The BICC has long been regarded as the "trailblazer" as far as British participation in International competition is concerned. Since its formation in the late 1970's, the club has grown not only in stature with regard to its recognition by our European counterparts, but also numerically as the present membership currently numbers well over 1,400 and rising. This number includes some of the very best fanciers in the UK and Ireland and includes at least EIGHT International race winners.

As a result of discussions with the organisers of the Epsom Show it was decided to arrange an auction of pigeons, kindly donated by some of the very best lofts in the UK.

This fine draft of pigeons is listed below. Only brief details are given here, but a full pedigree will be supplied to the lucky purchasers on the day of the auction. Just take a look at the list of donors and the pigeons they have donated. This sale must constitute one of, if not THE best drafts of pigeons ever put up for auction in these Islands. This is an opportunity not to be missed if you have aspirations of success in long distance races. In this one auction you have the opportunity to purchase the best long distance bloodlines from arguably the best long distance fanciers in the UK and Ireland.

Gareth Watkins.........

So to start you off ~ how about one from a King's Cup winning fancier:-
Mark Bulled - King’s Cup winner from Tarbes and multiple winner of the London North Road Combine through to Lerwick on the North road. Mark offers a young dark cock (2014 bred) that returned from training with a damaged wing, which has ended his racing career. He is however sound for the stock loft.
Sire – Son of Legacy 1st NFC Tarbes x Dtr Hana 6th LSECC Tarbes; 8th LSECC Alencon; 46th LSECC Bergerac as yearling.
Dam – Gdtr of George 1st NFC Tarbes for G & C Cooper.
This one contains two King’s Cup winning pigeons in his immediate pedigree!!
2. **Darran McFadden** ~ A winner of 2nd Open Pau International in 2013 only beaten by BICC clubmates Geoff and Catherine Cooper. Darran has scores of top positions in National and Classic competition. The pigeon on offer is a young bird bred from a daughter of "Pau Princess" 1st sect, 2nd open BICC, 2nd open International hens, 2nd open International Pau 8,576birds when paired to "Dark Prince" 5th sect, 11th open BICC, 243rd open International Pau 8,576birds.

Sire is a son of Cameron's Snow Queen (LSECC merit winner) and mother of "Snow Prince" 1st sect, 4th open NFC Tarbes; "Snow Duke" 3rd sect, 14th open NFC Tarbes and "Dark Prince" when paired to "65" 6th sect, 19th open BICC Pau 2014 and 3 weeks later flew BICC St Vincent International on the winning day but was not clocked as Darran was on his way to Devon!

3. **Lee and Kevin Buddle**. What can one say about this father and son partnership after their superb 2014 old bird season with the BICC, when they featured in the top ten Open in every International race and won the BICC Narbonne International race. My advice is to get in quick and buy from one of the most consistently successful lofts on the International circuit. Lee and Kevin have donated one from their 2014 Narbonne winner to the sale and the details are:-

SIRE: - GB13N28460, Son of "Pipi" 5th BICC Barcelona 2011( 763 miles), 9th BICC Barcelona 2014 & 10th BICC Barcelona 2013 and a winner of a 'BICC Certificate of Merit' & GB11N44589 winner of 49th BICC St Vincent 2013 and a Dtr of "Bolt" 4th BICC Pau 2010 & "Portia" a top racing hen a Dtr of our foundation bird "Buddy"...

4. **The Padfield Family** - Vince and Dave offer one direct from Iron Lady 3 x Barcelona winning 8th, 11th & 35th Open at 757 miles. The sire of this young bird is a direct son of Champion Indy of Matt Rakes. Indy winner of 1st & 8th Open NFC Tarbes and King's Cup when mated to a direct Cees Luyx cock bred from the famous "723".

**GB06N28324**

1st Gwent Greater Distance Club
3rd Sect 8th Open British
International Championship Club
Barcelona 2013 757 miles
5. **Gareth and Stuart Treharne of Nantyglo** ~ twice winners of the BICC in 2014 from Falaise and Poitiers, and also topping the section from Le Mans and twice topping the section of the NFC - All with old birds in 2014. Details of the bird for the BICC sale, he is a 2013 late bred that was bred for stock.

WHU13N10980 blue cock
He is the first bird to leave our loft bred out of the 2012 Gold Cup winner with the WSRNFC.

Sire. NEHU11TN6697 "Alan's Lad", The 2012 Gold Cup winner was only raced as a young bird. Yearling winner of 1st National Saintes 433 miles; 2nd National Carentan (beaten by loft mate); 14th National Falaise; 49th National Tours; 12th Open Fed Bedhampton etc all in one season. Grand sire of winner, and direct sire of pigeons to win good positions in BICC this year including a yearling to win 22nd Open Poitiers in a really hard race at nearly 400 miles.

Dam: GB10A3677 Brocka grand daughter of Euro Diamond and Super Bordeaux.

NB. This is a loft of pigeons on an incredible upward trajectory and one of the best in the UK in 2014 offering one from one of the best in their loft. GW

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6. **Crammond & Langstaff** ~ No expense has been spared in buying the best stock - They have scored consistently at Fed, Classic and National level and took the first four open positions in the NFC a couple of years ago, something never done before. The bird on offer is a late bred from a son of "Starlight" 2nd International Tarbes 2008 - 12,549 Birds when Starlight was mated to "Southfield Melissa" 1st International Agen 2011 - 11,400 birds. The Dam of the late bred on offer is a Daughter of Monar; 1st International Narbonne 2011- 13,779 Birds.

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7. **John Wills formerly of Frimley** and now relocated to Sunbury on Thames. John is a past winner of six times 1st Open in BICC long distance Nationals, and has supplied winning pigeons to scores of fanciers throughout the UK. John has offered one from his stock loft.

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8. **A & T Deacon of Waterlooville**. BICC Club Chairman Albi is one of the most successful long distance fanciers in the South of England and never fails to clock one of his Southwell based pigeons near the top of the result in any International race. The sire of the pigeon on offer has won 4th & 7th Open Marseille and 24th Open Barcelona and is sire of long distance winners. The dam is bred from generations of top performers at the distance out to Barcelona at 700 miles.

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9. **John & David Staddon**, the list of top class fanciers just goes on and on. The Staddons are multiple winners at National and Classic level over many years. John and David offer a 2015 youngster bred from our stock loft, the lucky purchaser can have a choice of one youngster from one of the following cocks:-

Shapway Farmer Geoff the very last son of Geoff & Catherine Coopers foundation breeder Farm Boy (Farm Boy is now deceased)
Shapway Wicky a son of Wicky & Kirk Bullen's Pau International Winner Isla's Rainy Day Boy
Shapway Mistral Man a full brother Mark Gilberts Agen International winner Melissa.
Can't say better than that!
At this stage I don't know what hens these will be paired to, but rest assured they will be paired to world class hens.

10. John Tyerman of Bracklesham Bay has an enviable record in long distance races, with his predominantly Carmichael/Kirkpatrick based family, which consistently score out to the extreme distances. Over the years this family of pigeons have won literally hundred of positions in Classic; National and BICC racing, with birds capable of flying 15 hours plus on the winning day. John is also a double-winner (in 2011 and 2013), of the McGee Barcelona Challenge One Loft race flying 625 miles to the lofts at Hernicourt, France. Also in 2011 his good hen 'Brackbay Star' won the CSCFC from Tarbes (520 miles) with only 4 day birds recorded. This season he clocked all five of his entries from the BICC Agen International, winning 5th, 66th, 107th, 127th and 135th open. John will select something special for the sale from his old established UK family.

11. G.M. Preece & Son of Dover have won out of turn in the few years that they have been involved in the sport. These wins include three times 1st Open BICC Perpignan clocking the only bird on the day into the UK on two occasions. Geoff and Clayton offer a 2014 late bred.
Sire: 19050 A racing Cock & Grand Son of the great long distance racer 'Jack Jones’ 1st Open BICC Perpignan (only bird on day)- contains the best of the Stoffel lines of Matterne/Matthys/Hermes

Dam: 02279 Stock Hen - she is a direct daughter of Wiggins 2 x 1st Open BICC Perpignan including only bird on the day into the UK in 2014. Wiggins was mated to his half sister to produce 02279 thus line bred to 'Wiggins' and 'Dragon's Boy' on both sides.
12. **S R & W H Knox** of Tylers Hill have raced with consistent success at the distance over many years twice winning 1st Open Barcelona with their Kirkpatrick based family. Bill offers a 2014 young bird. Details are as follows: - GB14A49022.

Sire 05 N 08831 Flown Channel 20 times including Barcelona 688 miles twice; Tarbes 560 miles three times and Pau 550 miles once. He in turn is a son of 1st Open BICC Barcelona when mated to 2nd Open BICC Pau.

Dam; 07 N 23700 3rd Open BICC Barcelona and would have been 4th Open BICC Narbonne but rubbers lost in post. Bred and raced by the late Arthur Hadlow.

13. **Scammell & Peploe** of Pontypool offer a youngster from their multi National winning team of racers. Ron and Paul have won 10 x 1st National in Wales and since moving into cross border Nationals with the BICC have been placed twice at 2nd Open BICC with many other prizes in the top twenty. The Scammell & Peploe pigeons are also legendary in their ability to win wherever they go in the UK for many other fanciers. The youngster on offer will be a double grand child of the partners’ Champion Nearly Cock who was 3 x 2nd Open National against many thousands of pigeons and is sire and grand sire to more than 30 x 1st prize-winners.
14. Alasdair Muir is a past winner of the BICC and has enjoyed consistent success over many years in long distance Nationals with the NFC and LSECC. Alasdair offers one from his Pau Classic winning pigeon. Details are:-

Dark white flight cock GB 06J 22648 (old ring, late bred 2012) bred for stock.

Sire: Chequer GB 08N 72132: First BICC Tarbes 2010 (552 miles) timed at 21 17 on the day and only day bird in the BICC; also winning BICC trophy for highest International performance all BICC races 2010.

Dam: Dark GB 08N 72223: daughter of "Simply the Best" first LSECC Pau (543 miles) for Ray Hammond of Albury.
This pair have produced a number of good distance winners and are grandparents of the cock I timed at 21 32 on the day from the 2014 Bergerac smash with the South Coast Combine only 3 day birds; with the CSCFC having only one day bird out of 990 sent from the same race point and liberated 15 minutes earlier.

15. **John Halstead** a household name within the fancy not just because of his excellent series of videos but more importantly because of his level of success at the distance at National level with the BICC, NFC, BBC and CSCFC. John offers a Biss x Southwell late bred that is a half brother/sister to 1st Section BICC Perpignan (618 miles) in 2014, and to 1st Section NFC Carentan 2013. He/she is a grandchild of John's foundation breeder Nyland Ashley winner of 1st SW Section 2nd Open BICC Barcelona in 2008.

16. **Derek Flowers of Pontypool**: In the eight years since resuming in the sport Derek has won no less than NINE Nationals in Wales at distances between 150 and 550 miles. These multiple National winning pigeons are based on Wall, Lunt & Green Janssens and Borgmann Bros De Klaks. Derek has kindly donated the following pigeon to the BICC auction. Mealy Cock bred from a direct son of the famous Merlin pair and a Herman Ceusters Red Hen. The Merlin cock bred Derek’s National winner from Lydden Hill in 2014, and the red Hen is the mother to the best yearling hen in the Flowers loft that was 3rd National Lydden Hill, 28th National Rosemont, 2nd National Kinzweiler 400 miles (beaten by loft mate for 1st National) and 10th Open, Falaise winning 2 x 2nd Federation. She has many more good positions.

17. **Dickie and Steve Pearmain** winners of 1st Open BICC Perpignan in 2013 and 1st Open BICC Marseille in 2014 plus many more top ten finishes offers a 2015 young bird from their long distance team based on Nico Volkens Jan Aardens and judicious crosses.

18. **David Hales** a multiple winner of BICC long distance International races and 2013 Europa Cup winner, plus past NFC winner offers a superbly bred youngster.  
   Sire: - GB04N85680 Blue  
   1st Open BICC Perpignan 617 miles  
   4th Open BICC Perpignan  
   38th Open NFC Tarbes 580 miles  
   “80” flew Tarbes twice the year he won Perpignan  
   “80” grand sire of : - 1st Open BICC Narbonne, 4th, 15th, 25th & 37th Open HLFC Tours, 15th Open NFC Carentan, 9th Open BICC Marseille, 54th Open BICC Perpignan, 77th Open BICC Pau, 87th Open BICC Pau, 95th Open BICC Falaise, 132nd Open BICC Tours, 159th Open NFC Tarbes etc.

   Dam: - GB13N55291 Blue (bred for stock only)
   Sire of “91” half-brother to “80”
   GB08J23849 Blue “Tubby” BICC meritorious award winner
   3rd Open BICC, 677th Open International Marseille 637 miles
   7th Open BICC Pau 575 miles (on day)
   8th Open BICC Marseille
   9th Open BICC, 110th Open International Pau (on day)
   37th Open BICC Tarbes 580 miles
298th Open NFC Saintes 410 miles
Dam of “91”
GB10N30917 Blue Pied
13th Open BICC Marseille
27th Open BICC Pau, 1448th International (14 hours 45 minutes on day)
32nd Open HLFC Tours 292 miles
52nd Open BICC Falaise 192 miles.

19. Guy Reed of the Isle of Wight has some of the very best Deweerdtss outside the Deweerdt loft. These have brought Guy great success at all levels of competition. On offer is GB14X 16109, a summer bred YB believed to be a cock and here are some brief details of the breeding lines. A full pedigree will be provided to the purchaser.
Sire has won three prizes at National level including 62nd Open Messac and has flown Tarbes. His sire is a National prize winner from Tarbes and Bordeaux.
Dam: Has flown Tarbes, and has Iban, Magnus and Kedir in her close ancestry plus 1st International Dax.

20. Mike Armitage "Mine Host" at the Lion Brewery and top class fancier at all distances, offers a youngster from two of his recent long distance imports.
Sire France 12. 302332 Blue Pied Cock Long distance lines. Sire a full brother to Sampras 2nd Open National Barcelona.
Dam France 12.302339 Blue Hen Full of top class long distance bloodlines including Braakhuis, Biemans, Smaraagd 1 & 2

21. Brian Sheppard is one of the most successful British fanciers at National and International racing having been the first man to win 1st Open International when “The Legend” beat more than 19,000 pigeons to win the 2003 Dax International race. Brian has kindly donated a late bred youngster. Sire is a direct son of The Sumo Cock when paired to an inbred Grdtr of "The Legend" 1st International Dax.
Dam of the youngster on offer is a Dk w/f hen direct daughter of Adam and Cornelia.

22. Geoff & Catherine Cooper: A 2014 young bird from a Triple International winning loft. This pigeon is clothed in "purple ermine" as he is bred from a son of “Farm Boy” when Farm Boy was paired to his own daughter which is a full sister to "Farmer George" 1st International Bordeaux.
"Farm Boy" in turn is the sire of "Farmer George", the winner of 1st International Bordeaux beating a total convoy of 22,029 birds by 45 minutes.

Farmer George

The dam of the young bird on offer is bred direct from "Farmer George" winner of 1st Open BICC, 1st Open International Bordeaux, when "Farmer
George" was mated to "Woolongong" winner of many prizes at National level culminating in 1st Open BICC, 1st Open International Pau, beating in excess of 8,000 hand picked pigeons from some of the best lofts in Europe.

How's this to finish off an auction

23. One from the 2014 BICC Barcelona winners Heath and Peter Archibald of Dover. Heath and Peter offer a late bred directly bred off Peter's Dream, their Barcelona winner when paired to one of the best long distance racing hens in the UK.
Sire of YB: Peter's Dream 1st Barcelona; 35th Open Barcelona; 2nd Open Marseille & 16th Open Marseille. This one is full of the R O Jones, Resolven Jan Aardens & Old Welsh Long Distance bloodlines.
Dam Blue W/F hen winner of 4th, 18th & 25th Open BICC Pau International - twice on the day - and 28th Open Hens International and 222nd Open International overall.
In the words of the Beatles Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band "now let me introduce to you, an act you've known for all these years" none other than Tony Cowan who has kindly agreed to carry out the auction on behalf of the club. This is entirely appropriate as Tony was one of the main instigators in the formation of the BICC and was one of the club’s founder members.

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If you can not attend the auction and would like to either discuss a commission figure, or to make arrangements to bid by mobile telephone on the day, please contact the BICC Treasurer – Russell Bradford on 01933 410322 or by ‘e’-mail: russellbradford@talktalk.net