

SALE of Loft & Stock of CHRIS GORDON, Old Snyderdale, Pontefract

With deep respect and heavy hearts, we announce the auction of approximately **300 racing and breeding pigeons**, previously belonging to Chris Gordon (Old Snyderdale), who passed away on 15th May 2025 after 62 years devoted to the science and art of pigeon racing.

Chris was more than a competitor - he was a legend amongst us. From his beginnings at age 12 in 1963, through decades of unwavering dedication, he built a strain and reputation that resonate across both club and international flights. Fellow fanciers will recall:

- **Snyderdale Express:** Winner of the National Flying Club Grand National Tarbes 2005 – 4,066 birds – record 725 miles, winning by 91 ypm; 1st Section K, 1st Open NFC.
- “My 28” arguably his finest racer – bred from the Eric Fox line; 4×1st as a young bird and top 10 open positions from long-distance events.
- Repeated highest prize-winner in his club – 26 out of 28 years. Multiple 1st Section wins in National Flying Club and British Barcelona Club.
- Marathon and international success: Performances from 50 up to 863 miles; his birds have bred winners abroad in France, Ireland, Bulgaria, Romania, Spain, and Tenerife.
- Strong foundation lines: Janssens, Leen Boers, Eric Fox, Pearson & Dransfield – a family strain developed to thrive across distance, time, and testing conditions.

These pigeons are the product of a lifetime’s selection - condition, feather, stamina, intelligence, orientation. A true student of the sport, Chris bred birds to last and excel, and his record reflects that.

Auctioned by RPRA at <https://auction.rpra.org/>

Dates:

Group 1 – Tuesday 21st to Thursday 30th October

Group 2 – Tuesday 4th to Thursday 13th November

Group 3 – Tuesday 18th to Thursday 27th November

Group 4 – Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 11th December

All pedigrees available to us will be uploaded directly to the RPRA auction platform.

Please note: due to the large volume of birds, some photographs were necessarily taken during the moult, and will reflect birds in *natural post-seasonal condition*. Additionally, while every effort has been made to sex the 2025 youngsters following Chris’s own method and training, some may be misidentified.

We warmly invite fanciers from across the UK and beyond to honour Chris’s legacy by bidding in the spirit of the sport he so dearly loved. Your support means a great deal to his daughters, who are committed to ensuring his life’s work continues to fly forward with dignity and respect.

Full lot list and photographs available on the RPRA website.

A true gentleman of the sport. Let his pigeons continue to speak for him.

The Family of Chris Gordon, Old Snyderdale