



Welsh National flying club

BATTLE YOUNG BIRDS

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1st Open Mr & Mrs k Upham (Newport)

The Welsh National Flying Club have reached the halfway point of their 2019 young bird programme with the penultimate race from the historic town of Battle Deep in the heart of the East Sussex an approx. distance of around 160 miles. This is sponsored by Paul & Jayne Newbold of P.J Lofts & Gem Supplements who kindly donated a voucher to the value of £100 which was flown for in the form of a free single bird nomination per entered loft.



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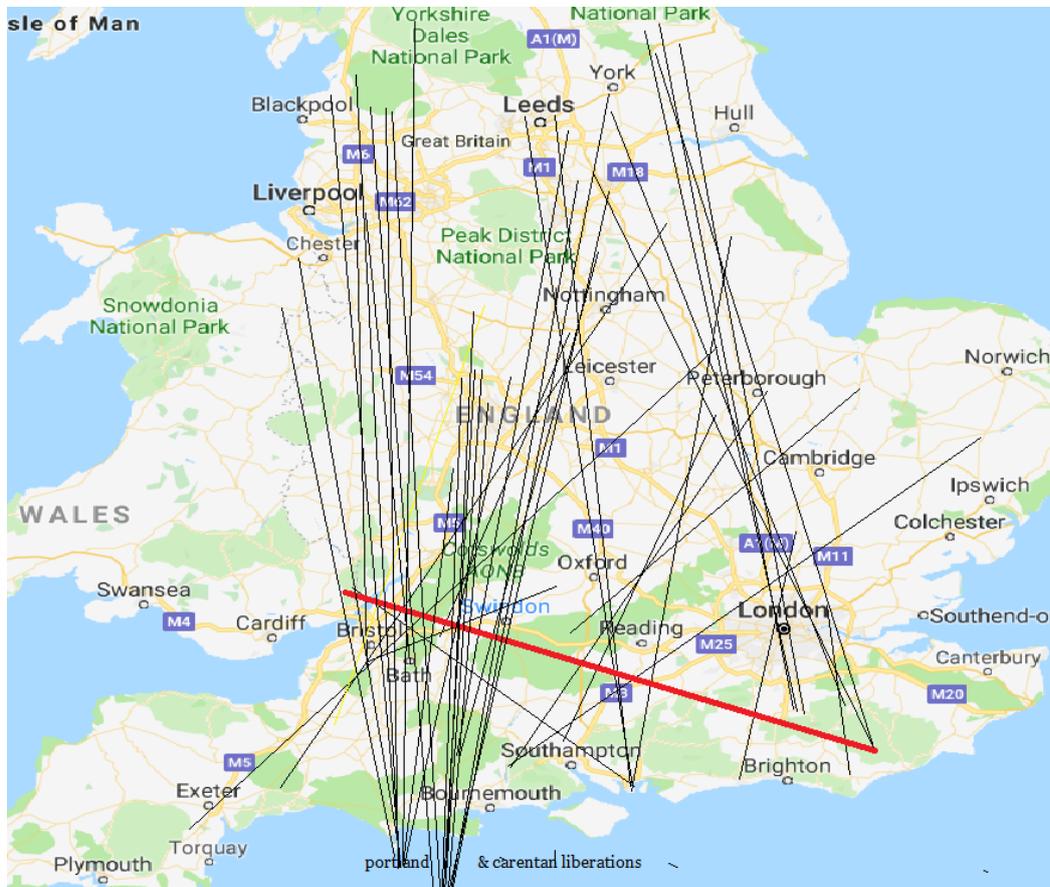
Following such a good race the week earlier from Maidstone when losses were minimal, basketing went steady around the marking stations once again this week as fanciers were keen to join this year's honours list of winners and with the final pick up at Newport carried out the convoy made their way east along the M4 corridor to the liberation site arriving in the early hours.

Prior to departure the convoyers were informed that due to the number of liberations once again taking place the following morning throughout the southern regions of the UK, the likelihood of an early liberation was stacked against us and therefore a mid to late morning release was expected by the race advisory committee.

Saturday morning and with the sun rising over the country the forecast proved to be correct as the sun came up and temperature soon rose from a fresh 8 degrees on site at first light to a respectable 18 by 9am , with other organisations on site looking to go early as anticipated throughout our line of flight from 7am onwards federations ahead and below were starting to release therefore with so much going on and the job of trying to avoid clashing it was decided to wait a little longer for the window of opportunity to open and get our liberation underway.

The rough indication of liberations from the south coast on Saturday

(red line indicates the welsh pigeons line of flight)



By 10am and after hours of phoning and talking to the many federations and with only the pigeons which were coming across the channel from Carentan to consider the majority of federations had released and their birds were clear of our path, with such as a result of such findings the lads on site were given the all clear to prepare for a 10.30 liberation which was the case as the boys reported that with a warm blue sky and light north easterly wind turning south easterly from the Berkshire area onwards the birds were soon well clear of battle heading in the direction for home.

On the home end with the indication of east in the wind the prospects were for a fast race and as times were starting to appear this was proven and as such due to the tight finish we were unable at first to declare a probable winner during the afternoon and had to wait for marking stations to carry out clock checking to confirm any clock variations which could alter the first few positions.

With all checks completed we could now clarify that with the two main clocks losing and gaining valuable seconds impacted the final outcome with probable first open Battle young birds 2019 going to our 2018 double Folkestone winning partnership of Kevin and Sandra Upham of Newport timing in one of this year Dutch imports purchased at the spring fayre in Houten back in march ,the winning pigeon with a flying time of 2hrs 55 min 23 sec recording a velocity of 1547.29 over the 155 mile course is a young blue cock purchased from Bertrum van Zuinden and being the second national win with pigeons originating from the Bertrum loft.



MR & MRS UPHAM AND THE 1ST WELSH NATIONAL BATTLE WINNER YB 2019

By the narrowest of margins in 2nd open position with a vel of 1547.15 we go to the partnership of G & M Clayton and Lovell bros from Crumlin again consistent and past WNFC winners over many years with a young van den bulk cheq cock which was purchased as a kit of six from Stephen Foster of Leyland the dam being a daughter off Goede Rode this is the second the partnership are pleased once again with their purchase as this is the second performance obtained from the young birds with another taking a fist position.



G&M CLAYTON & LOVELL BROS 2ND OPEN WELSH NATIONAL BATTLE YBS



John Macuum 3rd & 4th Open

We head further north for 3rd and 4th spot are the Bargoed partnership of Hall & Macullam this year's Fougères National winners claim yet another high position with a vel of 1541.14 & 1540.74 with a young blue hen bred down from the Premier Stud of Herman Ceusters on the sire side crossed with the Rhondda Valley partnership of A & K Davies. The partnership also timed in their second arrival just a few seconds later is yet another Premier Stud decent and this time from the Kees Boshua lines a pigeon that is already starting to shine in its first year of racing as this result will go along with its recent performance from Epsom which it gained 1st club 1st fed just two weeks prior this was also the partnerships free nomination for the PJ Lofts/Gem Supplements £100 voucher sponsorship.



Williams & Owen partnership

The Williams & Owen partnership from Pengam near Blackwood timed in a young Hereman Ceuster dark cheq cock for 5th open on a vel of 1537.8 this being bred from the Premier Stud based pigeons of Anthony Buttigieg of Newport



Mr & Mrs Beresford from Newport maintain a high position on the result once again this week following on from the previous Maidstone race taking 6th open on 1534 with a blue pied hen originating from a winner to winner pairing of two previous federation toppers the sire of which comes via Ian Reagan of Staf van Reet bloodlines crossed with a Vandenebelle from Ron Walsall of the Midlands.



The Ireland & Hynam also continue with their recent fortune with yet another top performance this week in 7th as they time a blue hen which lines coming through the Mr & Mrs Bromley partnership pigeons from Pontypool.

This week's fancier of recognition mention for a performance outside the top flight goes to loft and partnership of John & Elizabeth David from Pontyclun in the Rhondda, being one of our furthest flyers and sending just two entries timing in both which will show in the top half of the result so congratulations to them.

With such good racing from the past two young bird national events with losses being minimal ,we look forward to a good entry for our final race of the year ,as we once again travel to the east coast town of Folkestone approx. 180 to 200 miles to most participants in the hope we can finish off the season on a high as we finish with this weeks report we thank our main sponsor Paul & Jayne Newbold for the donation of the £100 voucher.

Preparations will shortly be underway for the presentation night on sat 30th Nov at the seaman's mission club in Newport when we all come together to celebrate with our winners on their 2019 achievements.