



BRADFORD

PREMIER TIMES

Bradford Premier Small Animal Show
Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 January 2019
Doncaster Racecourse



BEST 5* RABBIT

Jack Holdsworth's
Silver Grey

Photo Simon Beynon



BEST 3* RABBIT

BEST CAVY



Caldean Stud's Black Rex
Photo Neil Robertson

Below: At 3 p.m. on Sunday January 20 crowds gather to watch the judging of the best rabbit in show. Top photo: winner Jack Holdsworth acknowledges the best in show applause. Turn the pages to read Jack's and other Bradford winners' stories.

Photos Brian Platt, Neil Robertson



Mark Rubery's PE Golden 4/8 sow
Photo Steve Davies

BEST GERBIL

BEST HAMSTER

BEST MOUSE

BEST RAT



Brian Leiper's
Agouti
Photo Julian Barker



Tristar Hamsters'
Albino Campbell Dwarf
Photo Jane Taylor



Florence Butler's
Silver Agouti Satin
Photo Neil Robertson



Ann Storey's
Agouti
Photo Brian Platt



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SHOW DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Firstly, if you're reading this then a huge thank you is in order to the team at *Fur & Feather* producing this wonderful publication highlighting "the best of the best" of 'Bradford' 2019. My Show Report is short and sweet, I'm certain there will be more stories to read than my rambles!

A huge thank you to our two Show Sponsors: Mealberry and HIPRA. In the challenging times we are faced with, I am delighted the above two companies wished to be associated with and support 'Bradford' this year. I hope many of you managed to attend their Stands, and in particular HIPRA to listen to the informative seminar on RHD.

Once again the 'Bradford' Show Committee dedicated themselves. Thank you is simply not enough for you all, for your hard work and commitment!

Our 2019 5* Best in Show winner was Jack Holdsworth's Silver Grey, and our 3* Best in Show winner was Caldean Stud's Black Rex. A huge congratulations to you both, plus everyone else over the weekend who had a class winner CC winner, BOB winner or even a section winner.

Thank you to all the exhibitors and judges for your continued support of 'Bradford'. We were fortunate this year to see entries hold themselves, which was fantastic. Our introduction of the show package seemingly was well received by all.

On a personal note, I arrived home on Sunday evening shortly after 9p.m and finished off the evening with a celebratory Chinese. A total of five manic days, where I covered, a total of 43 miles of walking and an average of four hours sleep a night. Just your typical 'Bradford' Weekend Away!

A hugely successful weekend achieving Best Rex and runner up Best in Show with Foxwood's Seal Marten doe "Sabrina". I will always be grateful to a very special person, Bryan Bleasdale, who kindly gifted me my first Seal Marten back in the summer of 2014 "Miss Money Penny". Without question, there was no better foundation stock than Bryan's. I never thought under five years later I would love the breed as much as my beloved Lilacs, and have achieved Best Rex and Runner Up Best in Show at 'Bradford'. A huge honour to be up on the top table, with the last time being 2012 when we were runner up Best in Show with Foxwood's Lilac Normal "Jim" - We have sore knuckles knocking on the door, but I have perseverance! However, by announcing the results, it certainly has helped me work on my poker face! I hopefully didn't give anything away to the crowd.

My only wish would have been for my Grandparents to attend the Show but unfortunately Grandad fell poorly Saturday. I know how much it would have meant to you both, Grandma especially, to not only see Eddie judging Best in Show in his famous brown overall you gave him all those years ago, but to be there to celebrate our successes.

To walk away hearing and reading all the fantastic comments on what a fantastic weekend everyone had, that's why I continue to do this role, alongside the most wonderful, hard working and committed team.

Unfortunately my 5a.m alarm on Monday morning was most unwelcome, but back to reality heading into work and praying for a "quiet" shift but it was far from!

All roads now lead towards our 98th Championship Show to be held at Doncaster Racecourse on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 January 2020.

With the "planning board" already in place with fresh ideas, as always I welcome any thoughts or comments in order to ensure 'Bradford' remains a very special show for the whole of the Fancy.

With best wishes, Laura



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CONGRATULATIONS TO Bradford's 2019 Super Stars!

(see our cover photos)

Best Rabbit:

Jack Holdsworth
Silver Grey buck

Best Cavy:

Mark Rubery
PE Golden sow

Best Gerbil:

Brian Leiper
Argente

Best Hamster:

TriStar Stud
Albino Campbells Dwarf

Best Mouse:

Florence Butler
Silver Agouti Satin

Best Rat:

Ann Storey
Agouti

Best St Leger Stakes:

Foxwood Stud
Angora White

Best International Stakes:

T&P Clayborough
Seal Rex Marten

Best Ladies:

Lucy Wheel
Smoke Pearl Rex

Best Junior:

Miss Victoria Brown
Miniature Lop Otter Black

3* Best Rabbit

Caldean Stud
Black Rex

3* Best Junior

Charlie Gregory
Polish REW

Other premier awards



Best Angora Product:

Lesley Hordon's
Handspun shawl



Best Club Stand:

National Chinchilla RC



Rabbit Best in Show History

Since 1921 there have been 114 BIS awards. Mr Jack Holdsworth adds to the history books moving the Silver into joint second place with Dutch for the Fancy section behind English and Polish. The Fancy, Lop and Rex section have all had Best in Show winners over the last ten years. However, the last Best in Show winner to come from the Normal Fur section was in 2009 when Jimmy Hopkins' Satin Ivory took top honours.

Who will add to the History Books in 2020?

Leading breeds with BIS wins are as follows:

Fancy Section -

73 BIS (64%):

English 12
(Black 9, Blue 1,
Tortoiseshell 1,
Grey 1)
Polish 12 (Rew 12)
Dutch 11 (Black 8,
Blue 1, Tortoiseshell 2)
Silver 11
(Grey 9, Fawn 2)
Angora 9 (White 9)
Belgian Hare 7
Tan 7 (Black 7)
Himalayan 2 (Black 2)
Netherlands Dwarf 2

Lop Section -

7 BIS (6%):

English 4
Dwarf 1
German 1
Miniature 1

Normal Fur Section

- 13 BIS (11%):

Havana 4
Satin 4 (Ivory 4)
Beveren 1
Chinchilla 1
Sable 1
Siberian 1
Silver Fox 1

Rex Section -

21 BIS (19%):

Ermine 9
Black 7
Seal Siamese 4
Lilac 1

Leading BIS exhibitors are the Clipsham Family with 6 wins, A.H Cannell, W Faint, and A Streetly with 3 wins, Harris & Forth, Lemick Stud, A Peplar, Pomfret, M Purdy and Talbot & Proctor with 2 wins.

'Thank You Laura'

from a member of the
Bradford show team

We all know the Committee as a collective work tirelessly together to create this unforgettable weekend for you. This whole weekend would not be possible without that final piece of the jigsaw, a person who will always be the first to start and the last to finish. This person spends just under two hours writing out thank you cards. This



person gets home from a night shift at 3a.m and gets up at 7a.m to pack envelopes to send back to you. This person rings me at 6a.m to ask if I think things will be a good idea for the Show. This person writes out 440 CC's and 65 Best of Breed Cards. This person will start thinking now how to make the Show next year, bigger and better than this year.

Without the final piece to the jigsaw this Show would not be possible. I'm sure we all know who this person is by now, and my heart wants to explode how proud I am of all she has achieved not only with Bradford but her continued commitment to the Fancy.

Thank you to our Show Director, Laura Fox.

NB. Laura has sent this picture, and wishes to thank all fanciers for their continued support of 'Bradford'. "I received this beautiful bouquet of flowers and a gift voucher, which was a surprise from generous donations from fanciers at the show. I am completely overwhelmed, thank you".

Check your raffle tickets!

The following raffle tickets numbers were unclaimed including 1st, 2nd and 3rd!
Please check your tickets, and contact Paul Morris if you have a winning ticket!

1st Prize **Red 637**

2nd Prize **Yellow 27**

3rd Prize **Green 155**

12th Prize **Yellow 315**

637
27 | **155**
315



FANCY

BEST OF BREEDS



Angora
Pen 1 Foxwood Stud



Dutch
Pen 18 C Sheard



English
Pen 74 Kettlewood & Sharp



Harlequin/Maggie
Pen 80 Mrs K E Malcolm



Himalayan
Pen 107 G R Hudson



Lionhead
Pen 118 Mrs Y A Goldsworthy



Netherland Dwarf
Pen 135 NE Atkinson



Polish
Pen 284 Milesend Stud



Silver
Pen 317 J Holdsworth



Tan
Pen 369 Taylor & Clifford



Thrianta
Pen 383 Greywil Stud



Best RV Fancy: Giant Papillon
Pen 406 Mrs E D Nock



Belgian Hare
Pen 427 K Grainger





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LOP

BEST OF BREEDS



Cashmere Lop
Pen 442 M P & TJ Chamberlain



Miniature Cashmere Lop
Pen 448 M P & TJ Chamberlain



Dwarf Lop
Pen 454 Forever & Solo



Miniature Lop
Pen 500 D J Morris



Miniature Lion Lop
Pen 550 Master C Cook



English Lop
Pen 562 R Marsden



French Lop
Pen 568 Mrs M Smith



German Lop
Pen 612 Solitaire Stud



Meissner Lop
Pen 624 Mrs E D Nock



**All Best of Breed pictures
by Simon Benyon**



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FUR

BEST OF BREEDS



Argente
Pen 653 Watsonian Stud



Chinchilla
Pen 664 R E Barr



Havana
Pen 673 Foxwood Stud



Lilac
Pen 678 I L Ruffle



Sable
Pen 689 Cap Stud



Satin
Pen 703 T Brannon



Miniature Satin
Pen 709 Broshabea Stud



Siberian
Pen 718 Nemesis Stud



Silver Fox
Pen 729 Team Carey



Smoke Pearl
Pen 738 B Welford



Best RV Fur (Thuringer)
Pen 772 Holmes & Balfour



Alaska
Pen 786 Miss A Germany



Beveren
Pen 802 D G Medlock



Californian
Pen 820 Everitt Stud



Chinchilla Giganta
Pen 827 Ayrshirebell Stud



New Zealand
Pen 847 Mrs J Winckles



Continental Giant
Pen 850 Doubledee Stud



REX

BEST OF BREEDS



Ermine Rex
Pen 879 M Purdy



Black Rex
Pen 888 Caldean Stud



Blue Rex
Pen 902 J E & P Kell



Havana Rex
Pen 903 Willowrex Rabbits



Smoke Pearl Rex
Pen 907 Miss L E Wheel



Sable/Seal Rex
Pen 933 Foxwood Stud



Orange/Fawn Rex
Pen 956 C F Richardson



Otter Rex
Pen 971 Mrs S Wilde



Castor Rex
Pen 981 Ms A L Leadbitter



Chinchilla Rex
Pen 985 W K D Simpson



Dalmatian Rex
Pen 987 Hunningley Stud



Himalayan Rex
Pen 993 Master D Plowman



AOV Rex (Lynx)
Pen 994 A Thompson



Miniature Rex (Otter)
Pen 1062 Greenwood Stud



RARE VARIETY BEST OF BREEDS



Tri-Colour Dutch
Pen 390 Withyhays Stud



Tri-Colour English
Pen 391 Miss J Le Marchant



Miniature Papillon
Pen 395 Halloween Stud



Rhinelander
Pen 411 Miss J Wallace



Deilenaar
Pen 743 S&S Godlonton



Hulstlander
Pen 747 Blueyedboy Stud



Marburger Feh
Pen 750 Mrs W A Watson



Perlfee
Pen 752 Botany Stud



Schwarzgrannen
Pen 754 F G A Chafer



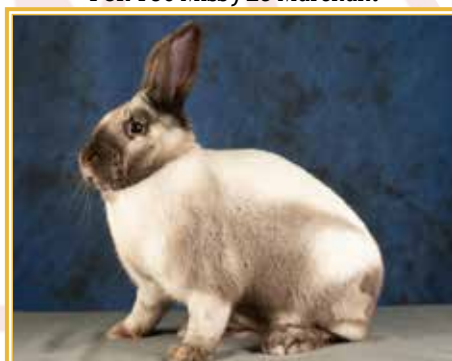
Sussex
Pen 756 Miss J Le Marchant



Swiss Fox
Pen 760 Ms C M Hollis



Blanc de Hotot
Pen 764 Hunningley Stud



Sallander
Pen 770 Holmes & Balfour



Vienna
Pen 782 Tibbar Stud

INTER LOCAL RABBIT CLUB KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT

Report by Laura Fox, Show Director.

The highly awaited Inter Local Rabbit Club Knockout Tournament drew in large crowds Saturday afternoon; with the Section Duplicate Classes over-running Adel's substitute Jenny Carlile took to the book as the Tournament Coordinator. New entrants to the competition South Devon were looking to make a solid impact.

In its seventh year, the Competition is highly anticipated and lots of friendly banter surrounds the judging tables amongst fanciers from across the U.K.

Peter Smith stepped up to judge the Quarter Finals, with a tense opening round seeing newcomers South Devon draw 5-5 with Luton. Luton only went through to the Semi Finals as they won the four-way Challenge. The other ties were 7-3 with Barnetby, Huddersfield and Lothian exiting.

Putting back on his white coat, Stephen Ross stepped up to judge the Semi Finals, which can only be described as nail-biting. It was unclear who would be going through to the Final... But stepping out the winning side was Wallsend and Carlisle.

Carlisle were looking for a fourth title but with no win since 2016 whilst Wallsend were looking to retain their title.

The Final Judge Neil Robertson pondered over the exhibits while Team Carlisle and Team Wallsend were poised around the judging table as well as a large crowd to see who would be crowned the 2019 Champions, And what a final it was... with Carlisle winning the Fancy, Lop and Normal Fur Section, Wallsend winning only the Rex Section seeing out a 8-2 Victory to Carlisle.

Congratulations to Team Captain Jenny Carlile, with her team members - Freebairn and Faint, Forever and Solo and Peter and Thomas Clayborough. Commiserations to Team Wallsend who missed out in the Final to retain the Shield they held for the previous twelve months.

I hope you will all return next year to go that one step further!

Please get in touch if your local club would like to enter, please seek permission from the Secretary. It is just £5 to enter and to be in a chance of winning the BSLS Inter Local Rabbit Club Knockout Shield and £50 for your club funds, plus the bragging rights for the next twelve months. What a better way to spend your Saturday afternoon. We are looking for 8 teams to compete in 2020.



AOV: Golden Glavcot
Pen 785 Bellamoure Stud



Unstandardised Fancy:
Miniature Papillon Chocolate
Pen 632 Halloween Stud



Unstandardised Lop
Dwarf Plush
Pen 637 Malvina Lake



Team:
Barnetby & District
Carlisle & District
Huddersfield & District
Lothian
Luton & District
Sandbach Original
South Devon
Wallsend

Captains:
Oliver Brasier
Jenny Carlile
Lindsay Cameron
Janice Magee
Gemma McKell & Tracey Adams
Jeanette Morris
Nicky Hicks
Julia Scott

QUARTER FINALS - Mr P.M Smith

Luton & District 5-5 South Devon	Wallsend 7-3 Lothian	Carlisle & District 7-3 Huddersfield & District	Barnetby & District 3-7 Sandbach Original
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(Luton went through to the Semi Finals, as they had the winning exhibit in the four-way challenge)

SEMI FINALS - Judge Mr S.J Ross

Luton & District 5-5 Wallsend	Carlisle & District 7-3 Sandbach Original
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(Wallsend went through to the Finals, as they had the winning exhibit in the four-way challenge)

FINAL - Judge Mr N.A Robertson

Wallsend 2-8	Carlisle & District
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SHIELD WINNERS -

2013	Carlisle & District
2014	Carlisle & District
2015	Barnetby & District
2016	Carlisle & District
2017	Sandbach Original
2018	Wallsend
2019	Carlisle & District





5* Best in Show classes



Judge Eddie Hutchings reports on his 5* BIS engagement

As I sit at my desk writing what will be my very last show report, so many memories of my sixty-one years of judging came flooding back. It was my dream come true - I was judging five star best in show at the great Bradford show and it was the perfect end to my enjoyable career.

When I joined the best in show stage at Doncaster on January 20 and Laura introduced me by reading out my history, I began to feel the emotion welling up inside. Aware that this final event was being shown live to fanciers from the UK and throughout the world I said to myself: 'Come on, Eddie, keep yourself together and look as if you know what you are doing.'

I do hope I did not let any of you down. All I do know is that the owner of the Silver Grey was over the moon with his win, telling me quietly that his fellow breeders had told him I would never put up a Silver for best in show "as I was more of a fur and rex judge".

In my sixty one years of judging I have handled all sections and my great mentor Vic Eldridge and my mate Reg Tribbeck were ardent Silver breeders, so from boyhood I was always in their sheds looking at their greys, fawns and browns and shown what to look for. It was a great way to learn to judge this beautiful breed.

What of the show itself? I did not arrive at the Racecourse until Sunday lunchtime so had no idea who had won what. Consequently I did not know what breeds I would handle until they were placed before me, and this suited me fine.

As for the event, the way Laura and her team had organised the show is a great credit to them, and what a great idea to invite judges from around the world to judge the International section. I enjoyed Laura's pre-show publicity and she was so confident on the mike, it all added up to a wonderful atmosphere.

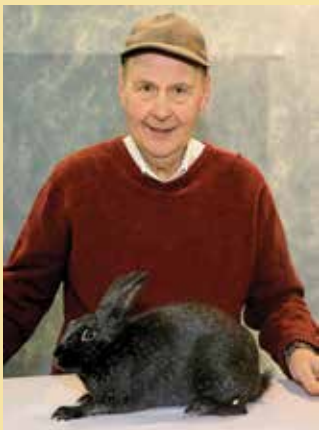
I've known Laura since she was in a pram and the way she has grown in confidence since taking the lead role in this premier show is quite amazing, so fanciers, please give Laura your support as she leads up to the big one, the 100th Bradford Ch Show in 2022.

I must also thank Pat and her team at Fur & Feather who supply us with some great Bradford write-ups, not forgetting some super photos. I do hope we never lose our fancy magazine as in my opinion it would shatter our hobby.

It just leaves me to say a very well done to all the exhibitors, especially the winners, in my classes; thank you all for making my final judging engagement such a great pleasure. I will remember it with great pride.



Best in Show



1st pen 317 Jack Holdsworth, Silver Grey. Good solid type, lovely sharp silvery and very even, a quality coat with lovely allround colour. Super fit, looked a winner as soon as it was handled.



2nd pen 933 Foxwood Stud, Marten Rex. Really bold type with a lovely dense, plush coat. Very good colour and shadings, just to finish a little on back and rump but so close to winner.



3rd pen 454 Forever & Solo Stud, White Dwarf Lop. Neat type, good head and ear drop. Very good colour but to be critical lacks some density of coat. So damned sexual it made me blush a bit!



4th pen 786 Miss Alexis Germany, Alaska. As the best fur exhibit I was disappointed. Did not have the sit-up type or lustrous quality coat that a good Alaska is famed for, colour only fair.

Bradford's Junior Stars



1st pen 532 Miss Victoria Brown, Mini Lop Black Otter. Lovely neat compact type, good head and ears. Superb dense rolling coat, nice all round colour. Well shown, well done!



2nd pen 1041 Miss Antonia Galloway, Marten S/S Miniature Rex. Lovely plush coat, attractive colour on top, touch off base colour. Very neat type, shown fit.



3rd pen 349 Miss Zara McKell, Black Tan. Fair type, rich tanning but little off back feet. Nice top colour and a crisp coat.



4th pen 786 Miss Alexis Germany, Alaska. Lacks type and lustrous quality coat, fair colour.

Best Ladies



1st pen 907 Smoke Pearl Rex Miss Lucy Wheel. What a great pleasure to handle a good smoke again, it caught my eye as soon as it came to the table. Really good all round, takes my memory back many years to Pop Kermodé's stock.



2nd pen 454 White Dwarf Lop Forever & Solo Stud. See best in show 3rd place comment.



3rd pen 118 Mrs Y Goldsworthy Choc Lionhead. Good type, very nice colour, promising mane. Needs to clear its side a little. Sound in coat.



4th pen 850 DoubleDee Stud. Continental Giant. Very nice type, fair colour. Not in its best coat today, but rough under.



St Leger



1st pen 1 Foxwood Stud Angora. Very good type and what a wealth of coat, super quality and length and had a lovely soup plate look about it, good furnishings, well shown.



2nd pen 879 Mike Purdy Ermine. Big bold type, lovely touch to coat, super belly, pity it was still to finish on top in places.



3rd pen 607 Miss L Morris German Lop White. Lovely bold type with a great head and ears. Very good colour and lovely flow of coat. Pity still to finish at back end.



4th pen 850 DoubleDee Stud. Continental Giant. As 4th Ladies.



“The long road to Bradford” ... Jack Holdsworth’s story



Wow! What a weekend! Before I go any further I would like to tell you a little about myself and the people that have helped me along the way.

I was born and brought up on a council estate in Leeds; everyone on the street had a shed at the bottom of the garden in which they kept pigeons or rabbits. In my case it was rabbits.

When I was about seven or eight my mother took me to Bradford, calling in at the market where there was a chap selling all manner of livestock, one of which was a black rabbit. Having begged my mother to buy it for me she at first refused, saying we were there to buy meat for the Sunday dinner, not to buy pets. After much begging and tears she gave in. The man said he wanted three bob for the rabbit as it was mated, “but if it’s for the lad, two and a tanner.”

The doe had four youngsters two weeks later, two black and two beautifully marked English – the doe was obviously a Self English.

The rest of the sixties, seventies and eighties was spent watching Leeds United home and away.

When my wife and I got married we bought our house with a small garden but with a garage at the back. I had a eureka moment and told my wife the car was going on the drive and rabbits in the garage.

After purchasing a *Fur & Feather* I found a fancier a few miles away: it was the famous Peter Smith. After phoning him he told us to visit him which I did on a few occasions. He was most helpful and kind so no one had a better start in the fancy than me.

My chosen breed was the Silver Fawn which I kept for many years and had considerable success. I then acquired some Hims again with a lot of success. Unfortunately the rabbits were all lost in ten days to VHD. When it was all over I cleaned the empty hutches out, put the lock on the door and cried.

After four months my wife said: “Please get some more rabbits, you are driving me mad.” I acquired a couple of Chins from the late great Fred Hutchinson. What a lovely man he was, we still have a pet buck we got from him.

After asking John Weatherald who was a good friend of mine if he could let me have a pair of Grey Silvers he asked me to go and see him. John said he was retiring and I could take his stock, four does and two bucks.

I got them vaccinated and the first time I showed one that I had bred it went best in show under Bob the Builder.

Back to Bradford, 2019. I had entered a buck and two does in the adult class and one youngster in the under five months section; the adult buck had won two best Fancies and won the National Silver adult stock show in November so I thought he had a chance of being best Silver. When you are against fanciers the calibre of Philip and Elizabeth Smethurst, Alan Belgian, Alan Wright and Gillian with her Fawn you have to be happy to come in the first three.

So off we go to Doncaster. On arrival and entering the show hall I felt the Bradford magic straight away and looking around the show I thought about how much work must have gone into organising and running the show. To think Laura and her team does this in their spare time, it’s just amazing.

After putting my rabbits in their pen it was time to attend the Himalayan meeting. Oliver had just started judging the Silvers as I went and on my return I was met by Alan Wright who spoke those beautiful words: “Are you in pen 317, it’s gone best Silver.” Great – anything more would be a bonus.

I found out later in the day that Elizabeth had made it best Fancy. No sleep tonight!

I arrived back at the showhall at the crack of dawn and the first person to greet me was Paul Morris who wished me luck and gave me a proper handshake (it took three hours for the blood to return to my hand) then away to check my rabbit. He had eaten up and was as fit as a fiddle.

Next job the Silver meeting where everyone wished me luck. Back at the show hall again everyone was wishing me luck for later in the day which proved what I had always said, that there are some lovely people in the fancy.

When lunch was over Alan Belgian took me for a drink with the lads from the North East. It was then time for Best in Show to be judged by Eddie Hutchings.

After reading the many articles over the years which he has written for *Fur & Feather* I was looking forward to meeting the great man. As I stood there I thought of my old mate Ron Pinches who had passed away a few years ago and how I wished he was at my side today.

Needing cheering up, I went looking for Mr Brown. Harry had already won Bradford and I noticed he was at the side of Steve Dixon last year when he won. (By the way, Stevie, we all missed you – let’s face it, you’re the only one that can control Harry, Alan’s too soft with him.)

They started to announce best in show. I was praying that pen 317 would not be called first. I got down to the last two, then 317 was announced Best in Show.

Walking up to the stage I could not believe it – best in show at Bradford!

The two Eddies – two stalwarts of the fancy – greeted me and the first people to congratulate me were the three families I had just beaten, which was appreciated very much.

When I came off the stage the first person to greet me was Glen, our Secretary. We both gave John a ring and before long we were all in tears.

When all the dust had settled and as I was driving home thoughts of Arthur Wearmouth, who had also won best in show, had written: “If I die tomorrow I will die a happy man.” Hear, hear Arthur.

Thanks to everyone who has helped me along the way – especially my wife who according to Glen is the brains behind the outfit.

Jack Holdsworth



Hearing the best in show announcement: with Silver fanciers and friends including club secretary Glen Hodson, Harry Brown (in cap).

Photos Brian Platt



Foxwood's Bradford . . . by Adel Wray

At our house there is only one Show that you aspire to win at which of course is 'Bradford' . . .

You could say we live sleep and dream of 'Bradford', well nearly true... I don't think we get much sleep from when entries close to the show itself, at least we know what's in our classes with taking the entries so that's me up until silly o'clock grooming Angoras.

Friday morning arrives and the final two members of the Foxwood Stud leave at 6.30am; car full of rabbits, clothes, hoover, and hair dryer, you name it, for the Angoras and all the things that have been forgotten from Tuesday. With Thomas doing his usual moans and groans how he hates Rabbit Shows and that he's made to come!

Well, that is right; the one thing most of you don't know is that he is the computer brains behind 'Bradford' and even though the computers and printer went over on Wednesday it's not set up and running until he arrives. So he asks his usual question as we set off: "So what's the stock looking like, Mum, have we a winner?" I replied with two ring numbers for him to remember to look out for and of course we strike a little deal around my new car.

When we arrive all the rabbits are penned within minutes and it's straight to work helping out and finishing off all the jobs ready for the exhibitors to arrive. I did find time for a little birthday surprise lunch for fellow committee member Alan Wheal; it was the only time the committee would

all sit down together over the weekend.

So by 7pm it's my time to start grooming the exhibits. I knew I didn't need to touch the Fur and Rex, they didn't need to be handled nor needed anyone wanting a look at them before judging! So work began on grooming the two Angoras so by 8.30pm I was happy with the way they were.

Few final checks with the rest of the committee and then back to the hotel to catch up with fanciers before collapsing into bed.

Alarm goes off for 5am and downstairs to meet fellow committee members for a 5.55am start, it was so good just to walk out of the hotel and straight to the venue. First job check the Angoras have not messed up, looking good, I'm happy with them.

Now to start looking over the Fur and Rex rabbits, so leave the best till last, with Jenny trying to get her hands on her but only one person could have a look and it passed: "nice, I like that" said our Spencer, then of course Michael came for a quick look and made a few comments which I worked on! The magic blue bag disappeared off as Spencer went to groom his rabbits.

The rest of the committee enjoyed their McDonalds breakfast but I had more important things to do – the Angoras, all groomed and back in their pens for 8.30am, ready for me to turn into the "witch" when turning judging tables over for a prompt 9am start. It does still

amaze me why some exhibitors are not penned ready but with my copilot Jenny Avill we sorted some of you out and picked up the mess that had been left under some of the judging tables.

9am came and it was time to go head to head with the Angora King Richard – Betty Chu, the greatest Angora breeder in the US told me last October I was now the Angora Queen of the UK and I was hoping it to be proved right.

The pressure was on... lots of fanciers looking at this class, even Mike Purdy can you believe stood watching the Angoras being judged. Mission accomplished and we won the Angoras.

Now I could have my cold McDonalds breakfast! Then jobs to be done, working alongside one of our most glamorous committee members - Lucy Wheal, we set about selling Dance tickets, who could refuse us? Well some of you did but we made notes, whereas others just couldn't resist!

Michael reported back that we had won the Havana normals from not a great turnout, then time to do refreshments for the judges back with my partner in crime; we both had our matching pink aprons on as we set about offering cold drinks, I did notice Lucy went missing to make a special hot drink for one judge but that would be telling who they were....

So then off to catch up with my two buddies on the Rex table Stonesy and El Tel. Alan was made up that he had gone runner up

best Black Rex as the Seals started to come out and it was a fair wait until finally the Marten Seal doe class – after quite a while we won, with Terry & Simone running us very close.

This was a rabbit that had only been out just a couple of times before in October then left in the shed for 'Bradford', only Simone, Peter, Gary and Albert have had the pleasure of handling this one up to this point, picked out as a baby and that's why she got her special ring number. She then went onto win Best Seal/Sable Rex. I had to stay watching the Seals, even though my u5 Angora was out in the Fancy Challenge at the same time I left that in Lucy's capable hands.

Quick drink before more jobs to be done. The Lop and Normal Fur Challenges were under way, I was just hoping that the Fancy and Rex Challenges didn't start at the same time. Guess what: they did and who was the nominated book steward for Liz on Fancy – me.

Could I watch the Rex Challenge and do a book at the same time? No!

Michael gave me the nod that we had had won best Rex and other fanciers and friends came over to congratulate me, but my mind was on the Fancy Challenge....

The Polish won the first section, the Silver Grey won the second section, now it was my section with my White doe which had won runner-up best Fancy at London Ch. in October, in the capable hands of Richard.

Liz said: "The Angora wins", beating a very nice Hare so down to the Fancy Grand Challenge with just those three left on . . . could I finally overcome our 'Bradford' curse of Runner Up Best Fancy for the last four years?

Liz was keeping the crowd in secret, but I knew I was 2nd yet again... if only I could have gone head to head with our Rex*. I have to say well done to Jack, he's a lovely gentleman and if anyone was to win I couldn't have picked a nicer person.

**Two weeks later they did go head to head at East Midlands, see results in F&F.*

A few more jobs to be done tidying up, then off for a meal with family and friends, friends who had only gone Best Lop!

We meet up with Susan twice a year for a meal but Auntie Jean was amazed I could select her meal and say what she would say about the menu . . . and finally time to catch up with Jenny and John Porritt who were visiting from Melbourne, Australia once again and who kindly looked after the National Havana/Lilac Club Stand over the weekend. (Thanks also to Jenny who paid all the Foxwood Club subscriptions.)

Time then for the Party Night. I only go to keep an eye on the young Committee members of course... great to have the late Dave Pilley's son Stephen in attendance over the weekend who had come to the show catching up on years gone by on our table.

Well... after a few lemonades of course, I was up on the dance floor with my buddy Jenny Avill, think I will be on the X-Factor with my version of Simply the Best... (hope you're singing it to yourself when you read this Jenny) then there's

the one about my Rex is on Fire... well having your kids offering you water is not a good sign, I think all Laura was bothered about was, who was grooming the rabbits in the morning.

Sunday morning up and ready. This was a shock for some, waiting for the McDonalds man to arrive. He's a good-un that Fraser but how old are you? Rex all groomed up, then assisted Lucy and Spencer with their Rex then as normal everyone leaves me to do the Angora.

Glad it was just one today, I would like to thank Megan Beynon who came to my assistance to help blow Charlotte, who would have thought a five year old could help me – must be a doddle these Angoras?

Laura then asked for help with drawing the St Leger Stakes numbers but I think my head took a turn for the worse at this point and then came through the phone call that my Dad had been rushed into hospital with what turned out to be an angina attack.... such a shame as he was so looking forward to attending this year, all ok now though as I write these notes.

Drawn out in the St Leger Stakes, the Angora went on to win the Fancy section with another of our Marten Seals getting placed in the International Rex Stakes, so it turned into a good morning. Time to steward the u5 Best in Show/Junior for our Garry, had a few laughs with Wendy on the stage looking out at all you fanciers. Today, Michael and I had time for lunch as Day 2 is always plain sailing.

Soon it was time for the big one, I had a few words with Susan and Lisa who we were up against,

before stepping up onto the stage to steward.

I stewarded all the Normal Fur section nominations but had my eyes following Eddie when looking at the Marten Seal Rex first in the BIS line up, then in the St Leger Stakes class with the Angora. And OMG, I needed a crane to get that Continental Giant out of the pen! Eddie didn't mess around and I was soon off the stage thinking I would be able to stand with family and friends when Paul said: "Quick, we need you in the back office, Jeanette (M) had taken a tumble."

I went in to find Thomas along with Michael doing his best with Jeanette looking like she would pass out at any time (with blood dripping down her hand). Jeanette said: "You go outside, I'll be fine" but with her hand swelling up like a football, first aid was more important, hope you liked my emergency ice pack.

The results were read out for the Ladies – thanks to Jenny for stepping in so I could see our Lucy win the Ladies... then Michael made me go onto the Stage when the Stakes results were being announced.

So now down to the big one, stood with a very special small group of friends and family who were around me (love you all). 4th then 3rd now down to two... couldn't tell anything from Laura's face who took her time to say Runner up Best in Show....

Up to the stage to be presented with our trophies, Michael making a late arrival to the stage for the photos. Very well done to Jack who for the last few months had kept asking me if I had a mould for our Marten Seal Rex, well Jack, you finally cracked it, congratulations.

So the week before the show Lucy had a dream that an Angora had won something on the main stage, well that came true. Thomas our little deal was so close from coming true you getting to drive my car home and Dad would have been delighted seeing you on the Town Hall steps!! And of course only one of the ring numbers I give you came up trumps, the other failed badly, but still in my eyes the best rabbit from our shed we took that weekend.

So time to tidy away... rabbits boxed first and loaded into the car then anything else that could fit in... If you were one of those who didn't clean out your pen then I did that for you! Don't worry, first ones to arrive and last ones to leave is quite the norm... finally a quick drink and my famous Cheese and Ham Toasties' before setting back off home, that's 'Bradford' for another year, house back to being a total mess and to be told "You look terrible" at work the morning after!

And finally, as they say, one last big thank you to Bryan Bleasdale who in the summer of 2014 gave Laura the first Foxwood Seal Rex.

Our first litter was born February 2015, the results that have followed at 'Bradford' includes RU Best Seal/Sable Rex in 2016, RU Best Rex in 2017 and 2018 and then Best Rex in 2019.

It just goes to show that if you do your homework, procure the best foundation/show stock you can, continue the line breeding without attempting to fix what isn't broken, then success is only around the corner.

As the famous saying goes "We go again".

Adel Wray (Foxwood Stud)

Best Lop Double - at Bradford 2019!

I remember the last words I said to Jim, my husband, when Jen and I left for the 2019 Bradford Championship Show. They were: "If we manage to do half as well as last year then we'll be very happy" – not thinking for a second that we might do that, as last year we won Best Lop and ultimately RU BIS!

However, somehow luck was again on our side. "Solomon", our REW Dwarf Lop managed to achieve the coveted Best Lop award for a second year, following in the footsteps of "Nelson" who won for us in 2018!

To be best of breed Dwarf Lop was fantastic enough but to gain Best Lop again was definitely what dreams are made when your rabbits mean as much to you as ours do to us.

Massive thanks to Laura and her brilliant team for making this the show everyone wants to win.

Bradford is always the show we look forward to the most every year and not just for the rabbits, it's a great place to meet friends both old and new. Roll on 2020.

Susan & Jenny, Forever & Solo



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Lucy's Smoke Pearl Story: Dreams do come true . . .



After a long week it was finally 12:30 on Wednesday and I practically ran out of my work place! A long night was ahead making the final preparations for the most prestigious show of the year. (Mostly me getting my hair and nails done.) Hours went by and before I knew it was time to go to bed ready for an early start in the morning, my alarm was set for 4:15 am. Filled with excitement Lisa had arrived and the car was packed; a quick selfie with Uncle Paul and dad before they left in the van. Arriving at the racecourse armed with the first McDonalds breakfast of the weekend . . . Thursday was soon over and done with, a great day with the whole show penned. Time for dinner and a well-earned gin, then off to bed. Friday was soon upon us and just the final touches to do at the Racecourse, today is the day that my rabbit family is all together and it fills my heart with so much pride that I am involved with one of the greatest shows of the year. Soon after my dad arrived with the rest of the boxes and of course the rabbits. I opened my boxes and they are all bursting with excitement, it's like they know what Show it is! Our rabbits were soon all penned, then we started helping with final jobs. Time quickly passed and it was 3pm, fanciers started pouring in and the hall was soon buzzing with "the Bradford buzz", so many people to talk to, you just don't know where to start! Saturday was here already, why does this weekend go so quick? Judging was soon underway and I was busy with Auntie Adel keeping all the judges hydrated. I was eagerly awaiting the Smoke Pearl Rex judging - my first Bradford showing Smoke Pearl Rex. In my mind I wasn't expecting much but you just never know. Then my dad came over and told me I had done it and from this moment on I could not have been any happier; a victory at a 5* Championship Show, what more could you ask for? Saturday evening, and I was looking forward to

another great evening with all my favourites. The night was a huge success and I could finally breathe; I do get a little nervous but Jenny and I pulled off a super night! Off to bed with yet again less than 4 hours sleep but all worth it. Sunday morning arrived and I went straight to the racecourse; on stage Abbi was eagerly waiting for me in her pen. I did some final grooming with a little extra touch from Auntie Adel. I had a busy day with one thing and another. The excitement started to build for what was to come. 3p.m struck and there was just time for good licks all round with so many of my close friends up for top awards this year. Such a proud moment to be up there on the stage with the people who mean the most to me. When I got down from the stage I then began to feel the nerves. When the results were being called I was trying to stay calm but I just felt so sick. The Ladies class was up. 4th and 3rd were both called and I was down to the final two. All I could think in that moment was that 2nd place would be amazing, then I heard "2nd place is the Dwarf Lop REW of Forever and Solo". I had won Best Ladies in show! WOW! All I could do was cry and smile at the same time, so many emotions ran through me, I just couldn't believe it. It was such an amazing achievement for not just me but for the Smoke Pearl Rex, which does not always get the recognition it should. I ran up on stage to be greeted by a huge hug from Lisa, then



to be congratulated by Best in Show judge Eddie Hutchings and Show President Eddie Kell. I was presented with my trophies, rosette and sash and had my winners photo taken. Time for home after four long days of laughter, shouting and many many tears. I cannot tell you how I felt to hear a lovely voicemail from Chas Petts, president of National Smoke Pearl. Overcome with emotion I couldn't bring myself to ring him back as I knew I would just cry! After all his kind words and hopes of a win, it meant so much to me that I had done it. This one is for you, Chas. I am unbelievably proud of Laura and her work she has done with the fancy as a whole. Bradford does and always will take a very big piece of my heart up and to share this with Laura is just incredible. Finally, even though I do take all the credit, there are three very special people who have helped me and guided me with my new venture of rex: my dad who is there to feed, water and clean out when I'm not there. Also Auntie Adel and Uncle Michael, without you I don't know where I would be, your support with this venture has been phenomenal and I cannot thank you enough. Also, a special mention to Chris Edge for the initial start in Smoke Pearl Rex.

Lucy Wheel



More winning stories...

What an Unexpected Lionhead Delight!

writes **Yvonne Goldsworthy**

I have been showing and breeding Lionheads for over 20 years now and think sometimes that I have nearly got the hang of it although I still get some very interesting surprises and this year at the "Bradford 2019 Show" proved to be a very pleasant and happy surprise; not only getting the Best of Breed Lionhead title with my Chocolate but also the "Best Ladies Fancy" something that I believe has not happened with a Lionhead for a long time. I must say though that before I knew what was going on when I arrived at the Show hall Sunday morning expecting my Chocolate to be on Victory Row to find her still in her original pen I thought to myself.....what was going on (honestly)? So I spoke to a member of the show society who explained that the pens upon the stage were much bigger than those on the ground floor so the pen floor needed sorting (I use show racks) before the rabbit could be penned, still feeling puzzled it was then explained that I had been awarded Best Ladies Fancy, I was quite shocked, over the moon and well chuffed. This will be a weekend that I will remember for a long time.

My very first "Bradford" was at the Doncaster Racecourse in the old building which had a massive balcony 2nd floor and I have attended the show every year since. My better half is always bemused about the Bradford show being held at Doncaster but has become over time even more bemused when it became the Bradford show that used to be at Doncaster Racecourse but was at the Harrogate show Ground but that now its back at the Doncaster Racecourse.

The show has grown over the years with many new attractions, love watching the seminars, learning about other breeds, how to handle techniques and the knowledge you gain from them is very informative both for the public and fanciers. The talk on RVHD2 and the vaccine was interesting and enlightening and proved to be very informative; I thought I knew quite a bit but I certainly learnt something new! We have always found the Bradford Show a very well organised and a friendly event meeting lots of old and new faces, a place to catch up with friends sharing experiences from within the year and a great event to be part of. Thank you Laura and your team for an enjoyable well-structured show and I look forward to the next Bradford in 2020.

My pride and joy has been to see the quality of Lionheads improving over time, be it that the number of "Lionheads" is not massive, however to see the Lionhead in the Fancy Challenge and see them winning gives me great satisfaction.

Here is hoping that we can encourage more to take up the breed.

Yvonne Goldsworthy



*Yvonne Goldsworthy's Chocolate "Twirl"
Winner Lionhead Best of Breed and Best Fancy Ladies*



Seminars 2019

Thank you to the British Mini Rex R.C and National Netherland Dwarf R.C for hosting two fantastic well attended Seminars on Sunday by the main stage, both of which were extremely informative, and well received by those present. A further thank you to Jenny Carlile and Duane Germany who hosted the 'Bradford' Juniors Handling and Stewarding Techniques Seminar for all our junior exhibitors which was well attended and supported by our future stars of tomorrow!



Junior 5 star winners

Best Junior: Miss Victoria Brown's Miniature Lop Otter Black

"It's been my dream to win Bradford"

I started showing rabbits around two years ago as I had a huge interest in helping with the rabbits when my sister was going to shows. I got my first rabbits off Denise – a mini lop blue self and black otter – from then on they have been my favourite breed of rabbit and the only breed I have ever shown.

Then I began to start breeding myself. It was always exciting waiting for them to have the babies and seeing what colours would come out. I asked my sister to get me a BRC membership and she did which lead me to start showing around December 2017.

The best thing in my opinion about showing rabbits is to be able to steward for the judges as you can find out loads of things about your breed of rabbits and others and knowing what to improve on for other shows.

For ages its been my dream to win Bradford but this was my first time showing at Bradford so I didn't think I would do as well as I did.

I was stewarding all day on the Saturday and didn't really know how I did. I was so happy when I found out I even got 2nd best in my colour so knowing I was on Victory Row was amazing.

At this point I realised I would be up for best junior but I didn't think I would get it as I realised how good the rabbits were that I was up against.

I woke up early on Sunday morning feeling scared but excited but I wanted to get my rabbit groomed ready for judging.

When they started to judge the juniors is when the nerves started to kick in even more. When the time came for them to announce it I expected to come 4th.

When I realised it wasn't me who came 4th I realised I had more chance of getting best junior. Then at the end it was up against me and one of my good friends.

We were waiting for our own numbers to get read out; when they read out the runner up I realised the great achievement that I have achieved and I had won best junior at Bradford 2019.

I would just like to say a huge thank you to Denise Laidlow for giving me a good start to showing and ongoing support, as well as my friends and family.

Victoria Brown

"Wow, what a weekend!"

I started off on Friday night unexpectedly taking my marten seal buck 'Hugo'. I also took 2 Siamese seals, a marten u/5, a German lop u/5 and a sooty fawn mini lop ad.

I spent Saturday stewarding the rex u/5's for Natalie Gould with some of my good friends. At 1 o'clock, I was awarded with my Junior of the Year certificate and shield, it is such an incredible feeling to know that hard work pays off, well done to all the other winners.

All my rabbits did me proud but especially my Hugo! He won the marten seal class and then went on to get 5th in the challenge as well as best junior mini rex.

It was very tense stewarding for the rex challenges and when it came down to the junior rex challenge I was sure it had gone to the standard, but my Hugo won, I couldn't believe it.

I'm so proud of all he's achieved: Best Junior Rex at London 5*, Best Junior at many stock shows at the all rex as well as 32 CC stars, and now Best Junior Rex at Bradford!

To top it all off, my German lop agouti Doe u/5 won her class, she then went on to win best junior lop u/5! I was so proud of both of them.

On Sunday my German was up on the stage at 11 o'clock for best junior judging, she was against some amazing rabbits.

I was so happy to be stewarding the junior classes on the stage again along with Spencer, Charlie and Zara. We have the best time on the stage doing what we love, so when all four of us had won and would be on victory row, we were so happy for each other.

It was very tense when we were waiting for the results, my doe was 4th, I was still proud of her for doing as well as she had.

At 3pm, Hugo was out for the junior adults. Once again, there were some amazing rabbits.

They announced 4th and 3rd and still not Hugo, it was so tense waiting to hear who'd won, either me or Tori.

I remember Jenny had her hand on my shoulder and me and Tori looked at each other and said good luck.

Tori won, I was so happy for her and I know she was happy for me too, we both see how much work each of us put in at shows and at home so whatever the result we were happy for each other. As soon as she was walking up on stage we gave each other the biggest hug and I couldn't have been happier.

I had the best weekend catching up with good friends and making memories, and I can't wait for 2020.

Antonia Galloway

Zara McKell was 3rd in the 5* Junior Challenge



My son is called champ because I wanted him to win I groomed him alot before Bradford I was so excited to be showing him
I was so happy that my rabbit got best junior fancy then when he got on stage he was such a good boy and I was so proud of my rabbit because it was cobbies last time Judging My rabbit got 3rd place in best junior
I loved My bradford experience
I love being on the Junior



Cheers and tears as Victoria's name is announced as best junior in show



FIVE STAR SHOW

JAN 19-20 2019

Total exhibits 1097. Total entries 9450. Best in Show and Best Fancy J Holdsworth (Silver Grey). Best Lop Forever & Solo (Dwarf REVW). Best Fur Miss A Germany (Alaska). Best Rex Foxwood Stud (Marten Seal).

Fancy Section

Angora

P D BATEY

Thanks once again to Laura and the Bradford committee for the invitation to judge at this most wonderful show again. The highlight of the year and the pinnacle of shows all breeders and exhibitors hope to be successful at. I had some beautiful winners come through from the breeds I was employed to judge this year and I was so pleased to see my winners doing so well under not only the section judges, but also the Stakes judges the following day as well.



Congratulations to Susan and Jenny (Forever & Solo) for once again penning not only Best Dwarf Lop, but also Best Lop. He is a real showman, and so short and cobby which is where a lot of the current dwarf lops are sadly lacking. Adel from Foxwood penned what I deemed to be the best Angora I have seen her with to date (and there have been quite a few). I couldn't see any reason why this animal couldn't take out the whole fancy section but congratulations must go to Jack Holdsworth on his fancy section win, and then ultimately BIS. Well done. Adel and her angora have to settle for what I would think is a record 5th Runner Up. The French Lops were the breed that gave me my hardest decisions, as the entire entry was quality and class placing so very close, with the eventual BoB award being even closer. On this occasion it was Maggie Smith's beautiful REVW who came out on top, just pipping Anne & Arnold Crompton's magnificent steel. It was so lovely to see Maggie's boy do so well the following day in the International Stakes as well - and then for Adel's Angora to go and win the St Legger.

ANG WHT B/D 3: 1 Foxwood Stud 18E00023 CC & BoB. What an impressive animal. Super shape and size. Lovely head shape with good width at the muzzle. Lovely ear with excellent tips. Excellent front, full in chest and continuing round to the shoulder. Viewed from above and from front she was a wonderful snowball shape, excellent length of wool with exquisite texture, still carrying all the density to give the wool the quality the standard requires, even all over. I was so pleased to see that the underside matched the top for quality of wool and preparation. Even and full right through the belly and sides with super feet furnishings. Prepared superbly, congratulations. 2 Grindley & Banks. Smaller than winner and not the length of wool. Excellent texture with good density but in some places not clear to the skin. Good front, nice ears, well presented but not as even under as on top. ANG CHALL 3: 1 Foxwood Stud 2 Grindley & Banks.

Dutch

MRS A CHURCHMAN

An absolute honour and pleasure to judge the Dutch at Bradford Premier Show. A great way to celebrate my 30th year of breeding Dutch, my late father would have been very proud. Many thanks to the organisers, especially Laura and of course

to my stewards Paul, Ray, David, John and Anne, not forgetting my mum for doing the book. A good entry of Dutch with a lovely black buck of Colin Sheard taking best of breed. DUT BLK B 12: 1 C Sheard 17B04119 CC. BoB. Shown fit, well marked, just a touch on stops and one cheek, lovely rabbit. 2 Brophy Bros. Good type, touch light side, good stops, touch one cheek bottom and ear tips. 3 P Wright. Fair marked, feathery stops, bit pointy face. 4 Clairemont Stud. DUT BLK D 1: 1 Hemsley Stud 18B00452. Nice fit doe, good stops, touch under and one cheek, lovely doe, just a bit young?



DUT BLU B 9: 1 Brophy Bros 18B00498 CC. Best marked of class, touch one cheek, not quite in coat 2 Hemsley Stud. Fittest of class, touch one cheek bottom. 3 Brophy Bros. Fair marked, touch one cheek and touch on heavy side. 4 G & G Webb-Bailey. DUT BLU D 2: 1 P D Keen 18B00049. Ribbons on both cheeks but matching, touch feathery under, slanted stops. 2 Rev A Waite. Up to size, off on cheeks, touch under and spindly stops. DUT CHOC B 1: 1 Hemsley Stud 18B00430 CC. Nice choc, good head, touch on one cheek bottom, good stops, touch on top saddle, fit. DUT CHOC D 2: 1 Hemsley Stud 18B00451. In two coats, touch one cheek bottom and slightly long stops. 2 Miss L Beard. Fair coat, off on cheeks and stops.

DUT YELL B 10: 1 Hemsley Stud 17B00325 CC. Lovely fit rabbit, could fill out a little, well marked, good cheeks, saddle and under, spindly stops spoil. 2 Brophy Bros. Fit rabbit, close between this and winner, just a touch heavy and touch on one cheek. 3 Allen & Keith. Fair rabbit, good stops, touch on cheeks, bit rough in coat. 4 Allen & Keith. DUT YELL D 1: 1 Allen & Keith 18B00143. Dark in colour, touch long in stops.

DUT TORT B 2: 1 C Barton 18B03777 CC. Fittest of two, touch on heavy side, dip under, feathery stops. 2 C Barton. Full neck, wavy under, touch one cheek and off on stops. DUT STL GRY B 5: 1 C Sheard 16B05174 CC. Best marked and type in class, touch one cheek. 2 Miss L Beard. Wavy under, touch one cheek. 3 Brophy Bros. Not in coat, fair stops and under, off one cheek, dark coloured head.

DUT STL GRY D 2: 1 P Wright 18B01506. Good broad feet, slightly crossed top saddle, touch under and one cheeks. 2 Hemsley Stud. Nice broad feet, good top saddle, low in cheeks and touch off.

DUT BRN/P GRY B 6: 1 Allen & Keith 17B05987 CC. Good type, good head and cheeks, fair under, good stops, touch more needed in coat. 2 Allen & Keith. Good banding, slight dip under, touch on stops and cheek bottom. 3 E F Gosling. Fit rabbit, touch on stops and cheeks, bit pointed face. 4 Allen & Keith.

DUT BRN/P GRY D 1: 1 Allen & Keith 18B00133. Good colour/banding, long stops, crossed top saddle.

DUT AC CHALL 54: 1 C Sheard 17B04119. Black buck, best of breed, followed by yellow buck, black doe and then the chocolate buck. 2, 3 & 4 Hemsley Stud.

DUT AC JUNIOR 3: 1 Miss L Beard 15B04005. Steel buck, touch heavy, off one cheek and under. 2 Miss L Beard. Brown Grey buck, fair colour, off on cheeks and under. 3 Miss L Beard. Chocolate doe, high on cheeks, wavy under.

English

O J BRASIER

Many thanks for the invite. Congratulations to all winners especially Jack, well done. Thanks to my stewards and also Jason on the book. ENG BLK B 4: 1 Carnell Stud 16E00849 CC. Wins class on quality of spot, good head, dirty feet spoil. 2 Miss L Beard. Not condition of winner, more open on haunches. 3 Kettlewood & Sharp. 4 C & V Stud. ENG BLK D 2: 1 Kettlewood & Sharp 18E01539. Dirty ear roots, patches more than spots. ENG BLU D 2: 1 Carnell Stud 18E00787 CC. Very good one side, other very open spotted, touch colour. 2 Wilbev Stud. ENG TORT B/D 4: 1 Bellamoure Stud 16E04754 CC. Wins class of quality work and balance. 2 PW



Liddle. More open spotted, shade small. 3 Mrs M Kirkland. Eye circles and shape not the quality of 1st and 2nd. 4 PW Liddle.

ENG CHOC B/D 4: 1 Kettlewood & Sharp 17E00910 CC. BoB. Wins class on quality of work, very dirty feet. 2 IW Kirkland. Small, good shape, lighter spotted, fair pattern. 3 R Took. Small adult, similar to second. 4 Master D Every. ENG GRY B/D 2: 1 IW Kirkland 18E02474 CC. Wins class on shape and colour, good pattern, touch eye circles. 2 Misfit Stud. ENG AC CHALL 18: 1 Kettlewood & Sharp 17E00910. 2 & 3 Carnell Stud/ 4 IW Kirkland. ENG AC JUNIOR 2: 1 Miss L Beard 17E01706. 2 Master D Every.

Harlequin/Magpie

O J BRASIER

HARL BLK B/D 3: 1 Mrs K E Malcolm 16E02087 CC. BoB. Good size, good head, fair feet, mottled ears. 2 Miss D Wildwood. Good strong colour, head and three good feet, lacks size. 3 Miss D Wildwood. Very small, lacks head and banding. HARL BLU B/D 1: 1 Miss D Wildwood 18E02570 CC. Good head, fair body banding, three feet. HARL BRN B/D 2: 1 Mrs H R Neve 18E00176 CC. Wins class on colour and pattern, fair attempt. 2 Mandarin Stud. Lacks colour and pattern. HARL LIL B/D 2: 1 Mandarin Stud 18E00191 CC. Good size, fair head and body, 3/4 feet. 2 Miss K Neve. Fair pattern, not colour of winner. MAG BLK B/D 2: 1 LBT & KAB 18E01693 CC. Wins on ears, head and pattern. 2 E Thompson. Not pattern or fitness of winner. MAG BRN B/D 2: 1 Miss D Wildwood 17E02858 CC. Fair head, good colour, very poor presentation. 2 J T Pittaway. Not work of winner. HARL/MAG AC CHALL 12: 1 Mrs K E Malcolm 16E02087. 2 Miss D Wildwood. 3 Mandarin Stud. 4 Mrs H R Neve.

Himalayan

O J BRASIER

HIM BLK B 8: 1 G R Hudson 18B04770. Wins a good class, wins on finish of stockings and smut. 2 Tango Stud. Good smut, just not height of stocking tops. 3 Miss R Staples. Touch shorter in body, slight eye stain. 4 Mrs R M Gellender. Shorter bodied, not length of others, clip on smut top. HIM BLK D 9: 1 G R Hudson 18B04769 CC. BoB. Lovely young doe, shown very fit, good smut and length. 2 Mrs R M Gellender. Longer in body but a touch on smut. 3 Miss R Staples. Good smut and front feet, very slight eye stain. 4 Tango Stud. Long in body, just not height on back feet, touch frosty. HIM BLU D 1: 1 E Thompson 18B01921 CC. Good length, thin furred on muzzle. HIM AC CHALL 18: 1 G R Hudson 18B04769. 2 G R Hudson. 3 Mrs R M Gellender. 4 Tango Stud. HIM AC JUNIOR 1: 1 Broshabea Stud 18B02898.

Lionhead

W A CLIPSHAM

A nice entry of lionhead with the chocolate of Mrs Goldsworthy best in section. A lot of the lionheads laid flat to the table and did not show off their manes. A lot carried skirt down sides. Thanks for the invite and to my stewards and No. 1 on the book. LHD REW B/D 3: 1 Hillview Rabbits 18C00782 CC. Good body, nice head, wins on coat. 2 Mrs M P Thomson. Nice pair, just to clear coat. 3 Mrs M P Thomson. Still to finish sides. LHD BEW B/D 1: 1 Marbledale Stud 17C00190 CC. Fair mane, nice body shape and coat, fair presentation. LHD BLK B/D 2: 1 Mrs P Thomson 18C01306 CC. Wins on shape and colour. 2 Mrs Y A Goldsworthy. Beaten coat and mane. LHD BLUE B/D 2: 1 Mrs Y A Goldsworthy 18C01268 CC. Good colour and type, fair mane. 2 Overweight. LHD CHOC B/D 4: 1 Mrs Y A Goldsworthy 17C02287 CC. BoB. A nice fit chocolate, sound type, nice coat and mane, just to clear sides. 2 Mrs Y A Goldsworthy. Just behind on coat and front. 3 & 4 Overweight. LHD STY FN B/D 2: 1 Mrs Y A Goldsworthy 14C04196 CC. 2 Mrs M P Thomson. LHD AOC B/D 7: 1 Marbledale Stud 18C01156 CC. Nice colour and body shape, fair mane, shown fit. 2 Marbledale Stud. 3 Mrs D J Millen. 4 Mrs J E Taylor. LHD AC CHALL 23: 1 Mrs Y A Goldsworthy 17C02287. 2 Marbledale Stud. 3 Hillview Rabbits. 4 Mrs Y A Goldsworthy.



Netherland Dwarf

R I MCCLURE

Pleasure to judge at Bradford Show, well organised event. Best entry of dwarfs since 2011, a lot of excellent dwarfs. Congratulations to Nigel Atkinson going best in section with a superb REVW. Well done to all the winners. Thank you to Selina Groves on my book and all the stewards. Apologies, not aware 4 places needed, first time judging 5th show. ND REW B 16: 1 N E Atkinson 17X00346 CC. BoB. Excellent class of REVWs, wins type, coat and excels shoulders and chest, stood out for me today. 2 N E Atkinson. Very close to winner, nice dwarf, balanced. 3 Bluezak Stud. Good type, coat and shoulders. 4 Bluezak Stud. ND BEW B 2: 1 D J Quilter 17X05549 CC. Wins type, shoulders and short cobby body. 2 D J Quilter. Short, good body, lacks shoulders of winner, close. ND BLK B 7: 1 Oaknshield Stud 17X03740 CC. Excellent black, best overall type, very well balanced dwarf, close for best. 2 A T Wheal. Very good black, just beaten today by winner, different day could have won. 3 Oaknshield Stud. Nice type, good body, more boning, good colour, good black. 4 T M Halfpenny. ND BLU B 2: 1 Pethicks Stud 18X00176 CC. Good head profile, ears, short bodied, good colour. 2 Miclin Stud. Few white hairs spoil, good ears and colour, lacked body of winner. ND AOC SELF B 4: 1 Miss S Groves 16X03025 CC. Excels type, overall best today, ears, head, width and depth. 2 Dr D Davis. Best lilac I've seen in years, short cobby body, good colour, head and ears good. 3 B Taylor. 4 D & A Davis. ND AC SELF D 2: 1 D J Quilter 17X04024. Wins type/shape, ears slightly off line, good coloured eyes. 2 D J Quilter. Long bodied, lacks shoulders, coat and eye good coloured eyes. ND SAB SIAM B 9: 1 Barnett & Deeley 17X04422 CC. Excels type, 2nd close, wins overall best type/balance, short bodied dwarf, one I liked. 2 Barnett & Deeley. Two good sables, very close today, good coat and colour. 3 K & S Smithey. Dark sable, good type, shoulders and coat. 4 GP & DA Hodson. ND SMK PRL SIAM B 7: 1 Barnett & Deeley 15X04804 CC. Old boy, still fit, excels type, short cobby dwarf, good head and ears. 2 K & S Smithey. Good overall balance, colour and type. 3 Annalee Stud. Balanced dwarf, patchy coat spoils today, another day it will do better. 4 K & S Smithey. ND AG B 20: 1 R Pratt 17X00875 CC. Excellent class of agouties, best overall balanced today, good colour and type. 2 Bluezak Stud. Another nice agouti, unlucky to meet winner today, close. 3 T M Halfpenny. Nice typed dwarf, colour, head good. 4 Remlap Stud.

ND OP B 2: 1 Team Carey 17X02202 CC. Head shoulders, under colour, banding, short bodied, easy winner. 2 Glenury Stud. Type, colour, lacks shoulders of winner, under colour good. ND CHIN B 11: 1 Bastion Stud 18X04062 CC. Excels colour and type today, young adult, 2nd close, wins overall balance, no barred feet which others in class had, one I liked. 2 Bastion Stud. Excellent chin, barred feet spoils over winner; cobby well balanced dwarf. 3 B Taylor. Short bodied, good head, ears and shoulders. 4 Bastion Stud. ND FOX AC B 4: 1 Pethicks Stud 16X05489 CC. Easy winner, short balanced dwarf, good head, coat and type, quality rabbit, one I liked. 2 B Taylor. Very nice black fox, good type for '14 bred rabbit, shown fit. 3 Mrs J Turner. Blue fox, good body, colour, eye circles good. 4 Holden Stud. ND SAB MAR B 8: 1 Miss C Dyble 16X02185 CC. Good coloured marten sable, good overall balanced dwarf, good eye circles, head and ears. 2 W M Dodge. Medium sized of good type, coat and head. 3 Dr D Davis. Short cobby, ears pointed, otherwise good dwarf. 4 Jarra Stud. ND SMK PRL MART B 2: 1 Mrs J M Billinge 18X02300 CC. Good colour, long in body, wins on type. 2 Mrs J M Billinge. Long bodied smoke, again good colour. ND OTT BLK B 19: 1 Miss S Groves 16X05714 CC. Excels type, very broad shoulders, depth of chest, very good head shape, 2nd very close today. 2 Oaknshield Stud. Very good otter, coat/shoulders and head. 3 Moss Stud Good colour, head, ears, short body, lacks depth of chest, good dwarf. 4 G Hopkinson. ND OTT AOC B 4: 1 Master J Jewer-Bennett 18X03175. Overall best type, short cobby dwarf of good colour. 2 Miss S Groves. Good coated otter, down on shoulders of winner, slightly long body. 3 Moonstone Stud. Short cobby body, good colour. 4 H F Wines. ND HIM AC B 6: 1 P & CA Gray 18X03131 CC. Not the best ears but overall best balanced in class, good shoulders, head and points. 2 K & S Smithey. Short/balanced himi, good coat, points could be darker. 3 T M Hoole. Nice type, short, lacks top and skull, good points. 4 N D Winter.

NDAC N/SELF D: 1 Mrs M Campbell 18X02994. Oter doe of good type and colour.
 ND AC CHALL 12: 1 N E Atkinson 17X00346. 2 Oaknshield Stud. 3 Miss S Groves. 4 Barnett & Deely.
 ND AC JUNIOR 10: 1 Master J Jewer-Bennett 18X03175. 2 Miss C Dyble. 3 Miss C Dyble. 4 Broshabea Stud.

Polish

W A CLIPSHAM

A nice entry of Poles with the red eyed buck classes being very good in depth of quality. Best in section a top class buck of Milesend Stud. Many thanks to my stewards and Lyn on the book.
 POL REW B 28: 1 Milesend Stud 17A00131 CC. BoB. First ten will have wins, good all round points, shown fit. 2 Milesend Stud. Close, lost out on coat finish today. 3 A Hogg. Good short coat, nice eye and ears, shame moult on sides. 4 D F&L Berry. Nice, just to finish on sides and chest.
 POL REW D 6: 1 A Hogg 17A00060. Good eye, short coat, sound type, to finish ears. 2 A Hogg. Nice doe all round, to finish ears and chest. 3 A Hogg. Nice all round, shame moult. 4 K J Bryant. POL SAB SIAM B/D 8: 1 Broadoak Stud 18A00674 CC. Easy winner, nice colour, sound coat, fair eye. 2 K Cochrane. Nice coat and type, fair colour. 3 Ms A L Leadbitter. Good short coat, beaten colour on sides. 4 K Cochrane.
 POL SMK PRL AC B/D 1: 1 Master C Gregory 18A00274 CC. Good colour, nice coat, fair ears.
 POL AG B/D 2: 1 Miss S Hughes 17A00972 CC. Easy winner, wins on colour and coat. 2 Gemini Stud. Fair all round.
 POL SAB MART B/D 6: 1 K J Bryant 18A00434 CC. Easy winner. A nice pole, good colour, nice ticking, short coat, fit. 2 K J Bryant. Fair colour, nice type and coat. 3 D B Gallagher. Nice type and coat, patchy colour. 4 Mrs J E Taylor.
 POL OTT/FOXAC B/D 1: 1 Gemini Stud 17A00002 CC. Nice colour and coat, shade tick in bone.
 POL HIM AC B/D 2: 1 T G I Radcliffe 18A00349 CC. A very nice pair, good colour, nice markings and good shape. 2 T G I Radcliffe. Eye stain, shown fit.
 POL AC CHALL 54: 1 Milesend Stud 17A00131. 2 Milesend Stud. 3 A Hogg. 4 A Hogg.
 POL JUNIOR AC 2: 1 Master C Gregory 18A00274. 2 Master C Gregory.

Silver

O J BRASIER

SIL GRY B 6: 1 J Holdsworth 18D01792 CC. BoB. Wins a good class, shown to the minute, well done. 2 A G Wright. Another nice buck, finer silvering, just not the touch of winner today. 3 A Belgian. Touch softer in coat to 1st and 2nd, not finish in groin. 4 P J & E Smethurst.
 SIL GRY D 5: 1 A Belgian 18D01222. Wins on evenness throughout and under colour. 2 P J & E Smethurst. Fraction longer in coat, even, just loses out on chest. 3 J Holdsworth. Not under colour of 1st and 2nd. 4 J Holdsworth. Touch on belly and chest.
 SIL FVN B 2: 1 G & G Webb-Bailey 18D02275 CC. Wins on evenness of silvering, good size. 2 Redrose Stud. Mouty on head and flanks.
 SIL FVN D 2: 1 Redrose Stud 18D02637. Nice colour, fine silvered, to clear rump.
 SIL BRN B 3: 1 Miss S J Thornhill 18D02480 CC. Lovely sized brown, very fit, coat just needs a bit more in mix. 2 Miss S T Thornhill. Smaller, not colour of winner. 3 D R Spence. Longer in coat, very bright silvering.
 SIL BRN D 2: 1 Miss S T Thornhill 18D02484. Wins on coat length and under, colour touch dark. 2 D R Spence. Longer in coat, needs work on mix.
 SIL AC CHALL 20: 1 J Holdsworth 18D01792. 2 A Belgian. 3 G & G Webb-Bailey. 4 Miss S J Thornhill.
 SIL AC JUNIOR 1: 1 Miss L Beard 17D02054.

Tan

W A CLIPSHAM

A good entry of Tans, blacks good in depth. Best tan a good chocolate from Taylor & Clifford run close by two nice blacks.
 TAN BLK B 17: 1 Miss Z McKell 18B03175. A good all round buck, level tan, nice top, shown fit. 2 B Pedley. Good all round tan, beaten tail colour. 3 Taylor & Clifford. Beaten levelness of tan. 4 K H Falla.
 TAN BLK D 12: 1 B Pedley 18B03573 CC. A good class. A good Tan, wins on levelness of tan, shown fit. 2 Mrs J Magee. Close to winner, beaten tail colour. 3 Rogue Stud. Shade off on chest. 4 K H Falla.
 TAN CHOC B 5: 1 Taylor & Clifford 18B02391. Nice top colour, good coat, shade off to back end. 2 Mr & Mrs K Beck. Close, to finish. 3 D J Dobbs. Fair all round. 4 D J Dobbs.
 TAN CHOC D 7: 1 Taylor & Clifford 18B04808 CC. BoB. A good all round doe, shown very fit, good tan. 2 Mrs J Magee. Close, not depth of tan. 3 Taylor & Clifford. Fair all round. 4 Mr & Mrs K Beck.
 TAN AC CHALL 41: 1 Taylor & Clifford 18B04808. 2 B Pedley. 3 Miss Z McKell. 4 Mrs J Magee.
 TAN AC JUNIOR 1: 1 Miss Z McKell 18B03175. A very nice tan.

Thrianta

O J BRASIER

THRI B 7: 1 Greywil Stud 18D02064. Very good colour, slight water mark off shoulder, good type. 2 Mrs E D Nock. Touch bigger, not finish of belly and groin. 3 M J Day. Touch dark topped and off in groin. 4 Greywil Stud. Big rabbit, not colour.
 THRI D 7: 1 Greywil Stud 18D02063 CC. Excels colour and type, very fit, super condition. 2 Mrs K A Chafer. Nice type, good colour, not finish or groin of winner. 3 Greywil Stud. Need to finish on chest and rump. 4 Mrs E F Nock.
 THRI CHALL 14: 1 Greywil Stud 18D02063. 2 Greywil Stud. 3 Mrs K A Chafer. 4 Mrs E D Nock.

RV Fancy

W A CLIPSHAM

Nice section to judge, best a good black Giant Papillon shown very well by Mrs Nock, run close by two Rhinelanders.
 TRI COL DUT B/D 1: 1 Withyhays Stud 18B04023 CC. Nice type and colour, fair head, long tops.
 TRI COL ENG B/D 1: 1 Miss L LeMarchant 6392 CC. Nice saddle, good one side, drops 3 spots one side, good colour.
 MINI PAP BLK/BLU B/D 4: 1 Halloween Stud 18K00666 CC. BoB. Nice type, good coat, fair pattern. 2 Mrs A D Gallagher. Close, shade moult today. 3 Miss J LeMarchant. Fair all round.
 MINI PAP TRI COL B/D 8: 1 Miss J LeMarchant 18K01387 CC. Nice all round, fair pattern. 2 Gallipot Stud. Close, moult on sides. 3 Miss J LeMarchant. Not as fit as above. 4 Mrs M P Thomson.
 GI PAP AC B/D 5: 1 Mrs E F Nock 17H00801 CC. Easy winner all round, big, shown very fit, best r/v. 2 Nemesis Stud. Smaller, not pattern. 3 Ayrshirebell Stud. Mouty on sides, as above. 4 Nemesis Stud.
 RHIN B/D 3: 1 Miss J Wallace 17L01100 CC. Two nice rabbits, shown fit. 2 Miss J Wallace. Nice colour and type.
 RV FANCY CHALL 22: 1 Mrs E D Nock 17H00801. 2 Miss J Wallace. 3 Miss J Wallace. 4 Miss J LeMarchant.

Belgian Hare

MISS E J BRASIER

Many thanks to Laura and her team for the invite to judge the Belgian Hares at the 5 star Bradford Championship Show. It was a pleasure to stand behind that judging table, my grandad and nanna would have been proud of me. There were some quality Belgian Hares for me to sort out, it took some doing but I got there in the end with my winner bring a lovely hare doe shown fit on the day. Many thanks to Hannah on my book and to my stewards.
 BHARE B 10: 1 Freebairn & Faint 18G00460. Good arch and length and colour, little on toe ends. 2 P J Hardin. Another good hare, not front of winner. 3 Freebairn & Faint. Little inside font feet. 4 K P Coulter. Touch on flanks.
 BHARE D 10: 1 K Grainger 18G00566 CC. BoB. Lovely long doe with super long front, shown well. 2 Freebairn & Faint. Another good doe, not front of winner. 3 P J Hardin. Touch on length, moult spoiling, touch on toe ends. 4 Mrs S Wilde. Lacks length.
 BHARE B&T B/D 1: 1 Gothic Stud 18G00204 CC. Fair length and shape, fair top colour, lacks under. BHAREAC CHALL 22: 1 K Grainger 18G00566. 2 Freebairn & Faint. 3 Freebairn & Faint. 4 P J Hardin.

Flemish Giant

O J BRASIER

No entries.

Fancy Duplicates

MRS E MASSEY-BEESTON

Oh what a pleasure to be asked to judge these classes. On the whole some very good exhibits on show. Best overall Fancy went to the Silver Grey which was shown well. This was followed by the Angora White and third overall Fancy went to the Polish Red Eyed White, also shown well. I would like to thank all the stewards that helped and to Adel on the paperwork. Thanks again for the invite.
 DUT POL TAN CHALL 139: 1 Milesend Stud 17A00131. Pole REV. Good head shape, eye, ears, good body shape, good front, good coat. 2 Taylor & Clifford. Choc Tan. Good head shape, eye, ears, triangle, body shape, chest, sides, front feet, even sides and back feet, good colour top and under, good coat. 3 Milesend Stud. Pole REV. Good head shape, eye, ears, good body shape, good front, good coat, slight moult line down sides of body. 4 C Sheard. Dutch Black. Good head shape,

round cheeks but a touch light cheek bottom, good eye, ears, top saddle, undercut, shade odd stops, good colour and coat. HIM NDWF SIL CHALL 132: 1 J Holdsworth 18D01792. Silver Grey. Good head shape, eye, ears, body shape, chest, front and back feet, good even silvering right through, good colour and coat, fit and solid. 2 N E Atkinson. Dwarf REV. Good head shape, eye, ears, body shape, chest, front and back feet, good coat. 3 A Belgian. Silver Grey. Good head shape, eye, ears, body shape, chest front and back feet, good colour, good even silvering right thorough, good coat. 4 G R Hudson. Him. Good head shape, smut, eye, ears, nice body shape, nice four stockings, just needs to finish tops, good colour and coat.
 ANG ENG HARL LIO THR RV HARE FLEM CHALL 95: 1 Foxwood Stud 18E00023. Angora White. Good head shape, eye, ears and tips, good body shape and length on wool, good texture tips and movement. 2 K Grainger. Hare. Good head shape, eye, ears, good length in body and shape, good length on front, good colour and coat. 3 Carnell Stud. English. Good head shape, butterfly nose, eye, eye circles, cheek spots, ears, saddle and tail, good colour and coat. Left side: nice start chain, sweep and rump. Right side: nice start chain, sweep and rump. Balanced. 4 Freebairn & Faint. Hare. Good head shape, eye, ears, good body shape and length, good front, good colour and coat.
 FANCY G CHALL 366: 1 J Holdsworth 18D01792. Silver. 2 Foxwood Stud 18E00023. Angora. 3 Milesend Stud 17A00131. Polish. 4 K Grainger 18G00566. Belgian Hare. 5 N E Atkinson 17X00346. N/Dwarf. 6 Taylor & Clifford 18B04808. Tan. 7 Milesend Stud 17A00130. Polish.
 FANCY BUCK 260: 1 J Holdsworth 18D01792. 2 Milesend Stud. 3 N E Atkinson. 4 Milesend Stud.
 FANCY DOE 106: 1 Foxwood Stud 18E00023. 2 K Grainger. 3 Taylor & Clifford. 4 A Belgian.
 FANCY JUNIOR 20: 1 Miss Z McKell 18B03175. Tan Black. Good head shape, eye, ears, triangle, body shape, chest, front feet, even sides and back feet, good colour top and under, good coat. 2 Master C Gregory. Good head shape, eye, ears, good body shape, good length on front, good colour and coat. 3 Miss L Beard. Good head shape, eye, ears, body shape, chest, front and back feet, good even silvering, right through, good colour and coat. 4 Miss L Beard. Good head shape, round cheeks and level, good eye, ears, clean neck, top saddle, undercut, nice stops, good colour and coat.
 FANCY LADIES 67: 1 Mrs Y A Goldsworthy 17C02287. Good head shape, eye, neat ears, good body shape, good full mane, good front and back feet, good colour and coat. 2 G & G Webb-Bailey. Good head shape, eye, ears, body shape, chest, front and back feet, good even silvering right through, good colour and coat. 3 Miss S Groves. Good head shape, eye, ears, body shape, chest, front and back feet, good colour and coat. 4 Mrs R M Gellender. Good head shape, smut, eye, ears, good body shape and length, four level stockings, just got to finish tops, good colour and coat.

Fancy St Leger Stakes

MR J FLETCHER

Thanks to Laura and committee for asking me to judge, a fantastic weekend. Thanks to my stewards who worked tirelessly all morning fetching and carrying. A special thanks to Cameron who did my book all weekend.
 FANCY ST LEGER STAKES 199: 1 Foxwood Stud 18E00023. Angora White doe. Super all round rabbit, exactly what an Angora should look like, good strength of coat, ear tips, shown immaculate. 2 Freebairn & Faint, Belgian Hare doe. Lovely length hare, excels front legs, good colour. 3 Rogue Stud, Tan Chocolate doe. Good all round rabbit, no serious faults, hard lines to meet previous two rabbits. 4 Mrs D L Nicholson, Polish REV buck. 5 Miss L Beard, Silver Grey buck. 6 I Emmerson, Dutch Yellow buck. 7 Milesend Stud, Polish REV buck.

Fancy International Stakes

MR A MESICK

FANCY INTERNATIONAL STAKES 199: It was a true pleasure to travel from the USA to judge the Fancy Section of the 2019 Bradford Premier's International Stakes. As our world becomes more and more connected, it's no surprise that rabbit breeders from around the world are also continually meeting and uniting. It's a very special time for anyone in the show rabbit industry to learn about breeds, standards, management, and show mechanics of foreign lands. My sincere nod of appreciation to Laura Fox and the entire Bradford committee for having the forethought to reach across oceans to invite judges, like me, from the USA and Australia to share, inspire, and

indulge with BRC members. Spending my Sunday morning at Bradford as the Fancy Section judge was an experience I am honored to hold, and one I will never forget. My sincere thanks to those who served as efficient stewards. Lastly, my great appreciation goes to the Bradford exhibitors who entered their rabbits in the International Stakes, risking the foreign hands and different experiences of an ARBA judge! It speaks volumes of the BRC members for their curiosity, openness and willingness to share their treasured and beautiful show rabbits with on this new frontier of global rabbit unification. We may be oceans and standards apart, but we all speak one true voice: rabbits. I KJ Bryant Polish REV D 18A00435. This doe's breed type exemplifies one that would earn awe on any continent. Her fine, straight bone, short and round body were hallmark. She was topped off with excellent show and fur condition, as well as the alertness and presentation of a deserving winner. 2 A Hogg Polish REV buck. My decision between this buck and the winning doe was no easy one. His head, eye, and ear breed template and will be remembered for years to come. The buck's body type was excellent, as too was his fur. 3 A Hogg Polish REV buck. This buck and the buck which placed above him were cut from the same mold. He had quintessential breed type, with a heavy node to his ear shape, set, and furring. 4 Mrs S Wilde Belgian Hare doe. This doe was a joy to handle. She is a natural beauty with straight, strong yet elegant legs. Her profile was continuous, round, and of proper length. The doe's color was only slightly less uniform in areas where she was not finished. Her fur texture and length were noteworthy. 5 A G Wright Silver Grey buck. This breed is considered rare in the USA, and I assure that I have never witnessed the brightness and evenness of silvering as this buck presented at the table. 6 Albany Stud Tan Black doe. A prototype of proper Tan fur, exhibiting quick return, gloss, short length, and fine texture. Her tan color was exceptionally uniform underneath, with a flat coat through the crotch. 7 Mrs R M Gellender Himalayan Black doe. This buck was deserving of being amongst the other stellar rabbits in his class in type, color and markings. His markings were deep in color, crisp, and high in placement.

LoP Section

Cashmere Lop

D G MEDLOCK

Always a privilege to be asked to judge at our 5 star shows. I felt the show has now settled into the nicely revamped venue, seemed to work very well, WELL DONE THE TEAM. My section was with the Lops, Cashmere, including the Minis, English and German. Certainly pleased to have Pat Mitchell on my book, not an easy job with the cards to issue as well. First out were the Cashmires, unfortunately not everyone was in full coat, but credit to you for bringing them out. The Sealpoint of the Chamberlains was good type and in coat and pointed up the best. Minis had their own section, 2nd White very type but not quite in the coat of the Chamberlains winner, really type and size were the best points of the Minis. English Lops, no great numbers but two from the 28 inch class stood out. Rob Marsden took top honours, length, a good width and ear shape got it home. 2nd a White from the Clipshams, again had the length and width, just lost out on its front on the day, pity, a good one. German Lops, class started well with the Whites, two very nice bucks, winner was L J Morris, if only it had been in full coat. A good White doe from the Clipshams pushed it. Not sure where all the coloureds were, fair numbers of Agouti, this is where I found my best of breed, it belonged to Solitaire Stud, had to give it credit for being the best coated and finished rabbit. Would have liked a bit more width to the skull but he was the best on the day. Big thank you to everyone who helped me, experienced ladies and the experienced Fred Clipsham. Enjoyed it, thank you for the invite.
 C LOP REV B/D 2: 1 DC & PM Mitchell 17D02803 CC. Type OK, very good coat, texture.
 C LOP AG/CHIN B/D 1: 1 MP & TJ Chamberlain 17D00259 CC. Good type, colour, coat where finished.
 C LOP SAB/SPT B/D 7: 1 MP & TJ Chamberlain 16D00754 CC. BoB. Seal Points, very good body, head, density of coat, wins good class. 2 Grindey & Banks. 3 & 4 DC & PM Mitchell.
 C LOP AOC N/S B/D 3: 1 Mrs H J Childs 17D00258 CC. Good type and size, fair colour. 2 Mrs H J Childs. 3 MP & TJ Chamberlain.
 C LOP AC CHALL 13: 1 MP & TJ Chamberlain 16D00754. 2 Grindey & Banks. 3 & 4 DC & PM Mitchell.



Mini Cashmere Lop

D G MEDLOCK

MINI C LOP REV B/D 4: 1 MP & TJ Chamberlain 17C00142 CC. BoB. Very good type and size, wins class on coat. 2 Grindley & Banks. Classic type, very good body, lacks coat. 3 MP & TJ Chamberlain. 4 Mrs H J Childs.

MINI C LOP AG/CHIN B/D 2: 1 Mrs H J Childs 16C00090 CC. Size and coat good, very patchy through moult. 2 Mrs H J Childs.

MINI C LOP AOC N/S B/D 1: 1 MP & TJ Chamberlain 17C00122 CC. Agouti butterfly, fair head and ears, good bone.

MINI C LOP AC CHALL 7: 1 MP & TJ Chamberlain 17C00142. 2 Grindley & Banks. 3 & 4 MP & TJ Chamberlain.

Dwarf Lop

P D BATEY

D LOP REV B 18: 1 Forever & Solo 17C01717 CC BoB and Best Lop. Loved this guy as soon as I got hold of him. Instantly able to feel the power in him with his well muscled shoulders, back and hind quarters. He filled my hands perfectly. Super shape skull with excellent width and good top skull, wonderful crown position with good ear carriage. Super short thick front limbs which he used just enough to show off his broad deep chest. Good depth of shoulder, short back with super hind quarters, rounded and filled out fully to the table. Super fit coat with good density and guard hair, free flowing and as even under as he was on top. Superbly presented, Congratulations. 2 Mrs P J Atkinson. Younger rabbit with a very good front assembly. Nice shape to skull with excellent crown and ear carriage. Good limbs, nice shoulder and hind quarters, but a rib too long for me. Good density of coat but not quite the guard hair and texture of the winner. Another that was put down to perfection. 3 Miss L Appleton. Super type, wonderful head and ears with good short back. Moulty down the side today but has a very good coat that remains. Just a little on condition over hind quarters today but still a really good animal. 4 Forever & Solo.

D LOP AG B 2: 1 Mrs M Smith 18C00034 CC Nice type, good head crown and ear drop. Touch long in the back and narrower over the shoulder than I would like. A little long in front limb too, but that's being picky. He sat well and showed himself off. Good coat and colour. 2 Bluezack Stud. Such shame this rabbit was so very moulty as I liked it a lot. Softer coat than the winner and not quite the colour of orange band, but good definition.

D LOP CHIN B 1: 1 Forever & Solo. 18C00400 CC Good type, nice front assembly. Lovely shape to skull with good width. Needs to come in on the top skull to complete the head picture today. Short back, good shoulder, lovely hind quarters. Good coat and nice top colour. Definition was good but base colour could be a little darker for me. D LOP SAB/SPT B 2: 1 N Jefferis 17C00241 CC Sable of superb type, excellent head shape and size with outstanding crown and ear drop. Head fitted well into shoulders, which were broad and deep, front limbs of good substance with nice deep chest. Short back with good hindquarters. Lovely coat and very good colour. Shame about the moult or may have been my runner up. Still my best coloured today. 2 N Jefferis. S. Point. Good honest dwarf Lop. Good type, head and ear, not quite the shoulder of the sable, but has nice length of back and good hind quarters. Nice coat and colour.

D LOP STY B 7: 1 Firtrees Stud 17C00868 CC Lovely type, very good head crown and ear drop. Super front, with good shoulder and nice hind quarters. A little long in back for me. Good coat and colour, with lovely colour underneath. 2 Firtrees Stud similar to the winner but not quite the condition today. 3 C Margerson. Nice type with good head and ears. A little soft in coat for me a longer in back again than first two.

D LOP OR/FN B 3: 1 Mrs C E Hunter 17C00768 CC A truly old fashioned type of Dwarf Lop. Massive skull of good shape lovely crown and ear drop. Short back with good shoulder, just not quite the fullness of chest I would like. Super quality coat, but although the best colour in the class, still not fantastic as too much dark ticking throughout. Ear edges also too heavily laced, but at least it wasn't a high rufus Orange like the other in the class. 2 & 3 Mrs C E Hunter. A fawn and another orange. The fawn has the better colour of the two and also I like the head and ear drop better on the fawn. I would have liked a little more size on both of them, but I am assuming this was due to their youth.

D LOP AOC N/S D 1: 1 Mrs C Margerson. 18C01512 Sooty. Nicely balanced doe with good head, crown and ear drop. Short back with decent shoulder. Fair coat for length and guard hair but colour has far too high rufus, increasing the intensity and depth of the fawn to almost red and reducing the shading to almost not there at all.

D LOP CHALL 38: 1 Forever & Solo. 2 Mrs P J Atkinson. 3 N Jefferis. 4 Miss L Appleton. D LOP AC JUNIOR 6: 1 Miss L Appleton 15C01660 (see 3rd REV class for notes). 2 Master D Every. 3 Master D Every.

Mini Lop

MRS J GORE

A real honour to be asked to judge Mini Lops at Bradford Championship Show.

A quality entry in all classes dominated by D J Morris. Some nice exhibits held back by the dreaded moult.

Many thanks to all my stewards and to Geoff on the book. My best a stunning BEW shown to perfection, closely followed by a super Fawn. Congratulations to all the winners and especially Miss V Brown on gaining overall best junior in show. MINI LOP REV BUCK 10: 1 D J Morris 18K01367. CC. Wins a nice class, super type with good width and depth of shoulder, nice head, good ear and crown, nice coat just sticking a little. 2 Unity Stud. Another lovely REV, super head, ears and crown, nice type but tends to lay out and touch moulty today. 3 M J Day. Nice head, good ears and crown, fair type. 4 Luckyjet Stud. Lovely ears and crown, nice head, good body, just breaking coat.

MINI LOP BREW BUCK 1: 1 D J Morris 18K01370. CC. BoB. Super type, lovely head, ears, crown and eye, correct roll back coat, shown immaculately, well done.

MINI LOP BLK BUCK 3: 1 Elegante Stud 17K03651 CC. Good all round type with nice shoulder width and depth, nice head, ears and crown, good coat and colour. 2 Mrs C Margerson. Nice head, ears and crown, good coat, fair colour, touch longer in type than winner.

MINI LOP CHOC BUCK 1: 1 Mrs J Tomkinson 17K04189 CC. Nice chunky body type with good head, ears and crown, nice coat and colour.

MINI LOP AG BUCK 8: 1 Mrs J Appleton 18K03262 CC. Nice head with lovely wide ears and nice crown, super body and shoulder, nice chunky legs, touch of moult today. 2 Pinque Stud. Very small but balanced, nice head, ears, coat and colour, not boldness or type of winner. 3 Unity Stud. Nice head, good ears and crown, coat and colour, fair type.

MINI LOP CHIN BUCK 4: 1 D J Morris 18K01371 CC. Easy winner, super head, ears and crown, lovely body type, handles well, good top colour, fair under, nice exhibit. 2 Mrs C Luscott. Nice coat and colour, fair head and ears, touch longer in type than winner.

3 Mrs R Sneath. Young adult, nice head, ears and crown, fair body type.

MINI LOP SAB/SMKP BUCK 2: 1 Luckyjet Stud 18K02156 CC. Lovely body type, good head, coat and colour, a little touchy with his ears but settles.

MINI LOP BLUE/SPT BUCK 2: 1 C Suici 18K03377 CC. Lovely colour, super head, crown and body type, just tends to hold ears at the moment, lovely coat density and quality. 2 Malby & Newton. Touch darker in colour, nice head, ears and type, fair coat.

MINI LOP STY FWN BUCK 6: 1 D J Morris 15K03498 CC. Lovely all round type, good body width, chest and short legs, lovely head, ears and crown, nice crown. 2 Miss A Galloway. A younger adult, nice head with lovely wide ears, good type and colour. 3 Malby & Newton. Nice head, ears and crown, fair coat and colour, touch longer in type than first two. 4 Mrs C Margerson. Nice head, fair coat, colour and ears.

MINI LOP CHOC TORT BUCK 1: 1 Megan Stud 17K00024 CC. Lovely bold head with good shape, ears and crown, nice body type with good coat and colour.

MINI LOP OTT BLK BUCK 7: 1 Elegante Stud 17K05245 CC. Lovely bold head with nice shape ears and good crown, good small cobby type, with nice coat and colour. 2 Miss V Brown. Younger adult, excels coat quality, good head, nice wide ears and good type. 3 Gallipot Stud. Nice head, ears and crown, not the type of first two. 4 Gallipot Stud. Nice all round type, very moulty today.

MINI LOP OR/FWN BUCK 6: 1 D J Morris 17K03461 CC. Fawn, excels body type, width and front legs, super head, ears and crown, nice colour. 2 Elegante Stud. Super type, orange, lovely short cobby body, nice head and ears, good colour, breaking coat today. 3 Hillview Rabbits. Nice head and ears, fair type, touch longer in body. 4 Miss F Cooke. Nice head, ears, crown and colour, fair body type, moulty today.

MINI LOP BFLY AC BUCK 3: 1 Megan Stud 18K00033 CC. Super marked blue butterfly, lovely head, ears and crown, nice typed young adult, shown immaculately. 2 C J Murdoch. Orange butterfly, nice bold head, good ears and crown, nice type, unlucky to meet winner today. 3 Overweight.

MINI LOP AOC BUCK 3: 1 Mrs E Bowes 17K00788. CC. Steel. Good head, ears and crown, nice body length, good coat and colour.

MINI LOP AC N/SELF DOE 3: 1 Malby & Newton 18K00649. Lovely headed sooty doe, nice coat, colour, head and ears, good type. 2 Mrs R Sneath. Good bodied agouti doe, nice head and ears, touch of moult today.

MINI LOP AC CHALL 60: 1 D J Morris 18K01370. BEW. 2 D J Morris. Fawn. 3 J Morris. Chinchilla. 4 Elegante Stud. Otter.



MINI LOP AC JUNIOR 5: 1 Miss V Brown 18K02843. Otter. 2 Miss A Galloway. Sooty Fawn. 3 Miss F Cooke. Orange.

Mini Lion Lop

P D BATEY

LION LOP REV 3: 1 Master C Cook 1K05149 CC & BoB. Lovely shaped doe. Very good head crown and ear drop. Lovely mane and super bib for a doe this old, in fact the second didn't have a bib. Good depth and width of shoulder. Nice muscled good short body coat, just a touch moulty. 2 L & P Kilbride. Nice looking rabbit with lovely mane, head crown and drop. Not the bib of winner and slightly longer in body coat.

LION LOP AOC SELF 1: 1 Lowes Lops. 17K02030 CC. Black, good type, head and crown with good ear drop. Nice short back with good shoulder. Very good body coat but lacking mane and bib today. LION LOP SAB/SMK 4: 1 Master L Wilding. 18K03578 CC. Good head crown and ear. Nice mane and bib, but a little too much wool and not enough length of coat for me. Very good coloured sable, but long in body coat. 2 Master C Cook. Not the eye, size head or coat of the winner. LION LOP CHALL 10: 1 Master C Cook. 2 L & P Kilbride. 3 Master L Wilding. 4 Lowes Lops. LION LOP JUNIOR 4: 1 Master C Cook. 2 Master L Wilding. 3 Master C Cook.

English Lop

D G MEDLOCK

E LOP 24-25 B/D 1: 1 Master J & O Jones 17H00973 CC. 24" x 6", fair type and ear shape. E LOP 25-26 B/D 1: 1 Starwulf Stud 18H00589 CC. 26" x 6", type, colour OK, little to finish in coat. E LOP 26-27 B/D 2: 1 Belanevah Stud 17H00787 CC. 27" x 6 1/2", type good, fair ear shape and texture.

E LOP 27-28 B/D 4: 1 R Marsden 18H01045 CC. BoB. 28" x 6 1/4", very good ear shape, texture, set on good body, best English. 2 S F Clipsham REV 27 3/4" x 6 1/2", good English especially ear shape. 3 & 4 Poppyfield Stud. ENG LOP AC CHALL 8: 1 R Marsden 18H01045. 3 S F Clipsham. 3 Starwulf Stud. 4 Poppyfield Stud. E LOP AC JUNIOR 1: 1 Master J & O Jones 17H00973.

French Lop

P D BATEY

F LOP REV B 1: 1 Mrs M Smith 18H00007 CC & BoB. Super sized white with excellent head shape, size and moult, sitting well into the body showing off a well developed and deep chest, held up by strong short front limbs. Massive shoulder, good top line and curve of back over hind quarters. Well rounded and filled out to the table. Excellent limbs, sitting four square. Looks magnificent in profile as well as front on. In the challenge he excelled himself and brought his star quality to the party, resulting in Best of Breed. Super coat and condition. A well fought and won best Frenchie.

F LOP AOC SELF B 2: 1 Nemesis Stud 17H00872 CC. Good big black, but not quite the colour he should be. A little browning of top colour and little light in base. Lazy rabbit too and although he has a lovely body and front assembly he wouldn't use them today. 2 Mrs A Metcalfe. Very moulty and hard to judge in the class. Nice head type but a little long in the back.

F LOP AG B 12: 1 Mrs G L Bower 18H00047. What a class. The first two easily could change places on any given day. Today the winner was just that little more together and handled slightly firmer. Beautiful head shape and size, excellent crown and ear drop. Head sits well into shoulders and the chest is shown off to have depth and width, held up by strong short front limbs. Excellent coat and in wonderful condition. The best coloured agouti in the class too. 2 Mrs G L Bower. Similar comments apply, but just didn't handle with the conviction of the winner, carrying his shoulder a little loose today. 3 Master C Sargent. An older rabbit of slighter build but still a very good shaped Frenchie. Sits well, carries his head and ears beautifully. Nice deep chest, good strong limbs, short back with good hind quarters.

Not quite filled out round the rump and a little narrow over shoulder today. 4 Miss L Dobson. F LOP STL B 6: 1 Rossendale Stud 18H00213 CC and RU Bob. This was close for BoB. The biggest Frenchie I judged today, almost 17lb but solid, well muscled and put together ever so well. Massive head, good crown and super ear drop good depth of shoulder, super chest, well rounded with short back, super hind quarters and again full out to the table. Sits four square and has bags of personality. Unlucky to meet the REV who had his A* game on today. The steel just losing it eventually on fullness of coat. 2 S C & H M Elliott. Another rabbit of class. Not as big as the winner but everything in the right place. Good head, crown and ear drop, sits well on the table, shows frontage off very well. Well rounded and filled hind quarters, on good limbs. Very good coat and colour. 3 Mrs M Smith. Good type, very nice head crown and ear. Not in the coat of the first two today. 4 Miss J Theobald.

F LOP BFLY B 5: 1 Mrs G L Bower 1800046 CC. Massive buck who just didn't want to play today to star but luckily it was a good sized class and he had time to settle and wanted to show. Massive

skull, very good crown and ear, super, short back, good back end. Nicely marked with good colour, just not the finish of the others in the challenge today. 2 Mrs M Smith. Steel, of smaller stature, but again a lovely balanced Frenchie once up in size will trouble the best of them. 3 Miss L Dobson. A fantastic typed Frenchie, but showing his age today. Sits very well, shows off a good deep chest with massive shoulder, good length of back and nice hindquarters. Very rough in coat under today. 4 Belanevah Stud.

F LOP AOC N/S B 1: 1 Nemesis Stud 18H00496. CC. Fawn. Nice head, crown and ear drop. Shows his front off well, even if a little narrow through the chest and shoulder. Short back with good hind quarters. Fair coat and colour.

F LOP AOC N/S D 5: 1 Lilybee Stud 18H00360 CC. Wins the agouti CC with a little to spare today. Huge doe of super proportion, Enormous head, super crown and ear drop. Excellent front, deep well rounded chest held up by stocky short front limbs. Huge shoulder, short back good top line with the best back end in the entry today. Very good coat and colour, just not the finish of the REV or the Steel to take either place off them, but it was close. 2 Miss L Dobson. Massive Butterfly doe, well put together, with massive shoulder and super body. Very good coat, just failed presentation to be considered for the BF CC. 3 S C & H M Elliott. Again another lovely doe and with all this quality in the does, the breed's future is sound. Lovely type, good shape and style, very good crown and ear. Short back with super coat. 4 Miss E Chafea.

F LOP CHALL 34: 1 Mrs M Smith. 2 Rossendale Stud. 3 Lilybee Stud. 4 Mrs GL Bower. F LOP JUNIOR 5: 1 Mst C Sargent 16H01051. See F LOP Agouti Buck 3rd place. 2 & 3 Miss J Theobald.

German Lop

D G MEDLOCK

G LOP REV B 7: 1 Ms L J Morris 17L00111 CC. Stood out for type, head, ear carriage, only coat on back end stopped it. 2 Ms L J Morris. Another good one, not quite as bold as winner. 3 & 4 P & EA Salt. G LOP BLK B 1: 1 Mrs L K Lapis 18L00344 CC. Colour OK, fair body, coat to finish.

G LOP AC SELF D 1: 1 S F Clipsham 18L00650. White, very good body and coat, not quite front of the buck.

G LOP AG B 7: 1 Solitaire Stud 17L01055 CC. BoB. Very good body, coat, colour, one of the few finished. 2 Miss A Metcalfe. 3 Bunybarn Stud. 4 Solitaire Stud.

G LOP CHIN B 2: 1 Solitaire Stud 17L01054 CC. Fair type and coat, definition OK, needs time to finish.

G LOP BFLY AC B 2: 1 Solitaire Stud 18L00628 CC. Agouti, could be slightly bolder in body, very good colour and markings. 2 Mrs L K Lapis.

G LOP AC N/S D 2: 1 Solitaire Stud 18L00629 CC. Markings OK, good colour, fair type. 2 Mrs E Brown.

G LOP AC CHALL 22: 1 Solitaire Stud 17L01055. 2 Ms L J Morris. 3 S F Clipsham. 4 Solitaire Stud. G LOP AC JUNIOR 1: 1 Miss A Metcalfe 17L01058. Good type, bold coat, good where finished.

Meissner Lop

P D BATEY

MEISS LOP BLK B/D 3: 1 Mrs E D Nock 18H00301 CC & BoB. Winner has the best head shape out of the three and most even silvering. Scores maximum points for size and weight and the body is of nice depth. I would like to see the front assembly being held up by the front legs and to do this, depth of chest (or sternum) needs to be developed. The ears are completely incorrect, being fully open. The shoulder be tubular, although the inside of the ear is correctly facing the cheek, the outer edges of the ears should be coming together more. Lovely coat and well presented. 2 Mrs E D Nock. Heavier in silvering than the winner and smaller in size, nice head shape in proportion to the body, but again, front assembly needs work, as do ears. 3 Mrs E D Nock. Smaller again and not enough silvering, very soft coated too.

MEISS LOP CHALL 3: 1 Mrs E D Nock. 2 Mrs E D Nock. 3 Mrs E D Nock.

Lop Duplicates

G R BOOT

A lways a pleasure to judge at Bradford. A lot of variation in the classes. The winning D/Lop was a good winner just beating a very nice all round English Lop. Thank you to my stewards and to Nat for doing her usual good job on the book. CASH ENG MINI LOP CHALL 81: 1 R Marsden 18H01045. Good



shape, nice colour, good ears, fit. 2 D J Morris. Nice coat and type, fair type. 3 S F Clipsham. Good ears and type, nice coat, preparation let down. 4 D J Morris. Excels type and head, fit. DWF MIN LION FRENCH GERM MEISS LOP CHALL 97: 1 Forever & Solo 17C01717. Nice head and coat, nice type and ear carriage, well put down. 2 Mrs P J Atkinson. Close to winner, not quite the coat of winner, again well put down. 3 Mrs M Smith. Sm ashing Frenchie, level coat and head, small mark in ear let it down. 4 Rossendale Stud. Another nice rabbit, not quite coat and condition of the third. LOP G CHALL 178: 1 Forever & Solo 17C01717. Dwarf. 2 R Marsden 18H01045 English. 3 Mrs P J Atkinson 18C00429 Dwarf. 4 Mrs M Smith 18H00007 French. 5 Rossendale Stud 18H00213 French. 6 D J Morris 18K01370 Miniature. 7 S F Clipsham 17H01080 English. LOP BUCK 150: 1 Forever & Solo 17C01717. 2 R Marsden. 3 Mrs P Atkinson. 4 Mrs M Smith. LOP DOE 28: 1 MP & TJ Chamberlain 16D0074. 2 Master C Cook. 3 Grindley & Banks. 4 L & P Kilbride. LOP JUNIOR 22: 1 Miss V Brown 18K02843. Lovely all round black otter mini, excels head and type. 2 Miss A Galloway. 3 Master C Cook. 4 Miss L Appleton. LOP LADIES 92: 1 Forever & Solo 17C01717. 2 Mrs P J Atkinson. 3 Mrs M Smith. 4 Solitaire Stud.

Lop St Leger Stakes

P A GOULD

LOP ST LEGER STAKES 148: 1 Ms L J Morris 18L00077. German Lop REV. Super type, quality coat, credit to the owner, handles well. 2 Starwolf Stud. English Lop. Good shape, shown clean, good ears. 3 P & E A Salt. German Lop. Fair coat and type, shown clean. 4 Ms G L Bower. French Lop Agouti. Excels shape and head, good coat. 5 Miss E Chafer. French Lop. Good shape, bit rough under, fair colour. 6 Pinque Stud. Mini Lop Otter Black. Excellent profile, good body, little bit under, handles well. 7 L & P Kilbride. Mini Lion Lop. Fair rabbit, shown clean, nice profile.

Lop International Stakes

D MOLL

LOP INTERNATIONAL STAKES 148: 1 Mrs M Smith 18H00007. French REV. Super type, quality coat, French Steel Buck. 3 Mrs P J Atkinson. Dwarf REV. Buck. 4 Miss A Metcalfe. German Agouti Buck. 5 Gallipot Stud. Miniature Otter Black Buck. 6 Megan Stud. Miniature Chocolate Tort Buck. 7 Master D Every. Dwarf REV Buck.

Unstandardised

G HODSON

Two very different classes. The Fancy one, all choc Mini Paps, were all near to the standard. The Plush Lops still have work to do. Out of the eight, the four Minis were better typed but three were over weight. Keep up the good work but I would concentrate on type for a while. I know it's a long road.



UNSTD FANCY B/D 6: 1 Halloween Stud 17K04453. Easy winner of class, nice type and coat, fair markings, Choc Mini Pap. 2 Halloween Stud. Very nice coat, good type, white hairs spoil marking in neck. Choc Mini Pap. 3 Halloween Stud. Nice type, fair patch work, Choc Mini Pap. 4 Halloween Stud. On the small side, good colour, Choc Mini Pap. UNSTD LOP B/D 8: 1 Malvina Lake Unrung. Mini Plush Lop, best typed rabbit in class, fair coat, nose lets down. 2 Malvina Lake. Standard Plush Lop. Too big but has some type, best coat of the standard Plush Lop. 3 Bluezak Stud. Has some coat but type lets down. 4 Malvina Lake. Has some coat but fails colour. UNSTD CHALL 14: 1 Halloween Stud 17K04453. 2 Halloween Stud. 3 Halloween Stud. 4 Malvina Lake.

Fur Section

Argente

P M SMITH

Many thanks for the invitation to judge, it was rather strange attending the show and not having the pressures of showing in the weeks beforehand. A very well organised show by Laura and the BDLS team at a premier venue and the rabbit fancy must do all it can to ensure it continues to have a show like this in the calendar. Firstly, I'll put my Accountant's head on. There are around

500 classes in the first star show. I counted almost 100 classes with no entries and almost 150 classes with 1 or 2 exhibits in. That's 50% of the show's classes with 2 or fewer exhibits in. If fanciers do not support the show then something has to give and they can not complain if the schedule ends up being reduced in order to save costs.

Secondly, my Ethics Committee hat. I really enjoyed judging the Inter-Club Knockout first round, but to find out afterwards that some Clubs were drafting in rabbits from exhibitors who haven't shown at their Club in donkey's years, if at all, simply isn't within the spirit of the competition. It's not fair on the genuine clubs and can only go to put them off participating in the future. Please don't allow it to happen again for the good of the competition, which if entered properly, is good fun. Finally, the rabbits. I had one or two decent ones in the Fur Section, but it is so difficult this time of year to get heavy coated Fur rabbits into peak condition. That was proved yet again with the Fur rabbits coming fourth out of four in every single class that was judged on the stage in the 3*, International and various 5* classes. The Rex I judged fared better with the best Ermine going r/u best Rex and winning the Rex St Leger and the Smoke Pearl going best Ladies. Well done Mike and Lucy. Thanks to my stewards throughout the day and to Jeanette on my book.

My comment on the various breeds I judged are aimed at being constructive and to assist those who keep these breeds with a view to future show success and producing stock that conforms to the standards. Please read them in that way, as they are in no way meant to be destructive.

Well done to Jack on BIS and finally a word on Eddie Hutchings. I've known him for around 40 years and he's been one of the best Judges the UK has ever had. A good handler of rabbits, has always given less popular breeds a fair crack of the whip and to my mind has always judged the rabbits in front of him on their merits that day and not on what they may have won in the past or who is stood behind them. A template for all judges. I for one will be sad to see the khaki coat being hung up. You've been a credit to the rabbit fancy Eddie. A reasonable crop of Argentés. The Champagne won a comfortable Best of Breed. However, there were a few points to note for breeders. Cremes - some are clearly bred from St Huberts and carry black lacing on their ears and cheeks. They really should not be shown as they are part of a breeding programme. Bleus - some clearly have been crossed with noirs. I can tell, others might not be able to, but future breeding from them may lead to problems for the colour. Noirs - the ones today were very dark at their ears, muzzles and feet. This should be easy to breed out as the standard says these attributes are faults and should be discouraged. Chams - some are very dark and very harsh coated. There is stock on the Continent that will rectify this.

ARG BLEU B/D 4: 1 Normel Stud 18B00543 CC. Good all round type, good top colour, shade dark under colour, not quite lavender blue, very good coat for density and texture, fit. 2 B Welford. Nice typed doe, good top and under colour, flowing coat but not density or texture of winner. 3 B Welford. Fair type, lacks size and fitness. Good top and under colour but needs more coat.

ARG BRUN B/D 1: 1 Mrs J Blanchard 18D00644 CC. Quite good type, needs a bit more shoulder and hind quarter, a bit too dark top colour and only fair under colour needing more depth, textured coat but lacks density.

ARG CRM B/D 5: 1 Scrupmy Stud 18C01861 CC. Wins on type, top colour, evenness and coat, slightly pale under colour but easily nearest the standard as I see it. 2 Halloween. Similar to 3rd but better coated and not just as dark. 3 Halloween Stud. Fair type, dark top colour, ears and muzzle, in coat but not density of 2nd. 4 Rameyeb Stud. Decent type, good top colour but very broken coated today.

ARG CHAM B/D 3: 1 Watsonian Stud 18G00244 CC. BoB. Grand type, correct top colour, slightly light under colour, just needs a bit more coat length to be really top drawer but a comfortable BoB, well done. 2 D Meek. 2nd and 3rd very similar, lacks size of winner, heavy top colour, dark ear and lacks coat, look at the photo of the winner to see what they should look like for type and colour.

ARG NOIR B/D 4: 1 S&S Godlonton 18D01905 CC. Both very similar, decent type but both very dark on ears, muzzle and feet, which standard says should be discouraged. It should be easy enough to rectify and get the overall evenness of colour back, keep at it Sean. 2 S & S Godlonton.

ARG AC CHALL 17: 1 Watsonian Stud 18G00244. 2 Normel Stud. 3 Scrupmy Stud. 4 B Welford.

Chinchilla

R G BAKER

Well, what a show! It gets better and better, a really professional show. Thanks to the committee for the invite, I thoroughly enjoyed my classes. We as a Fancy must think ourselves very lucky that we have a team led by Laura who works wonders on putting on this superb event. The energy and hours of work that go into organising such a show is breathtaking. Well done Laura and team, definitely an 11 out of 10. Brilliant to catch up with old friends. My sections being Chin, Chin Gi, Satins, Mini Satins and Lilacs were a pleasure to judge. Obviously the hot summer and VHD has played its part in the run up to this show. Still some lovely stock on show. Thank God I had a brilliant book steward in Caroline, otherwise I would still be there now, thank you. Thanks to David, Joe, Terry and Anthony for staying the course and stewarding. The pleasure was mine.

Well you Chin boys and girls, at this show you need a fit and finished rabbit. Forget all your stock show chat base, pearl, top line etc, this show and London etc need a finished exhibit if you want to be in contention for best fur, otherwise the Chins have made tremendous steps forward, keep it up. CHIN BUCK 10: 1 R E Barr 18D00190. Good type, fair colour, fit, wins on finish, nice density. 2 R E Barr. Similar to winner, beaten coat, base and pearl. 3 Team Carey. Good type, good all round Chin, would have won but moult let it down, a real shame. 4 A J Carter. Good type, moult, nice type, base and definition.

CHIN DOE 4: 1 Team Carey 18D01889. Lovely doe, grand type and colour, ticked all boxes but again finish paid the price, a pity. 2 A J Carter. Beaten all round, moult, good type and colour. CHIN CHALL 14: 1 R E Barr 18D00190. 2 R E Barr. 3 Team Carey. 4 Team Carey.

Havana

C G

HARDEN

HAV B 1: 1 Cap Stud 18D02601. HAV D 3: 1 Foxwood Stud 18D00006 CC. HAV CHALL 4: 1 Foxwood Stud 18D00006. 2 Cap Stud



Lilac

R G BAKER

A lovely class of bucks and does all presented first class. All that wants watching is type, do not let them get too long. Should be cobby and the colour, where has the pinky dove colour gone? Otherwise a treat to judge.

LIL BUCK 3: 11 L Ruffe 18D02554 CC. Nice exhibit, well put down, good type, fair colour, lovely texture. 2 I L Ruffe. Similar to winner, beaten coat density. 3 Foxwood Stud. Good type, to finish, lovely class, all pretty even, slightly on small side. LIL DOE 2: 1 I L Ruffe 18E02553. Wins on finish, nice flow of coat. 2 Watsonian Stud. Beaten all round finish, good type. LIL CHALL 5: 1 I L Ruffe 18D02554. 2 I L Ruffe. 3 Foxwood Stud. 4 I L Ruffe.

Sable

J FLETCHER

Moult played a bit part in today's results, with some fantastic typed rabbits being shown. Congratulations to Cap Stud, a lovely animal with a coat to match. SAB SIAM LT/MED B 1: 1 Cap Stud 18D01938. Good all round rabbit, touch moult around chest. SAB SIAM LT/MED D 1: 1 Cap Stud 18D01941



CC. Excels colour, lovely coat, moult cost BoB. SAB SIAM DK B 3: 1 Cap Stud 18D01927 CC. Wins on type and coat. 2 Forever & Solo. Not density of winner. 3 Miclin Stud. Moults. SAB SIAM DK D 3: 1 Cap Stud 18D01924. Fair all round. SAB MART LT/MED B 2: 1 Cap Stud 18D01942 CC. BoB. Excels all round, nice through coat, shown immaculate. 2 S C Gellender. Not coat or type of winner. SAB MART LT/MED D 1: 1 Cap Stud 18D01930. Moults spoils, fair all round. SAB MART DK B 2: 1 Cap Stud 18D01933. Lovely type, good shoulder, nice coat, gone under. 2 Miclin Stud. Moults spoils, going over. SAB MART DK D 1: 1 Cap Stud 18D01929 CC. Good coat, wins CC on belly, excels type. SAB AC CHALL 14: 1 Cap Stud 18D01942. 2 & 4 Cap Stud.

Satin

R G BAKER

As always a lovely selection to judge. Quality all the way, a lesson to some of the other breeds as to what is wanted at championship level. The pleasure was all mine.

SAT IV BUCK 5: 1 Braveheart Stud 17E01128. Superb type, coat and colour, slight moult and water mark in nape coat it best satin. 2 Braveheart Stud. Again great type, coat and colour, beaten finish. 3 T Brannon. Lovely type, good coat, beaten density. 4 Mrs L K Lapis. Nice type, beaten coat and satisfaction.

SAT IV DOE 6: 1 T Brannon 18E00312 CC. BoB. A cracker, super in every dept, just asked me for best today, I loved it. 2 Gunita Stud. Fair type and coat, beaten finish and density. 3 Braveheart Stud. Fair type, matronly looking, good satinisation. 4 J Hopkins. Good type, moult, to finish.

SAT OR BUCK/DOE 2: 1 Fohhill Stud 16E04490 CC. Long in type, shade dark in colour, clean. 2 Fohhill Stud. As winner, matronly and moult. SAT AC CHALL 13: 1 T Brannon 18E00312. 2 Braveheart Stud. 3 Braveheart Stud. 4 T Brannon.

Mini Satin

R G BAKER

See Satin section for general comments. MINI SAT IV BUCK 1: 1 Master J McCarren 18D02332. Fair type, not very showman like, fair coat and colour.

MINI SAT IV DOE 2: 1 Broshabae Stud 18D01743 CC. Best Mini today, fair type and coat, clean. 2 Everic Stud. Again, fair type, moult, could be fitter. MINI SAT CHALL 3: 1 Broshabae Stud 18D01743. 2 Everic Stud. 3 Master J McCarren. MINI SAT JUNIOR 2: 1 Broshabae Stud 18D01743. 2 Master J McCarren.

Siberian

J FLETCHER

Thank you to all Siberian exhibitors, some good typed Sibs in today but some did lack type. The winner won on type and finish of coat and colour. SIB BLK B/D 1: 1 A J Carter 18D00709 CC. Fair all round rabbit, not the coat for me.

SIB BLU B/D 4: 1 JE & P Kell 18D02312 CC. Fair all round, lost out on BoB today on chest. 2 Nemesis Stud. White hairs spot, better coat than winner. SIB BRN B/D 2: 1 Bellamoure Stud 18D02366 CC.

Not best type or colour, just got CC. SIB LIL B/D 3: 1 Nemesis Stud 18D02300 CC. BoB. Lovely all round, best type Sib shown today, even colour.

SIB AC CHALL 10: 1 Nemesis Stud 18D02300. 2 JE & P Kell. 3 A J Carter. 4 Nemesis Stud.

Silver Fox

P M SMITH

Only a fair entry of Foxes today. Nothing really top drawer on display. The BoB was a good doe but didn't have enough coat to be really top class and lacks a little show preparation. Too many blacks are soft coated for my liking and many lack size. Colours were only fair, many moult but there were some that showed promising colour properties, which will hopefully get bred into future generations.

SIL FOX BLK B 8: 1 Mrs A J Nielson 18D02536. Best all round balanced rabbit, coat flowing but on soft side for me. Colour and white points and best type in class. 2 Mrs A J Nielson. Beaten type and colour, needs time to come up in coat, good colour and points, dense coat but bits to finish here and there. 3 Midlodge Rabbits. Similar to 4th, again soft coated and starting to break coat, watch front end as starting to form a dewlap. 4 Midlodge Rabbits. Quite good type but lies a bit flat, decent top colour and points, soft coated and to finish.

SIL FOX BLK D 3: 1 Team Carey 18D01896 CC. BoB. Wins type, top colour, white points and coat, good flowing coat but could be denser, excels top colour and points, could be a bit fitter. 2 Mrs A J Nielson. Beaten type and lots to finish in flanks, decent top colour and white points but short coated and lacks density.

SIL FOX BLU B/D 3: 1 Watsonian Stud 18D01271 CC. Good typed doe, best level colour, if a shade dark, decent coat for texture, just needed more

density. 2 Mrs G D Shipperley. Quite good type, better colour than winner but water marked and broken coated, pity. 3 Miss K Neve. Good type, dark top colour and laced with white hairs, reasonable coat, just not flowing today, a bit scruffy under. SIL FOX LIL B/D 3: 1 Watsonian Stud 18D01268 CC. Good typed buck, dense coat but a bit soft, dark top colour and fair white points, not sure where ruby eyes have gone but it isn't a DQ, easily best in class regardless. 2 Watsonian Stud. Neat type, again dark top colour and slight chinchillation in under colour, not coat or under colour of winner. 3 Mrs H R Neve. Very small and mouly, needs time but promising top colour. SIL FOX AC CHALL 17: 1 Team Carey 18D01896. 2 Mrs A J Nielson. 3 Watsonian Stud. 4 Mrs A J Nielson.

Smoke Pearl

P M SMITH

Only a few Smokes. Winner was only one in coat. The Marten doe and Siamese will undoubtedly make their day when clear in coat. SMK PRL MART B 1: 1 B Welford 18D02341 CC. BoB. Good type, fit, decent top colour with some saddle, dense coat but lacks texture and open coated through saddle, only one in full coat today. SMK PRL MART D 2: 1 Miss E L Wheel 18D00038. Good type and colour but heavily broken in coat throughout saddle, pity. 2 B Welford. Fair type, very mouly today, so colour very patchy. SMK PRL SIAM B/D 2: 1 Miss L E Wheel 18D00041 CC. Good type and colour, but again broken throughout coat, hopefully it will clear and fulfil its potential. 2 B Welford. Fair type and patchy colour, coat almost looked satinised, not one for the breeding pen. SMK PRL AC CHALL 5: 1 B Welford 18D02341. 2 Miss L E Wheel. 3 Miss L E Wheel. 4 B Welford.

RV Fur

G HODSON

I really enjoyed judging the RV Fur rabbits today. Some very nice exhibits on view, some just separated by age or moult. Many exhibits were a very good representation of the breed. The first four rabbits in the class were very nice. Thank you to Lynda on the book and to my stewards, a job well done.

DEIL B/D 1: 1 S&S Godlonton 15E04856 CC. Fair colour and coat, good belly colour, could be better on the mackerel ticking and touch on the large side. HULS B/D 6: 1 Blueyedboy Stud 18D01822 CC. Easy winner of class, very fit, nice coat and style, touch on front. 2 Blueyedboy Stud. Nice all round, good coat, not style of winner. 3 Blueyedboy Stud. Touch on coat to first two, mouly back end. 4 Miss Wallace. Down in condition today. MARB FEH B/D 2: 1 Mrs W A Watson 18G00388 CC. Level top colour, nice coat, very fit, touch on levelness of under colour. 2 Mrs W A Watson. Not coat or colour of winner today. PERL B/D 2: 1 Botany Stud 15E03869 CC. Wins on condition and coat, banding too defined. 2 Botany Stud. Open coated today, fails under colour, mouly head.

SCHWAR B/D 2: 1 F G A Chafer 7JO 561 CC. Excels condition and coat, has style, just the evenness of the ticking could be better. 2 D G A Chafer. Fair coat and colour, fit, sides spoil today. SUS GOLD B/D 2: 1 Miss J LeMarchant 18E01599 CC. BoB. Wins on coat and colour, fit today, just mouly head. 2 Mrs K E Malcolm. Fair type but open coated today, not as good colour as first. SUSS CRM B/D 1: 1 Miss K Neve 17E00224 CC. Fair colour, needs to clear back end. SW FOX WHT B/D 2: 1 Ms C M Hollis 17E03643 CC. BoB. Two nice exhibits, nice shape, wins on evenness of coat, just a touch on front and head. 2 Ms C M Hollis. Good fit rabbit, fails on sides today. SW FOX AOC B/D 3: 1 Marbledale Stud 17E00462 CC. Fair type, wins on coat today. 2 Ms C M Hollis. Not coat of first today.

B DE HOT B/D 3: 1 Hunningley Stud 18G00392 CC. A good class, excels condition and coat, very fit, good eye circle, close for best. RV 2 Hunningley Stud. Nice condition and coat, touch on eye circle to winner. 3 Hunningley Stud. Open coated today and a touch on condition. SALL B/D 4: 1 Holmes & Balfour 18L00368 CC. Very nice rabbit all round, another with style, wins on coat today, just a touch on large side. 2 Holmes & Balfour. Very similar to first, touch on back end and face today. 3 Broadoak Stud. Looks a younger rabbit, touch on shoulders and face today. 4 Holmes & Balfour. Not coat of first three.

THUR B/D 5: 1 Holmes & Balfour 18L00855 CC. My best rabbit, has style and presence on the table. 2 Holmes & Balfour. Nice colour and type, open chest today and touch on coat. 3 Holmes & Balfour. Open coated today, touch on large side. VIEN BLU B/D 8: 1 Tibbar Stud 18H00939 CC. BoB. Wins on coat but just breaking in base, nice type. 2 Holmes & Balfour. Nice rabbit, nice coat, mouly on front. 3 Holmes & Balfour. Nice type, fair coat, not colour of first two. 4 A Jackson. Nice coat, white hairs on rump spoil. VIEN AOC B/D 1: 1 A Jackson 18H00872. Level in colour, white hairs spoil, touch soft in coat. AOV RV FUR B/D 1: 1 Bellamoure Stud 18D02370. Golden Glavcot, type lets down. RV FUR CHALL 43: 1 Holmes & Balfour 18L00855. 2 Hunningley Stud. 3 Holmes & Balfour. 4 Ms C M Hollis.

Alaska

J FLETCHER

Congratulations to Alexis on her BoB with the best all round Alaska which excelled type and had a lovely coat. Well done on going on to claim best fur. ALAS B 9: 1 Miss A Germany 18L00500 CC. BoB. Excels type, lovely flowing coat, touch on haunches. 2 SC & HM Elliott. Softer coat and not type of winner but better colour. 3 Everitt Stud. Excels type, not coat of winner. 4 Taylor & Clifford. ALAS D 5: 1 Bonnybrae Stud 18L00085. Beaten on density for CC, good colour and type. 2 P & CA Gray. Excels type, not colour or coat of winner. 3 Taylor & Clifford. Good type, lacked density. ALAS CHALL 14: 1 Miss A Germany 18L00500. 2 SC & HM Elliott. 3 Everitt Stud. 4 Taylor & Clifford. ALAS JUNIOR 3: 1 Miss A Germany 18L00500. 2 Miss A Germany. 3 Miss L Beard.

Beveren

J FLETCHER

A fair entry of Beverens. Congratulations to Derek on an easy win. Some excellent shape about but no coats to the whites unfortunately. BEV BLU B 4: 1 D G Medlock 17G00530 CC. BoB. Lovely mandolin shape, good size and colour. 2 K J Bryant. Liked this rabbit, better colour than winner, just lacked size. 3 Cobbydale Stud. Good shape, not coat or colour of 1 and 2. 4 DLS Gellender. BEV BLU D 6: 1 D G Medlock 18G00194. Nice colour and shape, touch mouly. 2 Cobbydale Stud. Fair all round, beaten coat and colour. 3 DLS Gellender. Falls type and colour. 4 K J Bryant. BEV WHT B 5: 1 Miss J Wallace 18G00046. All had good shape, all fails coat, wins on shape and presentation. 2 & 3 Miss J Wallace. 4 Wilbev Stud. BEV WHT D 2: 1 Miss J Wallace 18G00050 CC. Better coat than bucks, wins on shape and presentation. 2 Wilbev Stud. Not the coat of the first. BEV BLK B/D 1: 1 Wilbev Stud 16G00451 CC. White hairs spoil, fails colour, just got CC. BEV BRN B/D 1: 1 D G Medlock 17G00223 CC. Nice shape, good colour, mouly chest and belly spoil. BEV LIL B/D 1: 1 D G Medlock 18G00182 CC. Excels shape, fair colour, mouly spoil. BEV AC CHALL 20: 1 D G Medlock 17G00530. 2 Miss J Wallace. 3 K J Bryant. 4 D G Medlock.

Californian

J FLETCHER

Some excellent typed Calis on display although I would like more width of skull. Shame there are not more around the shows. CALI NORM B/D 2: 1 Everitt Stud 18L00034 CC. BoB. Excels coat, good points, lovely type, to be critical would like slightly broader head. 2 Everitt Stud. Again excels type and points, beaten on coat. CALI BLU B/D 1: 1 Everitt Stud 18L00033 CC. Excels points, good type, coat to come, handled soft today. CALI AC CHALL 3: 1 Everitt Stud 18L00034. 2 & 3 Everitt Stud.

Chin Giganta

R G BAKER

Well thanks for the Chin Gi support. Nice to see a good number of Gis entered. Sadly all in very bad stages of moult. That makes it hard judging when all are in the same state. CHIN GI BUCK 5: 1 Ayrshirebell Stud 16L00098 CC. Fair type, colour, easy winner today, clean, to finish. 2 Ayrshirebell Stud. Beaten coat, moult and colour, clean. 3 Ayrshirebell Stud. As second, very mouly exhibit, clean. 4 A J Carter. Fair type, coat and colour, beaten moult. CHIN GI DOE 5: 1 Ayrshirebell Stud C481140. All very mouly but clean. 2 Ayrshirebell Stud. Fair type, mouly, hard to assess. 3 Ayrshirebell Stud. Fair type, mouly. 4 A J Carter. Again as the rest, hard class to judge in this state. CHIN GI CHALL 10: 1, 2, 3 Ayrshirebell Stud.

New Zealand

P M SMITH

The NZ Red was an easy BoB today and for me the best fur rabbit I judged. Many of the NZWs lacked size, I suspect only one of them was over ten pounds. Hopefully that can be resolved and the NZWs can become a force again in the fur classes. NZW B 6: 1 Winckles Family 18H00866 CC. Wins on type, coat and colour, good shoulder and hind quarter, dense coat of correct texture, touch of presentation. 2 P & CA Gray. Better type than third but beaten on coat and finish by winner. 3 Jip Stud. Little longer in body than 2nd and not the all round type or coat of winner. 4 Mr & Mrs IW Kirkland. Heavily infected with lice, easily cured before bringing to a show. NZW D 4: 1 Winckles Family 18H00410. Big thickest rabbit, best coated in class, shade off under and watch hocks. 2 Jip Stud. Not size of winner and too soft in coat for me. NZBLK B/D 2: 1 Mr & Mrs IW Kirkland 16H01048 CC. Much more NZ type and coat, decent coat and colour, good effort. 2 Winckles Family. Too Alaska looking for me in both type and coat, lacks guard hairs in the coat.

NZBLU B/D 1: 1 Mr & Mrs IW Kirkland 18H00617 CC. Fair type, lacks shoulder, silvered throughout top colour, soft in coat and very mouly under today. NZRED B 2: 1 Mrs J Winckles 18E02763 CC. BOB. Easy BoB, good all round red for type, coat and colour. Best fur rabbit I judged today in my opinion. 2 Jip Stud. Smaller rabbit, beaten coat and colour today, mouly face and just needs to grow on. NZRED D 1: 1 Jip Stud 18E02978. Good size and type, not quite the colour or the coat of the buck. NZ AC CHALL 16: 1 Mrs J Winckles 18E02763. 2 Winckles Family. 3 Jip Stud. 4 Winckles Family.

Continental Giant

J FLETCHER

Thanks to Cameron for sticking by me all day on the book and to my various stewards. Congratulations to Diane on winning BoB with her Steel, a superb specimen which I though would have gone further. C GI WHT B/D 1: 1 Doubledee Stud 18J00038 CC. Good type, slightly mouly, excels ears. C GI STL B/D 5: 1 Doubledee Stud 18J00031 CC. BoB. Super type, excels shoulder, good front limbs, excels ear length and substance. 2 Doubledee Stud. Again excels type and bone, beaten coat and ears. 3 Miss L Dobson. Not type or coat of first two. 4 Miss L Dobson. C GI AG B/D 5: 1 Doubledee Stud 18J00044 CC. Another super type from this stud, not the length or limb of the steel. 2 Doubledee Stud. Again, good all round, mouly today. 3 Midlodge Rabbits. 4 Miss L Dobson. C GI CHIN B/D 1: 1 Foxhill Stud 18J00126 CC. Lacked size, colour, just got CC. C GI AOC B/D 3: 1 Midlodge Rabbits 18J00148. Excels size, good length, strong ears, moult held it back today, not coat or colour of winner. 2 & 3 Ayrshirebell Stud. C GI AC CHALL 15: 1 Doubledee Stud 18J00031. 2 & 3 Doubledee Stud. 4 Midlodge Rabbits.

Fur Duplicates

P H BRASIER

Many thanks to Laura and her team for the invite to judge the fur challenges at the 5 star Bradford Championship Show. I could only judge the exhibits that were nominated to go forward in the fur challenge, some were disappointing and others were of some quality. Congratulations to those winning. Many thanks to my book steward and to my stewards who did all the fetching and carrying. ARG, SIL FOX, ALAS, CHIN GI, NZ CHALL 65: 1 Miss A Germany 18L00500. Good coat and profile, shown well. 2 Team Carey. Fair coat and colour, dewlap and muzzle spoils. 3 SC & HM Elliott. Not coat of winner. 4 Normel Stud. Young adult, lacks size. CHIN, SAT, SMK PRL, C GI, RV FUR CHALL 76: 1 B Welford 18D02341. Good colour and coat, little on belly. 2 Doubledee Stud. Fair coat and profile, water mark spoils. 3 Broshabea Stud. Fair coat and colour, little wavy on flanks. 4 Doubledee Stud. Good profile, little on coat. HAV, LIL, SAB, SIB, BEV, CALI CHALL 52: 1 D G Medlock 17G00530. Good size and shape, colour very good throughout. 2 L Ruffe. Another good rabbit, just little on flanks. 3 Cap Stud. Another good rabbit also a little on flanks and muzzle. 4 Miss J Wallace. Lacks size, little narrow on shoulders. NORM FUR G CHALL 195: 1 Miss A Germany 18L00500. Alaska. 2 D G Medlock 17G00530 Beveren. 3 Team Carey 18D01896 Silver Fox. 4 B Welford 18D02341 Smoke Pearl. 5 I L Ruffe 18D02554 Lilac. 6 Doubledee Stud 18J00031 Continental Giant. 7 Cap Stud 18D01942 Sable. NORM FUR B 102: 1 Miss A Germany 18L00500. 2 D G Medlock. 3 B Welford. 4 I L Ruffe. NOR FUR D 93: 1 Team Carey 18D01896. 2 Broshabea Stud. 3 Miss J Wallace. 4 T Brannon. NORM FUR JUNIOR 6: 1 Miss A Germany 18L00500. 2 Broshabea Stud. 3 Master J McCarren. 4 Miss A Germany. NORM FUR LADIES 47: 1 Doubledee Stud 18J00031. 2 SC & HM Elliott. 3 Doubledee Stud. 4 Miss J Wallace.

Fur St Leger Stakes

MISS N C GOULD

Thank you for the invitation from the committee to judge and honestly and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The quality of stock was very high and my top 7 exhibits were all shown very well on the day. Congratulations to Doubledee Stud for a fantastic Conti which was shown to perfection and a pleasure to handle. Thank you to Jenny for doing

my book as it's not an easy job. Also thank you to my stewards Diane, Julie, Tracey and Lorraine. NOR FUR ST LEGER STAKES 135: 1 Doubledee Stud 18J00031. Excellent exhibit and credit to owner, well rounded rump, shoulders and stance, shiny coat and dense to feel, fantastic colour throughout and shown fit. 2 Cap Stud. Lovely sepia colour on the saddle and shadings, great dense coat, lovely cobby shape with a bold head, very smart exhibit. 3 Holmes & Balfour. Cobby type with a bold head and shoulders, very dense and silky coat and colour, shading and coat colour. 4 S & S Godlonton. Short, thickset and round rump, fantastic ticking, great red brown top colour and under colour. 5 Jip Stud. Bold head and clean clear under, very dense coat. 6 Miss J Wallace. Very dense and silky coat, lovely mandolin shape with bold head, shown clean. 7 Rameybec Stud. Lovely broad head, small and neat body, glossy dense coat, great orange colour and very even.

Fur International Stakes

MISS S VAN STEENIS

NORMAL FUR INTERNATIONAL STAKES 135: 1 Mrs A J Nielson 18D02536. Silver Fox Black buck. 2 Cap Stud. Sable Siamese Medium buck. 3 Jip Stud. New Zealand White doe. 4 Broadoak Stud. Sallander buck. 5 A Jackson. Vienna Blue doe. 6 Broshabea Stud. Miniature Satin Ivory doe. 7 FGA Chafer. Schwartzgrannen doe.

Ermine

P M SMITH

Some quality Ermines on show today and I suspect quite a few of them will pick up top honours after this show. Bucks lacked a bit of size and power for me but the doe class was very good with the top size all being good specimens, but the winner stood out today and won the Rex St Leger Stakes as well. ERM REX B 5: 1 Tibbar Stud 18E01722. First two very close, winner better type and coat on the day and clearer on belly. However, all of the bucks could have done with a bit more size and presence. 2 Tibbar Stud. 3 A Hill. Better type than 2nd but not the coat or finish of the first two. 4 A Hill. Not the type of first three, decent coat, good belly and fit. ERM REX D 11: 1 M Purdy 18E02060 CC. Superb typed doe, lovely dense coat, clear belly, good colour, wins a very good class. 2 P & CA Gray. Not quite the type of the winner, good coat, shade longer than winner, sound colour, still very good. 3 T J & P Clayborough. Young adult, similar to 2nd but not quite the density or texture. 4 P & CA Gray. Another good one beaten density and finish today. ERM REX CHALL 16: 1 M Purdy 18E02060. 2 P & CA Gray. 3 & 4 Tibbar Stud.

Black

MRS D I BRASS-BROWN

Judging at Doncaster is one of the highlights of the judge's year and this year was no exception. Fabulous! My first classes of the day were the Black Rex and the doe class was very challenging and excellent rabbits paid the price for minor problems. Jim on the book was superb as usual and also the many stewards who helped me all day. BLK REX B 6: 1 Fournute Stud 18E02616. Good shape and size, very fit buck, good coat quality and colour, some moult. 2 JWH Brown. Good colour and coat quality, broken on back, very fit. 3 Caldean Stud. Good on top but not as finished on belly as the first two. 4 K Davison. BLK REX D 16: 1 Caldean Stud 18E02074 CC. Excellent coat qualities and colour, young adult with lovely short coat, very well finished. 2 A Stones. Very nice coat, just to finish front legs and shoulders. 3 A Stones. Lovely type and colour on top, to finish chest. 4 RT & EA Smith. BLK REX CHALL 22: 1 Caldean Stud 18E02074. 2 A Stones. 3 A Stones. 4 Fournute Stud.

Blue

MRS D I BRASS-BROWN

There was only one blue rex exhibited today, what a shame. The blue is such a beautiful rex. BLUE REX B 1: 1 JE & P Kell 18E01336 CC. Nice colour where finished, good type, soft coat, curl in nape and belly. BLUE REX CHALL 1: 1 JE & P Kell 18E01336.

Havana

C G HARDEN

HAV REX D 1: 1 Willowrex Rabbits 18E02660 CC. HAV REX CHALL 1: 1 Willowrex Rabbits 18E02660.

Smoke Pearl

P M SMITH

Only a few Smoke Pearl Rex but the winner was full of promise and fulfilled it by being best ladies overall, beating the best lop along the way. Well done Lucy and to Eddie for seeing its potential. SMK PRL REX MART B/D 3: 1 Miss L E Wheel 18E03787 CC. Young adult, best colour, coat, belly and all round finish, went on to do very well and win best ladies, well done. 2 C Edge. More mature rabbit but not the colour or density of winner. 3 C Edge. Beaten colour and density today. SMK PRL REX AC CHALL 4: 1 Miss L E Wheel 18E03787. 2 & 3 C Edge.

Sable/Seal

MRS D I BRASS-BROWN

The biggest classes for me today and very high quality all round.

SAB SIAM REX B 2: 1 C & V Stud 17E03814 CC. Good type, colour and shading, good textured coat, to finish on belly, 2 B Welford. Lovely type, good colour where finished, rather patchy top. SAB SIAM REX D 1: 1 Gemini Stud 18E00048. Good type and lovely colour on top, nicely finished, soft guard hairs and rather soft coat.

SEAL SIAM REX B 5: 1 Quad Stud 18E02247 CC. Excellent type, excellent coat for density and texture, well finished. 2 C & V Stud. Nice colour on top, good type, soft guard hairs on rump, to finish belly. 3 C & V Stud. Rather loose in coat, lovely type, good colour.

SEAL SIAM REX D 8: 1 Foxwood Stud 18D00026. Super density and texture to coat, good shading and belly colour, well finished. 2 Foxwood Stud. Excellent type and coat quality, broken on rump and to finish belly. 3 The Pros. Young adult, good colour and finish on top, to finish top of back legs and belly, one for the future. 4 Ms A L Leadbitter. SAB MART REX B 2: 1 J W Blanchard 18E00898 CC. Good type and coat quality, good shading on sides. 2 B Welford. Lovely colour, rather soft coat and just a bit long.

SEAL MART REX B 7: 1 T J & P Clayborough 18E02047. Good shape, good textured coat and good colour, to finish under. 2 J W Blanchard. Good colour and coat, just to finish sides. 3 Quad Stud. Sorry, no notes. 4 Willowrex Rabbits. SEAL MART REX D 13: 1 Foxwood Stud 18E00018 CC. My best rabbit today, excellent in all depts, very well finished and put down, well done. 2 Willowrex Rabbits. Very close to the winner, just to finish on shoulders. 3 J W Blanchard. Very fine textured coat, good all round finish, very close to first two. 4 J W H Brown.

SAB/SEAL REX AC CHALL 38: 1 Foxwood Stud 18E00018. 2 Willowrex Rabbits. 3 Quad Stud. 4 T J & P Clayborough. SAB/SEAL REX JUNIOR AC 3: 1 Master S Bartle 18E02158. Good coat qualities and finish on top, to finish on chest and belly and loses a few points, type,

Orange/Fawn

MRS D I BRASS-BROWN

There were some good quality Orange and Fawn on show today. The colour varied some what but coats were generally of good quality as was type. Curl in the nape of the neck was a common problem.

OR REX B 6: 1 C F Richardson 18E03297. Young adult, very well finished, lovely colour and type. 2 C F Richardson. Good colour but not finish of the first on belly. 3 C F Richardson. Good type and colour but very open on belly. 4 Cadaka Stud. OR REX D 8: 1 C F Richardson 18E03292 CC. Wins CC today on type and colour, good finish all round. 2 C F Richardson. Dewlap spoils excellent rabbit for colour and coat. 3 Parvenu Stud. Good colour and coat but not the finish of first two. 4 C F Richardson.

FWN REX B 4: 1 C F Richardson 17E03148. Good type and coat qualities, very well finished today. 2 Parvenu Stud. Lovely warm colour but to finish under and sides. 3 Cadaka Stud. Good colour but loses points type and chest. 4 CA Turner MBE. FWN REX D 4: 1 C F Richardson 18E01671 CC. Bold type doe, well finished coat but some moulting on head. 2 JE & P Kell. Excellent colour but loses coat quality. 3 Cadaka Stud. Good colour and type, not quite the density or texture of first two. 4 Parvenu Stud.

OR/FWN REX CHALL 24: 1 C F Richardson 18E03292. 2, 3 & 4 C F Richardson.

Otter

MRS D I BRASS-BROWN

The Otter classes were a little disappointing for numbers. The lack of colour on most of them was a problem. However coat quality was on the whole very good.

OTT BLK REX B 2: 1 Mrs S Wilde 18E02457 CC. Lovely type and texture to coat, good chest

colour. 2 P J Lancaster. Good coat and type, but loses points colour.

OTT BLK REX D 7: 1 Mercury Stud 18E00076. Good type and coat, some colour on chest and sides. 2 P Martin. Good coat and type, lacks colour mainly on chest. 3 P J Lancaster. Lovely coat but again lacks colour. 4 Mercury Stud. OTT AC REX CHALL 9: 1 Mrs S Wilde 18E02457. 2 Mercury Stud. 3 P Martin. 4 P J Lancaster.

Castor

C G HARDEN

CAST REX D 2: 1 Ms A L Leadbitter 18E02952 CC. 2 E Caulfield. CAST REX CHALL 3: 1 Ms A L Leadbitter 18E02952.

Chinchilla

MRS D I BRASS-BROWN

The lovely chinchilla was thin on the ground with only two exhibitors who showed today. The quality was good for both coat and colour.

CHIN REX B 5: 1 W K D Simpson 18E02778 CC. Best colour, coat and type today, a little moult on the spine. 2 P N Slater. Good type and colour, not the density or texture of the winner. 3 W K D Simpson. Good all round with soft guard hairs. 4 WKD Simpson. CHIN REX CHALL 5: 1 W K D Simpson 18E02778. 2 P N Slater. 3 & 4 W K D Simpson.

Dalmatian

C G HARDEN

DAL REX BI COL BLK B 3: 1 Hunningley 18E03178 CC. 2 LBT & KAB. 3 Hunningley Stud. DAL REX BI COL BLK D 1: 1 Hunningley Stud 18E03179. DAL REX AC CHALL 4: 1 Hunningley Stud 18E03178. 2 Hunningley Stud. 3 LBT & KAB Stud. 4 Hunningley Stud.

Himalayan

MRS D I BRASS-BROWN

This is another colour which struggled for numbers at this show. Well done to those who did bring their rabbits.

HIM REX NORM B 1: 1 Gemini Stud 18E00045 CC. Good type, good points on head, colour to finish on legs, coat dense but soft.

HIM REX AOC B/D 1: 1 Master D Plowman 18E00052 CC. Excellent rex coat, colour finish on legs and ears.

HIM REX AC CHALL 3: 1 Master D Plowman 18E00052. 2 Gemini Stud.

HIM REX AC JUNIOR 1: 1 Master D Plowman 18E00052.

Lil/Fox/Lynx/Opal/Harl/

Satin/AOC/V

P M SMITH

Just the one Lynx in the AOV. A good effort and it did quite well in dups afterwards. Hopefully there will be a few more AOC next year if my Fox Rex programme bears some fruit.

LYNX REX B/D 2: 1 E Thompson 18E01690 CC. Good type, nice front to coat but could be a shade denser, reasonable top colour; just needs a bit more orange in it. A bit dull on orange banding and white base but overall a good effort, keep at it. CHALL 2: 1 E Thompson 18E01690.

Mini Rex

MRS A PREECE

Sincere thanks to the Bradford Committee for the invite to judge the Mini Rex. A breed close to my heart. Many thanks to my excellent stewards, Lucy, Melissa, Jimmy, Tru, Poppy, Kirsty, my book steward Jenny who mentored Courtney, both did excellent jobs. Some very nice Mini Rex on show, strong classes meant good rabbits went uncarded. My best today a cracking Black Otter buck belonging to Brian. Excels coat, type and colour. Well presented, well done. Thank you for the support, thoroughly enjoyed the day. MINI REX ERM B 5: 1 Quad Stud 18B05185 CC. Excellent type, coat, level with density, colour good, shown clean and fit. 2 Mrs M J Ryland. Another good type, not quite density of first, shown clean and fit. 3 Quad Stud. Good type, even coat, slight moult, shown clean and fit. 4 Mrs J Turner. Good type, not the coat of first three, clean and fit.



MINI REX ERM D 2: 1 Quad Stud 18B05181. Excellent type, level coat, slight moult, good texture and colour, clean and fit. 2 Quad Stud. Similar to first in type, good colour and density, clean and fit, level coat.

MINI REX BLK B: 1 Miss L Berry 18B00794 CC. Excels type, good colour and density, level and good length of coat, shown clean and fit. 2 Miss L Berry. Another lovely type, colour and length of coat, very close between these first two. 3 Miss E M McDonagh. Lovely even coat, good colour, clean and fit, slight moult. 4 Miss L Berry. Another very nice type, good colour, fit, slight moult.

MINI REX BLK D 11: 1 Blackvelvet Stud 18B03931. Excellent type, coat even and good colour, density and good length, good under, a good class. 2 Miss L Berry. Another good type, coat even and dense, close between first two. 3 Miss J Appleton. Good type, coat and colour, slight moult, clean and fit. 4 Miss N Dearnley. Good coat, colour and type, coat to clear.

MINI REX BLU B/D 3: 1 Foxhill Stud 18B03004. In my opinion not in show condition, feet devoid of fur, moult and soft coated, CC withheld.

MINI REX HAV B/D 5: 1 Mrs J Tomkinson 18B03702 CC. Winner clearest coat of the three, good type and colour, shown clean and fit. 2 Ms C Bennett. Another good type, slight moult, good colour, dense coat where clear. 3 Mrs J Schofield. Good type, good colour, moult today cost placings. MINI REX SMK PRL AC B/D 3: Disqualified.

MINI REX SAB/SEAL SIAM B/D 9: 1 Manzana Stud 18B04076 CC. Super type and coat, good shadings, nice feel to coat, good belly, clean and fit. 2 Miss A Galloway. Very close to winner, lovely feel to coat, good type, clean and fit, quite dark. 3 Miss A Galloway. Similar type, good coat, nice colour, nice shadings. 4 Manzana Stud. Good coat, type and shadings, slight moult.

MINI REX SAB/SEAL MART B/D 8: 1 Miss A Galloway 18B03477 CC. Excels type, lovely shape and head, lovely touch to coat, good colour, one I liked. 2 Manzana Stud. Another good type, nice feel to coat, good texture and density, shown clean and fit. 3 Master J McCarren. Good type, colour, moult today, good where clear. 4 Master C Gregory. Good type, coat where clear, nice shadings.

MINI REX OR B/D 5: 1 Parvenu Stud 18B01652 CC. Super orange colour, lovely feel to coat, good belly, shown clean and fit. 2 C E Wilding. Slightly darker than first, good coat density, good type. 3 D R Ilett. Good coat, type, density, slight moult, shown clean and fit. 4 Parvenu Stud. Good type, coat and colour, moult today.

MINI REX FWN B/D 2: 1 Mrs L Ault 18B01121 CC. Good colour, type and coat, well presented. 2 Miss T Wilding. Coat good, colour similar to first, not quite texture of winner.

MINI REX OTT BLK B 11: 1 Greenwood Stud 18B02972 CC. BoB. Excellent type, lovely feel to coat, level with good density, excels colour, has the lot, my take home rabbit. 2 Miss P Hodder. Another good type, colour and good dense coat, not tanning of first, nice under. 3 Wold Stud. Good type, coat good length, dense, shown clean and fit. 4 I E Dearnley. Nice coat, good colour slight moult, shown clean and fit.

MINI REX OTT BLK D 9: 1 Wold Stud 18B03655. Wins on texture and type, nice colour, good belly and chest. 2 I E Dearnley. Similar to first, good type, dense coat, good colour, shown clean and fit. 3 Miss P Hodder. Very nice type, good colour, slight moult, shown clean. 4 Miss E J Johnson. Good coat, not type of 3rd, good colour.

MINI REX OTT AOC B/D 3: 1 Miss N Dearnley 18B03318. Blue, down on condition today, needs a good moult, pin bones.

MINI REX CAST B/D 4: 1 Wold Stud 18B02320 CC. Good type, nice even coat, good bright colour, nice banding, good belly, clean and fit. 2 D H Bramley. Another nice rabbit, darker in colour than first, good under colour and banding, clean and fit. 3 Wold Stud. Close between, good type, good colour, shade dark. 4 Miss L Beard. Good type, not coat of first three, slight moult, clean and fit.

MINI REX CHIN B/D 7: 1 B Teague 18B04231 CC. Good coat, definition, nice banding, fair type, good belly. 2 Mrs J E Carter. Good type, colour OK, banding not quite as first, good belly, slight stain feet cost it today. 3 D H Bramley. Not quite type of 2nd but good colour, good belly, nice even coat.

MINI REX HIM AC B/D 4: 1 Miss K E Evans 16B05907 CC. Easy winner, good coat, type, dense coat of good colour, points good. 2 Mrs S Lettin. Not coat of winner, nice type, good colour, nice points. 3 Mrs R M Gellender. Similar type to first, not quite through moult, coat good where through. 4 Broadoak Stud. Needs time to fill out, good type, coat to come.

MINI REX BRKN AC B/D 1: 1 A D Peacock 18B05660 CC. Good coat and type, lovely feel to coat, colour good, shown clean and fit.

MINI REX AOC B/D 3: 1 Rameybec Stud 16B05373 CC. Lynx. Easy winner, good type, clear coat, good colour, not showing his age for year. 2 Mrs J Schofield. Lynx. Good coat, nice shape, not quite as clear as first but still nice rabbit.

MINI REX AC CHALL 102: 1 Greenwood Stud 18B02972. 2 Miss L Berry. 3 Quad Stud. 3 Blackvelvet Stud.

MINI REX AC JUNIOR 25: 1 Miss A Galloway 18B03477. 2 Miss P Hodder. 3 Miss A Galloway. 4 Miss E M McDonagh.

Rex Duplicates

P E WANKLIN

A really great pleasure to judge Bradford Championship show, all ran to perfection by Laura and the team. Great to be part of this wonderful show. Best rex a super marten seal of Foxwood Stud, congratulations. Some quality stock, some not so good but I enjoyed my day.



Thank you to my team of stewards.

REX ERM, BLK, BLU, HAV, DAL, HIM, AOC/V CHALL 47: 1 M Purdy 18E02060. Very fit, excels type all round, plush coat, looked the part, off on rump and weak in nape. 2 Caldean Stud. Black, super feel to the coat which flowed well, good type, on the small side. 3 P & CA Gray. Ermine, another good ermine for dense textured coat, good flow to coat, spoilt by dirty inside front feet. 4 A Stones. Good colour, dense coat, even type, poor on belly.

REX SMK PRL, SAB/SE, OR/FN, OTT, CAS, CHIN, MINI CHALL 166: 1 Foxwood Stud 18E00018. Marten seal, first class all round for type and colour, bright and clear, super short plush dense coat, good clear colour on chest and belly, best rex, well done. 2 Willowrex Rabbits. Another very classy marten seal, good all round type and colour, good short plush coat. 3 C F Richardson. Orange, very fit and strong rich colour, even flow to coat, off on chest. 4 Miss L E Wheel. Marten smoke pearl, very pleasing colour which blended gradually, even coat, clean on belly.

REX G CHALL 213: 1 Foxwood Stud 18E00018. Seal Marten. 2 M Purdy 18E02060 Ermine. 3 Caldean Stud 18E02074 Black. 4 Willowrex Rabbits 18E03312 Seal Marten. 5 A Stones 18E00757 Black. 6 P & C A Gray 18E02725 Ermine. 7 C F Richardson 18E03292 Orange.

REX B 100: 1 Quad Stud 18E02247. 2 Greenwood Stud. 3 Miss L Berry. 4 Tibbar Stud.

REX D 113: 1 Foxwood Stud 18E00018. 2 M Purdy. 3 Caldean Stud. 4 Willowrex Rabbits.

REX JUNIOR 29: 1 Miss A Galloway 18B03477. Miss P Hodder. 3 Miss A Galloway. 4 Master S Bartle.

REX LADIES 39: 1 Miss L E Wheel 18E03787. 2 Miss L Berry. 3 Hunningley Stud. 4 Miss S Wilde.

Rex St Leger Stakes

R G BAKER

REX ST LEGER STAKES 167: 1 M Purdy 18E02060. Ermine doe. 2 Miss L E Wheel. Smoke Pearl Marten doe. 3 P & CA Gray. Ermine doe. 4 The Pros. Seal Marten doe. 5 JWH Brown. Black buck. 6 Tibbar Stud. Ermine buck. 7 Caldean Stud. Black doe.

Rex International Stakes

J HARDIN

REX INTERNATIONAL STAKES 167: 1 T J & P Clayborough 18E02047. Lovely animal, excels in type and fur, well finished, beautiful marten seal colour. 2 Tibbar Stud. Very nice ermine, lacked a little in finish on lower hind quarter. 3 P J Lancaster. Nicely coloured otter, would have liked to have seen a little more width of body. 4 Mrs J Turner. Very nice ermine mini rex, just lacked some finish to coat on the sides. 5 Foxwood Stud. Very nicely typed animal, coat needed a little more finish especially on the chest. 6 Caldean Stud. Nice black rex but spoilt due to coat beginning to open over the lower hind quarter. 7 P & CA Gray. This ermine rex just needed a better rounded high quarter and some finish to coat.





3 Star Show

Total exhibits 303. Total entries 974. Best Fancy Master C Gregory. (Polish REVV). Best Lop S J & D Germany. (German REVV). Best Fur A Jackson (Vienna Col). Best Rex Caldean Stud (Black).

FANCY SECTION

PA GOULD

What an honour to judge this great show. Thank you to Laura and the Bradford committee for my first Bradford judging engagement. Congratulations to Charlie for a well deserved best Fancy. Thank you to Lindsey and my stewards who stayed with me all day. Some super young rabbits for me to handle, a really enjoyable day, lived up to everything I expected.



ANG WHT B/D 1: I Foxwood Stud 18E00022. CC. BoB. Good length and quantity of wool, good size, touch chest and chest edges.
 DUT BLK B/D 2: I Roberts & Wright 18B05486 CC. BoB. Excels type and stops, good colour and very well balanced. 2 Miss L Beard. Not the quality of the winner or the colour.
 DUT BLU B/D 2: I J Thornston 18B04837 CC. Slightly off on cheeks, not quite the colour, fair type.
 DUTYELL B/D 6: I Allen & Keith 18B00131 CC. Super type, good colour, just breaking coat, very balanced rabbit, handles well. 2 P D Keen. Beaten on stops and cheeks, handles well. 3 P D Keen.
 DUT BRN/PG B/D 1: I Allen & Keith 18B00122. CC. Good type and colour, handles well, a slight drag under saddle.
 ENG BLK/BLU B/D 1: I Carnell Stud 18E00790 CC. BoB. Excels head, uneven sides, good flow of spots, shown fit.
 ENG AOC B/D 2: I Carnell Stud 18E04060 CC. Light, congested at the back end, good colour, nice head.
 HIM BLK B/D 1: I Poppyfield Stud 18B05527 CC. BoB. Excels colour, lovely fine bone, good hind feet.
 HIM AOC B/D 1: I Poppyfield Stud 18B05523 CC. Fair colour, brindling on the front legs, fair markings.
 LHD BLK/BLU B/D 2: I Mrs Y A Goldsworthy 18C01272 CC. Wins on the finish, fair colour, good mane. 2 Mrs M P Thomson. Not quite the finish of the winner, few white hairs in the back, nice exhibit.
 LHD CHOC B/D 1: I Mrs Y A Goldsworthy 18C00349 CC. BoB. Good colour, excels head, nice type.
 LHD STY FN B/D 1: I Mrs M P Thomson 18C00822 CC. Fair colour, could be presented better, not at its best today.
 LHD AOC B/D 1: I Mrs Y A Goldsworthy 18C00350 CC. Fair colour, nice type, one for the future.
 ND REW B/D 2: I N E Atkinson 18X00266 CC. Easy winner, excels body and ears, handles well. 2 N E Atkinson. Not the coat of the winner, nor the head.
 ND SAB AC B/D 6: I Miss C Doble 18X03711 CC. BoB. Lovely rabbit, handles well, excels type and ears, good coat. 2 Everic Stud. Good coat and exhibit just unlucky to meet the winner today. 3 Saxony Stud.
 ND SMK PRL AC B/D 1: I Miss Z Williams 18X03024 CC. Fair colour, good ears, just needs time.
 ND AG B/D 4: I Oakleigh Stud 18X04332 CC. Easy winner, super type, good shoulders and head to match. 2 Miss T J Carey. Not quite the finish or the colour, still a nice exhibit. 3 Oakleigh Stud.
 ND OTT AC B/D 8: I C Taylor 18X04546 CC. Lovely type, handles well, very well balanced rabbit. 2 C Taylor. Another good exhibit, loses out on skull and finish. 3 Miss S Groves.
 ND AOC N/S B/D 9: I Bastion Stud 18X04063 CC. Easy winner, good coat, shows itself well, nice exhibit. 2 N D Winter. Not in the same class today, given away on age. 3 N D Winter.
 POL REW B/D 6: I Master C Gregory 18A00894 CC. BoB. Easy winner, super coat and ears to match, excels front, credit to the owner, handles

well, a pleasure to handle, best Fancy. 2 A Hogg. POL SAB/SMK PRL AC B/D 6: I Broadoak Stud 18A00862 CC. Winner on ears, lovely shape, nice and fine body, legs to match, good front. 2 Miss Aliyah Ajmal. Nice shaped rabbit, not the ears of the winner. 3 Miss S Hughes.
 POL AOC B/D 3: I Broadoak Stud 18A00860 CC. Wins on finish, excels colour and ears, nice exhibit. 2 Withyhays Stud. Not the coat or the shape of the winner. 3 Miss S Hughes.
 SIL GRY B/D 1: I J Holdsworth 18D02515 CC. BoB. Good colour and coat, just to finish chest, little bit dark on cheek bottoms, handles well, four good feet.
 TAN BLK B/D 8: I B Pedley 18B05115 CC. BoB. Wins on colour, lovely and fit, true baby, not bad in the groin. 2 Taylor & Clifford. Not the colour, loses out on chest edges. 3 B Pedley.
 TAN CHOC B/D 7: I Mr & Mrs K Beck 18B05441 CC. Good colour, just starting to break in the middle of the back, wins on chest edges, nice edges. 2 Mrs L Wood. Not the finish or the colour of the winner. 3 Taylor & Clifford.
 THRI B/D 4: I M J Day 18D02651 CC. Lovely short bodied rabbit, excels colour, shows itself well, easy winner. 2 Mrs J E Carter. Not the finish of the winner or colour. 3 M J Day.
 B HARE B/D 6: I Gunita Stud 18G00215. Wins a good class, lovely fine bone, good colour, shown fit. 2 Gunita Stud. Not quite the finish of the first but good shape and colour. 3 P J Hardin.
 FANCY G CHALL 93: I Master C Gregory 18A00894. 2 Miss C Doble. 3 Roberts & Wright.
 JUN DUT AC 1: I Miss L Beard 18B05777.
 JUN ND/WF AC 3: I Miss C Doble 18X03711. 2 & 3 Miss Z Williams.
 JUN AOV FANCY 1: I Master C Gregory 18A00894.
 JUN FANCY CHALL 5: I Master C Gregory 18A00894. 2 Miss C Doble. 3 Miss Z Williams.

LOP SECTION

S P WHINCUP

Thanks to Bradford for the invite to judge the U5 lops. Always a pleasure to judge at this prestigious show. Quality was lacking in some breeds, and only a handful of exhibits stood out today. The winning German Lop whilst young and not massive in size, for her age her body and coat was amazing. Great ear drop. Thanks to Chris my very competent book steward, and to my stewards. Congrats to Duane and Steve on Best Lop.
 CASH AOC 2: I Petala Stud, 18D00284 CC BOB. Wins on type head and ears. Good colour. To clear baby coat. But good coat coming through. 2 Petala Stud. Super type, head and ears, just more shoulder.
 MIN CASH REW 1: I Grindley & Banks 18C01928 CC. Super type head and ears, just bit broken in places, well presented.
 MINI CASH AOC 1: I Heather Childs 18C00064 CC BOB. Super type head and ears. Good colour. Stunning presence on table. Plethora of coat. Well presented.
 DWF REW 8: I Emsleigh Stud 18C01802 CC BOB. Just wins on ear drop. Close between 1&2. Winner has quality of head and ears alignment, good coat. Well presented. 2 Elegant Stud, Better body than winner, but tends to throw a little on ear. Quality head. Fabulous coat. Well presented also. 3 Mrs P J Atkinson.
 DWF AG 1: I Bunybarn Stud 18C01940. CC. Poor colour. Good body. Nice coat, good head and ears. Good bone, barring front leg.
 DWF STY 1: I Kezick Stud 18C01190. CC. Nice type. Good colour. Pleasing head and ears, to clear under.
 DWF AOC 1: I Emsleigh Stud 18C01470. CC. Super colour and coat. Nice head and ears. Best presentation.
 MINI REW 1: I Mrs E Bowes 18K04171. CC. Wins on ear placement and head. Good body. Tad soft in coat. Not bad presentation. 2 M Johnston. Falls head and ears. Good eye. Fair presentation. 3 M Johnston.
 MINI BLK/BLU 2: I Miss N Dearnley, 18K04033. CC. Good body head and ears, still young, good colour.
 MINI AG 3: I Mrs C Margerson. 18K03630. CC. Wins on body. Good head and ears, fair colour. 2 Bellamoure Stud. Lacks substance.
 MINI STY 4: I W H Parish. 18K02678. Stunning head and ears. Good colour. Super little body. Well presented. 2 Maltby & Newton. Little on head and ears. 3 Phantom Stud.
 MINI OTT 5: I Miss N Dearnley 18K02537. CC. Lazy on ears. Best coat and colour. Good head. 2 Miss V Brown. Lacks substance. Good colour. Nice



head.
 MINI AOC 11: I Springwood Stud. 18K02891. CC. BoB. Chin. Super colour, head and ears. Nice coat. Good body. 2 Maltby & Newton. Choc Tort. Nice body, little broken in places. 3 Springwood Stud.
 ENG AC 2: I Ruskin Stud 18H00440. CC. BoB. Good body shape. Good legs and tail. Ear shape is good, but substance is a little thin in places. Broken coated in place. Little chopped at rear end.
 FRENCH AG 6: I Lilybee Stud. 18H01010. CC. BoB. Easy winner. Stunning colour and coat. Good head and ears. Nice body. 2 Miss L Dobson. Good type, head and ears. Poor colour. 3 Rossendale Stud.
 FRENCH AOC 6: I Rossendale Stud. 18H00232. CC. Steel. Little mouly. But good substance and size. Nice head and ears. 2 Mrs R Sneath. Squirrel. Nice type. Fair coat. Good colour. 3 Mrs R Sneath.
 GERMAN REW 8: I S&D Germany. 18L00975. CC. BOB. Genuine youngster. Good profile. Good coat. Super head and ears. Good bone. May be young but all in the right places for me, just to mature in head. 2 P&E Salt. Just a little on finish in places. Super head and ears. Little on groin presentation. Wasn't always willing to put his head back into his shoulders neither. 3 P&E Salt.
 GERMAN AG 2: I Miss A Galloway. 18L00710. CC. Up to size. Nice coat. Little on ear placement. Good head. Tad groin. Little on belly colour. 2 Passwood Stud. Not substance in body of winner.
 GERMAN AOC 2: I Mrs L K Lapish. 18L00602. CC. BOB. Orange. Up to weight and size. Fair colour. Good head. Fair ears. 2 Passwood Stud. Steel. Too young to assess, lacking a little still at this stage.
 G CHALL LOP 79: I S&D Germany. REW German. 2 Springwood Stud. Chin Mini. 3 H J Childs. Sooty Mini Cashmere.
 JUN MINI LOP AC 4: I & 2. Miss N Dearnley. 3 Miss V Brown.
 JUN GERMAN LOP AC 1: I Miss A Galloway.
 JUN LOP CHALL 4: I Miss A Galloway. 2 & 3 Miss N Dearnley.

UNSTANDARDISED

S P WHINCUP

UNSTD LOP B/D 4: I Bluezak Stud unrun. Agouti. Good coat and ears shape. Good colour. Nice under. 2&3. Bluezak Stud.
 UNSTD CHALL 4: 1,2,3 Bluezak Stud.

FUR SECTION

MRS D L NICHOLSON

Many thanks for inviting me to judge. I loved it! A fabulous section, helped out by my loyal stewards and Sean on the book. Well done to A Jackson on best fur, pushed by a super Cali of Ray and Candy's. A lot of these were breaking over the weekend, so places will change in weeks to come. Thanks to Alexis for helping me read the rings with a torch, the light playing havoc with my eyes! Congratulations to all on a great show once again and thanks for the support. Well done everyone.
 ARG BLEU B/D 2: I Normel Stud 18D00545 CC. Lovely type, coat quality and colour, good top and under, will be nice. 2 Blacksmith Stud. Fair type and top, good coat where clear, fair under colour, good belly.
 ARG CHAM B/D 2: I Mrs S Doble 18G00313 CC. Fair type, still to fill out, excels colour, good coat and top. 2 Watsonian Stud. Well up to age, good coat and colour, fair top and under.
 ARG NOIR B/D 2: I S & S Godlonton 18D02704 CC. BoB. Smart baby, lovely colour and top, dense moving coat, good chest, belly and under, promising.
 CHIN B/D 3: I A J Carter 18D00706 CC. Good type, nice length of coat, good touch, good top colour, base could be richer, best balance all round today. 2 J E & P Kell. Fair type, nice coat quality where clear, fair top and definition, fair chest, feet and under. 3 Team Carey. Bold rabbit, not in coat today but where clear rich base colour through body, promising.
 HAV B/D 2: I Cap Stud 18D02599 CC. Lovely shape, neat head, ears and eye, even rich top colour, fair coat and base colour.
 LIL B/D 2: I Foxwood Stud 18D00007 CC. Nice type, fair colour top and base, nice feel to coat.
 SAB SIAM LT/MED B/D 1: I Cap Stud 18D02588 CC. Fair type, back end spoils, excels colour, good shading, saddle and feet, dense coat.
 SAB SIAM DK B/D 1: I Cap Stud 18D02608 CC. BoB. Lovely all round, good head, feet, saddle and belly, lovely touch to coat, just breaking now.
 SAB MART LT/MED B/D 1: I Cap Stud 18D01932 CC. Fair all round, good colour, fair coat, bright



points, good belly.
 SAB MART DK B/D 1: I Cap Stud 18D02607 CC. Fair type, back end spoils, dense coat, fair shading, bright points.
 SAT IV B/D 4: I T Brannon 18E00315 CC. BoB. A nice class, wins on coat, lovely movement and texture, good colour and good under, good type. 2 T Brannon. Touch on shoulder for type but very similar to winner, lovely colour and well satined. 3 Quad Stud. One I liked for type and colour, immaculate under, touch short coated for me, but well satined.
 MINI SAT IV B/D 2: I Everic Stud 18D01694 CC. Fair type, good colour and satination, fair touch to coat.
 SIB AOC B/D 5: I Nemesis Stud 18D02822. Very young to assess properly. 2 Nemesis Stud.
 SIL FOX BLK B/D 5: I Quad Stud 18D00156 CC. BoB. Has it all, will be a fabulous adult, excels coat and type. 2 Bere Rabbits. Fair all round.
 SIL FOX BLU B/D 1: I Watsonian Stud 18D02400 CC. Nice type, fair colour and coat, clean points, good under.
 SIL FOX CHOC B/D 2: I Watsonian Stud 18D01396 CC. Nice type, good colour and points, bright pea spots, good under, dense coat but with bite.
 SIL FOX LIL B/D 1: I Watsonian Stud 18D01564 CC. One I liked, good all round, lovely colour.
 SALL B/D 2: I Broadoak Stud 18L00518 CC. Two nice rabbits, bold, strong type, good bone and head, good colour top and sides, fair under colour, belly to come. 2 Broadoak Stud. Similar to winner, richer colour under, but not coat of winner.
 VIEN COL B/D 2: I A Jackson 18H01030 CC. Two very nice rabbits, wins on balance, lovely shape, dense moving coat, even colour all over, well done. 2 A Jackson. Very similar, touch darker and not as even in colour today but lovely coat, excels guard hair.
 AOV RV FUR B/D 1: I Bellamoure Stud 18D02893 CC. Glav. Again quite young but not phased, lovely colour all round, fair type, coat to come.
 ALAS B/D 2: I A J Carter 18L00205 CC. Two very fit rabbits, wins on brilliance of top colour and coat, strong shoulder, good type. 2 Miss A Germany. Bold rabbit, touch dull top and sides, fair under, good front and coat.
 BEVVHT B/D 1: I D Smith 18G00073 CC. BoB. Lovely type when settles, good head and eye colour, fair coat at present, good under.
 CALI NORM B/D 2: I Everit Stud 18L00036 CC. BoB. My handbag rabbit, lovely all round, good type, clean points, lovely touch to coat, well done. 2 Everit Stud. Not in coat today but lovely points and type.
 CHIN GI B/D 1: I A J Carter 18L00207. CC. Very promising, excels colour all round, good type, strong bone and good shoulder, fair coat and under.
 NZW B/D 3: I Winckles Family 18H00870 CC. BoB. Very nice doe, excels coat, what a proper NZ coat should be, good colour and immaculate under, just lacks shoulder for me.
 NZ BLK/BLU B/D 1: I Winckles Family 18H00868 CC. Bold type, even colour top, fair coat, good movement, good under.
 CN GI STL B/D 1: I Doubledee Stud 18J00200 CC. BoB. Bold type, lovely head and ears, strong shoulder and bone, good colour, coat to come.
 NORM FUR G CHALL 55: I A Jackson 18H01030. 2 Everit Stud. 3 Winckles Family.
 JUN AOV FUR 3: I Miss A Germany 18L00504.
 JUN FUR CHALL 3: I Miss A Germany 18L00504.

REX SECTION

MISS N C GOULD

Thank you to Bradford for asking me to judge the 3* show. The overall quality of the exhibits was very high throughout and this made the experience very enjoyable. Congratulations to Dean for going best rex and best in show with an excellent black rex.
 ERM REX B/D 4: I D R Ilett 18E02280 CC. Lovely rump and textured coat, clear and good under, shown clean. 2 Quad Stud. Good size and front, beaten on density of coat today. 3 Quad Stud.
 BLK REX B/D 15: I Caldean Stud 18E02078 CC. Very strong class, winning 3 stood out, wins on chest and under, fantastic colour, shape and rump, very promising rabbit, credit to owner. 2 Caldean Stud. 3 J A Venables.
 BLUE REX B/D 1: I Master C Miles 18E03157 CC. Very good size and bold head, lovely colour and under, lovely dense coat.
 SMK PRL REX AC B/D 2: I C Edge 18E02603 CC. Two close exhibits, wins on density of coat, lovely shadings, touch long in coat and could be cleaner. 2 C Edge.
 SEAL REX SIAM B/D 4: I K & C Marrows



18E03660 CC. Wins on shadings and density, great type, just to finish on bottom of rump. 2 K & C Marrows. 3 Ms A L Leadbitter.
 SEAL REX MART B/D 4: 1 Master S Bartle 18E03795 CC. Strong winner, lovely top and colour, clear under, just touch on bottom of flanks to clear, very promising exhibit. 2 & 3 Willowrex Rabbits.
 OTT REX AC B/D 8: 1 P J Lancaster 18E02214 CC. Good size, nice colour, ears just need a bit more coverage for me, lovely texture, good under. 2 Mrs S Wilde. 3 P J Lancaster.
 CHIN REX B/D 1: 1 WKD Simpson 18E02786 CC. Good banding, to finish under, good chest, type and texture.
 MINI REX ERM B/D 2: 1 Mrs M J Rylance 18B04828 CC. Wins on rump, lovely texture, good under and shown clean, good skull and ears. 3 Mrs M J Rylance.
 MINI REX BLK B/D 4: 1 Blackvelvet Stud 18B03926 CC. BoB. Lovely rump and shoulders, great colour throughout, very dense coat and bold skull. 2 & 3 Rameybec Stud.
 MINI REX BLU B/D 1: 1 Master C Miles 18B01677 CC. Good size, lovely colour to base, slightly rough under, needs time.
 MINI REX SAB/SEAL AC B/D 3: 1 J Thornton 18B05808 CC. Good density, clear under, slightly broken in coat, good colour. 2 Miss A Galloway. 3 A D Peacock.
 MINI REX OR B/D 4: 1 Master S Bartle 18B00244 CC. Wins on colour, very rich and good under, lovely texture, needs to build body, promising. 2 D R Ilett. 3 C E Wilding.
 MINI REX FWN B/D 2: 1 Miss T Wilding 18B05838 CC. Lovely colour and shine to coat, good base and under, promising.
 MINI REX OTT AC B/D 6: 1 Cedarhouse Stud 18B01019 CC. Lovely dense and textured coat, bold type, great colour, promising. 2 I E Dearnley. 3 Master C Miles.
 MINI REX CAST B/D 2: 1 D H Bramley 18B00753 CC. Good size and rump, just lacks richness of colour.
 MINI REX HIM AC B/D 2: 1 Miss K E Evans 18B04874 CC. Wins on coat, fair smut, slightly light, good type. 2 Miss K E Evans.
 MINI REX BRKN AC B/D 1: 1 A D Peacock 18B01573 CC. Lovely rump and pattern, lovely under and bold type, lovely dense coat, promising.
 MINI REX AOC B/D 3: 1 Broadoak Stud 18B04986 CC. Very good class, wins on banding, lovely dense coat and under, very promising. 2 Broadoak Stud. 3 Rameybec Stud.
 REX G CHALL 72: 1 Caldean Stud 18E02078. 2 Caldean Stud. 3 Master S Bartle.
 JUNIOR BLK REX 1: 1 Miss N Dearnley 18E02942.
 JUNIOR SAB/SEAL REX 1: 1 Master S Bartle 18E03795.
 JUNIOR AOC REX 1: 1 Master C Miles 18E03157.
 JUNIOR MINI REX AC 8: 1 Cedarhouse Stud 18B01019. 2 Master S Bartle. 3 Miss T Wilding.
 JUNIOR REX CHALL 11: 1 Master S Bartle 18E03795. 2 Cedarhouse Stud. 3 Master S Bartle.

Grand Rabbit Auction 2019

This year we welcomed to the stage on his 'Bradford' debut, Mr Luke Holmes from Scotland. An Auctioneer by trade, fanciers were certainly not disappointed by what can only be described as his fantastic show at 12noon on Sunday, which captivated the whole audience. A huge thank you to Luke, Sarah, and the Stewards: Fraser and Jenny Avill, Spencer Bartle, Charlie Gregory and Jimmy Gordon. On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank the exhibitors who kindly donated stock, the exhibitors who kindly bought stock and to our Auctioneer Luke who raised a fantastic grand total of £1,520, which will go towards the Rabbit Section prize money for 2020.

The highest lot sold was a Miniature Lop Sooty Fawn doe bred and donated by W.H Parish, pictured here with Auctioneer Luke Holmes.



Judges photographed by
Neil Robertson- to order prints see page 2



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Lot 4	Lilac Buck & Doe - I.L Ruffle	£60
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Lot 10	German Lop Agouti Buck - Miss A Galloway	£60
Lot 11	Miniature Rex Orange Buck - C.E Wilding	£80
Lot 12	Standard Rex Black Buck - Caldean Stud	£45
Lot 13	Dutch Blue Buck - P.D Keen	£100
Lot 14	Silver Grey Buck - A Belgian	£65
Lot 15	Netherland Dwarf Sable Siamese Buck - G.P&D.A Hodson	£140
Lot 16	Miniature Lop Sooty Fawn Doe - W.H Parish	£180
Lot 17	Standard Rex Ermine Buck & Doe - P&C.A Gray	£120
Lot 18	Miniature Rex Lynx Buck & Doe - Rameybec Stud	£85
Lot 19	Standard Rex Black Buck - Caldean Stud	£35
Lot 20	Dutch Black Buck- Brophy Bros	£65



INTERNATIONAL STAKES

Best in show judge was Mr John Porritt, President of the Rabbit Breeders Association of Victoria (Australia) photographed with his winners (below, left to right): 1st Clayborough Stud, pen 929 Seal Rex Marten. 2nd Mrs M Smith, pen 568 R E W French Lop. 3rd Mr J Bryant pen 293 R E W Polish. 4th Mrs A Nielson pen 723 Silver Fox Black. *Photos Neil Robertson, Simon Beynon, Brian Platt*



International Stakes

It was an absolute honour for me to judge Best In Show for the International Stakes section at this year's Bradford. A lifelong dream come true, to be on the same stage as Eddie and Garry, both icons of the fancy, means so much to me.

The introduction of the International Stakes has been a phenomenal success, due to the foresight and innovation of Laura and her team. Such a move really proves that the fancy is indeed International.

The final line up for me was out of this world, as each of the four exhibits was worthy of success. The Rex exhibit was my BIS, closely followed by the French Lop, Polish and the Silver Fox.

My thanks go to my stewards, together with Lisa, Laura and Lucy, for making this event the success it was.

- 1 Rex – T J & P Clayborough. Nice type, excels in texture and density, good colour.
- 2 French Lop – Mrs M Smith. Another beautiful animal, excels head, type and coat. Not much between the two.
- 3 Polish – K J Bryant. Nice rabbit, beautiful body and coat, I just felt that ear covering did not synchronise with the head, perhaps a little heavy.
- 4 Silver Fox - Mrs A J Nielson. A nice rabbit, nice type and colour, just not the wealth of coat today.

John Porritt



International section judges left to right: Mr J Hardin (Rex), Miss S Van Steenis (Normal Fur) Mr D Moll (Lop) Mr A Mesick (Fancy)

The Road to Bradford

by International Stakes fur winner Jeanette Nielson

For Foxites, the road to Bradford begins many months before in the shed when planning your mating dates. For me it actually began at Bradford 2018 when my buck Bertie went best Buck.

A show buck is not always the best breeding buck, but Bertie had good enough type and head I felt, so I put him back to his dam. A decent cobby head is just so vital in Foxes in my opinion. Look at your older rabbits and even though they have lost body weight because of their advancing years the head structure and shape will still be there – or ought to be if they are good stud bucks.

Ray Harrison used to say you have to have a litter every month to have a Fox in coat for Bradford and he is probably right but these days, due to pressure of work, I do not breed or show so much. I had a couple of litters of Black Foxes down, including the one that contained Barnaby, as I called him. (After 30 years of breeding Foxes sadly my originality on the name front has dried up!)

A fortnight before Bradford I looked at the five rabbits I had retained – I had entered three adults and thankfully it looked as if I might have three to take on the day. So the work started but if it's all down to the coat coming through at the right time and often the weather accounts for that. But as usual I practised handling and turning the rabbits and getting them to sit up and show themselves off.

On the Friday night, my son Hamish, daughter Henrietta and I set up the National Silver Fox stand – I have been doing that for 26 years now! I brought two rabbits down as I was worried about the weather, but Barnaby stayed at home to have that last night in his hutch and for me to go over him once more. Tactics you see.

On the Saturday it felt rather nice to walk in with just my one rabbit although I had three to groom but Foxes are generally clean rabbits, so I did not anticipate any problems. And the journey down had warmed up their coats nicely – funny how a car journey can do that, just seems to bring a coat through a touch more.

I was doing Peter Smith's book so obviously I did not get to handle Barnaby on the table at all and I had a very busy morning. But I was

chuffed to get 1st and 2nd Black buck – there is absolutely no feeling like being at Bradford and there are two rabbits left on the table and they are both yours! I ended up runner up Best Fox which I was quite happy with and I thought that would be it. I had a cheery afternoon taking subs and talking Fox to fellow fanciers.

On Sunday morning Hamish came back down with me and I left him on the stand whilst I went off to feed the rabbits. Barnaby was out of his pen and on the table. He appeared to be the top of the line – ok I thought I am either top or bottom and knowing my luck it will be the latter!

I could see him from the Fox stand so I kept looking up and that pen was still empty and Barnaby still at the top of that table. Eventually all the rabbits went back but no Barnaby in his pen. Could it be that he was on the stage – oh whooee!

I found him there, buried deep in shavings and feeling very proud of himself having won Best Fur in the International Stakes. **A far better result that I had ever dared hope and great for the Fox breed.**

When the International Stakes were judged I stood with my oldest friend in the Fancy, Candy Everitt. It is many years since we started travelling the length and breadth of the country showing our Foxes but we are both still here. You can't keep a Southern Belle down – or Northern Belle as I have been for the past 26 years.

Barnaby bounced around the table and sparked his stuff. He didn't get any further, but it really is the height of any fancier's ambition, seeing your rabbit on the stage at Bradford or London.

So, thank you to Hamish and Henrietta for all their support and feeding the stock when demands of commerce take me away from the shed, to Candy for always being there, to Peter Smith for keeping me at it, and congratulations to Jack Holdsworth, it really couldn't have happened to a nicer chap.

And thank you to Bertie and Barnaby, my own dynamic duo.

Jeanette Nielson,
Secretary, National Silver Fox Rabbit Club

International Best fancy winner Kenny Bryant writes:

Sunday had been a busy day with meetings; I had forgotten all about the International stakes classes till Louis Potter caught me in the car park to let me know I had won best fancy in the stakes classes.

I have since seen a video of the class being judged and have to thank Maddie Pratt for her expert stewarding of my wee doe. She is a stylish rabbit and a natural sitter but as everyone knows Polish have to be handled well and with confidence to

show themselves off to their best advantage.

Allen Mesick was equally up to the challenge and I thank him for his judging placing her at the top of the table over some good looking rabbits including Poles from Alex and Phil.

The winners were taken on to the best in show stage and stewarded by the respective judges. Allen had her posing her socks off and showing off her super shape. Kevin Kelly remarked how stylish she was.

It's seldom we get to see our rabbits posed from a distance, we are normally almost on top of them.

It was a top class line up and my doe got a very creditable third behind the rex and the lop beating the fox.

Many thanks to the Bradford committee headed by Laura for putting on another classic show and to all the International judges for their assessment of our stock



BEST CLUB STAND



The National Chinchilla Rabbit Club's winning stand



Club stand judges Pauline and Eddie Kell relax in garden area of the National Chinchilla Club's double display. Below: Club Stand shield is presented to Chairman Joe Carey and Secretary Anthony Carter.

Right: "most informative" was the National Cavy Club.

All photos by Neil Robertson





3 STAR WINNERS

Photos by Simon Beynon, Neil Robertson, Brian Platt



"You made me feel so proud" – an emotional Dean Short at the best in show presentation



Judge Garry Richardson and Show President Eddie Kell congratulate Dean Short (best in show) and Master C Gregory (runner up and also best junior)



Judge Garry Richardson



Best in Show

Mr G J RICHARDSON

Truly a great honour to be asked to judge at the Bradford 2019, a time I will cherish for years to come. An excellent show as always superbly managed by Laura and all her team. Many thanks to all the stewards and to the professional youngsters who stewarded for best Junior. To Lisa many thanks for a super job on the book. Again – a time to remember – thank you.

BEST IN SHOW 299: 1 Caldean Stud 18E02078. Black Rex. Lovely balanced rabbit well rounded, good ear covering, excels colour top and under. Superb coat throughout. 2 Master C Gregory. Classic Pole. Balanced, good stance etc., ear level, good bone, good coat, chest and belly. Well presented. 3 S J & D Germany. German REW. Good rounded type, good prep, good bone, coat developing, should make up. 4th A Jackson. Blue Vienna.

BEST JUNIOR 23: 1 Master C Gregory 18A00894. See above notes on 2nd Best in Show. 2 Master S Bartle. Seal Marten. Lovely type, balanced. Good body, well rounded, good ear cover. Good colour top and under, just a bit on chest. 3 Miss A Germany. Alaska. Good bold type, good body, head and shoulder, good bone, good colour. Just to finish – lovely stance. 4th Miss Antonia Galloway (German Lop)



The father and son partnership of Steve and Duane Germany



A Jackson on stage, and with his Vienna Blue



Congratulations to Bradford's Junior three-star champions

Photos by Neil Robertson, Simon Beynon



1st Pen 1151
Master Charlie
Gregory's
REW Polish



2nd Pen 1356
Master Spencer
Bartle's Marten
Seal Rex



3rd Pen 1318
Miss Alexis
Germany's
Alaska



4th Pen 1266
Miss Antonia
Galloway's
German Lop
Agouti

My dreams had come true ... AGAIN!

By Charlie Gregory

I was really looking forward to showing my rabbits at the Bradford Champs this year. I was very successful in the 2018 show going Best Junior in the 5* adult show, it was a dream come true.

I was so excited in the run up to the 2019 show, especially as I planned to show the daughter of my 2018 winner, Tina. I was just keeping everything crossed that she'd be fit for the day.

She is a REW Polish doe called Tinka. In the 3* show she went Best fancy & best junior fancy. I couldn't believe it! I felt so proud.

When the Sunday came, I was very excited and nervous in the lead up to the BiS judging. As the results were read out in reverse order for best junior, and Tinka was given first place, it was so overwhelming and my dreams had come true, AGAIN! Then for her to be awarded reserve BiS was just amazing, the best feeling EVER! I am so proud of her.

This year is my last year as a junior, and it is a year that I will never ever forget.

Thank you to the judges for thinking so highly of Tinka, and to my dad and step-mum for working so hard to help me achieve my dream.

Charlie



“It's been a hard last six months for me . . . this win has been a much needed boost”

Dean Short, Caldean Stud

Most people who know me well will know that it's been a hard last six months for me and I still have a long road ahead.

The distraction of Bradford was something to look forward to and I was determined for me and my girl friend Tracey to enjoy ourselves over the whole weekend – which we certainly did!

I don't keep a lot of rabbits – 9 at present – but when entries came out I had 6 to choose from with not a lot between them so I thought: just enter them all.

I had made my mind up to select the 3 star show as my main target for my own reasons which I will keep to myself and split my rabbits accordingly, having 3 in the young show and 3 in the adult show. I decided to steward for Natalie on the young table.

When the Black Rex class came to the table there were 15 really nice rabbits and as it went on I was placed 1st, 2nd and 4th – which I was pleased with – ending 1st and 2nd in the rex challenge. Half way to my goal!

On best in show day I sat in the crowd with Tracey and friend Will Dodge and as judging started I wasn't feeling very much (if I'm honest) after being left disappointed the previous year by finishing 4th. I thought 'what will be will be' as the places were called.

Down to 2nd – I was still calm – then when I realised had won I thought 'nice one', just pleased the judge liked it.

This win has been a nice boost for me and is much needed, and I would like to thank everyone for their congratulations.





CAVIES

"Cavy numbers well down" - manager Betty Crick

Best cavy in show:
Mark Rubery's Self PE Golden 5-8 sow.
All cavy photos by Steve Davies.



BEST IN SHOW judge Mette Lybek Ruelokke:

Many of the pigs in the BIS line-up were soft and had lost condition after a long show. Particularly the 3 u/5's were affected. However, the top three had the required solid bodies and excellent conditions so essential for a vet judge.

A clear BIS winner was the 5/8 PEG sow from Mark Rubery. She caught my eye from the first moment. An outstanding cobby body and muzzle and a perfect profile from nose to rear. Very short, well-prepared, silky coat. Very good deep golden colour. 2nd a massive adult Peruvian boar owned by David and Melanie Oulton. A bit jumpy, so did not present himself at his best. Very good length of coat and well-presented, excellent chops and coat density. BIS-3 went to David and Melanie Oulton's adult PEG sow. Outstanding size and substance, very good even colour, excellent profile and H/E/E. Very little between 2nd and 3rd. 4th went to a 5/8 Texel well-presented by Haystack Stud. Excellent coat texture and density. Not the firmness in body as the first 3. 5th place to a very nice PEG boar from Mark Rubery. Very good colour and head, needs more shoulder and a bit long in body. The u/5 Peruvian owned by David and Melanie Oulton got the 6th place. A very neat and genuine youngster, well presented, silky coat, but lacked a little in density. Very good head and eye. Bit soft and long in body. BIS-7 was awarded to Fahgoole Cavies 5/8 Silver Agouti. Very nice

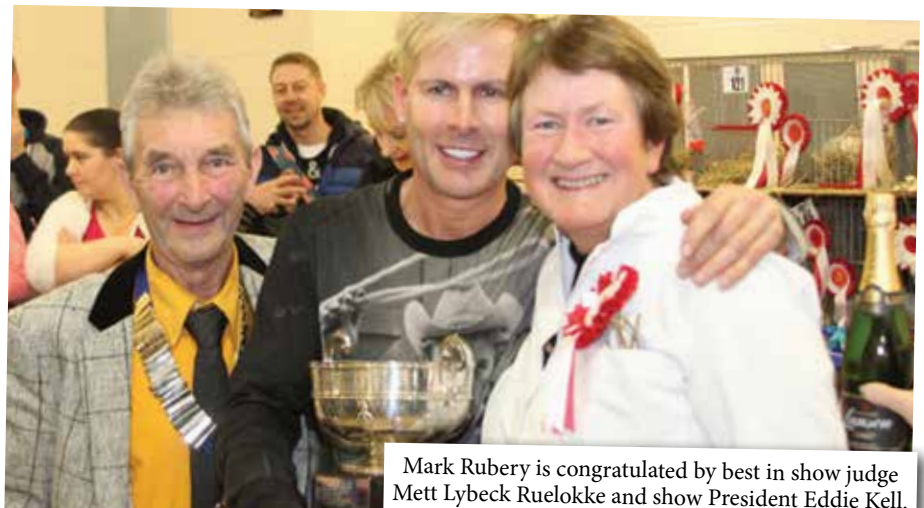
colour and even ticking apart from darker legs, but not the type and condition of the other winners.

Best juvenile

The prize for best juvenile went to Emma Williams' adult Rex boar. A fit and well-typed pig with very good harshness, erect coat and density.

Best RV Guide Standard

3 very nice and fit RV's awaited me in the line-up. There was very little between them. They all could have won on another day. After some consideration top honours went to the 5/8 Lunkarya from Gallagher & Nowell. Excelled in all coat points, a real beauty. Mette



Mark Rubery is congratulated by best in show judge Mette Lybeck Ruelokke and show President Eddie Kell.



Best Guide Standard: Gallagher & Nowell's Lunkarya 5-8. Runner up Best in Show: Melanie with David & Melanie Oulton's Peruvian adult boar.

Best junior exhibitor was Emma Williams, photographed with her winning Rex adult by her grandad Gareth Williams



Best in show judge Mette with cavy manager Betty Crick

Betty Crick reports:

Congratulations to all the exhibitors who got onto Victory row. It is quite an achievement to get to the last nine in the show, and nerve racking waiting for the BIS Judge to make their decision.

Special congratulations go to Mark Rubery who was our Best In Show 2019, with his 5/8 Pale Eyed Golden Sow. I am sure the photographs will show how beautiful it really is.

David and Melanie took the Best opposite variety to the winner with their Adult Peruvian Boar. A lot of hard work goes into producing longhairs and to get a boar to

Adult still In full coat is quite an achievement.

This year our numbers were well down and we had 423 in total in the end. Our judges all did a good job for us and I thank them as it can be a bit of an ordeal for a new judge at this prestigious show.

Derek and Anne Pike did a great job on the Auction with Derek starting very early in the year to get people to promise stock and then reminding them when ever he saw them, so it made a good show. Some breeds were not so popular and some prices were not so high but they still made a good profit.

For those who were there they would have seen the new judges stands that we had made, to use instead of travelling boxes and white cloths. These have a carpet top and the exhibits can get a better grip. These were purchased with some of the Auction money and other Cavy fund raising money. If anyone has any ideas as to what would be good in the Cavy section we can discuss them and get some costings.

Mr David Oulton announced for us but the acoustics are not good in our part of the hall and we did not have a microphone. Perhaps we could try a loudhailer.

I am at the moment finishing the list of judges for 2020 and have in mind the Centenary is not far away and we would all like some well respected judge for that show. If you have any suggestions of judges you would like to see judge at Bradford Premier Small Animal Show please let me know and please make sure they are on the NCC Executive panel and they can be considered.

I look forward to seeing you all at various shows and to give me or other committee members your feedback on the show.

Betty A Crick, Cavy Section Manager

- Betty's full report will be in the next issue of CAVIES magazine

CAVY JUDGES REPORTS

CAVY SECTION

Total Exhibits 423. BIS: Mark Rubery's PE Golden 5-8. Best N/Self: D & M Oulton's Peruvian adult

Self Adult

MR STEVE DAVIES

Thank you to Betty for the invitation, always a pleasure and privilege. Self judge Steve Davies comments: I last judged this section (then at Harrogate) ten years ago, back then the section entry was a healthy 93, with many large and high quality classes containing a dozen or more exhibits. These classes also saw many excellent and potential section winners which had to give way to Palemoon's stunning BIS winning PE White sow. A decade on, although a pleasure to judge it proved largely rather disappointing; my section entry was just over half of 2009's, with far fewer exhibitors (though 24 in my section wasn't too bad considering the number of exhibits) and bar the impressive PE Golden and a few others, the standard was a long way short of back then. Worryingly it wasn't just my section that was down in numbers and general quality but the whole Cavy Section; exactly 400 exhibits down on 2009 with many long time regulars not present, along with a number of other expectant entrants not exhibiting either.....very concerning indeed! Hopefully the Cavy Section in this, the most prestigious show in the fancy, will dramatically pick up very soon. Congratulations to Mark Rubery for his long overdue second Bradford BIS, a stunning pig.

BLACK BOAR 1: 1. T&A Dover, young adult, good size, very good muzzle, good coat, colour, shape, shoulder, width and eye, very nice type, a bit short on ears, well shown.

BLACK SOW 5: 1. & 2. T&A Dover. 1. Very good size, excels muzzle, very good coat, type, width, e/e, good colour and shape, unfortunately handled soft and lacked substance on shoulder but still a comfortable winner. 2. Greenmount Cavies, young adult, good size, very good muzzle, eye, expression

and coat but a bit long, good width and type, nice shape, promising youngster. 3. Good all round with lovely expression and well shown, fair shoulder again held her back. (4 exhibitors).

PE WHITE 3: 1. D&M Oulton, boar, very good size, excels muzzle, width, eye and expression, very good type and ears, good coat, nice colour, however, despite the stunning head he was spoilt at present by very long body shape and fair shoulder. 2. & 3. Absent. (3 exhibitors).

DE CREAM No entries.

PE GOLDEN BOAR 6: 1. Mark Rubery, very good size, very fit, excels muzzle and width, very good shape and eye, good shoulder, ear, coat and prep, cobby body, an impressive boar but a shade light in colour which prevented him challenging for the section win, however, won the class on overall balance, quality and in particular body shape. 2. Taylor & Long, young adult, good size, excels muzzle and width, very good coat, type, e/e and expression, good shape and shoulder, even very rich (a bit too rich) top colour; a bit light flanks under colour, a quality young boar. 3. Andrew McDonnell, very good size, excels muzzle and width, very good coat, e/e, good top colour and shape, well shown, another super boar just not the shape of the first two. The three remaining pigs, two from D&M Oulton and one from Simon Neesam were also very fine examples but just didn't show themselves off to their best. (5 exhibitors).

PE GOLDEN SOW 5: 1. & 2. D&M Oulton, two super sows that took Section AC 1 & 2. 1. Very good size, very fit, excels muzzle and width, very good and level top colour, type, shape, shoulder, e/e, good coat and prep. Best in Section; unfortunately lost some condition for BIS judging the following day but was placed a credible third. 2. Very good size, fit, excels muzzle, width, eye and expression, very good coat, type, shape and ear; good shoulder and top colour, a bit light under on flanks, well shown, another top quality sow with slighter better head shape and glamour but not quite the shape or colour, an extremely close decision saw her just miss out on Victory Row for the second

successive year (5-8 Section Winner 2018). 3. & 4. Mark Rubery, peas in a pod, both top sows being extremely similar to the second placed pig. 5. Andrew McDonnell, another super sow which was exceptionally well shown, just not quite the head or shape of the Fab Four. (3 exhibitors).

PEW/B/DEC/PEG CHALL 20: 1. & 2. D&M Oulton, PEG sows, 3. & 4. Mark Rubery, PEG sow & boar, 5. Taylor & Long, PEG boar, 6. Mark Rubery, PEG sow, 7. T&A Dover, Black sow.

CHOCOLATE 4: 1. Cavendish Stud, sow, small adult, good colour top and under, good coat, muzzle, width, e/e, very nice type, shape and shoulder, well shown. 2. Nete Dietrich, boar, very good coat, nice size, good muzzle, width, shape, shoulder, e/e, well shown, however, fair type and a bit light colour top and under cost first place. 3. Sheila Hendry, sow, good muzzle, width, e/e, nice type and colour, fair shape and shoulder, handles soft, long front nails, very long in coat. (3 exhibitors).

LILAC 4: 1. Mike Bebbington, sow, very young small adult, very good coat but a bit long and very small break centre back, good shape, shoulder, muzzle, width, type, e/e, very good and even colour top and under, a pretty and quality youngster. 2. & 3. Sheila Hendry, 2. Boar, fit, nice size, good shape, shoulder and top colour which was even, very nice under colour, coat and prep, nice muzzle, width, type, e/e. 3. Sow, small adult, good muzzle, width, type, e/e, nice coat and top colour, fair shape and shoulder; could be fitter. (3 exhibitors).

BEIGE 3: 1. & 2. Gill Elding, sows. 1. Young adult, fit, even but a bit dark top colour, a bit light flanks under colour, good shape, e/e, very nice muzzle and width, thin coat centre back. 2. Young adult, dark even top colour, a bit light flanks under colour, very nice muzzle, width, e/e, nice type and coat but long, fair shoulder, handles soft. 3. Sheila Hendry, boar, young adult, fit, nice top colour but uneven, nice muzzle, width, type, e/e, only fair greasy coat, needs time to fill out. (2 exhibitors).

RED 3: 1. & 2. & 3. Harmony Cavies. 1. Boar, good size, fit, good colour, e/e, nice muzzle, width, type and shape, very good coat, very well shown. A good boar, just not the head qualities to beat the Lilac an Choc. 2. Boar, very similar to winner but not as rich colour. 3. Sow, nice size, very fit, very nice all round, just starting to sable in colour and slight odd set ears spoilt. A good and as also immaculate team from dedicated Sue, the fancier needs more like you! (1 Exhibitor).

C/L/B/R CHALL 14: 1. Mike Bebbington, Lilac, 2. Cavendish, Choc, 3. Harmony, Red, 4. Nete Dietrich, Choc.

BUFF 3: 1. K&J Phillips, sow, small adult, very good eye and expression, good muzzle, width, type, ear and top colour, light under colour on flanks, fair shape and shoulder, a bit long in coat. 2. Maggie Sellars, boar, good size, width and muzzle, very nice top colour, nice shape, shoulder and eye, hemmed ear. 3. No Award. (3 Exhibitors).

SAFFRON 1: 1. Megan Sheeran, sow, good ears, very nice top colour, light under colour on flanks, nice coat but a bit long and uneven being thin centre back, nice muzzle, width, type and eye, fair shape and shoulder, long nails, very thin belly.

DE GOLDEN 2: 1. Gallagher & Nowell, sow, very young adult, fit, very good coat, shape, shoulder, muzzle, width, eye, expression and rich even top colour, good type and under colour, just lifts one ear which spoilt but still a lovely sow, great to see the vast improvement you've made/ or making on this breed. 2. Absent. (2 exhibitors).

DE WHITE 5: 1. & 2. & 3. Haydon Wines, sows. 1. Very good adult, fit, very clean with very good coat and colour, lovely eye and expression, good muzzle, width, type, shape and ear, fair substance on shoulder, well shown, promising. 2. Small adult, very clean with a very good coat, lovely eye and expression, good muzzle, width, type and colour, very nice shape, very well shown, promising but needs time to fill out. 3. Good size, fit, very good coat, good e/e, very nice muzzle and width, fair shoulder, a bit thin on belly, well shown. Another good team from Haydonn but they need time. (2 Exhibitors).

PE CREAM 3: 1. & 2. Taylor & Long, sows. 1. Very good size, very fit, excels muzzle and width, very good shape, type, e/e, good and even colour top

and under, good shape and shoulder, a bit thin on belly, well shown, impressive and classy sow that really challenged the PEG sows. 2.Very good size, fit, very good and even top colour, good under colour, very good muzzle and width, good type, shape and eye, nice ears, a bit thin on belly, another quality PEC. 3. David Drake, sow, very fit, good muzzle, width, type, shape, e/e, level but a bit rich top colour, good under colour, fair shoulder, unlucky to meet the first two. (2 exhibitors). SLATE 1: Absent.

BLUE 4: 1. Annette Creutzberg-Mikkelsen, sow, good size, very fit, excels muzzle and width, very good shape, type, e/e and even colour top and under, good shoulder, a bit thin on belly, well shown, super example on the breeds UK Full Standard debut, at lunch time this was a possible shock in the making for the section winner; however, she just lost a bit of condition and didn't quite match the head qualities or presence in the challenge. 2. Evelyn van Vliet, sow, very good size and coat, very fit, very good muzzle, width, e/e, good shape, shoulder, type and colour top and under, well shown, another fine example very unlucky to meet the classy winner. 3. Harmony Cavies, sow, good size, fit, very good colour top and under, good coat, muzzle, width, type, shape and ear, could have a bolder eye, fair shoulder. (3 exhibitors).

BU/SA/DEG/DEW/PEC/SL/BL CHALL 19: 1&3 Taylor & Long, PE Creams, 2.Annette Creutzberg-Mikkelsen, Blue, 4. Evelyn van Vliet, Blue. BOAR AC CHALL 14: 1-5 All PE Golden, 6.T&A Dover, Black. SOW AC CHALL 38: 1&2 D&M Oulton, PE Golden, 3. Taylor & Long, PE Cream, 4&5 Mark Rubery, PE Golden, 6. Annette Creutzberg-Mikkelsen, Blue. CHALL AC B/S 52: 1&2 D&M Oulton, PE Golden sows, 3. Taylor & Long, PE Cream sow.

Self 5/8

MISS AMY HEALE

Thank you to Betty for the invitation to judge this prestigious show. The poor total entry was very worrying, hopefully it'll improve next year. I had mixed quality of pigs to judge. The PE Golden sow class was excellent, the first two of which were exceptional and went first and second in section, with David & Melanie's very close to the BIS winner, congratulations Mark.

BLACK BOAR 1: 1. Kaleidoscope Cavies, fairly good profile, nice coat, shape, muzzle, h/e/e, needs to fill out.

BLACK SOW 4: 1,2&3 T&A Dover. 1. Nice shape, h/e/e and coat but a bit long. 2. Nice colour, coat, shape, h/e/e, a bit flat head profile, static. 3. Nice head and eye, fairly good profile, odd set ears. (2 exhibitors).

PEWHITE 3: 1. D&M Oulton, sow, very nice shape, head, muzzle and eye, slightly short ears, needs more shoulder. 2&3 Absent. (3 exhibitors).

PE GOLDEN BOAR 4: 1. D&M Oulton, well up to age, lovely h/e/e, muzzle and head profile, nice coat but a bit long, long in body held back. 2. Pengay Pigs, nice head, muzzle, e/e, fairly even colour, quite nice shape. 3. Simon Neesam, well up to age, nice shape, coat, h/e/e, plainer head (4 exhibitors).

PE GOLDEN SOW 10: 1&3 Mark Rubery. 1. Very fit, excels h/e/e and shape, good coat and even rich colour, well shown; Beautiful pig that won a very strong class; she held her condition the following day and went on to a well deserved BIS. 2.D&M Oulton, fit, excels shape, very good muzzle, head and eye, nice ears but just a bit high, good colour, another very good quality sow, very unlucky to meet the winner. 3. Excels head, muzzle, eye and shape, nice ears but a bit high, even colour, nice coat. 4. Andrew McDonnell, excels coat and preparation, good head, muzzle and eye, slightly high ears, nice colour. (7 exhibitors).

PEW/B/DEC/PEG CHALL 22: 1. Mark Rubery, PEG sow, 2,3&4 D&M Oulton. 2. PEG sow, 3. PEG boar, PEW sow.

CHOCOLATE 3: 1. Cavendish Stud, sow, excels coat, good colour, fairly good head, nice shape, muzzle and eye, slightly odd set ears. 2&3 Nete Dietrich. 2. Sow, nice head, fair eye, slightly high ears, long in coat. 3. Boar, quite nice h/e/e, fairly good shape, long in coat. (2 Exhibitors).

LILAC 4: 1&2 Sheila Hendry. 1. Sow, nice h/e/e and shape, fair profile, long in coat. 2. Sow, nice h/e/e and shape, fair profile, quite nice coat. 3. Mike Bebbington, boar, slightly uneven colour, nice type and shape, hem to one ear, long in coat, could use more substance. (3 exhibitors).

BEIGE 3: 1&2 Gill Elding, sows. 1. Nice h/e/e, shape and colour, long in coat. 2. Very nice eye, nice coat, head and ear, a bit light but even colour, quite nice shape. 3. David Drake, boar, nice h/e/e and shape, very long in coat (2 exhibitors).

RED 3: 1. Harmony Cavies, sow, excels preparation, nice colour, shape, h/e/e. 2&3 Absent. (2 exhibitors).

C/L/B/R CHALL 13: 1&4 Gill Elding, Beige, 2&3 Sheila Hendry, Lilac.

BUFF 3: 1. K&J Phillips, sow, young, nice h/e/e, fair shoulder, long in coat, needs more substance. (3 exhibitors).

SAFFRON 3: 1. Gill Elding, boar, excels h/e/e and muzzle, a touch dark but even colour, needs a bit more condition, long in coat. 2. David Drake, boar, nice h/e/e, dark colour, long in coat and body,

needs more substance. (3 exhibitors).

DE GOLDEN 1: 1. Gallagher & Nowell, boar, nice coat, colour, h/e/e and muzzle.

DEWHITE 2: 1. Haydon Wines, sow, nice colour, h/e/e and shape, a bit long in coat, needs more condition. 2. Maggie Sellars, sow, nice h/e/e, fair colour, long in coat, break in coat centre back. (2 exhibitors).

BLUE 6: 1&2 Annette Creutzberg-Mikkelsen, sows. 1. Lovely h/e/e and shape, good condition and shoulder, slightly dark but even colour, a lovely pig. Best AOC. 2. Fit, nice coat, colour, condition, shape, h/e/e, a nice pig. 3. Evelyn van Vliet, boar, lovely coat, nice colour, shape, h/e/e. (4 exhibitors).

BU/SA/DEG/DEW/PEC/SL/BL CHALL 15: 1&4. Annette Creutzberg-Mikkelsen, Blue, 2. Gallagher & Nowell, DEG, 3. Haydon Wines, DEV.

BOAR AC CHALL 14: 1. D&M Oulton, PEG, 2. Gallagher & Nowell, DEG, 3. Kaleidoscope Cavies, Black, 4. Gill Elding, Saffron.

SOW AC CHALL 36: 1. Mark Rubery, PEG, 2&3 D&M Oulton, PEG & PEW, 4.T&A Dover, Black. CHALL AC B/S 50: 1. Mark Rubery, PEG sow, 2,3&4 D&M Oulton, PEG sow, PEG boar & PEW sow.

Self U/5

MR BERNARD WILES

The cavy section was, I'm afraid, somewhat disappointing. The entry was well down, the quality of much of the stock in my section was mediocre at best and many long-standing fanciers were not present. Nevertheless I enjoyed the weekend and the company of those old and new friends who were in attendance and particularly pleased to meet up with a very dear friend, Noreen Handley. My thanks to Sue Francis for being my scribe and steering me through some difficult moments with the challenges.

BLACK BOAR 1: 1 Greenmount Cavies – Good condition, short coat, nice balance to head, good shoulder, shade long in body at present.

BLACK SOW 5: 1&2 T&A Dover – Fit with well prepared coat, fairly good shoulder, well-balanced head qualities, easy winner of class. Fit coby pig, good width and eye, fair shoulder, ears spoil. 3 Cleveland Cavy Stud – Just a baby but in good condition with fair shoulder, bold eye & fair ear set, rather plain at present.

PEWHITE 7: 1 Melanie Bell – Very good coat of fair length, bold eye, good width & ears. 2 David Drake – Good coat, condition & preparation, bold eye, ears spoil. 3 David & Melanie Oulton – Fair condition, good coat, bold eye, ears spoil.

BEIGE 1: 1 Sheila Hendry – Good condition, well prepared with good even colour, good balance to head, skirt on left side.

PE GOLDEN BOAR 5: Best class by far, with all five exhibits well prepared and in good condition. 1 Mark Rubery – Quality coat with Good head eye & ear, won on overall balance. 2&3 David & Melanie Oulton – Lovely body shape and coat, best head width in class, just not the overall balance of winner. Stable mate: Lovely coat, just not the width & balance of the first two.

PE GOLDEN SOW 2: 1 David & Melanie Oulton – Fit cobby pig, excellent well prepared coat of lighter shade, bold eye with good balance, lacked presence. 2 Simon Neesam – Good condition, lovely well prepared coat, bold eye, fair width, little soft on shoulder, slight imbalance to ears.

DE GOLDEN 2: 1&2 Gallagher & Nowell – both pigs had good well-prepared coats, the winner having bolder eyes and better balance.

LILAC 2: 1 Sheila Hendry – Good condition, shape, colour, width and eye, with a quality coat, rather untidy ear set. 2 Absent

CHOCOLATE 3: 1 Cavendish Stud – Although just a baby and therefore needing more time still managed to win on coat quality and overall balance 2 Sheila Hendry – Fair condition, good colour, rather long in coat and failed head qualities. 3 Neta Dietrich – Fair condition, good colour and eye, needed preparation, very untidy ear set.

RED 4: 1,2&3 Harmony Cavies – All three well prepared with good coats, the winner having a rich top colour, bold eye and very nice overall balance.

BUFF 2: 1 Megan Sheeran – Quite good condition, even well prepared top, good eye, fair width and ears. 2 Foxtales Stud – Fair condition, well prepared even top but a shade light, bold eye, skirts both flanks.

SAFFRON 1: 1 Megan Sheeran – Very fit, good shoulder, quality coat but a shade dark, bold head, good eye, untidy ears.

BLUE 3: 1 Evelyn van Vliet – Good condition and shoulder, beautifully prepared, good colour, won class on balance and profile. 2 Annette Crutzberg – Good condition and shape, fair shoulder, good colour and coat good balance to head except left ear. 3 Evelyn van Vliet – Good condition, shape, shoulder, colour and coat, shade long in head.

CHALL LILAC/BEIGE/CHOC/RED/BLUE: 1 Harmony Cavies – Red. 2 Evelyn van Vliet – Blue. 3 Sheila Hendry – Lilac.

CHALL BUFF/SAFFRON/DE GOLDEN: 1 Megan Sheeran – Saffron. 2 Megan Sheeran – Buff. 3 Gallagher & Nowell – DE Golden.

CHALL BLACK/PE WHITE/DE CREAM/PE GOLDEN/AC u/5: The PE Golden boar breed class was far too strong for the other colours resulting in: 1 Mark Rubery. 2 & 3 David & Melanie Oulton.

N/Self Adult

M G ATKINSON

Best coated David & Melanie Oulton (Peruvian boar). Best marked/ticked A & G Cooke (Black Fox sow).

It is always an honour to be asked to judge at this show, though the entry was disappointing with numbers well down on other years. Well done to David & Melanie Oulton on winning best coated with their Peruvian board which went on to best non self and runner up to best in show. Thanks to my stewards and to Sarah for doing my book.

ABY BRINDLE/TORT: 1 David & Melanie Oulton. Very nice Aby, well laid out with good rosettes, good depth of coat and nice straight ridges. 2 Andrew Sparkes. Good pig with nice depth of coat, well placed rosettes and good ridges. Just a shade flat to collar. 3 Simon Neesam. Well laid out with nice rosettes, just a little weak on ridges.

ABY TORT/WHITE: 1 Derek Pike. Nice wealth of coat, but a little soft, shade flat to back ridge.

ABY ROAD: 1 Andrew McDonnell. Well placed rosettes, good wealth of coat, nice mane, just a little flat to collar. 2 Sheila Hendry. Well laid out with good ridges, step in collar spoils and double on rump.

TEDDY BI/AG BI: 1 & 2 Topsy Cavies. Good all round eddy with lovely dense even coat of good texture, nice type and well shown. 2 Good dense, springy coat, good belly, just a little uneven on shoulder.

TEDDY TRI/AG TRI: 1,2 & 3 Riggs Head Cavies. Young adult, well shown, very good coat qualities, good belly and nice type. 2 Good type with even coat, just a shade soft. 3 Nice type, good texture coat, just a little thin on shoulder.

TEDDY ROAN/AOC: 1 Chambleu Cavies. Nice pig with good head, eye and ear, even coat but shade soft.

ENG CREST B/W/C: 1 Clare Sheeran. Black, very nice head, eye and ear, fair crest, just a shade open centre, needs more grooming.

ENG CREST AOC: 1 Melanie Bell. Golden. Good pig with good head, eye and ear and a very nice crest. 2 P & D Nunn. Golden. Good type with very nice crest with a pin point centre. 3 P & D Nunn. Golden. Very fit with good type and crest and very good ears.

AM CREST GOLD: 1 Chris Fay. Very fit, lovely round crest with nice type, fair colour. 2 Chris Fay. Again very fit, good type, full crest with good colour, shade long in coat. 3 D & C Payne. Good type, nice crest with pinpoint centre, fair coat and colour.

AM CREST AOC: 1 D & C Payne. Very nice head, eye and ear, good colour, nice crest, shade long in coat.

REX AG: 1 L & P Cavies. Good head, eye and ear, good dense coat of nice texture and good under. 2 A & J Taylor. Nice eye and ear, good texture, just a little open in coat and wearing under. 3 A & J Taylor. Good head, eye and ear, fair rexing but a shade soft.

REX AG BI 1: 1 GMK Cavies. Nice even coat, good under, well shown, wins on texture. 2 L & P Cavies. Very nice type, even coat and good belly. 3 Leah Peck. Very nice type, fair texture and density, shade uneven in coat and a little thin under.

REX AOC: 1 Emma Williams. Lovely type, good under but soft coated.

SOLID SATIN: 1 Ali's Cavies. Shade small for adult, nice rich even colour with good satinsation, little long in coat.

SATIN AOV: 1 & 2 Blue Rose Cavies. Himalayans. Both fit with good type and fair satinsation, nice points and good body colour; just preferred the winner on smut and contrast.

SHORT HAIR COATED CHALL: 1 David & Melanie Oulton. Aby. 2 Topsy Cavies. Teddy. 3 Riggs Head Cavies. Teddy.

PERUVIAN: 1 David & Melanie Oulton. Big fit adult with good wealth of coat and good length. Nice texture with good frontal. Clean and well presented.

SHETLIE: 1 Gill Elding. Well presented, very good head, eye and ear, nice chops, nice texture with good sweep, just a shade weak on sides.

TEXEL: 1 Cavendish Stud. Young adult as yet lacking a little in length, lovely dense even coat of good texture and well shown.

LONG HAIR COATED CHALL: 1 David & Melanie Oulton. Peruvian. 2 Gill Elding. Sheltie. 3 Cavendish Stud. Texel.

COATED CHALL AV: 1 David & Melanie Oulton. Peruvian. 2 David & Melanie Oulton. Aby. 3 Topsy Cavies. Teddy.

TORT & WHITE: 1 Beach House Cavies. Nice try, good line top and under, three colours each side, fair patches, white just runs round rear. 2 Optimist Stud. Nice patches top with three colours each side, runs under and a little brindling. 3 Optimist Stud. Very fit, lovely colour, long patch spoils and white runs over shoulder.

DUT RED: 1 Andrea Gallagher. Well balanced pig, lovely checks, fair saddle and short but even stops, touch of flesh ear.

BLK HIM: 1 Bluezak Stud. Good type, nice smut, fair body colour, nice front feet but off on back feet.

AOC HIM: 1 L & P Cavies. Good type, nice smut and good feet, slight body stain. 2 L & P Cavies. Again nice smut, four foot feet, very fit, body

stain spoils.

ROAN: 1 Rosemarie Freeman. Black. good type, solid head and four good feet, nice roaring on top but lighter on belly.

FOX BLK: 1 A & G Cooke. Fit with good coat, good top colour and belly, four nice feet, nice head markings and fair facing, best marked/ticked. 2 A & G Cooke. Darker pig with good belly but not the feet or pea spots of the winner.

MARK/TICK CHALL: 1 A & G Cooke. Fox. 2 Beach House Cavies. Tort/White. 3 L & P Cavies. Choc Him.

N/Self 5/8

JANET SAYNOR

What an honour to be asked to judge at the Bradford Small Livestock Society show at Doncaster Racecourse for the very first time. Thank you to Betty for inviting me. First of all how would I get over not being able to exhibit there?! But with numerous stock shows the following day I had plenty of opportunity. The experience gave me the chance to view the situation from the other side of the judging table and both myself and my book steward encountered difficulties with the boar and sow challenges and many exhibits not being entered right through – problems I had not envisaged as an exhibitor. (Maybe we shouldn't have partied so well the previous night!) We got there in the end but it was time consuming and I think I've reported the challenge places as if they were block entries? Thank you to Nicky Lockett on my book and to Don and Carol Payne for stewarding. Also thanks to Betty and her team for running the cavy section at this great, historic and prestigious show. Many hours are dedicated to this, not just on the weekend but during the days, weeks and months beforehand and we should make sure that their hard work is appreciated.

It was unfortunate that the entry figures were not as high as they could have been this year but hopefully everyone can work together to reverse this trend and safeguard the cavy section in time for the show's centenary in two years time.

Congratulations to Haystack Stud and Fahooge Cavies for coming 4th and 7th respectively overall in the BIS judging with two very worthy exhibits.

SHORT COATED
ABY BRINDLE/TORT&WHITE: 1 Andrew McDonnell. Brindle boar. Big fit pig. Very good mane and head furnishings. Good centres, depth and texture. Wins on depth. 2 Andrew Sparkes. Brindle boar. Good size and condition. Good layout, rosettes, ridges, collar and mane. 3 Sheila Hendry. Brindle boar. Well set out with good mane and head furnishings. Lacks depth on saddle rosettes compared to winning two and a little soft.

ABY ROAN: All boars 1 Andrew McDonnell. Good size and condition. Very good layout. Good depth and centres. Good ridges, mane and head furnishings. 2 Cavy Palace Pigs. Good head furnishings, collar and mane. Good rear rosettes. Good depth of coat but rather long cast. Large double on side. 3 Sheila Hendry. Good body shape and condition. Slightly flat on sides and saddle but very nice rear rosettes.

ABY SELF: 1 Andrew Sparkes. Red boar. Really nice body shape and condition. Well set out with good centres. Very good collar. Good mane, head furnishings and depth.

TEDDY SOLID/AGOUTI. 1. Riggs Head Cavies. PE Golden boar. Good size, body shape and condition. Good head, eye and ear. Short even coat of very good density, texture and direction. Coat just spoiled by scurfiness.

TEDDY BI/AGOUTI BI. 1. Wendy Laverick. Boar. Good shape, size and condition. Very nice head for boar, good eye and ear. Good density, texture, direction and belly. Tad long in coat. Good cap. 2. Pengay Pigs. Gold/white boar. Good size, shape and condition. Good head, eye and ear but a slightly crusty eye. Very good density and texture. Good belly.

TEDDY TRI/AGOUTI TRI. 1. Topsy Cavies. Clear winner of a big class, went on to win best in section. A big sow with a beautiful coat with very good length, texture, density and direction. Very good head, eye and ear. Very well presented. 2&3. Wendy Laverick. 2. A younger sow so coat not as well developed but good density, texture, direction and belly. Good head, lovely eye and ear. 3. Big fit boar and clean. Very good density and texture. Good direction. Fair head, good eye and ear.

TEDDY ROAN/AOC. 1&2 Topsy Cavies. 1. Big fit boar, still long in body. Good head, eye and ear. Beautiful short, even coat of very good density and texture. 2. Sow with good body shape, size and condition. Good head, eye and ear. Good density, texture, direction and belly. Just slightly thin on shoulder. 3. Pen 421. Big fit boar with a lovely coat but direction still developing. Very good head, eye, ear and belly. Lovely texture.

ENGLISH CRESTED AOC. 1. Clare Sheeran. DE Golden sow. Good body shape and condition. Young pig but fit. Lovely coat but slightly long. Very good colour, good belly and feet. Very good crest and very good head, eye and ear. 2. GMK Cavies. PE Golden Sow. Very nice body shape, size and condition. Fair head, good eye and ear. Very good crest. Good colour and coat. 3. P&D Nunn. DE Golden sow. Good body shape, size and condition. Fair head, good eye and ear. Very good colour, belly and feet. Good depth to crest but could be bigger.

AMERICAN CRESTED GOLD. 1.D&C Payne. Lovely full crest. Very good body shape, size and condition. Very good coat and colour. Good head, eye, ear and shoulder.

REXAGOUTI. 1.Marave Stud. Silver boar. Very good size, shape and condition. Good head, eye and ear. Very even coat with good density and texture. 2.Leach Peck. Boar. Younger pig not at same stage of development but shows promise. Very good density and texture with good harshness. Good belly. Good head, eye and ear.

REX AGOUTI BI. 1. Leach Peck. Boar. Good size, shape and condition. Good even coat with good density and texture. A bit long in coat at rear. Good belly. Good head, eye and ear. Three absentees in this class.

SOLID SATIN. 1.Kazerian Kavies. DE Cream boar. Good satination and colour. Good coat but long. Fair head, good eye and ear.

SATIN AOV. 1.Blue Rose Cavies. Black Himalayan sow. Good satination with excellent markings. Some body shading to rear but good contrast. Fair head, lovely ears. Very small but fit with good condition. Lovely coat.

SHORT HAIR COATED CHALLENGE. 32 entries. 1.Tipsy Cavies Teddy tri colour. 2.D&C Payne American Crested. 3.Clare Sheeran English Crested. 4&5 Andrew McDonnell 4.Brindle Aby. 5.Roan Aby. 6.Marave Stud Rex Agouti. 7.Wendy Laverick Teddy bi colour.

LONG COATED.

PERUVIAN. 1&2. David & Melanie Oulton. 1. Older pig so more coat. Very good size shape and condition. Excellent frontal. Good head and ear, very good eye. Excellent chops and density – more so on shoulders than sweep. Lovely texture. 2.Lovely round shaped coat of even length. Excels texture and density, more so on sides than sweep. Very clean and well presented. Lovely body shape, size and condition. Good frontal and good even chops. Very good head and eye, good ears.

SHELTIE. 1.Gill Elding. Excellent cobby body shape. Very good presentation. Lovely head, eye and ear. Very good even chops. Even coat of good length. Good density, very nice texture. Good belly. Clean. Won narrowly on chops. 2.D&C Payne. Lovely cobby body shape. Very nice head, eye and ear. Beautiful presentation and texture. Very even coat length with very nice all round density. Very good sweep. Good even chops and good belly. 3.Low Moorside Cavies. Good body shape, size and condition. Good chops, coat length, density and texture. Not the evenness of coat or presentation of winning two.

ALPACA. Very difficult class to split. 1.Haystack Stud. Younger pig. Good overall round shape to coat and beautifully presented. Good body shape, size and condition. Very good all round density with good curl and lovely belly. Very good texture. Very even frontal and chops. Good head, eye and ear. 2.Marave Stud. Very good body shape, size and condition. Good even frontal, good chops, lovely head, eye and ear. Very good all round density with good curl. 3.Whitehouse-Lowe & Leach. Very good size, shape and condition. Nice even frontal, good head, eye and ear. Very well presented with good round shape to coat. Good all round density with well covered curly belly and good curl to coat. Very nice texture. All very good examples of the breed.

MERINO/TEXEL. 1. Haystack Stud. Genuine youngster. Gold and white Texel sow. Lovely round shape to coat and excellent presentation. Excellent chops, lovely head, eye and ear. Excellent all round density with good curl and excellent belly. Really clean. Lovely young pig, very appealing, shown to perfection, went best in section. 2.Susanne Bornelov. Texel slate boar. Older pig. Excellent all round density with good curl. Very good presentation. Very good chops. Very good texture. Rather flat on belly.

LONGHAIR COATED CHALLENGE. 10 entries. 1.Haystack Stud Texel. 2&3. David & Melanie Oulton Peruvians. 4.Gill Elding Sheltie. 5.D&C Payne Sheltie. 6.Haystack Stud Alpaca. 7.Marave Stud Alpaca. **CHALLENGE AV COATED.** 1.Haystack Stud Texel. 2&4. David & Melanie Oulton Peruvians. 3.Tipsy Cavies Teddy. 5.D&C Payne American Crested. 6.Gill Elding Sheltie. 7.D&C Payne Sheltie.

TICKED.
SILVER AGOUTI. 1.Fahoogles Cavies. Lovely short, silky coat. Good crisp even ticking. Good body shape, size and condition. Good shoulder, fair head, good eye and ear. Good belly, chest and feet. Fit boar.

AGOUTI SOLID AC. 1.Optimist Stud. Silver boar. Lovely size and condition and very fit. Silky coat but long. Good, crisp ticking, a little dark on head and feet. Good belly, good head, eye and ear.

TICKED CHALLENGE. 2 entries. 1.Fahoogles Cavies silver Agouti. 2.Optimist Stud solid Agouti.

MARKED
TORT & WHITE. The largest breed class of the day – 7 entries – proving quite a challenge to judge and watched avidly by the Tort & White club who encouraged me to give a running commentary! I chose Roy Wearmouth's boar as the winner because he had the best lines overall – good top line and very good line under. He was short of red one side but the opposite side had good patches. Nice distinct colours with no brindling. 2.Roy Wearmouth. Sow. Good distribution of colours. Good colours. No brindling. Red runs over. 3.Optimist Stud. Sow. Good colour distribution with clear patches. Short of white one side and red the other.

BLACK HIMALAYAN. 2&3. L&P Cavies. 2.Needs condition, stained under, long nails, long in coat. Good body colour, good points, very good contrast, good eye and ear. 3.Good size and condition. Good smut and front feet, fair back feet. Shaded body and lacking contrast. 4.Bluezack Stud. Fit sow. Slight break in coat. Good smut and front feet, back feet slightly peppered. Good body colour and contrast. Good coat but long.

CHOCOLATE HIMALAYAN. 1.L&P Cavies. Good smut and feet. Nice body colour. Good contrast. Good condition. Good coat but long. 2.Little Bandit Stud. Good smut and feet. Quite heavy body shading. Good coat but long.

ROAN. 1&2.Rosemarie Freeman. 1.Black boar. Very nice body shape, size and condition. Good shoulder, head, eye and ear. Good solid head, bit of a pull on the right shoulder. Good roaning, rather heavy on the rear. Quite good belly, good feet. Good coat but long. 2. Golden sow. Good solid head and feet. Heavy at rear and uneven on belly. Fair head, good eye and ear. Light in colour. Well groomed.

FOX BLACK. Foxtales Stud. Very good size, shape and condition. Good head, eye, ear and shoulder. Small eye circles and pea spots. Agouti belly. Good feet and chest. Good coat and prep. Very good colour.

MARKED CHALLENGE. 20 entries. 1.L&P Cavies Chocolate Himalayan. 2.Rosemarie Freeman Black Roan. 3.Foxtales Stud Black Fox. 4&5&7. Roy Wearmouth Tort & Whites. 6.Optimist Stud Tort & White.

MARKED/TICKED CHALLENGE. 1.Fahoogles Cavies Silver Agouti. 2.L&P Cavies Chocolate Himalayan. 3.Optimist Stud Solid Agouti. 4.Rosemarie Freeman Black Roan. 5.Foxtales Stud Black Fox. 6&7.Roy Wearmouth Tort & Whites.

N/Self U/5

MR OLIVER JOYCE

Best Coated: David & Melanie Oulton – Peruvian. **Best Marked/Ticked:** Rose Freeman – Choc Otter. It was a great pleasure and honour to judge at this prestigious show once again. As always it was expertly run by Betty Crick and her team. Of course many people contribute to the success of such a show and I must thank my stewards and in particular David Drake who did a great job on only his second time as book steward. Unfortunately the entry was a little down on previous years so many classes lacked the depth of quality we have become used to. Sadly some breeds were not represented at all. However, the challenge winners were all good examples of their breed. Particularly of note were David and Melanie Oulton's Peruvian which won the coated challenge and Rosemarie Freeman's Chocolate Otter which was the marked/ticked winner. My usual grumble is that many good exhibits were not entered right through, some missed out on being placed in challenges.

ABY BRINDLE /TORT 5: 1 Cavy Palce Pigs, sow, the most mature pig in the class, cobby type, good mane, well set out with the desired close coupled effect giving good depth to the rosettes and straight ridges, equal in coat texture to the boars at present – winner of a strong class. 2 David & Melanie Oulton, boar, good mane, slightly out of line saddle, nice depth to rosettes, good ridges and texture. 3 Andrew McDonnell, boar, very close to the second pig, good mane, slightly out of line saddle, good rosette depth and texture. Both these two boars should improve with age.

ABY TORT/WHITE 1: 1 Derek Pike, boar, cobby pig, nice mane and collar, well set out rosettes with good depth, good back ridge but a little untidy on rump, good texture.

ABY ROAN 2: 1 Andrew Sparkes, boar, needs more mane, nicely set out, nice crisp ridges but a little flat on sides. 2 Sheila Hendry, boar, fair mane, well set out but needs more coat, rosettes lack depth, rather soft coat.

ABY SELF 3: 1 Derek Pike, boar, good mane and collar, well set out, nicely formed rosettes all round, nice texture. 2 Cavy Palce Pigs, boar, nice mane and collar, well set out, rather twisted back ridge. 3 Cavy Palce Pigs, boar, fairly good mane, slightly out of line saddle, rosette centres a little open.

TEDDY SOLID/AGOUTI 1: 1 Chambleu Cavies, DE Golden sow, fit, good type, h/e/e, well groomed, plush coat with good direction and density, good belly, nice texture for age.

TEDDY BI OR AGOUTI/BI 2: 1 Melanie Bell, Lilac tri sow, fair type and head shape, good eyes, odd ears, well groomed, good coat direction, density and texture, nice belly. 2 Pengay Pigs, Gold/White sow, nice type, fair h/e/e, uneven coat length, good coat direction and texture, but lacking density in white patches.

TEDDY TRI OR AGOUTI/TRI 2: 1 Chambleu Cavies, Choc tri sow, fit, nice type, h/e/e, slight hem, well groomed, good coat direction and texture, just lacks a little density on sides as yet, good belly. 2 Riggs Head Cavies, Agouti tri boar, fair type, rather plain head, high ears, well groomed, nice plush coat, fairly good direction, good texture, nice belly. **TEDDY ROAN OR AOC 1:** 1 Melanie Bell, Tri Roan sow, nice type, h/e/e, nice coat length, just a little flat on sides, good texture, fair density, nice belly.

ENGLISH CRESTED AOC 2: 1 GMK Cavies, PE Golden sow, quite nice type and head shape but could do with a bit more width, good e/e, level top colour, just a touch light under, good crest. 2 P&D Nunn, DE Golden sow, quite nice type, plain head,

good e/e, quite level colour, light under, good crest. **AMERICAN CRESTED GOLD 2:** 1 Chris Fay, DE Golden sow, good type, h/e/e, fair grooming, a little uneven top colour, good crest, just marginally thinner at the top. 2 Chris Fay, PE Golden sow, just a baby, nice type, h/e/e though a touch narrow, good coat and colour, slightly thinner crest than the winner.

CRESTED AOV 1: 1 L&P Cavies, Choc Himalayan, fair type, slightly high ears, good feet, smut needs more size and density, slight shading on back, good crest.

REXAGOUTI 1: 1 Leah Peck, Cinnamon boar, good size, nice type, e/e, plain head, good length of coat, nice texture and density, just a little flat on sides and rump, fair belly.

REXAGOUTI/BI 4: 1 Leah Peck, Silver/White boar, good size and condition, fair type and head, nice e/e, little long in coat, good density and texture, just a little flat on sides and rump. 2 Leah Peck, Silver/White sow, could be fitter, nice type h/e/e, needs grooming, good density, nice texture, little flat on rump, good belly. 3 GMK Cavies, Silver/White boar, fairly good type, nice h/e/e, well groomed, good density, just a little soft coated as yet.

REX AGOUTI AOC 2: 1 Christines Cavies, Silver boar, fair head and type, high ears, long coat, fairly good texture and density, flat in places, good belly. 2 Christines Cavies, Silver boar, fairly fit, quite nice type, h/e/e, lacks grooming, soft coat, needs more density.

SOLID SATIN 2: 1 Kazerian Cavies, Saffron boar, just a baby, fair type, h/e/e, a little sparse and fluffy coated, level colour, nice satination. 2 Kazerian Cavies, Buff sow, again just a baby, fair type, plain head, nice e/e, fluffy coat with slight skirting, fair satination, pale belly. Both these pigs could do with more time and condition.

SHORTHAIR COATED CHALL 3 1: 1 Cavy Palace Pigs, Brindle Aby. 2 Derek Pike, T/W Aby. 3 Chambleu Cavies, Solid Teddy.

PERUVIAN 4: 1 David & Melanie Oulton, sow, fit, good type h/e/e/e, even coat length all round, good chops and frontal, excels texture, very good density, well presented. A top class exhibit which won its section today; to be ultra-critical I would have preferred the coat to lie flatter on the board. 2 David & Melanie Oulton, boar, good type h/e/e, even coat length, good chops and frontal, not quite the texture of the winner, good density though slightly less in the sweep, well presented. 3 Simon Neesam, boar, fit, good type h/e/e, even length of coat, good chops and length of frontal if a little sparse, good texture and density, well presented.

SHELTIE 5: 1 D&C Payne, sow, good type, very nice h/e/e, even length of coat all round, good chops and mane, excellent texture, good density, well presented. 2 Low Moorside Cavies, sow, good type h/e/e, high ears, good chops and mane, very slightly uneven on sides, good texture and density, well presented. 3 Susanne Bornelov, boar, good type h/e/e, even length of coat, nice chops and mane, very good texture, lacks a little density in the sweep, well presented.

ALPACA 3: 1 Whitehouse-Lowe & Leach, sow, good type h/e/e, very even coat length, good chops and frontal, nice crimp to coat, good texture and density, well presented. 2 Marave Stud, sow, good type h/e/e, even coat length apart from slight wear on one side, good chops and frontal, nice crimping, good texture, slightly less density in sweep, well presented. 3 Raider Pigs, boar, good type h/e/e, even coat length, nice chops, a little short on frontal as yet, nice crimping, good texture, lacks a little density in sweep.

TEXEL/MERINO 1: 1 Susanne Bornelov, boar, good type h/e/e, good chops, even length of coat apart from slight wear one side, good crimping, very good texture and density, well presented.

LONGHAIR COATED CHALL 13: 1 David & Melanie Oulton, Peruvian. 2 Susanne Bornelov, Texel. 3 D&C Payne, Sheltie.

AC COATED CHALL 40: 1 David & Melanie Oulton, Peruvian. 2 Susanne Bornelov, Texel. 3 D&C Payne, Sheltie.

AGOUTI SOLID 1: 1 Foxtales Stud, Golden boar, fairly good type, nice h/e, high ears, good colour, nice fine ticking, fairly even on body and chest, very dark on muzzle and feet.

TICKED CHALL 1: 1 Foxtales Stud.

TORT & WHITE 4: 1 Roy Wearmouth, boar, fair type, hem ear, good colour, nice line on top, black runs through, nice distribution of patches, good line under, slight brindling on head. 2 Roy Wearmouth, boar, fair type, good colour, good line on top, lacks white one side, nice line under, needs more patches. 3 Cavendish Stud, sow, fair type, good colour, good distribution of patches but only fair top line, black and red overlaps.

RED DUTCH 2: 1 L&P Cavies, sow, just a baby, fit, fair type, nicely balanced cheeks, good blaze, very slightly into smeller on one side, straight saddle and undercut though a little far back, pair of toe stops, quite well balanced all round. 2 Andrea Gallagher, boar, fit, fair type, good colour, nicely balanced cheeks and blaze, one flesh ear, slight v in undercut, pair of toe stops.

BLACK HIMALAYAN 4: 1 L&P Cavies, boar, fair type, nice shape and density to smut, white hairs on feet, quite good body colour. 2. Sheila Challender, sow, fair type, nice size and density to smut, fairly good feet, some body shading. 3. Bluezack Stud, sow, nice type, rather small pale smut, white hairs on all feet.

CHOCOLATE HIMALAYAN 4: 1 L&P Cavies, boar,

nice type, good size and density of smut, good feet, nice clear body colour, a good example of this breed. 2 L&P Cavies, sow, nice type, fair smut density, good feet, very slight shading on body. 3 Ivan Challender, nice type, good density and shape to smut, good feet, some shading on body.

DALMATION 2: 1 Kazerian Cavies, sow, nice type h/e/e, naturally rather long coat, good head markings with narrow blaze, rather patchy top spotting, good belly and feet. 2. N/A. Lacks blaze.

BLACK TAN 1: 1 Millcroft Cavies, sow, nice type h/e, high ears, good colour, good eye circles and pea spots, slightly overmarked on muzzle, good belly, nice lacing, overmarked feet.

BLACK FOX 1: 1 Rosemarie Freeman, boar, nice type h/e/e, good colour, good eye circles, pea spots and chest, neat face markings, good lacing and feet, slightly ticked belly.

CHOC OTTER 1: 1 Rosemarie Freeman, sow, good type h/e/e, good colour, good pea spots and eye circles, neat face markings, nice lacing, good belly, quite good feet.

MARKED CHALL 18: 1 L&P Cavies. 2 L&P Cavies. 3 Rosemarie Freeman.

MARKED/TICKED CHALL 10: 1 Rosemarie Freeman. 2 Roy Wearmouth. 3 Rosemarie Freeman.

Rare Variety

MR AARON BARNICOTT

I would like to thank Betty and the Bradford Committee for inviting me to judge the Rare Variety section of the main show, it was a true honour to be asked. I was not only judging this weekend, but I was also an exhibitor and running a club stand, of which I had a couple of helping hands who enabled me to judge and most of all enjoy the weekend, so thank you Mark Pascoe and Rosemary Freeman. The RV section had a good entry of 50, lower than normal years, but I shall say it was for the self-blue moving out, and not the judge or the expense of the weekend.

Mark and I were also lucky enough to enter one cavy into the open show, which made it all the way to victory row, and then on to take 7th Best in show, whilst I was stood with Mr Rubery, our cavies sat next to each other in the stall, he was shocked that our cavy had made it all that way, for someone who just breeds 'pets', Mr Rubery went on to say he was excited to be on victory row, and he remembers when he was a juvenile back in 2001 when he won Best in show, 18 years later he wins again, congratulations to Mr Rubery.

If you didn't know, the guide standard section I only judge up to the age challenges, they then go onto the best in show judge to award best guide standard, however I do choose best NEB, so, onto the write up:

GUIDE STANDARD ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 Gallagher & Nowell Lunkarya, very well presented with a lovely frontal covering a good head, eyes and ears, good curl to the coat which had very good texture and density with a lovely curly belly, nice to see an adult out. 2 Lothingland Cavies Chinchilla, good shape and size, nice shoulder, good head, eyes and ears, well groomed, nice demarcation to belly, good eye circles and chest, good markings to coat. 3 Ali's Cavies Cream Choc Point Californian, nicely groomed, good shape and size, very good Head, eyes and ears, fairly good colour with slight spotting to body, however good shaped smut and fairly good feet. 4 Rosemary Freemans Gold Black Pointed Californian, fair grooming, lovely shape and size, good head, eyes and ears, nice smut but slightly overcasting around the eyes.

GUIDE STANDARD 5/8: 1 Gallagher & Nowell Lunkarya, extremely well presented, very good curl to coat, nice even chops, lovely texture and density, nice frontal with good head, eyes and ears, lovely curly belly. 2 Bluezack Studs White Choc Pointed Californian, good shape and size, nice preparation, lovely coat colour with no staining, 4 fairly good feet with a nice smut. 3 Lothingland Cavies Chinchilla, good shape and size, nicely groomed, good belly, nice head, eyes and ears, good eye circles, with good markings.

GUIDE STANDARD US: 1 Mell Bells Swiss, presented to the standard with an erect coat which was lovely to see, good shape and size for age, nice head, eyes and ears, even chops growing, good length to coat, good texture and density for age also. 2 Gallagher & Nowell Lunkarya, well presented, fair ears, nice even chops, good head and eyes, good length of coat for age, nice curls coming along with fairly good texture and density for age, nice belly. 3 Saywell Cavies White Choc Pointed Californian, very good Head, eyes and ears, nice smut with 4 nice feet, nicely groomed with a nice body colour.

NEW AND EMERGING BREEDS AA (5) CHALL: All from Beauvale Cavies: 1 Gold and white 5/8 Minipli, well presented, good shape and size, nice ringlet to coat, good frontal and chops, nice HEE. 2 White 5/8 Minipli, well presented, nice length of coat with nice ringlets, nice curly belly, nice HEE, nice even chops. 3 Golden US Minipli, Young, well presented, nice thick clean coat, nice HEE, slightly soft, ringlets developing nicely. There was no adult minipli's shown this weekend, however I have asked to see some, as the standard is based around an adult exhibit, and these need to be seen to develop forward.



Bradford – from the outside

facebook



Chas Petts joined thousands of Facebook fanciers from throughout the world to follow the Bradford Premier Small Animal Show's busy timetable.

Sorry not to be at this great show, so I said to myself: let's keep up to date from the outside on Facebook.

We watched the early pictures, then the set-up, then the neat rows of pens all ready for the off on Friday.

Friday dawned, all systems go. A nice bouquet of flowers and chocs for Laura. Just a little thank you for all your hard work, glad you liked them.

Back to the pictures, the draw for the inter-club trophy. Then soon we saw the first arrivals, so then a busy few hours and shut down for the night, a few hours sleep, all ready for a hectic day.. . great thing this Facebook, we all knew what was happening as it happened.

How would my favourite Smoke Pearls get on?

Soon all the sections were completed and it is on to the challenge classes. Then we had four rabbits left for the under-five months show and best in show judge Garry really looked as though he was enjoying the experience. (Read his story in the December issue of *Fur & Feather*.)

I rang Lucy at midday to get the last four in the five-star section. She did not win the normal but had won the Smoke Pearl Rex. Wonderful! So an excited Lucy will be on stage.

I believe this is the first time a Smoke has ever been on the stage.

So, it was time for the best in show. My friend of sixty years stepped on to the stage. All you young judges who might get this honour one day, note the way Eddie presented himself. Immaculate, as it should be for the top show.

Sound was down a bit so I did not get the first results but got the Best in Show, a Silver, well done sir.

Well done also to best junior, good luck young lady. But what had won the Ladies?

It took me until nine o'clock, then a message from Lucy – best Ladies exhibit! Well deserved and another boost for our lovely breed. (Already got a new starter with rex in Essex.)

Following the show on Facebook? Well, it wasn't the same as being there, but it felt right. So the biggest vote of thanks to Laura and her team for all their hard work. (Bet you slept well Sunday night.)

I enjoyed comments from Facebook users from all over the world – thanks for keeping everyone up to date all weekend, and here's to next year. Thank you.

Chas Petts

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SMALL ANIMAL REPORTS



Photo Julian Barker

Gerbils "My Seventh Best in Show – a dream come true"

I have been exhibiting gerbils since 1981 at the Bradford Show and this was my seventh Best in Show. My first was with a Self Slate back in 1999 and this was my sixth with my line of Argentes – my favourite colour.

I packed my gerbils on the Friday morning travelling first class on the train from Edinburgh to Doncaster.

After staying overnight in Doncaster I took my gerbils to the racecourse and labelled up their pens ready for judging by Jackie Roswell. I had entered my Argentes, Grey Agoutis, Rex and a Argente Spot.

The judging started at 11.30 and as I was writing the prize cards I knew how my gerbils were progressing through the show. My Argente under 13 weeks won the White-bellied Challenge and my adult Grey Agouti runner up. In the Other Varieties Section my Argente Spot brother to the Argente had won the Challenge.

The Judge Jackie Roswell had a difficult decision to make in the Grand Challenge with very good section winners.. I was very pleased when she placed my Argente Best in Show but not only that, my Spot took second place and my Grey Agouti took third place as well as Best Opposite Age and Sex.

This was the best result I have ever had at Bradford and will be a year to remember.

After the show the Grey Agouti left for her new home in Sweden and her new owner is delighted with her.

I hope she breeds more winners in Sweden.

Brian Leiper

GERBIL SECTION

Judge: Mrs J Roswell. Best in Show Brian Leiper's male Argente u/13 weeks. Reserve Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex went to a female Grey Agouti. Best Self Jane Turner's adult Black Male. Best Unstandardised Sue Green's Golden Agouti Spotted Rex. Best Exotic Catherine Cragg's Duprasi. Second Exotic went to Sue Green's Persian Jird, with third in the challenge going to Linda Clark, with another Duprasi.

MRS JACKIE ROSWELL

A rather difficult journey up meant I was started late in judging, so apologies to all. Not a very large entry today, but all the gerbils were in very good condition and had obviously travelled better than I had. Some could have done with a quick dust bath to spruce up the coat, but that was of minor consideration. A couple of new exhibitors today, both of whom exhibited in the exotic gerbil class and did well, so I hope to see them again.

More white bellied examples on show today than Sels, with some particularly good Argentes and Grey Agoutis. And it was from these classes that my eventual winner came. Other classes of note were the Black and Lilac classes, although there was only one Lilac that was the correct shade. I seemed to have every variant in between. I also particularly liked a very good example of a White Belled Cream belonging to Jane Turner, these are

rather rare now. Other classes of note were the spotted classes, very clear, well defined markings, an Argente Spot won this class, with good colour, and very clear, evenly placed spots.

After a difficult decision, I chose for my Best in Show a beautiful male Argente u/13 weeks. This gerbil caught my eye earlier on in the show and despite it being a long day for him, he kept his condition all day. Reserve Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex went to a beautiful female Grey Agouti, who celebrated her success by going off to a new home in Sweden.

Best Self went to Jane Turner's very handsome adult Black Male.

Rex gerbils continue to improve in coat, with the Best Unstandardised going to Sue Green. A Golden Agouti Spotted Rex, with good clear markings with an even dense coat.

Exotic Gerbil Species

Just Duprasi and Persian Jirds today, which couldn't be more different to each other and both attracting a lot of interest.

Best Exotic, went to Catherine Cragg with her chunky and laid back Duprasi. This was her first show with us, so I was pleased that she did so well. Second went to Sue Green's Persian Jird, with third in the challenge going to Linda Clark, also her first show, with another Duprasi.

Thank you to all who came today, particularly to Brian Leiper, for his excellent paperwork and thanks to the Bradford Committee for such a well-run show.



Tristar Minto, best dwarf and overall best Hamster in show. Right, Olympus Kimora, best Syrian. Photos by Lynne Blair

Hamsters: "Bath via Wembley to Doncaster & Best in Show!"

Our journey to The Bradford started on Friday morning when Jean left Bath with some of the Tristar entry to drive to Wembley to pick up David and the rest of the entries.

After a fraught drive up the M1 (shut due to an accident) we arrived at our hotel. We made sure the hamsters were bedded down with loads of nesting plus food, water and veggies and they were kept extra warm with space blankets around their overnight homes.

Once we were happy the animals were catered for we made our way into the hotel. An hour or so later our friends arrived and after sorting their show stock we all adjourned to the restaurant for a well earned meal and then to bed for a good night's sleep.

Parking and getting into the show was easy and we proceeded to bench our animals and judging got underway.

It was exciting to see our Syrian and dwarf hamsters doing so well throughout the day and we were thrilled to win Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show in both sections.

In Syrians Best in Show was Olympus Kimora at Tristar and Reserve Best in Show was Tristar Sari who, incidentally, is Kimora's daughter! Kimora became a champion on the day as well as our long haired satin female called Glowfire.

Best in Show dwarf was Tristar Minto a young albino campbell male and reserve Best in Show was Tristar Arvi a normal winter white male.

Judging for overall Best in Show was done by Andrew Bryan and Fraser Avill who judged Syrians and dwarfs respectively on the day. They agreed that Overall Best in Show would go to the campbells dwarf Minto at his very first show!

We really enjoyed our trip to Doncaster and planning for 2020 is already underway!

Jean Tye and David Baglin – Tristar Hamsters



Junior winners



Best Junior Overall was Mathias Picot Downie with his Sable Syrian



Ornal Picot-Downie with her Best Dwarf, a Dominant spot Chinese

HAMSTER SECTION

Judges: Mr A Bryan (Syrian), Mr F Avill (Dwarfs). Best in Show Tristar (Albino Campbell). Best Junior in Show Matthias Picot-Downie (Longhair Sable Syrian). Best Syrian Tristar (Melanistic Yellow). Best Junior Dwarf Orna Picot-Downing.

MR FRASER AVILL

It was a pleasure to be asked to judge the Dwarfs at the Bradford in 2019. Thank you to Andrew in agreeing the eventual Best Hamster in Show - a pleasure judging with you. Thank you to Jean on my book and David for his "tireless" work as our Pen Steward. Thank you to Emma and Rachel for their work in running the section of the show. Best in Show was Tristar with an Albino Campbell. Best Junior in Show was Matthias Picot-Downie with a Longhair Sable Syrian. Best Syrian was Tristar with a Melanistic Yellow, and Best Junior Dwarf was Orna Picot-Downing. Well Done to you!

There were some nice exhibits, my concern

was that some are losing their band of top colour - the standard asks for 1/3 top colour unless white hamsters. There is creeping in white bellies or patches of white bellies when the standard asks for base colour. Both key aspects in selecting stock for new pairings. Particularly as colour makes up 30 % of the overall point of the hamsters. I would ask all breeders and exhibitors to re-read the standard and assess their stock from time to time.

CAMPBELL NORMAL: 1 D101 - 71.5 Points A male in very good condition with a nice coat and lovely colour to arches. Slightly pale in top colour with short stripe. Slightly narrow head. 2 D102-67.5 Points A female again nice coat but carrying moult on the rump. Slightly open in coat, again slightly narrow in head. Pale in top colour.

CAMPBELL ARGENTE: 1 D201 - 70 Points. A female in nice condition, with a nice coat. Slightly short stripe. Pale in colour- both base and top colour.

AOC: 1 D301 - 73 Points. A male Albino. A lovely clean hamster, carrying a slight moult on rump. A lovely head shape and body. Nice type. A hamster

coming into his own. Best Campbell, Best Dwarf and eventual Best Hamster in Show. 2 D304 - 65 Points. A male. Nice head carriage. Stained with thin chest fur. Disappointing presentation.

CAMPBELL MOTTLED: 1 D401 - 66 Points. A male normal mottled. Nice dense coat needing more even distribution of colour and white. Narrow top colour. Nick on flank.

WINTER WHITE NORMAL: 1 D501 - 72.5 Points. A male with narrow band in top colour. Thin chest fur. Nice type. A true winter white nose. A wide dorsal stripe. 2 D504- 68.5 Points. A female white chest band, even top colour but front arches heavily ticked. Cracking coat, lovely, tight and dense.

WINTER WHITE PEARL: 1 D605- 68.5 Points. A male, which lacked the required ticking, but made up for this with type and condition. 2 603- 67.5 Points. A male with uneven ticking, more heavily ticked over rump. Slightly open coat.

WINTER WHITE SAPPHIRE: 1 D701- 67 Point. A male incorrect top colour band almost fawn, with white patches and hairs in coat. Belly colour white- lacking base. Fair type. 2 D702- 64 Points.

A female. Slightly stained, again incorrect top colour. Narrow throughout with uneven ticking on the arches.

CHINESE NORMAL: 1 D802- 66.5 Points. A male with white patch on shoulder. Narrow top colour band. Pale colour- lacking richness. Nice coat. 2 D805- 66 Points. A male narrow top colour band and pale, nice slender type.

CHINESE DOMINANT SPOT: 1 D901- 70 Points. A male needing more which to break up the colour. Nice head, type and coat. Lack depth in top colour. 2 D904- 68.5 Points. A male, slightly portly, fair distribution of colour nice head and stripe.

CHINESE BLACK EYED WHITE: 1 D1001- 72 Points. A male, nice youngster which is coming through coats. Clean but slight "tinge" to coat. Lovely slender type and headset. ROBOVOSKI: 1 D1101- 70 Points. A male lacking top colour and ticking but lovely type. Lovely to handle. Nice eyebrows. NON STANDARD: 1 D1904- 53.5 Points. A male Normal Platinum. Nice type and size. 2 D1903- 53 Points. A male Normal Platinum slightly larger. Thin chest fur. Again nice type and size.

RAT SECTION

Judge: Mrs L Irvine (Breed), Miss L Hoyland (Pets).
Supreme Challenge: Best in Show 1. 7309, Rivendell (Agouti Adult). Reserve Best in Show 2. 7311, Lovcraft (Agouti Adult). Best Opposite Age 3. 10801, Lilliput (Golden Siamese Kitten). 4. 3601, Rivendell (Squirrel Kitten).

MRS L IRVINE

I do so enjoy the Bradford Champs. I was especially happy to hear that it had returned to Doncaster, which made it accessible to me again. It is a fabulous event and I would thoroughly recommend it to those who have never been – but bring a packed lunch, the catering leaves a lot to be desired. I apologise that I started late and took so long. I did have a large entry. I would also request that if you are booked to steward a show that you arrive in plenty of time to put the rats in order so that the judging can start on time.

The rats in general were lovely. I was disconcerted to have so many self's entered in the Silver class. They were nowhere near covered in enough silvering to be considered such and would have done so much better in the self classes. The agouti class were memorable, so hard to make a decision – the rats placed 3rd and 4th in that class are ones to watch for the future. There were also a lot of very nice marked rats which was a joy to judge – well done all you marked breeders out there, I had to make some tough decisions. Apologies if some of my write up differs from your critiques – the pink slips were very hard to read in order to do the write up.

Thank you to everyone who worked hard on the day and gave up their weekend to put on the show. Special thanks to all who beavered away on the Show Sec's table. The Show Secretary and their helpers on the day are rarely thanked in a show report – you guys did an exemplary job. Much thanks also to Ann my roomie for being fab company.

PROVISIONAL STANDARD 2: 1. 02, Hawthorn. Pearl Merle Berkshire Dumbo. Doe. Short and compact type. Head a little short. Nice eye, fair ear – one a bit waffle. Merling is fairly good. Good condition. Wins class on condition. 2. 01, Symphony. Russian Buff. Doe. Quite scabby and dirty ears. Nice type, fairly racy. Fair head – a bit skinny. Nice eye and ear. Fairly short coat – some long guard hairs. Colour too warm and a little dark.

PINK EYED WHITE Ad 1: 1. 101, Amy Aindow. Doe. Very squeaky. Good type. Fair head and eye, nice ear. Coat thin and chewed – feels quite dry. Fair condition.

CHAMPAGNE Ad 2: 1. 302, Amy Aindow. Doe. Quite small – young? Type is compact. Short head. Fair eye and ear. Colour really warm – a shade too dark. Nice condition. 2. 303, Amy Aindow. Doe. Compact type. Young? Short head, nice eye and fair ear. Colour far too dark and orange. Pale around nose and eyes. **CHAMPAGNE KITTEN 1:** 1. 401, Amy Aindow. Doe. Small for age. Really compact type – has no neck. Fair head, eye and ear. Fair colour.

BUFF KITTEN 1: 1. 601, Tenebrae. Doe. Good type. Scab on vagina. Very wriggly. Fairly good type and head. Small eye, fair ear. Colour too dark. **BLACK Ad 1:** 1. 1302, Zoe Lumour. Doe. Good size. Nice type. Good tail. Good head, eye and ear. Good black colour – nice and even. White front feet. Lovely condition.

CHOCOLATE KITTEN 1: 1. 1601, Amy Aindow. Doe. Small. Compact type. Fair head, eye and ear. Fluffy coat. Fair colour.

IVORY Ad 1: 1. 1901, Tenebrae. Doe. Nice type. Fairly nice head. Good eye and ear. Nice short coat. Saddy top is stained.

SELF ADULT CHALLENGE: 1. 1901, Tenebrae – Ivory doe. 2. 1302, Zoe Lumour – Black doe. 3. 101, Amy Aindow – Pink Eyed White doe. 4. 302, Amy Aindow – Champagne doe.

SELF KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1. 601, Tenebrae, Buff doe. 2. 1601, Amy Aindow – Chocolate. 3. 401, Amy Aindow – Champagne.

SELF CHALLENGE AA: 1. 1901, Tenebrae – Ivory Adult. 2. 1302, Zoe Lumour – Black Adult. 3. 101, Amy Aindow – Pink Eyed White Adult. 4. 601, Tenebrae – Buff Kitten.

BERKSHIRE KITTEN 1: 1. 2201, Beltane. Doe. Russian Blue. Nice type. Fairly nice head. Fair eye and ear. Fairly good colour – a little silvered. Lovely condition. Fair markings. Fair tail stop.

IRISH Ad 1: 1. 2301, Melanie Smith. Buck. Agouti. Fair size – small type. Losing condition on coat – long coat. Fair head. Nice eye and ear. Fair Irish mark. Good front feet. Difficult to judge back feet. **IRISH KITTEN 2:** 1. 2401, Beltane. Doe. Russian Blue. Nice type. Good condition. Nice top colour. Fairly nice head and eye. Good ear. Fair triangle. Good feet. A few tiny white splashes on belly. 2. 2402, Beltane. Buck. Russian Blue. Good size and type. Watch his weight. Kinked tail. Good coat colour on top but belly quite a lot paler. Quite good Irish marking. Good feet.

HOODED Ad 2: 1. 2501, Gemstone. Doe. Agouti. Nice type. Nice head, eye and ear. Scab on back. Nice condition. Nice agouti colour. Hood shorter one side than the other. Fairly good saddle. 2. 2501, Hawthorn. Doe. Black. Sharp nails. Nice type. Fair head. Fair black colour – a bit chocolatey. Light eye circles. Fur a little thin on face. White throat stripe. Lovely condition. Lovely straight hood. Nice complete saddle.

HOODED KITTEN 3: 1. 2601, Gemstone. Buck.

Agouti. Quite nice type. Fair head for buck. Nice eye and ear. Lovely condition. Fairly good hood and quite nice saddle. 2. 2603, Hawthorn. Doe. Black. Fairly nice type & head. Fair eye. Nice ear. Lovely condition. Thin fur around eyes. White throat stripe. Black dot on belly. Hood bleeds into saddle. Lovely saddle. 3. 2602, Gemstone. Doe. Agouti. Nice type and condition. Tail a little matchstick. Fantastic condition. Thin fur under back legs. Fair head and eye. Nice ear. Hood bleeds into saddle on one side. Saddle a bit wide. **VARIEGATED Ad 2:** 1. 2702, Fiona Milton. Doe. Black. Fair type – a little compact. Lovely condition. Really thick, fluffy coat. Nice head and ear. Fair eye. Variegation a little blocky but does cover the whole top of the rat. 2. 2701, Zoe Lumour. Doe. Russian Blue. Fairly nice type. Fair head, eye and ear. Fair condition. Fluffy coat. Fair variegation – would like to see a bit more of it, especially down sides. **VARIEGATED KITTEN 2:** 1. 2801, Beltane. Buck. Black. Nice type and condition. Groin spot. Nice head and ear. Eye a little small. Variegation very blocky but covers top of rat. 2. 2801, Fiona Milton. Buck. Russian Blue. Fairly nice type. Quite nice head. Fair eye. Nice ear. Long coat. Nice condition. Good variegation but concentrated down spine. Face markings not to standard. **CAPPED Ad 1:** 1. 2901, Fiona Milton. Doe. Quite nice type. Fairly nice head, eye and ear. White body stained. Cap fair – drags down shoulder. **CAPPED KITTEN 1:** 1. 3001, Fiona Milton. Doe. Nice type. Fairly nice head, eye and ear. Lovely condition. Lovely clean white body. Saddy white spot on rump. Really nice cap but drags behind one ear. **ESSEX Ad 3:** 1. 3102, Kaylee Wright. Doe. Agouti. Lovely type. Nice head, eye and ear. Nice even top. Good condition. Small drag up one side. Fair shading up sides. Wins on top. 2. 3103, Gemstone. Doe. Russian Blue Agouti. Fair type – pear shaped. Nice short coat. Head a little short. Nice eye and ear. Patchy top colour. Nice graduation up sides. 3. 3101, Kaylee Wright. Buck. Agouti. Narrow type. Narrow head. Matchstick tail. Fair eye and ear. Slightly chopped rump. Good condition. Nice head spot. Fair graduation to sides. **ESSEX KITTEN 1:** 1. 3201, Gemstone. Doe. Russian Blue. Up to age. Nice type, head, eye and ear. Dirty ears. Patchy top colour. White flecks through top. Not enough graduation up sides. **CHINCHILLA Ad 4:** 1. 3303, Rivendell. Doe. Nice type. Nice head, good eye and ear. Good head spot. Fairly good even top. Lovely condition. Small drag of white on shoulder. 2. 3304, Vallaha. Doe. Fairly nice type – a bit narrow across shoulders. Good top colour but a little brown. Good demarcation. Good blaze. Lovely condition. Eye a little sore. 3. 3302, Frankie Whiston-Hill. Buck. Good type. Lovely head. Slightly small eyes. Losing condition – coat a bit thin. Scabby face. Was a good chinchilla colour. White drag up side. Fair blaze. 4. 3301, Jasmine Theobald. Young buck. Fair type – narrow head. Still brown along spine. Good colour coming up sides. Fairly good blaze. Nice condition. **SQUIRREL KITTEN 1:** 1. 3601, Rivendell. Buck. Nice type. Nice head. Fair eye. Nice ear. Lovely even top colour – no drags. Good blaze. Good condition. **ROAN/STRIPED ROAN Ad 3:** 1. 3703, Gallifrey. Doe. Striped. Nice type. Head a little narrow. Nice eye and ear. Fairly good condition. Fair stripe. Roaring on face. 2. 3701, Gallifrey. Doe. Fair type – a little thin. Quite nice head, eye and ear. Really moulty, patchy top. Nice condition. 3rd DQ **ROAN/STRIPED ROAN KITTEN 2:** 1. 3802, Hawthorn. Doe. Fairly nice type. Fair head and eye. Good ear. Really good stripe. Good depth of colour. 2. 3801, Hawthorn. Doe. Fairly nice type. Matchstick tail. Fair head, eye and ear. Good condition. Stripe good on one side – not the other. **MARKED ADULT CHALLENGE:** 1. 3303, Rivendell – Chinchilla. 2. 3102, Kaylee Wright – Essex. 3. 2501, Gemstone – Hooded. 4. 2502, Hawthorn – Hooded. **MARKED KITTEN CHALLENGE:** 1. 3601, Rivendell – Squirrel. 2. 3802, Hawthorn – Roan. 3. 3001, Fiona Milton – Capped. 4. 2601, Gemstone – Hooded. **MARKED CHALLENGE ANY AGE:** 1. 3601, Rivendell – Squirrel Kitten. 2. 3303, Rivendell – Chinchilla Adult. 3. 3802, Hawthorn – Roan Kitten. 4. 3001, Fiona Milton – Capped Kitten. **RUSSIAN BLUE Ad 1:** 1. 3901, Leia Morrison. Doe. Nice type. A bit small – young? Lovely colour. Quite nice head. Nice round eyes. Nice ear. White foot. Lovely condition. **RUSSIAN/BLUE KITTEN 3:** 1. 4003, Teena Madden. Doe. Nice type. Fairly nice head. Lovely eye and ear. Nice even top and good colour. Lovely condition. 2. 4002, Teena Madden. Buck. Fairly nice type. Fair head, lovely eye and nice ear. Fairly good colour – a little silvered. Good condition. 3. 4001, Jessica Tabern. Buck. Narrow type. Fair head, eye and ear. Very moulty top and silvered. Fairly good colour. **RUSSIAN DOVE Ad 2:** 1. 4102, Hawthorn. Doe. Nice type. Fairly nice head. Lovely eye. Nice ear. Nice condition. Nice short coat. Stained across shoulder. 2. 4101, Megan Hyndman. Doe. Large doe – pear shaped. Head a little short but lovely eye and ear. Good colour but moulty across rump. Fair condition. **RUSSIAN TOPAZ Ad 1:** 1. 4501, Symphony. Very sharp nails. Fairly nice type – a bit broad across the beam. Squeaky. Narrow head. Dirty ears. Nice eye and ear. Fairly nice colour.

RUSSIAN ADULT CHALLENGE: 1. 4102, Hawthorn – Russian Dove. 2. 3901, Leia Morrison – Russian Blue. 3. 4501, Symphony – Russian Topaz. 4. 4101, Megan Hyndman – Russian Dove. **RUSSIAN KITTEN CHALLENGE:** 1. 4003, Teena

Madden – Russian Blue. 2. 4002, Teena Madden – Russian Blue. 3. 4001, Jessica Tabern – Russian Blue. **RUSSIAN CHALLENGE ANY AGE:** 1. 4003, Teena Madden – Russian Blue Kitten. 2. 4002, Teena Madden – Russian Blue Kitten. 3. 4102, Hawthorn – Russian Dove Adult. 4. 3901, Leia Morrison – Russian Blue Adult. **HIMALAYAN Ad 1:** 1. 4901, Heln Belton. Buck. Fairly good type – quite long. Long head. Fair eye and ear. Fairly good body colour. Points too pale – possibly agouti. Quite nice condition. **SIAMESE Ad 1:** 1. 5101, Lilliput. Buck. Nice type. Good head, eye and ear. Body colour fair but a bit dark. Good depth of colour to points. Shading extends too far. Fairly good condition. **MARTEN Ad 7:** 1. 6104, Renegade. Buck. Black eyed. Nice type. Fair head & eye. Nice ear. Nice colour and condition. Shame about lump on tail. 2. 6103, Renegade. Buck. Red-eyed. Fair type, head and eye. Nice ear. Good condition. Colour fair at present. 3. 6106, Natalya Penfold. Buck. Black Eyed. A bit small – fair size, type, head, eye and ear. Colour to come. Nice condition. 4. 6101, Kaylee Wright. Buck. Black-eyed. Small, narrow type. Matchstick tail. Fair head, eye and ear. Good condition. Colour too dark.

MATEN KITTEN 2: 1. 6202, Renegade. Doe. Black-eyed. Nice type and head. Fair eye & ear. Lovely short coat. Nice condition. Tail a little matchstick. Good colour but a little bit of marbling on face. 2. 6201, Jessica Tabern. Buck. Black-eyed. Scabs on back. Fair type and size. Quite feminine head. Matchstick tail. Marbled face. A bit sneezy.

SHADED ADULT CHALLENGE: 1. 6104, Renegade – Marten. 2. 5101, Lilliput – Siamese. 3. 6103, Renegade – Marten. 4. 4901, Helen Belton – Himalayan.

SHADED KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1. 6202, Renegade – Marten. 2. 6201, Jessica Tabern. **SHADED CHALLENGE ANY AGE:** 1. 6202, Renegade – Marten Kitten. 2. 6104, Renegade – Marten Adult. 3. 5101, Lilliput – Siamese Adult. 4. 6103, Renegade – Marten Adult.

CREAM Ad 1: 1. 6501, Tenebrae. Doe. Large type. A bit pear-shaped. Her left eye bulges slightly. Lovely condition. Nice colour but it intensifies around head and neck.

TOPAZ Ad 4: 1. 6702, Helen Belton. Doe. Fair type and size. Quite nice head, eye and ear. Fairly nice colour. A bit chewed on top. 2. 6704, Lovcraft. Buck. Fairly nice type. Quite nice head. Nice condition. Fair eye. Would like to see better demarcation. Fairly good colour. 3. 6703, Frankie Whiston-Hill. Buck. Young. Potential staph patch. Lacks clear demarcation. Colour a bit sooty. Short head. Nice eye and ear. Nice condition. 4. 6701, Helen Belton. Buck. Fair type and head. Nice eye and ear. Colour a bit pale and sooty in places. Chewed top. **TOPAZ KITTEN 1:** 1. 6801, Frankie Whiston-Hill. Buck. Fair type, head and eye. Nice ear. Very moulty but colour coming through. Good condition.

SILVER FAWN Ad 1: 1. 6901, Jasmine Theobald. Buck. Lovely condition. Fairly nice type. Nice head. Fair eye and ear. Fair demarcation. Nice top colour and ticking.

SILVER Ad 7: 1. 7107, Lovcraft. Mink buck. Lovely type. Nice head. Good eye and ear. Lovely condition. Fairly even top! Good colour, good silvering. Bit sexy. 2. 7105, Melanie Smith. Buck. Black. Fair type. Fair head and eye. Nice ear. Good condition. White toes. Fairly nice silvering. 3. 7103, Kaylee Wright. Doe. Black. Narrow type and head. Matchstick tail. Should have been in black class. White foot. Nice condition. 4. 7102, Kaylee Wright. Black doe. Fair type – narrow head. A bit nervous. Good condition. Good depth of colour. White toes. Lacks silvering.

AGOUTI Ad 10: 1. 7309, Rivendell. Doe. Lovely type. Nice head, eye and ear. Lovely colour. Lovely even top. Hard decision but just beats 7311 on colour. 2. 7311, Lovcraft. Doe. Lovely type. Nie head, eye and ear. Good condition. Fairly nice colour. 3. 7302, Isamu. Doe. Nice racy type. Nice head, eye and ear. Good condition and colour. Dark along dorsal spine. 4. 7303, Isamu. Doe. Large type. Nice short coat. Good head, eye and ear. Fair colour – top a little uneven. **CINNAMON Ad 3:** 1. 7501, Helen Belton. Doe. Nice type. Nice head, eye and ear. Nice even top. Good short coat. Nice colour. Chew mark on top spoils. 2. 7504, Hawthorn. Doe. Fair type and size. Head a little short. Nice eye & ear. Nice colour and even top. Colour intensifies around neck. 3. 7503, Shonagh Lowerson-Head. Buck. Small type. Fair head, eye and ear. Good condition. Fairly nice colour.

CINNAMON KITTEN 1: 1. 7601, Frankie Whiston-Hill. Buck. Fair type & head. Nice eye and ear. Tail a bit square. Colour coming – looks quite nice. **PEARL/CINNAMON PEARL Ad 2:** 1. 8101, Gemstone. Doe. Nice type. Head a little short. Lovely eye and ear. Nice condition and short coat. Good colour – top a little uneven. 2. 8103, Emma McClean. Doe. Fair type and size. Short head, nice eye and ear. Fairly nice colour. Fairly patchy on top. Fair condition.

PEARL/CINNAMON PEARL KITTEN 6: 1. 8203, Rivendell. Buck. Pearl. Good size and type. Sharp nails. Nice head and eye. Ears a little small. Good colour – dark on muzzle. Nice short coat. 2. 8204, Emma McClean. Doe. Cinnamon Pearl. Nice type, head and ear. Fair eye. Lovely condition. Nice colour coming. 3. 8206, Emma McClean. Buck. Cinnamon Pearl. Nice type, head, eye and ear. Has a nick in the ear. Good condition. Colour coming. 4. 8202, Amy Aindow. Buck. Fair type, size and head. Nice eye and ear. Good condition. Fairly nice

colour. Stained on neck. **AOV ADULT CHALLENGE:** 1. 7309, Rivendell – Agouti doe. 2. 7311, Lovcraft – Agouti doe. 3. 7107, Lovcraft – Silver buck. 4. 8101, Gemstone – Pearl doe. **AOV KITTEN CHALLENGE:** 1. 8203, Rivendell – Pearl buck. 2. 8204, Emma McClean – Cinnamon Pearl doe. 3. 7601, Frankie Whiston-Hill – Cinnamon Buck. 4. 6801, Frankie Whiston-Hill – Topaz buck.

AOV CHALLENGE ANY AGE: 1. 7309, Rivendell – Agouti Adult. 2. 7311, Lovcraft – Agouti Adult. 3. 7107, Lovcraft – Silver Adult. 4. 8203 – Rivendell – Pearl kitten.

SELF REX KITTEN 1: 1. 8601, Teena Madden. Black doe. Small. Fair type, head, eye and ear. Lacks curl. White feet and whiskers.

RUSSIAN REX KITTEN 1: 1. 9001, Teena Madden. Russian Blue Buck. Fairly nice type and head. Good tail. Fairly good colour. Good eye and ear. Curl to come – good condition.

AOV REX Ad 5: 1. 9304, Tenebrae. Buck. Good size and type. Good head, eye and ear. Really pale nose. Quite sneezy. Good thick plush coat. Nice rexing. 2. 9305, Gallifrey. Buck. Good type. Nice head and ear. Fair eye. Bald around neck – but otherwise fairly good rexing. 3. 9301, Helen Belton. Buck. Good size. Nice type and head. Good eye and ear. Fairly good rexing but has bald patches & scabs on back. Nice rat. 4. 9302, Helen Belton. Buck young? Fairly good type. Narrow head. Nice eye and ear. Good colour & thick coat. Rexing to come.

AOV REX KITTEN 1: 1. 9401, Frankie Whiston-Hill. Buck. Small. Fair type and head. Nice eye and ear. Lovely colour. Lacks curl.

REX ADULT CHALLENGE: 1. 9304, Tenebrae – AOV. 2. 9305, Gallifrey – AOV. 3. 9301, Helen Belton – AOV. 4. 9302, Helen Belton – AOV.

REX KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1. 9001, Teena Madden – Russian. 2. 9401, Frankie Whiston-Hill – AOV. 3. 8601, Teena Madden – Self.

REX CHALLENGE ANY AGE: 1. 9304, Tenebrae – AOV Adult. 2. 9305, Gallifrey – AOV Adult. 3. 9001, Teena Madden – Russian kitten. 4. 9301, Helen Belton – AOV Adult.

MARKED DUMBO Ad 2: 1. 9701, Zoe Lumour. Doe. Black Irish. Nice type and head. Fair eye & ears. Lovely colour and condition. White hairs through top. Fair triangle. Good feet. 2. 9702, Gallifrey. Doe. Black Roan. Nice type, head and eye. Fairly good colour & roaning. Nice condition. Really creased waffly ears – I've seen less gathers in a pair of curtains.

RUSSIAN DUMBO Ad 1: 1. 9901, Cambria Leitch. Doe. Russian Blue. Nice type, head and eye. Lovely condition. Query colour – if dove too dark, if blue too brown. Fairly nice ears but a bit creased. **RUSSIAN DUMBO KITTEN 4:** 1. 10002, Teena Madden. Buck. Nice type, head and eye. Lovely condition. Very heathered at present. Nice colour coming. Good ears. 2. 10004, Emma McLean. Doe. Nice type and condition. Good colour. Nice head and eye. Ears tubular. 3. 10003, Teena Madden. Doe. A bit narrow and lightweight. Tail a little matchstick. White feet. Fair head, eye and ear. Good colour. 4. 10001, Hawthorn. Doe. Nice type. Short head. Nice eye. Moulty – very brown colour. Tail a little matchstick. Nice ears. **AOV DUMBO Ad 4:** 1. 10304, Lovcraft. Topaz doe. Good type. Lovely head, eye and ear. Fair colour – a bit patchy on top. Nice ears. 2. 10303, Melanie Smith. Agouti buck. Fairly nice type. Nice head and eye. Good condition and colour. Dark dorsal area. Good ears. 3. 10302, Isamu. Cinnamon doe. Good type. Nice head and eye. Good colour but patchy. Creased ears. 4. 10301, Elen Pascoe. Agouti doe. Quite nice type. Nice head, fair eye, tubular ears. Fair colour. Good condition. **AOV DUMBO KITTEN 2:** 1. Withheld. 2. 10401, Teena Madden. Black doe. Should have been in self. Fair type. Nice head and eye. Lovely condition. Nice ears. 2. 10402, Teena Madden. Small black doe. Should be in Self classes. Good depth of colour. Fair head and eye. Good ears.

REX DUMBO Ad 2: 1. 10502, Gallifrey. Buck. Good type. Nice head. Good colour. Good thick coat, lacks curl. Creased ears. 2. 10501, Elen Pascoe. Black doe. Fair size and type. Scabby on back. Fair head, nice eye. Good depth of colour. Lacks rexing. Good ears.

REX DUMBO KITTEN 1: 1. Withheld. 2. 10601, Teena Madden. Small Russian Blue Doe. It too small to be here today. Fair head and eye. Nice ear. Lacks curl.

DUMBO ADULT CHALLENGE: 1. 10304, Lovcraft – Topaz. 2. 10303, Melanie Smith – Agouti. 3. 9701, Zoe Lumour – Black Irish. 4. 10302, Isamu – Cinnamon.

DUMBO KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1. 10002, Teena Madden – Russian. 2. 1004, Emma McClean – Russian. 3. 1003, Teena Madden – Russian. 4. 10001, Hawthorn – Russian.

DUMBO CHALLENGE ANY AGE: 1. 10304, Lovcraft – Topaz Adult. 2. 10303, Melanie Smith – Agouti Adult. 3. 10002, Teena Madden – Russian Kitten. 4. 9701, Zoe Lumour – Black Irish Adult.

GUIDE STANDARD Ad 1: 1. 10701, Jessica Tabern. Downunder. Black buck. Fair type and size. Fair head, eye and ear. Fair variegation – bit blocky down middle. Very blocky under also. Fair condition.

GUIDE STANDARD KITTEN 2: 1. 10801, Golden Siamese. Doe. Nice type. Good head. Lovely eye and ear. Lovely condition. Good body colour. Good points, feet a little pale. Nice shading. 2. 10802, Lilliput. Golden Siamese Doe. Lovely type, head, eye

and ear. Nice dark points. Nice shading on rump but body colour not golden enough.
GUIDE STANDARD CHALLENGE: 1. 10801, Lilliput - Golden Siamese. 2. 10802, Lilliput - Golden Siamese. 3. 10701, Jessica Tabern - Downunder.
SUPREME CHALLENGE: 1. 7309, Rivendell - Agouti Adult - BEST IN SHOW. 2. 7311, Lovecraft - Agouti Adult - RESERVE BEST IN SHOW. 3. 10801, Lilliput - Golden Siamese Kitten - BEST OPPOSITE AGE. 4. 3601, Rivendell - Squirrel Kitten.
STUD BUCK 12: 1. 7107, Lovecraft - Silver. 2. 3302, Frankie Whiston-Hill - Chinchilla. 3. 9304, Tenebrae - AOV Rex. 4. 9305, Gallifrey - AOV Rex.

MISS L HOYLAND

ADULT OWNED BUCK: 1. A002 Helen Belton - Was very, very, very busy eating his biscuit. Finally decided to acknowledge my presence and came out for a bit of an explore. Absolutely adorable, proper little character, and very cute. Hilariously uncoordinated (disclaimer - not in a worrying way!). Engaging, funny little character, would happily steal him. Gives licks and grooms and we'd on me. Very entertaining character, could play with him all

day. 2. A004 Fiona Milton - Exceedingly tractable rat. Happy to be handled and played with. Confident little character, but lovely and gentle. A people rat, attention seeking super affectionate show off. Would definitely steal. Cutest jaw spot - would totally steal this rat. 3. A009 Frankie Whiston-Hill - very soft fur, like a teddy bear. Very sweet and steady rat, nice boy would make a good TV companion, a big furry potato who settled down for a good brux. 4. A001 Jessica Tabern - Very sweet boy, happy to be cuddled but took himself back to his tank for a through investigate. Seems a little cautious and not particularly interested in judge today. Has the most adorable gormless expression. Not placed: A003 Melanie Smith, A005 Frankie Whiston-Hill, A006 Frankie Whiston-Hill, A007 Frankie Whiston-Hill, A008 Frankie Whiston-Hill, A010 Frankie Whiston-Hill.
ADULT OWNED DOE: 1. B003 Leia Morrison - The fastest rat in the world! She was massively in season, and hilarious with it. Beautiful girl, with a beautiful soft coat. Super tractile despite the fact she was well in heat. A delightful little rat. 2. B007 Fiona Milton - Most laid back kitten ever, but at the same time super confident. Very fun rat, I like her a lot, clearly a rat confident in her own

skin. 3. B002 Helen Belton - very, very pretty rat. Fantastic coat condition, very sweet and friendly. Enjoyed posing for photographs, needs a little bit of reassurance, but altogether a very sweet girl. 4. B005 Zoe Lumour - Inquisitive adventurer, busy little madam. Initially a bit reticent, but warmed up quickly. Gave me a lick, which is always a winner, but would rather investigate than be cuddled. Not placed: B001 Helen Belton, B004 Zoe Lumour, B006 Zoe Lumour, B008 Frankie Whiston-Hill
ADULT OWNED CHALLENGE - 1st B003, 2nd A002, 3rd B007, 4th A004
JUNIOR OWNED DOE: 1. E001 Cambria Leitch - Very pretty girl, super silky fur. Wiggling her ears at me, a very cheeky girl. Loved having a cuddle, I could sit with her all day. Super duper rat.
JUNIOR OWNED CHALLENGE - 1st E001 Breeder owned buck I.G003 Renegade Stud - Very affectionate, snuggly little boy. Very laid back, ideal TV rat. Surprisingly calm for such a young boy, I like him very much. Ears like satellite dishes! 2. G004 Gallifrey Stud - Very sweet once he realised I was talking to him! He has a proper derp face, a very sweet little rat. Happy to sit and be snuggled, very sharp claws though. Nice boy. 3. G006 Gemstone Stud - Very nice boy, super silky

coat for an entire buck. Quite happy to sit and be cuddled - a sweet potato! 4. G005 Gemstone Stud - Really sharp claws, but a sweet rat. Has a few scabs on his back. Happy to sit and be squished, doesn't show any interest in exploring. Good lap rat, wants to get back to the feast in his tank. Has a sweet spot just behind his ears. Not placed: G001 Beltane Stud, G002 Renegade Stud
BREEDER OWNED DOE: 1. H007 Gemstone Stud - best 'bat rat' markings on her tummy. Shiniest coat ever, inquisitive and cheeky personality. Super sweet girl, wants to explore - bit upset I wouldn't let her go on the floor! Fabulous little girl. 2. H002 Beltane Stud - Sweet little dumpling, happy to have cuddles, I like her. Super soft coat, could have a nap with this rat, very gentle and sweet. Would steal. 3. H003 Renegade Stud - Fit little rat, but has a very sleepy personality. Lovely shiny coat. Give my face a very thorough sniffing. Bit clumsy, but just a gentle and steady girl. Lovely. 4. H006 Gallifrey Stud - Very pretty girl, lovely soft coat, cute little cuddler with a very kissable belly. Sweet girl. Not placed: H001 Symphony Stud, H004 Renegade stud.
BREEDER OWNED CHALLENGE: 1st H007, 2nd G003, 3rd G004, 4th H002
BEST PET: 1st H007, 2nd B003, 3rd E001, 4th G003.



Photo Brian Platt

Rat Section My Bradford by Ann Storey

My very first Bradford was 1978. I was 18 and it was the first long distance train journey I had been on and the first time I had ever booked a hotel.

The rat entry was small, about 25, and almost all of them had come from down south. I found the show electrifying and was even more pleased to get BOA, especially since it was the first time I had ever really won anything.

Showing wise Bradford has always been lucky for me but that doesn't mean that I don't still get a massive thrill out of winning it. This year the doe I had picked as a possible winner got bitten about a week before the show and it was obvious by the Wednesday that she was not going to be ready.

At the time, I really didn't think that her understudy, Rivendell Copperhead Road, was old enough, seeing that she was only 15 weeks

old which in rat showing is only one week out of juvenile classes. However she was in lovely condition and colour, so I decided to give it a go, even if typewise she wasn't quite ready.

I watched her being judged in Agouti Adult, which was a big class of about 11 rats, many of which were really good and mature examples, and was very pleased to see that she won.

I still wasn't expecting her to go all the way though and couldn't quite believe it when she did!

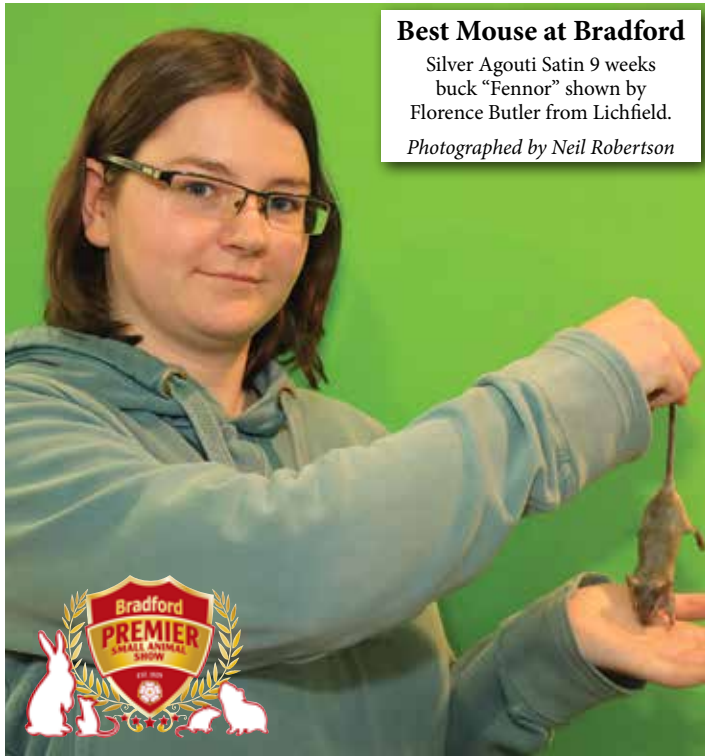
Bradford is not just about the winning though, no show is. It's also about meeting up with all the friends that you make in the fancy, especially those ones that you may not meet at any other time during the year.

Here's to many more!

Ann Storey

My Bradford by Jasmine Theobald

Bradford 2019 was my very first rat show and I was amazed that I could win something. I was already coming to the show with my French Lop rabbits, so was really pleased that I could also show my two new rats that I named Bert and Michael. I want to thank Ann Storey of Rivendell rats for letting me have my first two bucks; Michael, a silver fawn, came first in his variety class and Bert, a chinchilla, won me Best Junior (Juvenile). I was awarded a lovely cup that has pride of place on my bedroom shelf. I love my rats, they are so different from my huge lop rabbits. They are like tiny dogs, cheeky, adventurous, cuddly and very nosy, especially Bert. I hope to breed my own first litter in the next few weeks. Thanks also to Keera Smith for being so letting me visit her rats and giving me so much advice and information.



Best Mouse at Bradford
 Silver Agouti Satin 9 weeks buck "Fennor" shown by Florence Butler from Lichfield.
 Photographed by Neil Robertson



DOVE/SIL TAN Ad 3: 1 Cham Valley. Dove/B. Fair tan, light top. 2 Cham Valley. Dove/B. Fair top, being on tan. 3 Cham Valley. Dove/D. Behind on top colour and tan.
DOVE/SIL TAN u/8 3: 1 Cham Valley. Dove/D. Wins top and tan. 2 Cham Valley. Dove/D. Lacks tan to winner. 3 Cham Valley. Silver/D. Only fair top colour.
AOC TAN Ad 9: 1 A Briggs. Blue/B. Good mouse for top and tan. 2 A Briggs. Blue/B. Little to choose. 3 A Briggs. Blue/B. Behind on feet.
AOC TAN u/8 5: 1 S Cudbill. Silver Grey/B. Very nice level top, strong tan, B.O.A. in show. 2 Cham Valley. Cham/D. Good top, fair tan. 3 Cham Valley. Cham/D. Behind on tan.
TAN CHALL Ad 31: 1 A Briggs. Black. 2 A Briggs. Blue. 3 A Briggs. Blue.
TAN CHALL u/8 13: 1 S Cudbill. Silver Grey Ta. 2 M Ellis. Black. 3 M Ellis. Black.
JUVENILE AA 3: 1 J Bailey. Blue Fox. Good top and belly, shown fit. 2 J Bailey. Choc Tan. Good top and condition. 3 J Bailey. Blue Fox. Good top, fails belly colour.
UNSTAND AA 6: 1 H van Raaij. Burmese. Fit, nice level colour. 2 J Burrows. Texel. Bit small but nice coat effect. 3 J Burrows. Abby. Good effort, four rosettes.
GRAND CHALL Ad 124: 1 F Butler. Silver Agouti Satin. 2 R Greenwood. Cream. 3 J Webster. White.
GRAND CHALL u/8 74: 1 S Cudbill. Silver Grey Tan. 2 S Cudbill. Long haired. 3 K Tomaszek. Hereford.

all round, good condition. 2 Smith & Hollis Tri B Good condition, more black and white needed.
MARKED CHALLENGE Ad 12: 1 S Mönninghoff Broken. 2 Chew Valley Dutch. 3 J Burrows Hereford.
MARKED CHALLENGE u/8 7: 1 K Tomaszek Hereford. 2 S Cudbill Broken. 3 D Montgomery Broken.
Satin
IVORY SATIN Ad 3: 1 R Greenwood B Nice mouse all round. 2 J Webster D Thinner under than 1st. 3 H van Raaij B Line under spoils.
IVORY SATIN u/8 2: 1 J Webster B True u/8, looking good. 2 R Greenwood B Just behind 1st
AOC PE SELF SATIN Ad 3: 1 R Greenwood Cham B Lovely mouse, good condition, light tail root. 2 Smith & Hollis Fawn B Nice even colour, bit light. 3 Smith & Hollis Fawn D Just behind 2nd on condition.
BE SELF SATIN Ad 1: 1 M Shutt Red Good shade, condition, choppy fur.
BE SELF SATIN u/8 1: 1 G Kelly B Good colour, mousy.
AOV SATIN Ad 7: 1 I F Butler Sil Ag Lovely satination, even ticking all over, BIS. 2 O Hedin Sia Good shade, slight moult. 3 F Butler Not quite the even ticking of 1st mouse.
SATIN CHALLENGE Ad 14: 1 F Butler Silver Agouti. 2 R Greenwood Ivory. 3 R Greenwood Cham.
SATIN CHALLENGE u/8 3: 1 J Webster Ivory. 2 G Kelly Cream. 3 R Greenwood Ivory.

MRS K HOLDGATE

What an honour to be asked to judge this prestigious show again, and alongside Phil Hall. I found some classes needed extra careful looking over because with large classes (for example the Siamese) you find the right shade then you find faults, or find a perfect mouse in shape and condition but it is too dark or too light! It's times like this when you are very pleased to have a capable steward to keep everything running smoothly whilst you scratch your head and keep changing glasses, so in the end you hope you've found the right mouse! So thanks go to Sarah Yeomans for her hard work. It's lovely to see some of the less popular varieties being worked on and up to a good standard!

Marked

DUTCH Ad 3: 1 Chew Valley B Ragged rump marking, other stops good. 2 Chew Valley B Same as 1st, face markings into muzzle. 3 Chew Valley B Just behind 2nd.
DUTCH u/8 3: 1 Chew Valley All 3 very similar, tail tips of all these looked possibly missing. 2 Chew Valley. 3 Chew Valley.
BROKEN Ad 5: 1 S Mönninghoff B Nice 8-9sp, even eyes spoil. 2 S Mönninghoff B 6sp One side lacks spots. 3 F Butler B 6sp Nearly there.
BROKEN u/8 2: 1 S Cudbill B 7sp Lovely condition, good distribution of spots. 2 D Montgomery D Lacking spots, nice condition
AOV MARKED Ad 4: 1 J Burrows Hfrd D Lovely all round, more white needed under. 2 H van Raaij Banded D Nice fit mouse, good condition, big spot in band fails. 3 K Tomaszek Tri B Brindling on rump lets down, good condition.
AOV MARKED u/8 2: 1 K Tomaszek Hfrd D Lovely

MOUSE SECTION

Judges: Mr P Hall (Self, Tan). Mrs K Holdgate (Marked, Satin & AOV). Total entries 612. Total exhibits 212. Best in Show and Best Satin F Butler (Satin Silver Agouti adult). Best Opposite Age S Cudbill (Tan u/8). Best Self R Greenwood (Cream Ad). Best Tan A Briggs (Black Tan u/8). Best Marked K Tomaszek (Hereford u/8). Best Satin F Butler (Silver Agouti Satin Ad). Best AOV S Cudbill (Longhair u/8). Best Unstandardised J van Raaij (Burmese). Best Juvenile J Bailey (Blue Fox u/8).

MR PHIL HALL

Thanks for the invitation to judge at Doncaster. Some nice mice on show. Best self a lovely cream from Richard Greenwood. Best tan a nice black from Angela Briggs. Well done to Florence Butler on winning this great show with a good coloured silver agouti. Thanks to John Webster for stewarding.
PEW Ad 6: 1 J Webster. B. Easy winner, wins type and condition. 2 M Ellis. D. Fair head, loses on belly. 3 S Mönninghoff. D. Teat spots spoil on belly.
PEW u/8 9: 1 R Greenwood. D. Good top, wins on head. 2 J Webster. D. Good colour, not head of winner. 3 R Greenwood. D. Fails head moult.
BEC Ad 4: 1 R Greenwood. N. Wins type and finish, best self. 2 S Cudbill. B. Not head quality of winner. 3 R Greenwood. B. Good size, small mark on ear.
BEC u/8 5: 1 T Greenwood. D. Good mouse, slight moult on head. 2 S Cudbill. C. Not type of winner, moult on base of tail. 3 R Greenwood. D. Fails ears to 1st and 2nd.
BLACK Ad 7: 1 K Tomaszek. D. Easy winner of class, good colour. 2 S Cudbill. B. Lost on finish. 3 S Mönninghoff. B. Some tan on vent.

BLACK u/8 7: 1 J Webster. B. Wins on colour. 2 D Montgomery. B. Not colour of winner. 3 D Montgomery. B. Some tan on vent.
CHAM/FAWN Ad 8: 1 M Rubery. F/D. Easy winner on type and colour. 2 M Rubery. F/D. Behind on colour. 3 M Ellis. F/B. Good colour, small eyes.
CHAM/FAWN u/8 9: 1 R Greenwood. C/D. Good colour and type. 2 R Greenwood. C/D. Good colour. Not ears of winner. 3 M Ellis. F/D. Small eyes spoil.
BLUE Ad 11: 1 F Butler. B. Wins class on colour. 2 S Cudbill. B. A little light on feet. 3 M Byrne. D. A touch light in colour.
BLUE u/8 6: 1 L Birchall. D. Lovely mouse for colour and finish. 2 M Shutt. D. Just a touch light in colour. 3 M Shutt. B. Not the finish of 1st and 2nd.
AOC SELF Ad 4: 1 M Shutt. D. Red. Wins class on colour. 2 M Shutt. B. Red. Lost on light belly. 3 J Mullan. B. Red. Not colour of 1st and 2nd.
AOC SELF u/8 1: 1 R Greenwood. B. Silver: Good colour, little tan on vent.
SELF CHALL Ad 34: 1 R Greenwood. Cream. 2 J Webster. White. 3 A Rubery. Black.
SELF CHALL u/8 37: 1 R Greenwood. White. 2 R Greenwood. ream. 3 L Birchall. Blue.
BLACK TAN Ad 11: 1 A Briggs. B. Good mouse, wins tan and finish, best tan. 2 B Taylor. D. Good top, just behind on tan. 3 A Briggs. D. Good top, again lost on tan.
BLACK TAN u/8 4: 1 M Ellis. B. Wins top and tan. 2 M Ellis. B. Loses tan to winner. 3 M Ellis. B. Tan not coloured up.
CHOCOLATE TAN Ad 8: 1 M Ellis. B. Wins class on tan. 2 M Ellis. B. Lacks tan to winner. 3 M Ellis. B. Behind on tan.
CHOCOLATE TAN u/8 3: 1 A Briggs. D. Wins best all round. 2 A Briggs. D. Not tan of winner. 3 J Bailey. B. Needs time.



MEET BRADFORD'S SHOW JUMPING STARS



Rabbit jumping displays were organised by Rabbit Jumping UK with the jumps made for the 2019 Bradford show by Coney & Cavy - owner Brian Platt took the photos.



ANGORA PRODUCTS

Angora Products

Section judged by Anne Gibson

Class 1. Clipped wool white. (Very high standard in all entries.)

1 Yvonne Hobbs (chosen because of the even length of the fibres). 2 Yvonne Hobbs (very nice crimp.) 3 Adel Wray (lovely sample.)

Class 2. Clipped coloured wool

1 Sally May, Smoke (beautiful markings and crimp.) 2 Sally May, Sooty Fawn (very good, long and clean.) 3 Sally May, Blue (very nice wool.) 4 Sally May, Chocolate (nice long sample.) Highly commended Sally May, Brown Grey (with lovely colour gradient, slightly coarse tips otherwise would have scored higher.)

Class 3. Plucked wool.

1, 2 Sally May – Smoke (exceptionally long wool.) 2 Chocolate (beautiful wool.)

Best overall fibre: Sally May, Smoke. (Clipped wool, chosen due to its nice sheen.)

Class 7 Spindle spun Plied Yarn (mixed or pure.)

1 Rebekah Staples 2ply 100% Blue angora (beautifully spun and plied, very even.) 2 Lesley Hordon 1ply Sooty Fawn & 1ply Tussah silk (soft balanced ply.) 3 Lesley Hordon 1ply Sooty Fawn & 1ply Tussah silk (as above.) 4 Rebekah Staples 1 ply blue angora & 1 ply Blue Merino (very attractive.)

Class 8 Wheel spun plied yarn (mixed or pure.) All entries in this class were very high quality.

1 Veronica Symonds – 50% Brown grey angora & 50% grey merino (very nicely plied and even.) 2 Judith Staples – 30% white angora & 70% blue faced Leicester (lovely overall effect.) 3 Judith Staples – Plied 30% angora & 70% dyed merino silk (beautiful yarn.) 4 Judith Staples 50% white angora & 50% lilac merino. Highly commended – Judith Staples- 1 ply white angora & 1 ply ruby merino sparkle.

Class 9 Wheel spun single (pure or mixed.)

1 Sally May 95% angora smoke plus Angelina (very even balanced single.) 2 Sally May 99% angora smoke plus Angelina (nice even spin.)

Class 11 Accessories (Handspun hats gloves scarfs etc.)

1 Sally May – Wrist warmers. Smoke Angora & 25% Merino and Angelina (interesting stitch used. Very neat.) 2 Veronica Symonds. Scarf 50% Angora and 50% merino mixed. (Nicely spun and good colour choice.) 3 Sally May, Wristwarmers 50% angora 45% merino 5% alpaca (Very cosy and appealing.)

Class 12. Felted Accessory

1 Rebekah Staples, Felted scarf. 73 % angora, 25% merino tops, 2% silk tops, chiffon fabric, seed beads and buttons to decorate. (Beautifully made and just the right amount of extra decoration.)

Class 13. Handspun garment.

1 Mary Tomlin. Chemise. 1 ply white angora 1 ply silk. Yoke stocking stitch and picot border. (Beautiful garment.)

Class 14. Felted toys etc.

1 Sally May. Two felted bunnies. (Excellent felting, very life like.)

Class 15. Handspun shawl.

1 Lesley Hordon. Spindle spun 75% Smoke angora & 25% Slate mulberry silk plus Angelina (beautifully spun and knitted choice of beads, well co-ordinated.) 2 Chantel Tancel. Smoke and White blend. (Well done, nicely spun and knitted.)

Class 16 Handspun outfit – two complementary items.

1 Veronica Symonds. Hat and Gloves. 50% gold angora & 50% merino green/orange. (lovely comforting items.) 2 Alison Redding Hat and scarf. 25% angora & 25% blue faced Leicester. (Difficult pattern, well done.)

Class 17 Sample square 6"

2 Rebekah Staples, 1 ply Blue angora x 1 ply North Ronaldsey. (Interesting fibre combination and nicely knitted. 2nd as sample size, not as schedule)

Class 18 Beginners less than 3 years.

1 Alison Redding. Hat & Scarf.

Class 19 Miscellaneous toys, badges, flowers etc.

1 Sally May, golden Angora rabbit (lovely little rabbit face.) 2 Sally May, white angora rabbit (very sweet.) 3 Veronica Symonds, knitted handspun flowers. (Very colourful.)

Best overall fibre.

Sally May with the clipped smoke from class 2. (chosen due to the sheen effect.)

Best overall yarn.

Sally May with wheel spun single from class 9 (very impressed with the even spin on a single.)

Best in show.

Lesley Hordon with the shawl from class 15. (Very difficult decision especially comparing to the chemise made by Mary Tomlin.) Thank you for the honour of asking me to judge. Some beautiful crafts were exhibited.



Angora products at the 2019 Bradford Premier Show, photographed by Lesley Hordon and Neil Robertson



British Mini Rex Club photographic competition

I was honoured to be asked to judge the Photographic competition of the British Mini Rex Club at Bradford. There were two classes – one for photographs taken with mobile phone devices and one for those taken with actual cameras.

The standard was good and I have chosen this picture from Courtney Hodder as the winner of the mobile phone category and also best overall.

I like the informality of the photograph as well as the composition. The use of differential focus is good and innovative for a mobile phone!

The netting to the right and the hay at the bottom left add to the structure of the image. This is not a fluke as there were at least two others from the same exhibitor.

Brian Platt





Party Night 2019

Well here we go, what a fantastic weekend we all had at the Premier Show of the year... And the party I'm sure you'll agree went off with a bang!

Our surprise act for 2019 the magician was booked, the most competitive competition of the Quiz was wrote, raffle prizes were wrapped and the brand new selfie frame was made! That was my last message from Lucy before Christmas, organised is her middle name... I wonder which friend she takes after?! Everything was all set including the new DJ and of course, who better to snap you on arrival than Brian Platt who had the selfie wall set... The clock was ticking, and the countdown was on!

Ticket sales before the show had gone well, and my you did not disappoint on Saturday with lots of sales throughout the day and even more on the door! Thank you to all the fanciers for your continued support of the 'Party Night' - The Conduit Suite filled quickly up, with all tables occupied including those in the bar area, and the atmosphere buzzed through the night. Our magician Robert Bardsley wowed his audience under the brilliant tunes from James at Disco Yorkshire!

The Quiz was marked, and left a draw between 'Norfolk'n'Chance' and Guernsey! The tie-break question was won by... Gary Hodson, who held onto the Winners Certificate the whole

night, well it was the only thing he did win over the weekend! Congratulations to all the raffle winners, and for purchasing tickets... Thanks the girls on the door and Miss Fox with her two young assistances Zara and Iona who went round all the tables to sell the remaining tickets! Top sales techniques girls!

The night was then left to be danced away, with all your favourites the dance floor was packed! Finishing the night with 'New York New York'... The video of this is on Facebook if anyone cannot remember! The pictures summarise what an amazing, fun-filled night was had by all involved. Oh, and if you were filmed on the night by The Rabbit Show, David

Moll, this promotional video will be coming soon...

2020 - What do we have in store?!? We have already booked James from Disco Yorkshire to come back! The rest we can leave to your imagination... But there is LOTS in store, with fresh ideas welcome!

Over and out for another year!

*Jenny Carlile and Lucy Wheel
Social Secretaries*



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