTI OR CINNAMON, 10: 1 Ashley; 2 Watts; 3 Lockwood, 8 WKS., 7: 1, 2 Higgs; 3 Watts, CHINCHILLA OR FOX, 14: 1, 2 Johnson; 3 Carr, 8 WKS., 10: 1 Watts; 2 Marsden; 3 Morgan, A.O.V., 8: 1 Lumb; 2, 3 Coles and Heywood, 8 WKS., 9: 1, 2 Lumb; 3 Coles and Heywood, STUD BUCK, 30: 1 Gregory; 2 Day; 3 McCrea; r Evans, GRAND CHALL., 44: 1 Gregory; 2 Lockwood; 3 Marriott; r Day, 8 WKS., 43: 1 Higgs; 2 Day; 3 Watts; r Espley.—J. PATCHETT.

Owing to pressure of business Mr. C. Simpkins has been obliged to relinquish the secretaryship of the Airedale Mouse Club. His place will be taken by Mr. A. Day, Ingrow Bridge, Keighley, Yorks.

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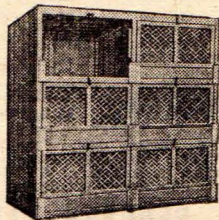
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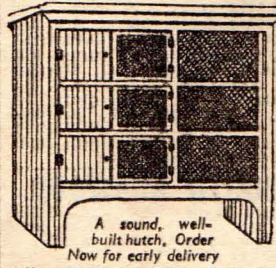
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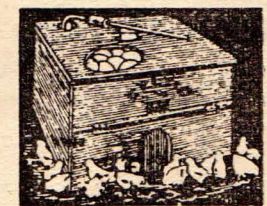
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