



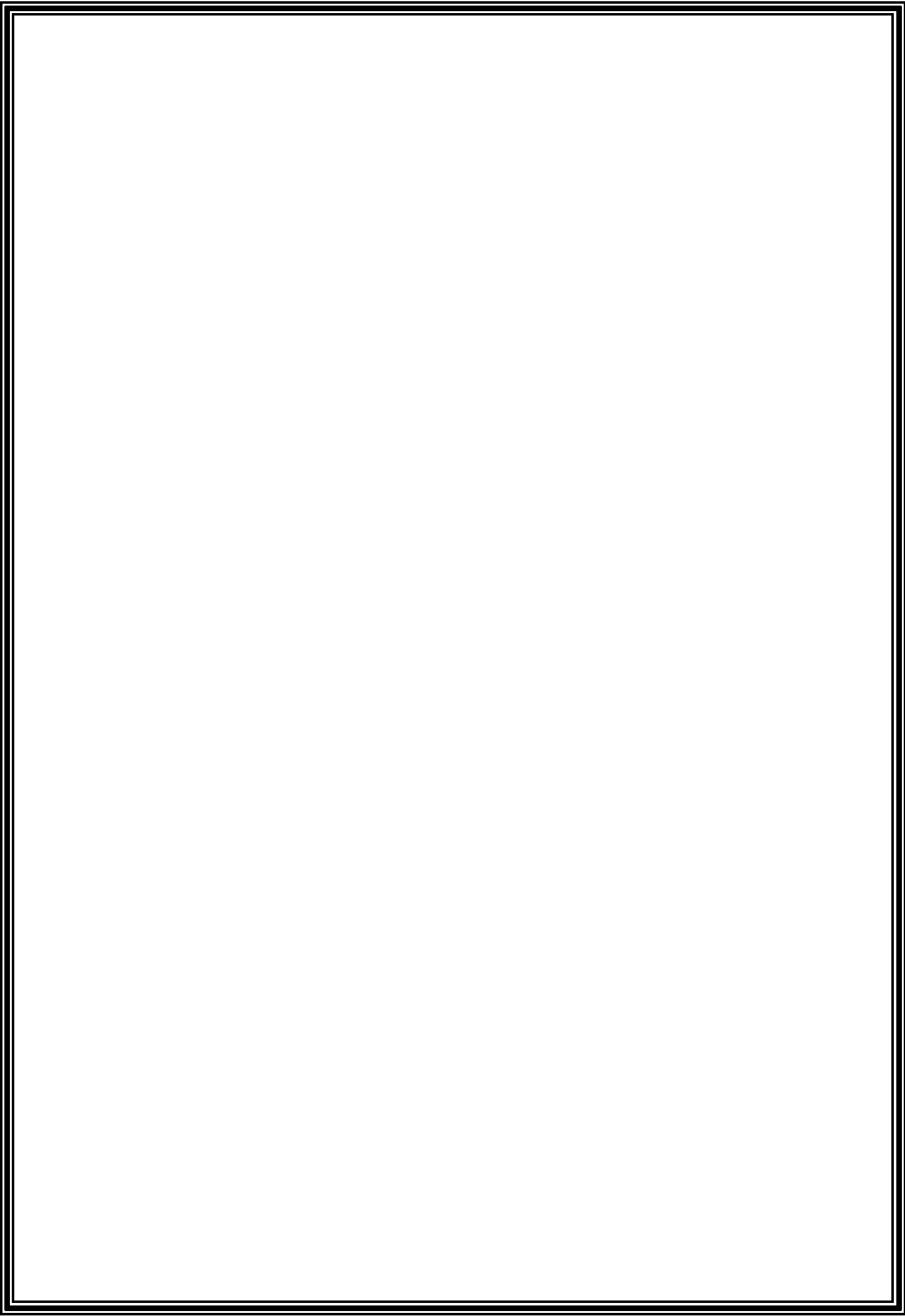
*British Homing World
Show of the Year*

Gala Evening

*including the
47th Annual RPRA
Awards Presentation*

Saturday 19th January 2019





Welcome

Good evening,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2019 Gala Evening at the British Homing World Show of the Year.

May I first of all apologise for the change of venue at such short notice, but due to the Winter Gardens undergoing a major restoration we could not use the Spanish Hall.

This year sees the 43rd Show at Blackpool; the first one in 1977 included the F.C.I. Olympiad which must have taken a tremendous amount of work to organise. Some of those volunteers are still involved to this day since its inception in 1977, and we owe a debt of gratitude to the Show Committee, Stewards and their families who have given so much time and effort to keep these Shows running.

At the head of the Committee we have our Show Chairman David Trippett whose tremendous work ethic ensures the success of the Shows and who, together with our Show Manager over the last 3 years - Ian Evans - has made a formidable team.

I must also congratulate our successful fanciers, young and old, for their performances in 2018. This year has been extremely hard with regards to the unusual weather conditions that the birds have had to endure, which makes these performances especially outstanding.

I would like to thank you for coming tonight and hope you have a most enjoyable evening.

Best Wishes for 2019.

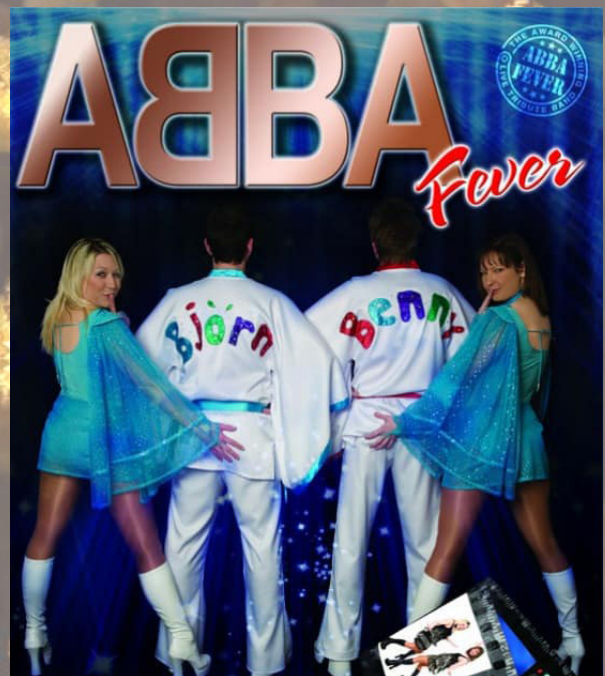
David Bridges
RPRA President

TONIGHT...

Compere - Jim Tait (8.00pm)



RPRA Awards Presentation (8.30pm)



Dusk 'til Dawn Roadshow
(music and dancing 11pm-1am)



Royal Pigeon Racing Association Awards 2018

Young Fanciers - 8 to 15 years old

Each year the RPRA accepts nominations from the regions for three categories: short, middle and long distance.

We are pleased to announce that the 2018 winners are:

Young Fancier - Short Distance 0 - 250 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Riley & Kian Wilkinson** of Bridlington
Blue cock, 1st club, 1st fed, 1st combine, 222 miles, 2316 birds
Riley & Kian receive a trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £50

2nd Prize is awarded to **Keelie Wright** of Craigavon
Blue hen, 1st club, 3rd section, 179th open, 177 miles, 24843 birds
Keelie receives a medallion and a cheque for £30.

Young Fancier - Middle Distance 251 - 450 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Ellie Marshall** of Comber
Ash pied hen, 1st club, 14th section, 192 miles, 1318 birds
Ellie receives a trophy, medallion and a cheque for £50

Young Fancier - Long Distance 451 miles and over

No nominations

Intermediate Young Fanciers - 16 to 21 years old

Intermediate - Short Distance 0 - 250 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Ellie Davidson** of Nafferton, East Yorkshire
Blue hen, 1st club, 4th fed, 63rd combine, 115 miles, 2069 birds
Ellie receives a trophy, medallion and a cheque for £50

Intermediate - Middle Distance 251 - 450 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Ellie Davidson** of Nafferton, East Yorkshire
Blue chequer w/f hen, 3rd club, 312 miles, 21 birds
Ellie receives a trophy, medallion and a cheque for £50

Intermediate - Long Distance 451 miles and over

No nominations

Guy Barrett Trophy

Regions forward nominations for the Guy Barrett Trophy, which is awarded to the young fancier considered the most outstanding overall, based on performance, their attitude to the sport and how the young fancier helps the club. For 2018 the Guy Barrett Trophy is awarded to **Ellie Marshall** of Comber, Northern Ireland.

Extract from the nomination:

"This young girl is very supportive to all the members of the club, setting clocks, marking racing pigeons, and helping with results and anything else which they request. Ellie runs the shows every year for them."

[The statement was supported with a long list of impressive race results.]

Ellie receives the trophy and a medallion.

Adult Awards

The adult awards are also based on short, middle and long distance categories. In addition, the Tony Cornwell Memorial Trophy is awarded for the best all round performance by a single pigeon over the season, and the Louis Massarella Trophy for the best performance by a young bird.

Short Distance 0 - 250 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **D Nesbitt & Sons** of Rugeley

Blue hen, 1st club, 1st fed, 129 miles, 2103 birds

They receive the Selby Thomas Memorial Trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £100

2nd Prize is awarded to **Mr & Mrs G & A Campbell** of Armagh

Blue hen, 1st club, 3rd fed, 14th combine, 189 miles, 11411 birds

They receive a medallion and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **Michael Betts** of Doncaster

Blue cock, 1st club, 1st fed, 149 miles, 1385 birds

He receives a medallion and a cheque for £40

Middle Distance 251 - 450 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **J Bardsley & Son** of Ashton-under-Lyne

Blue cock, 1st club, 1st fed, 1st combine, 392 miles, 835 birds

They receive the Preston Trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £100

2nd Prize is awarded to **Bobby Creaney** of Portadown

Blue chequer cock, 1st club, 1st fed, 1st combine, 449 miles, 1378 birds

He receives a medallion and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **Stephen Cooper** of Sheffield

Blue cock, 1st club, 2nd fed, 4th combine, 312 miles, 1058 birds

He receives a medallion and a cheque for £40

Adult Awards

Long Distance 451 miles and over

1st Prize is awarded to **D Fitzpatrick & Son** of Craigavon
Blue hen, 1st section, 1st section, 1st open, 473 miles, 2826 birds
They receive the Queen's Coronation Cup, a medallion
and a cheque for £100

2nd Prize is awarded to **Crehan & O'Connor** of Salford
Blue hen, 3rd club, 93rd fed, 500 miles, 1807 birds
They receive a medallion and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **Bunce & Greenham** of Grimsby
Blue cock, 1st club, 1st fed, 3rd combine, 463 miles, 1179 birds
They receive a medallion and a cheque for £40

Tony Cornwell Memorial Trophy

(best all round performance by a single pigeon)

For 2018 the trophy is awarded to **Michael Betts** of Doncaster
Blue hen, eight performances in top 5 club, including 2nd section
He receives the trophy and a medallion

Louis Massarella Trophy

(best performance by a young bird)

For 2018 the trophy is awarded to **J Vage & Son** of Dromore
Blue hen, 1st club, 18th section, 18th open, 224 miles, 5272 birds
They receive the trophy and a medallion

**Congratulations to all of the winners
and good luck to everyone for 2019!**



RPRA One Loft Race 2018

Tonight we celebrate the winners of the RPRA One Loft Young Birds Race, together with the Ace Pigeon and the Two Bird Average.
In total 1472 young birds entered the loft.

Young Birds Final Race

Liberated Monday 10th September 2018 (07:00am), from Alnwick, Northumberland, a distance of 235 miles 898 yards. 810 birds marked.
WSW wind turning to SW en route.

Winner of the 2018 RPRA One Loft Young Birds Final Race

Wentworth Lofts: Ring No GB18V31001 at 896 ypm
Prize: £25,000, an RPRA trophy and medallion.

Winner of the 2018 RPRA One Loft Ace Pigeon

Simply the Best: Ring No GB18C06646. Average Velocity 1006.40 ypm.
Receives a new car, supplied and sponsored by
Warners Motor Group of Gloucester.
Also receives a trophy and medallion.

Winner of the 2018 RPRA One Loft Two Bird Average

The Old Uns: Ring Nos GB18V02185 (20th) and GB18V33144 (34th).
Combined flying time 67,554 seconds.
Prize: £500, an RPRA trophy and medallion.

To follow the 2019 One Loft Race please visit
www.rpraoneloft.org/southern



2018 Show Proceeds Charity Donations

BPFL Research Team	£3,000
Age UK	£4,000
SHINE (Previously ASBAH)	£5,000
British Heart Foundation (NW)	£1,000
St John Ambulance (Blackpool)	£1,000
Lennox Children's Cancer Fund	£1,000
Ward 124, Royal Stoke University Hospital	£1,500
Crackerjacks Children's Trust	£1,000
Follow Your Dreams	£1,000
Cobalt (Cheltenham)	£1,500
The Margaret Massarella Cancer Trust	£1,500
Saint Francis Hospice	£1,000
Arrive Alive	£1,000
Serve	£1,000
Ty Gwyn School (Cardiff)	£1,500
Blind Veterans UK	£1,000
School Lofts (Development Officer Project)	£5,000
Alzheimers Society	£1,500
Jenson's Journey Charity	£1,500
Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity	£1,500
Bibic	£1,000
Nottingham Hospitals Charity Neurology Dept	£1,500
Care For Cancer	£1,500

Total Grants £40,500

We are proud to say that since our first show in 1973 a total of

£2,672,555

has been donated to charities

Notes

Our Grateful Thanks...

to ALL of our show sponsors, donors of raffle prizes and donors of pigeons for the charity auction for their support and generosity, in particular



**Owen
Shaw
Trophies**



*The next Show of the Year takes place on
18th-19th January 2020.
We hope to see you there!*