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Anything received after this date may not be able to be included in that issue.

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North West Area:

Anyone interested to contact the

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General Secretary as soon as possible

Wales

Editorial

by Ian Fielding.

Dear Members,

Hope you're breeding season is going well? – some good ones to show maybe later in the year?

May I firstly take the opportunity to invite as many of you as possible to come along and attend the Pied Show of Great Britain and the Annual general Meeting of the society, held on Sunday April 9th at Loddington Village hall, Loddington, near Kettering in Northants. (*Directions etc can be found later in the magazine*)

This is the time when you the members can come along and have your say in the running of the society. As a committee we would love to hear what you think of of we do for you – the members and what else we can offer you to help you with Pied varieties.

As you will see later in the magazine we have got quite a debate ongoing regarding the judging of the Pied varieties, the markings on the birds etc.

If you have any comments then please send them in – these will be discussed at the AGM, and also in future issues of the VP.

As you know the patronage application deadline is 28th February, but if your society hasn't sent in their application, please get it sent in as soon as possible – you will see who has applied so far this year later in the magazine.

If you have anything else to say about the society, or the Pied section of the fancy in general, then please e-mail with your comments! i.fielding@blueyonder.co.uk

Yours

Ian Fielding.

Dates for Your Diary

Committee Meetings in 2005/2006

Sunday April 9th 2006 – Loddington Village hall, near Kettering, Nothants

10.00am until 12.30pm

(Prior to A.G.M at 1.00pm)

V.B.C. - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006

Sunday April 9th 2006

Starts 1.00pm (usually 1-1½ hours)

Loddington Village hall, near Kettering, Nothants

Lunch will be available from 12.30pm

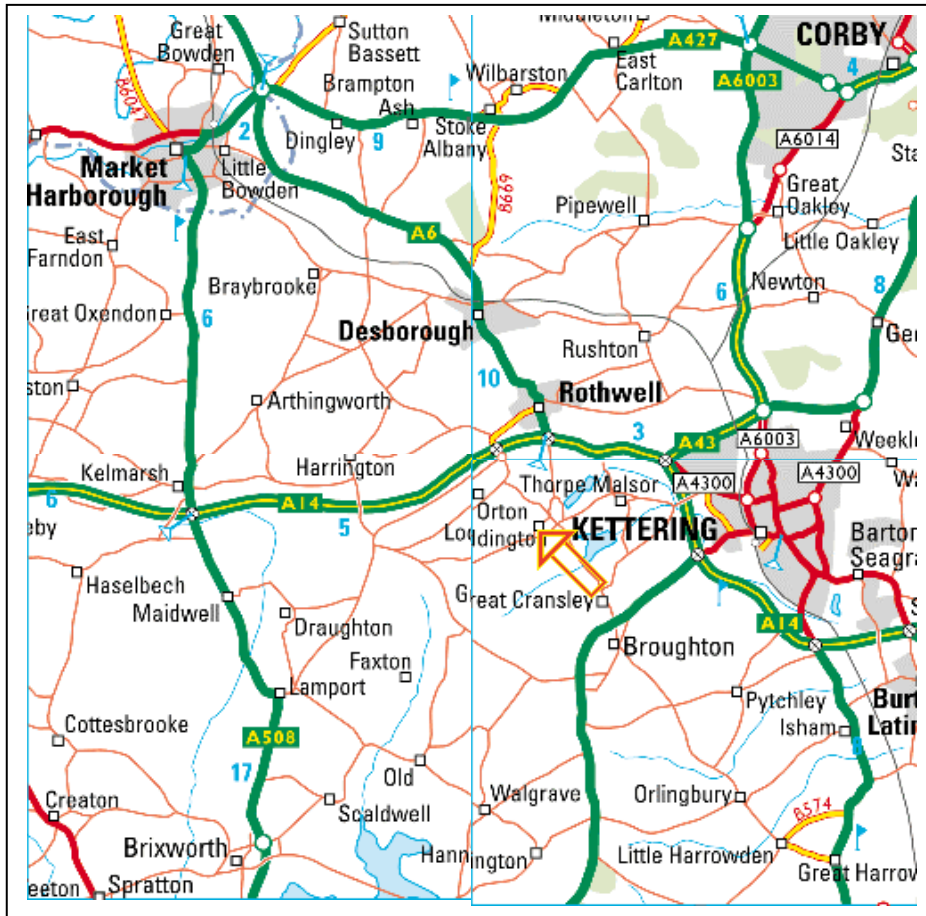
Also Pied Show of Great Britain

To be held on the morning of the AGM – Judge B. Sweeting

Will non-committee members requiring lunch please let the General Secretary know 1 week prior to the AGM to allow for extra refreshments.

Please try to attend – This is the only time when members can voice their feelings about society issues; whether good or bad.

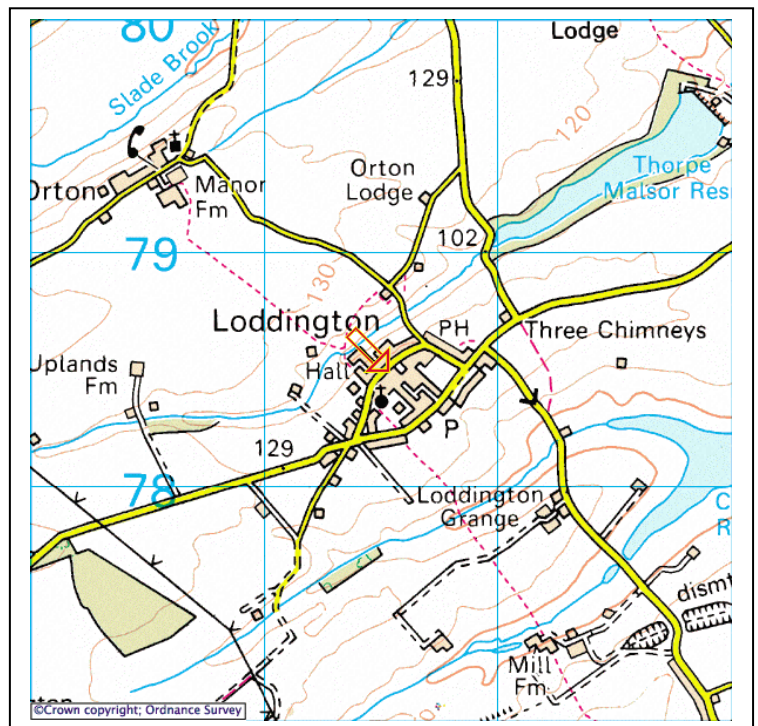
Directions to the AGM.



The Venue is located just south of the A14, coming from the M6 and M1 Intersection you will travel 17 miles towards Kettering, turning down the B576 before getting to Rothwell.

Loddington is approximately 1½ miles south of the A14.

Fro the A1(M) northbound follow the A14 approximately 28 miles, passing Kettering and again just after Rothwell you will turn left (South) along the B576 towards Loddington.



Agenda for the 2006 Annual General Meeting of the Variegated Budgerigar Club

The Chairman asks the President to formally open the Meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence
2. President's Address.
3. Minutes of the AGM held on 4th April 2005 – as per 2005 Year Book
4. Matters Arising.
5. To receive the Annual Reports from:
 - a) General Secretary
 - b) Auditors
 - c) Treasurer. Submit Accounts.
 - d) Subscription Secretaries
 - e) Patronage Secretary.
 - f) Editor/Slide Show Controller
 - g) Press Officer
 - h) Area Group Organisers
6. Correspondence.
7. Election of Officers & Committee

Brian Sweeting as outgoing President hands over the chain off office to the New President.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
President	Mr D. Mathie		
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Vice-Chairman	Geoff Capes		
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Committee	Standing		
	D. Stiling		
	R. Clarke		
	S. Clarke		
	C. Thorne		
Ballot Scrutineers	NCA		
Area Group Organisers			
Southern	J. Elsmore		
Scottish	D. Mathie		
North West			
North East			
Wales			
East Midlands			

8. Subscriptions.
9. Honoraria
10. V.B.C. Yearbook - Comments.
11. Specialist & Rare Varieties Open Show / BS Convention
12. B.S. Show and V.B.C. Club Show 2006
13. V.B.C. Stand - where has it been
14. VBC Website.
15. Roll of Honour
16. Annual General Meeting 2007
17. Committee Meetings 2006 – 2007
18. V.B.C. Member of the Year
19. Any Other Business.

Please send any items for the Agenda to the Secretary by the

1st April 2006

VBC merchandise!



These are in full colour, with the Club Colour Logo - drawn by Eric Peake - These are available from the General Secretary at a cost of £4.50 incl P&P in the UK, and £5.50 (10 euros) incl P&P rest of world.

See a colour picture of these on the VBC Website -

www.variegatedbc.co.uk

We also now have our own VBC Pied Breeding registers, these will take up to 26 Pairs and are colour coded to the UK Colour of Rings for the particular year. These are £1.50 incl P&P.

See these at the VBC Stand at the Specialist & Rare Variety Show and the VBC/BS Club Show.

The VBC has gone Computerised!

VBC Slide Show now available on CD-Rom

For those who have seen the VBC Slide Show on loan to societies over the years it has proved to be dated and I find myself difficult to update.

So what we are have done is to scan the original set of slides - add text pages, including breeding expectations etc, update the pictures with ones



from members own Web Sites, and new ones taken on digital camera.

The CD-Roms are available from the general Secretary at a cost of £6.00 including postage and packing. These can be used at Club meetings, or for loan to members and may prove useful to those newcomers to PIEDS who would like to learn more about them

THE VARIEGATED POST & YEAR BOOK

ADVERTISING RATES

	All 3 issues	2 issues	1 issue	
FULL PAGE -	£25.00	£17.50		£10.00
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For your advertisement to appear in the next issue, please send a clear copy of your advertisement together with appropriate fees to the EDITOR as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE V.B.C SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CORRECT OFFICIAL CONCERNED.

Subscriptions, Orders for VBC Badges, etc. should be sent to the Subscriptions Secretary : Mr E. Simister, 15 Langdale Ave. Croston. Lancashire. PR26 9SE
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Note ; Replies and receipts will only be sent directly when an S.A.E. is enclosed - otherwise you will receive them with your next VP.

Patronage Enquiries, should be sent to Mrs P.Fielding, 16 Pilkington Road. Southport. Merseyside. PR8 6PD. Tel:01704 548327.

Items for the Agenda at the A.G.M. and queries about Society issues : should be sent to Mr Ian Fielding, 16 Pilkington Road. Southport. Merseyside. PR8 6PD. Tel:01704 548327.

Items for inclusion in the V.P. should be sent to the Editor, Ian Fielding, Address and Tel. No. as above.

BS Clubs Show report – List of Trophy Winners 2005

Dominant PIEDS		
Kingsway Trophy	Best Dominant Pied Opp. Sex	P. Gatward
Ken Gell Memorial Trophy	Best Dominant Pied A/A	B. Sweeting
C H Ward Memorial Rose Bowl	Best Dominant Pied Young Bird	B. Sweeting
Fred Watson Trophy	Best Dominant Pied Y /Bird Opp. Sex	B. Sweeting
J & P Trigg Trophy	Best Dominant Pied Green Series	K. Fagan
Duncan American Trophy	Best Dominant Pied Y /Bird Blue Series	B. Sweeting
Sussex Trophy	Best Champion Dominant Pied A/A	B. Sweeting
Brighton Trophy	Best Champion Dominant Pied Y /Bird	B. Sweeting
Brook Trophy	Best Intermediate Dominant Pied A/A	J & L McGeehan
Kent Trophy	Best Intermediate Dominant Pied Y /Bird	J & L McGeehan
Harry Bryan Trophy	Best Intermediate Dominant Pied Hen Y /B	J & L McGeehan
Moy Trophy	Best Novice Dominant Pied A/A	P. Gatward
Leicester Trophy	Best Novice Dominant Pied Y/Bird	K. Fagan
Alf Ormerod Trophy	Best Beginner Dominant Pied A/A	S. Llansdowne
Abbey Trophy	Best Beginner Dominant Pied Y/Bird	S. Wildes
Recessive PIEDS		
Kingsway Trophy	Best Recessive Pied Opp. Sex	D. Spruce
Jack O'Reilly Memorial	Best Recessive Pied Any Age	Marshall & Shotton
Freshney Trophy	Best Recessive Pied Y/Bird	D. Spruce
Pete & Sheila Davis Trophy	Best Recessive Pied Y/Bird Opp. Sex	D. Spruce
Shaftesbury Trophy	Best Champion Recessive Pied A/A	Marshall & Shotton
Rowe Trophy	Best Champion Recessive Pied Y/Bird	M & M Chapman
Nicholls Trophy	Best Intermediate Rec. Pied A/A	Not Awarded
William Walker Mem. Trophy	Best Intermediate Recessive Pied Y /Bird	L. Barker
Alf Ormerod Trophy	Best Novice Recessive Pied A/A	D. Spruce
G Abell Trophy	Best Novice Recessive Pied Y/Bird	D. Spruce
Manchester Trophy	Best Beginner Recessive Pied A/A	W. Salt
V G Hill Trophy	Best Beginner Recessive Pied Y/Bird	W. Salt
Junior Trophies		
	Best Junior Dominant Pied A/A	A. Palmer
	Best Junior Recessive Pied A/A	A. Mahoney
	Best Junior Dominant Pied Y/Bird	L. Murray
	Best Junior Recessive Pied Y/Bird	Not Awarded

PATRONAGE CORNER

Its already mid February and applications for patronage are starting to arrive at a fairly steady pace. To date we have received over forty applications (a list of which is below). By my records we are still some 50 applications outstanding so I should have a busy 2 weeks before patronage applications officially close. It is a certainty some will be late they always are. It is a pain though as it prolongs my job.

The changes to patronage fees next year means that the patronage job should be easier. It means that the societies do not have to send an envelope (which 50% are too small) and the postage is covered in the new fee. All can be prepacked ready for sending prior to applications arriving – all I will have to do is attach the label and the postage.

Patronage Applications received by 18th February 2006

Date of Show	Society	Type of Show	patronage granted
**28/06/2006	Royal Norfolk Show	Open	Rosette
02/07/2006	Central Lancs & Leyland BS	Open	General
09/07/2006	Tayside BS	Open	General
16/07/2006	Doncaster BS	Open	General
16/07/2006	North Staffs BS	Open	General
16/07/2006	Bedfordshire BS	Open	General
23/07/2006	Clwyd BS	Open	General
30/07/2006	Ipswich BS	Open	General
30/07/2006	Notts & Derby B A	Open	Rosette
**05/08/2006	LCNWBS	Area	Area
05/08/2006	Edinburgh BS	Open	General
06/08/2006	Southend & Dist B&FBS	Open	General
06/08/2006	N W Leicestershire BS	Open	General
13/08/2006	Scottish BS	Area	Area
13/08/2006	Teesside BS	Open	General
20/08/2006	Leeds BS	Open	General

Date of Show	Society	Type of Show	patronage granted
20/08/2006	Norwich & Norfolk BS	Open	Supreme
20/08/2006	West Cumbria BS	Open	Rosette
20/08/2006	Kingdom of fife BS	Open	General
20/08/2006	S W Lancs BS	Open	Rosette
27/08/2006	Birmingham BS	Open	General
27/08/2006	Plymouth B&FBS	Open	Rosette
27/08/2006	Mid Lincs B&FBS	Open	General
03/09/2006	Cleethorpes B & FBS	Open	General
03/09/2006	Somerset BS	Open	General
03/09/2006	Blackpool BS	Open	General
09/09/2006	MBA	Area	Area
10/09/2006	Swindon BS	Open	General
10/09/2006	Croydon & Dist BS	Open	General
10/09/2006	York & District BS	Open	General
16/09/2006	South Eastern Budgerigar Society	Open	General
17/09/2006	Waveney valley BC	Open	Supreme
17/09/2006	Northamptonshire BS	Open	General
24/09/2006	Yorkshire BS	Area	Area
01/10/2006	LCNWBS	Specialist	Specialist 1*
07/10/2006	Newquay CBS	Open	General
08/10/2006	Gt Yarmouth, Gorleston & Lowestoft CBS	Open	General
08/10/2006	Scottish BS	Specialist	Specialist 1*
08/10/2006	Melton BS	Open	General
14/10/2006	Isle of Wight BS	Open	Rosette
15/10/2006	Kernow Avicultural Society	Open	Rosette
10/12/2006	Crewe & District CBS	Members	Promotional

** Denotes first day of 2 day show.

If you can't see your show listed I have not yet received a patronage application form. Please contact your patronage secretary to remind him / her that patronage applications close on February 28th 2006.

Hope you all breed lots of birds for the showbench

Pat Fielding

Pied markings – the Debate Continues

By Ian Fielding

As most of you will have read in the September 2005 Issue I wrote an article about Colour of Recessive Pies, and their Wing markings.

This was some personal points I encountered over the years about the ways in which Recessive Pies, and their associated varieties are judged.

Within a couple of days of sending out the September Magazine – I had a very nice response from Roger Hester of Cirencester:

As follows:

“Dear Mr Fielding.

I have just read your article in the variegated post, YIPPEE someone with a lot of respect and knowledge has spoken up about the standard of judging at local BS club shows.

I know we are tending to see our own birds through rose tinted glasses, but even when a correction or clarification is offered to a judge by an independant chief steward it is brushed aside.

An example of this was at a recent show the judge failed to recognise a double factor dominant pied cock bird, claiming it was a wrong classed recessive pied, the presence of an iris ring in both eyes was pointed out to him but ignored.

At another show I saw a dominant pied bird win the recessive pied class when this was pointed out to the show manager he just replied tough there is nothing he could do as the judge had already left the hall!

However I will stand up and praise the judges I have seen refer to the standards book if they are not sure of a point on a particular variety, this is the sort we need and I for one will steward with this judge all day, and be able to learn. Many thanks Roger Hester. Cirencester.Glos”

Then in the post I was sent a copy of a letter by John Spencer, which appeared in the May 2005 Budgerigar World, in which he criticised judges in a similar way.

“The Emperors new Clothes”

Towards the end of 2004 we saw a good headed recessive pied get a C.C. A bonny bird judged by a well respected judge. Duly accepted in most quarters; now some 6 months later you look at the bird with a totally blocked wing and you say, "What are we thinking of it isn't right."

We have specialist budgie societies' to help enhance certain breeds one of these being the V.BC. Most of the less common varieties are.

of a smaller build in some or all areas but they are being improved over time, but it is noticed that with recessive pied's with 20-40% marked wings that the birds have slightly less breadth across the head. Whereas birds with a totally blocked in wing, the make up of the bird is nearer genetically to a normal bird than our standard requires have generally better breadth across the head.

Should we not then either stick to our standards agreed for each variety or there is no point spending years or even a lifetime trying to improve a breed when you can just ignore it when you feel like it. There. would be no need for specialist societies just a budgie one would do.

You faithfully,

*John Spencer,
Banffshire , Member of the VBC, CBS and RVBS.*

Now since these items have been received, we have seen another BS Club Show go by, with some very interesting results.

I must admit that on the Saturday a number of comments were made by fellow exhibitors regarding the winner of the Best Young Bird Opposite Sex, the comments being "how could a bird with such heavy wing markings be placed in a winning position".

I have subsequently received a copy of a letter sent to the BS General Council and Colour Standards Committee, by the eminent Recessive Pied breeder, Exhibitor and BS Panel Judge, Geoff Capes.

"AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING, ALSO A COPY TO BE SENT TO THE COLOUR STANDARDS COMMITTEE.

Dave

Would you please place this item on the minutes of the next committee meeting as a urgent matter to discuss regarding the standard of the recessive pied and the way it is being judged at shows in general and in particular at the recent Club Show in November 2005.

May I quote the official rules and guide lines laid down by the Budgerigar Society relating to firstly any variety regarding;

Flecking

As defined as any dark mark (flecks or Grizzle) on the crown or frontal of the head. These markings should be PENALISED SEVERELY bearing in mind that the standard for every variety denoted the 'THE FRONTAL AND CROWN MUST BE CLEAR AND FREE FROM ALL MARKINGS.

BODY COLOUR

Patchiness and/or dilution of body colour below the level of that described in the colour standards and the suffusion of another colour other than that described in the colour standards should be penalised.

RECESSIVE PIED

Dark markings on wings if less than 10% or more than 20% of the total area should be penalised. The frontal and crown should be clear and free of all markings.

In the past, I have frequently won major awards and still continue to do so with the recessive pied variety and always tried to show within the guide lines laid down by the Budgerigar Society. But when I was going round the winners of this variety at the Club Show I was amazed at the dirtiness' of some of the major awards and far away from the standards laid down with respect to flecking, and markings in particular.

Unless the standard relating to the variety is upheld, the variety will be on the downward slope into obscurity, and in some cases relating to the markings may as well be a normally marked variety i.e.; Dark Green.

Many fellow fanciers spend years cleaning up the birds to enable the variety to be shown at its best as depicted by the ideal and the markings are a special feature of the recessive pied and long may it continue.

At the Club Show I believe that the judge put size before variety and markings and in his own words, 'well it's a good budgie' and it does not matter about the flecking or the variety. Well I think it does and I feel that these remarks have gone too far.

Many a breeder that specialises in the variety made their voices known to me at the show and have given support to me with respect to putting pen to paper because of their concern of how the variety is being seen by our members and how a wrong message is being sent out by the way the variety is being judged.

Many may say that it is sour grapes, but please believe me it is not it is of grave concern to me in particular. I have won many major awards from the Rares, to the Club Show, and more than once with this beautiful variety, with clean birds. Yes, I also have dark and flecked birds that I could show, but choose not too

because I feel that the variety is of paramount importance.

I believe that I may be damned for saying what I have said but I will be damned if I don't. I am a judge, and Vice Chairman of the VBC and a specialist breeder of this variety and increasingly concerned and yes it is a big hint to fellow judges and in particular the Colour Standards committee to prick your conscience to address this problem that is ruining our rarer varieties.

In conclusion, my message reminds me of when we passed our driving tests, we swore by the Highway Code and when we got our licence to drive, we threw our highway code away or never looked at it again but are we all good drivers?

Post mark comment;

I wonder how the trainee judges would have got on in their tests if they put up a badly marked recessive pied with more faults than a Rover motor car.

Geoff Capes GCI

So – as you can see – the debate continues, and I am sure this will be debated at the AGM on 9th April, at which time we the VBC will be in a position to be able to send our Society Opinion to the BS general Council and Colour Standards Committee – so if you the members of the VBC have any comments – either come to the AGM in April, or send me an email or letter.

I look forward to hearing from you all.

Ian Fielding

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APPLICATION FORM

Please enrol/renew me as a Member of the V.B.C.

for which I enclose £ . p in Sterling only.

Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Tel. _____

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