



British Homing World Show of the Year

Gala Evening

*including the
Presentation of the
2023 Annual RPRRA Awards*

Saturday 20th January 2024



Welcome

Good evening,

Welcome to the 2024 Gala Evening at the British Homing World Show of the Year. Can I thank you all for supporting the Show this year.

We must thank the Show Committee, ably led by the Chairman David Trippett, and the Stewards and their families, for their continued support, several of these have been there from the start, I am sure you will agree a tremendous effort.

Can I also thank the RPR and BHW staff, along with Show Manager Chris Sutton and Editor Steve Richards, for all the work that they do in helping to organise and advertise the Show.

I congratulate all our successful fanciers, young or old, for their performances in 2023. This year we have had many outstanding performances, on both North and South Road. To those not so successful in 2023 then season 2024 is just round the corner and this might be your year.

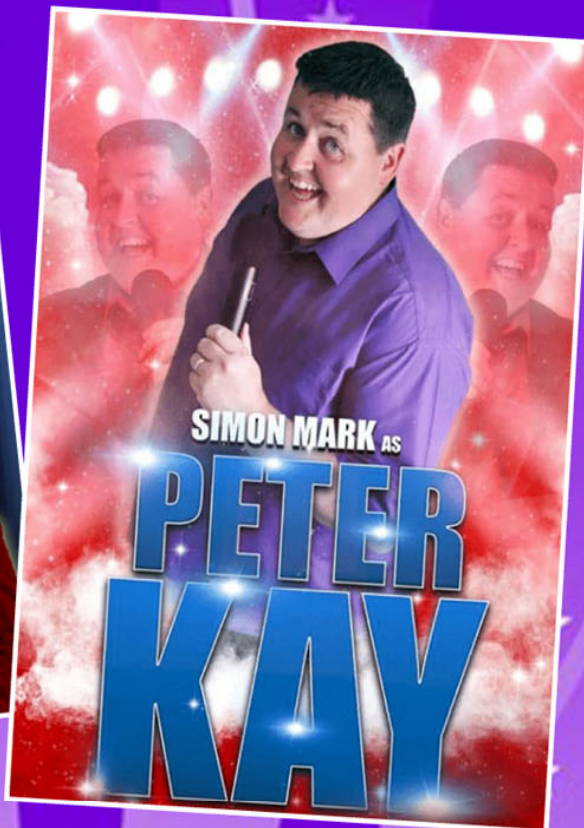
Racing from the continent was achieved, although the registration requirements still prove difficult for some of our members when racing South. Thanks to Richard Chambers for all his endeavours in trying to facilitate continental racing.

I thank you for attending tonight and hope you enjoy your evening.

Best wishes for 2024.

Les Blacklock
RPR President

TONIGHT!



Presentation of RPRA Awards (8.30pm)



LISA JANE KELSEY

**Viva Disco Dance Fever
(11pm to 1am)**



British Homing World Awards 2023

The George Slade Swing Clear Trophy

0 - 250 Miles

Mr J Malone

British Homing World Trophy

251 - 450 Miles

Mr & Mrs Ashenden

The Shy Lass Trophy

451 Miles and over

Mr T P Hargreaves

The Gillian Scott Memorial Trophy

Best Performance of Hen Flying Over 400 Miles

Fagg & Nicholas



Royal Pigeon Racing Association Awards 2023

The RPRC receives nominations for awards in three categories: short, middle and long distance. Certain awards are decided on a coefficient, based on the bird's placings compared to the number of birds in the race and the distance raced. Others are decided on a vote by the RPRC Council*.

We are delighted to celebrate the 2023 winners:

Young Fanciers - 8 to 15 years old

Young Fanciers - Short Distance 0 - 250 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Ethan Nightingale** of Dover
GB21L01022, coefficient score 22.042
Ethan receives a trophy, medallion and a cheque for £50

2nd Prize is awarded to **Ethan Nightingale** of Dover
GB21L01029, coefficient score of 50.739
Ethan receives a certificate and a cheque for £30

3rd Prize is awarded to **Ethan Nightingale** of Dover
GB22V02004, coefficient score of 112.710
Ethan receives a certificate and a cheque for £20

Ethan also came 4th and 5th in this category
and **Jenson Bowater** of Chesterfield came 6th and 7th
for which they receive a diploma

Young Fanciers - Middle Distance 251 - 450 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Ethan Nightingale** of Dover
GB22S04566, coefficient score 398.186
Ethan receives a trophy, medallion and a cheque for £50

Young Fanciers - Long Distance 451 miles and over*

1st Prize is awarded to **Abigail Rakes** of Bristol
GB21N76217, 90th Open NFC, 2026 birds, 798ypm
Abigail receives a trophy, medallion and a cheque for £50

Intermediate Young Fanciers - 16 to 21 years old

Intermediate - Short Distance 0 - 250 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Keelie Wright** of Magheralin
GB23A07348, coefficient score 77.575
Keelie receives a trophy, medallion and a cheque for £50

Intermediate - Long Distance 451 miles and over*

1st Prize is awarded to **Owen Aberly** of Reading
GB20H43028, 2 performances over 452m 855y
Owen receives a trophy, medallion and a cheque for £50

Guy Barrett Trophy*

This trophy is awarded by judges, based on letters submitted by clubs nominating a young fancier for recognition as the most outstanding overall, based on performance, their attitude to the sport and service to the club.

For 2023 the Guy Barrett Trophy is awarded to
Abigail Rakes of Bristol.

Abigail receives the trophy and a medallion.

Bamford's Top Flight Schools Championship Trophy (best performance by a single pigeon)

The 2023 winner is **Beech Grove School**, Kent
GB18D05676, coefficient score 49.751
The school receives the trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £50

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 **Mr & Mrs B Sands & Son** of Rochester
GB22D57918, coefficient score of 5.791
They receive the Selby Thomas Memorial Trophy, a medallion
and a cheque for £100

2nd Prize is awarded to **Rees Bros & Caples** of Liverpool
IHU21S078237, coefficient score of 8.410
They receive a certificate and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **A Bainbridge & Son** of Knottingley
GB21Z00262, coefficient score of 11.491
They receive a certificate and a cheque for £40

Middle Distance 251 - 450 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Mr & Mrs A & J Stone** of Bristol
GB19R12940, coefficient score of 3.267
They receive the Preston Trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £100

2nd Prize is awarded to **G Treharne & Son** of Ebbw Vale
GB20C38351, coefficient score of 5.574
They receive a certificate and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **Williams Bros, Son & Burgham** of Tredegar
GB21N44706, coefficient score of 8.547
They receive a certificate and a cheque for £40

Adult Awards

Long Distance 451 miles and over*

1st Prize is awarded to **Mark Gilbert** of Windsor
GB21B07251, 1st of 296 birds, 697m 1030y, 1290ypm
Mark receives the Queen's Coronation Cup, a medallion and £100

2nd Prize is awarded to **D & J Staddon** of Ditchat
GB18B00639, 3 performances inc 4th of 217 birds, 518m 721y, 1268ypm
They receive a certificate and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **Fagg & Nicholas** of Sittingbourne
GB18N20890, 1st of 2026 birds, 561m 1358y
They receive a certificate and a cheque for £40

Tony Cornwell Memorial Trophy

(best all round performance by a single pigeon)

1st Prize is awarded to **Crehan & O'Connor** of Salford
NL20-1608532, coefficient score of 5.836
They receive the trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £100

2nd Prize is awarded to **Mark Gilbert** of Windsor
GB22N42146, coefficient score of 13.451
Mark receives a certificate and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **Mark Gilbert** of Windsor
GB22N42061, coefficient score of 14.090
Mark receives a certificate and a cheque for £40

Louis Massarella Trophy

(best performance by a young bird)

1st Prize is awarded to **Mellonby & Knowles** of Bridlington
GB23B70347, coefficient score of 3.556
They receive the trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £100

2nd Prize is awarded to **Owen Markey** of Newry
GB23B19665, coefficient score of 5.372
Owen receives a certificate and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **V Murphy & Son** of Liverpool
GB23S32810, coefficient score of 5.575
They receive a certificate and a cheque for £40



RPRA One Loft Young Birds Race 2023

Tonight we celebrate the winners of the RPRA One Loft Young Birds Race, together with the Ace Pigeon and the Two Bird Average winners. In total 1166 young birds entered the loft.

Young Birds Final Race

Liberated Thursday 21st September 2023 (07:40am) from Alnwick, Northumberland, a distance of 235 miles 898 yards. 377 birds marked.

Winner of the 2023 RPRA One Loft Young Birds Final Race

**Mr & Mrs Andy Gregson: Ring No GB23B20697 at 1076.8076 ypm
Prize: £30,000, an RPRA trophy and medallion**

Winner of the 2023 RPRA One Loft Young Birds Ace Pigeon

**Mr & Mrs Andy Gregson: Ring No GB23B20697 at avge velocity 1196.88 ypm
Prize: £8,000, an RPRA trophy and medallion**

Winner of the 2023 RPRA One Loft Young Birds Two Bird Average

PC Gone Mad:

**Ring Nos SU23F2951 (4th) and SU23F2950 (16th)
Combined flying time 48,026 seconds
Prize: £500, an RPRA trophy and medallion**

To follow the 2024 One Loft Race please visit
www.rpraoneloft.org/southern



2023 Show Proceeds Charity Donations

BPFL Medical Research Team	£2,000
SHINE	£2,000
Caerphilly Bird Rescue Centre	£ 500

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

£2,728,080

has been donated to charities

**The BHW Show of the Year Committee
records its grateful thanks
to our class sponsors for their generosity**

Algarve Golden Race - Class 23, Class 31

Aviform - Class 32

Belgica De Weerd - Class 2

Peter Bennett Photography - Class 36

Bricon - Class 29, Class 30

Comed Science - Class 26b

Cumbria Region - Class 18

Dac Pharma - Class 37

Devon and Cornwall Region - Class 21

East Midland Region - Class 20

Harkers - Class 1

Irish Region - Class 26a

London Region - Class 17

Louella Pigeon World - Class 34, Class 35

Midlands National Flying Club - Class 3

Mr Roy Musto - Class 5

North East Region - Class 4

North West Region - Class 19

Pallatts Pigeons - Class 24a

The Racing Pigeon - Class 24b, Class 28

Van Robaeys - Class 33

Who Dares Wins One Loft Race - Class 22

And to the British Show Racer Federation
for sponsoring the first Star and Garter ring
Classes 13 to 16

Many 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



*The next BHW Show of the Year takes place on
18th-19th January 2025.
We hope to see you there!*