

High Peak News

Newsletter of the High Peak Poultry Club "The Friendly Club"



HPPC

In memory of The Dowager Duchess of Devonshire

It was with great sadness that we recently received the news that the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire had passed away. She was a great ambassador for the club and for the fancy in general, and she was of course Patron of The High Peak Poultry Club. We extend our sympathy to her family.

On a brighter note we are pleased to welcome the Booted Bantam Society for their very first regional show. Ewan Jones, Alison Yates and their committee have done a marvellous job and have come a long way in the past 2 years, we are pleased to welcome them here today.

The HPPC is also pleased to welcome Richard Everatt and his team from the Rhode Island Red Club who are having a regional show for the first time at High Peak. We hope both clubs have a successful show.

The club has had another successful year. We were reluctantly forced to raise the entry fees slightly to cover costs and we thought this may affect our entry. But no, we had another record entry of poultry, although egg entries were slightly down. All thanks go to you fanciers for your support - your club goes from strength to strength!

The club at this point must thank all the judges, who travel long distances to be with us and in the main do not ask for any expenses in return - we thank them all.

I also have to mention the members of the High Peak Poultry Club committee, who work tirelessly to put on our show. They actually make my job very easy, I may even become redundant!

Summer Fayre

In the summer of 2014 the club was asked by Judith Hancock (one of our members) if we would like to arrange a summer fayre at Castlegate Farm to boost club funds. This proved to be a resounding success, with a display of poultry, book sale, treasure hunt, horse and carriage rides, tea stall, bric-a-brac stand, raffle and a BBQ, to name but a few of the attractions. A special thanks must go to the Hancock family for their generosity and hard work in organising the day.

Trophies

The proceeds from the summer fayre have enabled the club to purchase **fourteen** new perpetual trophies. These are made of crystal and will be awarded to all championship row winners. Best in show and reserve will also receive cups, and a miniature crystal trophy to retain. This will be the first time for 3 years that a full complement of trophies will be presented. The old trophies were showing their age, I have one at home dated 1954. But please let us know your views regarding the quality of the trophies. The HPPC receives many requests throughout the year from members and breed clubs to include new classes in our schedule, this we are pleased to do and this year's new classes are:

- Longtail Large M/F Rare Breed
- Longtail Bantam M/F Rare Breed
- Water Fowl 3 Eggs
- 2 more RIR Classes
- 2 more Booted Bantam Classics

The HPPC recognises the need to attract new and young fanciers, so if you know anyone who wants to show for the first time, ask them to contact us and we will meet them on show day and go through the finer points with them.

The HPPC also recognises the need to encourage newly qualified judges, who may have difficulty in gaining judging appointments, have a talk to us we will do anything we can to help.

Sponsors

The members and committee would like to thank all the sponsors who have so generously donated to the HPPC and to our show.

If you think we can improve our show then let us know, we will listen to your views whether positive or negative and are always keen to receive constructive criticism.

Finally I would like to wish you all a happy new year and see you at the show.

Regards,
Peter