



Best In Show Winners

North wales FFCC

2008- 2014-2019

North of England FFCC

2016-2019

Midland FFCC

2019

North west FFCC

2013

Cleveland FFCC

2016

North staffs FFCC

2017

Fife fancy CC

2018

Devon and Cornwall FFCC

2018

West wales FFCC

2018-2019

East Anglian FFCC

2019

Champion Fife Exhibitor's & Panel Judges

Fife Fancy Federation Fancier of the Year 2019

Fife Fancy Federation Fancier of the Year runner up 2018

Winners of 14 Best In show at Federation Shows

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The importance of keeping good Breeding records

Bird keeping can be more rewarding with record keeping. Record keeping for bird keepers is maintaining information about each bird, each pair, each clutch & each egg. Furthermore it's about recording your actions related to bird set up, diet, medication etc and the results they produce.

Why keep records?

Avoid Inbreeding

This is arguably the most important reason to keep records. If you're using birds you've bred as future breeding stock, it can become quite difficult to remember which birds are related. If you only started with a small number of breeding pairs (fewer than 10), it only takes a couple of generations until all of your birds are related.

Having good records makes it easier to pair up unrelated birds, or recognize when it's time to source unrelated birds from a different breeder

What Pairs produced the best results ...

Knowing what pairs produced the best youngsters is always a good start to any breeding programme and keeping good records will always help in the decision making for the pairing the following year and also knowing what pairings produced the poorest results so that the mistakes from this pairing are not replicated the following year

Keeping track of Genetic Carriers

With the increasing popularity of the fawn and cinnamon classes and with Cinn carrier cocks from these pairing good record keeping is essential to give you the information prior to pair selection .Good record keeping also allows you to look back on past years breeding season and what worked and what didn't what pairings Sat,hatched and reared well



Fife Fancy Federation

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- *Hobby in Focus*
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by Jim Watkins

Fanciers in focus

Dave Collins



Gerald Spencer



Graham Parker



David Healy Jr



Cain Thomas



David Garvey



Clubs in Focus

Essex Kent & Counties

& Much Much More

Fife Fancy Federation "Fancier of The Year 2020"

Federation Annual Exhibition	Fife Canary Club Of Ireland
Fife fancy canary club	West wales FFCC
Cleveland FCC	Midlands FFCA
Southern counties FFCC	North west FFCC
North Wales FFCC	Southern England FFCC
International FFCC	East of England FFCC
Cumbria FFCC	North of England FFCC
Mid Ulster FFCC	Border and Fife Club Deutschland
East Anglian FFCC	North Staff & South Cheshire FFCC
West of Scotland FFCC	Cornwall & Devon FFCC
Scottish Fife F.C.C	Fife Fancy Canary Club Italiano
Irish F.F.C.C	Essex & Kent Counties F.F.C.C
Walsall F.F.C.C	Vlaamse Border & Fife Club
Merseyside Border & Fife F.C.C	

The Federations Fancier of the Year scheme will be run across all 2020 Member club shows Scheme format

1. The award will be calculated on a points-based system

1 Point awarded for Class Wins

2 Points Champion class 25+ Birds Novice 15+ Birds

5 Points awarded for a colour special

(Best Clear / Best 10% / Best Var / Best Hv Var / Best Green / Best Cinn / Best allied –White)

Only the 7 listed colour awards will be offered Points

club that offers additional colour specials must pick the best exhibit that will receive the

Fancier of the year points

10 Points awarded for best in section (Champion / Novice)

2. All Secretaries to submit results sheet to Federation Sec before the Wednesday following the Show

3. There will be awards for both Champion and Novice Fanciers

4. fanciers can exhibit at all member club shows but only there Top 6 Results will count towards there final score

5.The Federation Sec will compile a league table weekly which shall be published on the Federation web site

6. A Trophy and £50 will be awarded to both Champion and Novice winning Fanciers

Yours in the Fancy

Paul Larkin General Secretary F.F.F

FEBRUARY	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	1
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APRIL	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
MAY	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
MAY	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
JUNE	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JUNE	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
JULY	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5
JULY	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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14 DAY BREEDING CHART FOR EASY HATCH DATE RECORDS

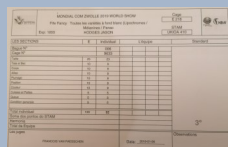
SIMPLY PICK THE DATE YOU SET THE NEST

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THE BOX BELOW IS THE EXPECTED HATCH DATE

Back With A Bang..... After a few years away from the breeding of fifes Jason Hodges mad a spectacular return to the hobby in 2018 on route to picking up a Bronze Medal at the 2019 World Show Holland

After a few years Concentrating on my line of Irish fancies I decided to go back to fife canaries having kept and bred them through my novice years. I purchased a few pairs from Morton & Carline partnership and a few from Dave Tovell as they had a type I liked and thought that the two lines when eventually crossed would hopefully flatter each other. That year 2018 saw a fairly productive season in the Birdroom. I decided to pair Blue Buff feathered over year cock to a Self Green Yellow current year hen, The Hen was stunning the Cock was not as typey but a lovely bird on the perch and a nice small size. They only had the 2 chicks both looked quality from the moment they left the nest. A Yellow feathered Blue Cock and a Buff feathered Blue Hen. They were the stand out birds that year by far.



The Judges Score Card



Jason's Bronze Medal Winning Blue Cock World Show 2019



Fife Fanciers Inc. Federation Sec Mr Paul Larkin who Travelled to Holland to attend the World Show



I entered both in the Fife Federation Show at the National Exhibition held in Stafford even though they were just through the moult. The Cock got 2nd best Champion Allied to White, Which I was really pleased with. He also went on to win Best in Show at two C.B.S Shows locally. I decided to enter the two birds in the world show the following January as its something I'd never done previously. The process was easy I picked the forms up at the South Bucks Canary Show. The two fife's were dropped off at high Wycombe to be picked up by courier Gary Mann the following day. I was kept up to date on birds arrival and being staged. Both fife's scored well the Blue Buff Hen scored 91 points and the Blue Cock 92 which was enough for a Bronze Medal which I was delighted with. The birds were gone for one week and arrived home safely with all paperwork and everything intact. I will certainly send birds over again when the shows recommence.

Jason Hodges



Show us Your Shed

Norman & Glenda Hughes

for all there help in setting me up with a great stud
of Fifes and all the helpful advice
Very Sincere people a credit to the fancy
Christopher Robinson

Alan Stevens

Thank you ever so much for looking after my birds
over the past few months mate

John & Barbara Smith

Matt Eld

All the People who put the Canary Room together I
have learned so much since I started watching . Its
one of the best things to happen in the hobby
Steven & Mary Williams (Cumbria)

The Kendall Family

Thank you for the time and hospitality that you
gave me on my recent visit ,A wonderful family

Thomas Rush (Isle of Wight)

Thank you

FEDERATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. That this Organization be called the "Fife Fancy Federation".
 2. The object shall be to co-ordinate, advance, encourage the culture, improvement, and honourable exhibition of this special breed.
 3. The working year of the Federation to be from April until March the following year.
 4. Any bona-fide Fife Fancy club may join the Federation provided its application is approved at the Fife Fancy Federation A.G.M
- A bone fida club should: -
- i) Collect annual subscriptions from members,
 - ii) Elect officers, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, and a Committee,
 - iii) Hold an AGM, (copy minutes to FFF secretary)
 - iv) Have a constitution and rules and regulations, (copy to be forwarded to FFF secretary)
 - v) Promote the Fife Fancy Canary by whatever means possible, shows, meetings, publicity etc.,
 - vi) Elect two delegates to represent the club on the Federation
 - vii) All Member club secretaries in future must advertise their meeting dates and venues on the Federation website
- (New Club Application Form Available from the Downloads Section)
5. New member clubs shall pay an annual affiliation fee of £30.00 per annum or a fee set by the Fife Fancy Federation at its annual AGM. Member clubs to pay the annual affiliation prior to the AGM
 6. All member clubs to provide an Email address for the secretary to allow for better communication
 7. The affairs of the Federation to be managed by a Chairman, Vice- Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer, and delegates from the member clubs who shall form the committee.
- An AGM will be held in April each year and each member club may appoint two delegates to attend the Federation meetings, but only one vote per member club shall be accepted on any issue.
- (2 DELEGATES -1 CLUB -1 VOTE) Proxy votes are not acceptable. In the event of a tie the Chairperson has the casting vote based on his personal view which may not necessarily be that of his club.
8. The Office Bearers shall be elected for a period of three years with the option of remaining in office beyond this time if agreeable
 - 9 Show Committee
- A) National Show exhibition show Secretary has the power to elect a show committee and take all decisions as the committee deem necessary to organize a successful show
 - B) The National Show preparation meeting should be advertised and open for any affiliated club representative to attend



Today, having dispatched of pair breeding after his first year, Gerald retains 12-14 cock birds and double the number of hens. His selection and planning is supported by extensive record keeping with his breeding books stretching back over many generations of birds.

While Gerald's approach to breeding, a cock to many hens, is by no means unique and is well practiced by a number of leading fanciers, his single minded view on pairings is arguably key to his success. Once he has decided which cock bird will run with a hen that's the only cock bird that he will use, even if that means missing a number of nests and waiting a year.

Having been renowned for a strong line of variegated and dark birds Gerald has turned his attention to creating a winning line with clear birds, producing some stunning clear yellow and buff hens that have taken the top awards. This line can be traced back to a 2015 clear buff cock, which Gerald has retained and has produced for him again in 2020.

His approach to flighted birds is well balanced, retaining a small number each year but continually evolving the stud around his unlighted birds.

The breeding team are housed in an extended wooden shed, with cages 4 high and a small internal flight, the cages and surroundings are immaculate as real attention is focused on the breeding environment.

When asked what's the secret to breeding and showing success the reply is pretty straight forward, know the birds you're breeding with and give them the best possible diet and environment.

Thirty years Not Out

When the Federation launched its Fancier of the year competition the inaugural winner came as no great surprise to anyone in the fancy.

That man of course was Gerald Spencer, who, through illness would spend most of the 2019 show season absent from the bench only to return to the Federation show and take best in show.

Gerald has had arguably the most successful and consistent stud of Fife Fancy canaries over the last two decades and holds the unique position of winning a best in show with every single one of the main colour specials, from clear to 10%, variegated, heavily variegated, self green, cinnamon and allied to white.

His first foray into canaries saw him acquire several Norwich canaries and it's a breed that he still holds a fondness for, indeed if he were to replace his stud of Fifes it would be to build a stud of Norwich canaries. These birds were acquired from a friend in his wife, Sharon's, work, the initial gift turned out to be two cock birds and so Gerald would visit renowned bird keeper Tommy Patterson to collect a couple of hens.

Like many in the fancy Gerald grew up surrounding by birds, his father kept budgies and Glosters and chickens down on an allotment.

Having been bitten by the bird keeping bug Gerald decided to "do things properly" he'd studied the form of the Leak and Marshall partnership and acquired 5 pairs, the first and only time he's ever run Fifes in pairs. Moderate success followed on the show bench and one of his original charges was used in the breeding team for 5 of the following years. The moment Gerald pinpoints as the key improvement to his stud was the acquisition of a pair of birds acquired through Tony Garvey of Darlington, a self green buff cock and a variegated yellow hen, although he only had the buff cock for one year that was the bird that got Gerald up and running.



Gerald running his eye over his Birds in his very impressive Birdroom



Winning the Federation's first stand alone Show in 2019



Winning one of his favourite Shows of the calendar

North West F.F.C.C

10. All rule changes and Mandates voted, and Passed at the Federation AGM will come into Force immediately after the AGM has concluded and all club Secretary's receive an updated copy to refer to

11. The Federation shall use its influence to provide proper classes for the Fife Fancy Canary at Shows and to maintain a Federation Full Classification list consisting of classes for both Champion and Novice.

12. JUDGES

A) The Federation's approved list of Panel Judges shall be reviewed at each AGM and any new applications received through Federation Member Club Secretaries for Panel Judge status will be considered.

B) Member Club Secretaries sponsoring applicants for Panel Judge status should have proof that the applicant has been a member of a Fife Fancy Specialist Club(s) for a minimum total of five years, with a minimum of three years as champion, and is a current breeder who has shown on at least three occasions each year at FFF members club patronage shows.

C) It is a requirement that all panel Judges complete a Panel judge form on a yearly basis and to be returned to the Federation secretary no later than 1st February

each year with the details of the previous year.

(forms available in the Downloads section of the web site and all Federation Club Secretaries)

Please note failure to comply with the Rule 12 (B.C) will result in your removal from Panel Judge listing

D) Guest judges from abroad will be accepted to judge in the UK provided host club secretaries can verify the ability to judge to FFF standards, but in no way will this imply the granting of Panel Judge status to such judges.

E) Judges shall disqualify any birds not of natural colour and any complaints should be notified to the Federation for a decision.

F) Judges should not judge and exhibit at the same show.

G) Judges can accept judging engagements at their own discretion.

H) Fife Fancy Federation Secretary to inform all Panel Judges of any rule changes following the AGM.

I) The wrong classing of birds at the Federation shows should be at the discretion of the judges with no interaction from any show official. If a second opinion is required, then it should be from another Judge

13. PATRONAGES a) Member Clubs shall only grant Patronage's to clubs using a Fife Fancy classification which includes all classes contained in the Federation's list and have appointed Fife Judges whose names appear on the current Federation Panel Judge List.

b) No Patronages will be granted to clubs who accept Fife Patronages from clubs who are not members of the Fife Fancy Federation

14. JUNIORS shall retain that status from the age of 8 to 16 years. The former Junior Bird League ruling will be accepted.

15. NOVICES shall remain in the category for a maximum 8 years from the first year of exhibiting, after which period they will lose this status (see also General Note 3).

16. The DEWAR CAGE is the only accepted Fife show cage and changes will not be considered until end of each three-year rule change period. They must be black and small round drinkers only to be used. Spars of show cages to be placed to leave five empty wires between them, the first spar to be on drinking hole wire. Cover of seed box to have a slot in it and not holes, and box to contain plain or mixed canary seed, Tier wohl Super to be used as floor covering. Cage labels to be directly under spar, away from drinker. Spars to be 1/2" (13mm) diameter with 12-groove spiral.

Rings 17. The Federation shall run its own ring scheme, offering both split and closed IOA/COM approved rings.

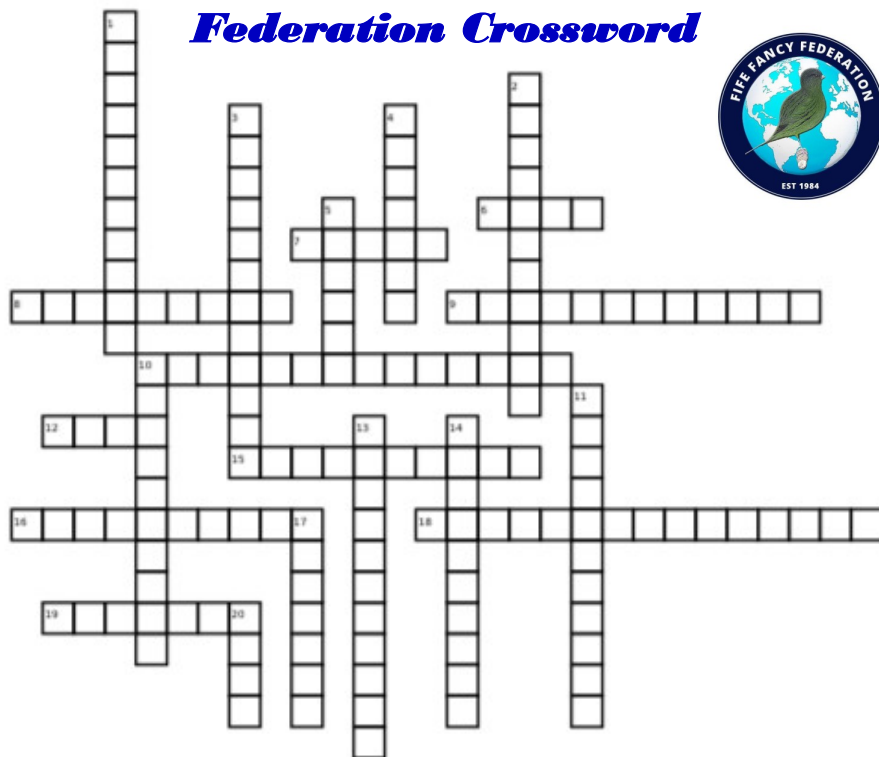
i) only one ring per bird, closed or split, no personal initials, letters should denote ring size or issuing authority, e.g. size E or IOA.

18. These rules will not be subject to any change, for a period of three years from April 2018, the only exception being those that may become necessary to conform with any future legislation, details of which shall be published in the form of an appendix for insertion in current rule books.

Rule changes proposed by member clubs for the next three-year period must be included in the mandates submitted to the FFF secretary by the 31st of January for distribution to member clubs for the AGM in April.
(No Late Proposals will be excepted)

19. The Federation shall run a "Fancier of the Year" Competition for both Champion & Novice sections

Federation Crossword



Across

6. Not Fiction
7. Vice Chair or the Federation
8. Home City of Northwest F.F.C.C
9. Classic Takeaway Food
10. The First Fife Canary Club
12. Rodger's better half
15. longest running partnership in Wales
16. Federations Chairperson
18. First in the Class

Down

1. "I would walk"
2. Mammy Breeds them We show them
3. 2018 Novice F.O.Y
4. 2019 Novice F.O.Y
5. A Gardiner's Partner
10. A Number of Clubs together
11. The Federations Bank Manager
13. The Federations Age
14. If your looking for Fed Rings he's your man
17. 2018 Champion F.O.Y #FACT
20. Another word for been in a hurry

When did you first start with the exhibition side of Fifes?

I started showing 4 years ago , I still remember my first show it was at the largest CBS show in Ireland at Swords where there is always more than 400 fifes on display and one that many Irish Fife Fanciers want to win, I was lucky enough to win 'Best Novice Fife ' in my first year at my local show at South Counties C.B.S with a little Self Green Yellow Hen so after this win this show is a special place for me any I always make the effort to show my birds here each year.

As a Novice fancier what are you looking for in a Fife to retain after Breeding ?

As a Novice fancier I'm always learning so this could change in a few years but the 3 things I'm looking for are

1. Position – I want my birds to have good position and not to be leaning over the perch
2. A good free neck with a clear break between the neck and the bird's shoulders
3. Size – a bird that's not too big in the body or long in the back. it's important that we try breed as close to the fife federation model as possible

What advice would you give to someone only coming into the hobby?

Try steward at as many shows as you can, Ask questions. I have found fanciers are ready and willing to help and answer any questions that a newbie has. Try buy the best stock you can its always 'Quality over Quantity' its better to have fewer pairs of quality birds then a birdroom full of poorer quality birds. Try get involved at a club level this is where you will find people to share your successes and also share your disappointments , I'm currently on the Committee of my local C.B.S at South Counties and also Treasurer of the Fife Canary Club of Ireland ,Clubs never have to many people to help out and getting involved and feeling apart of the hobby is one of the most enjoyable parts of the fancy

Do you enjoy any other hobbies outside of bird keeping?

As I live in one of the most beautiful places in Ireland with many waterways I love to get out and fish and a bit of game shooting



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Born into Birdkeeping.....

Wicklow is called the 'Garden of Ireland' with a number of stunning outdoor walks and areas to discover but it is also the home of Fife Fancier David Healy jr where Bird keeping and Exhibition is a family affair and I had the pleasure of having a chat and finding out a little more about how his love of Fifes began

So where did your love of Bird keeping come from?

For as long as I can remember my father always had birds and bred and exhibited Native birds for many years growing up so I was always in and out of the bird shed and spent many a weekend traveling around Ireland to shows so I think it was always going to be a case that I followed on keeping birds

When did you first start keeping fifes and why fifes?

I first started keeping fifes in 2015 when I managed to obtain some birds from Champion Fanciers David Garvey and Michael Smith. I just loved how a good fife looks and really caught my eye also I think you can obtain really good quality birds at a very reasonable price which I feel is very important for a novice starting out in the fancy.



Nice nest of chicks 2020



David and David sr assessing the 2020 youngsters



Winning Best Novice at South counties C.B.S

What's your current set up?

I currently have 2 birdrooms both 12ft x 7ft which house a total 20 double breeding cages and some larger flight cages which can be divided for the youngsters to been weened off or during the moult. One room is made up of cages of the standard wooden constructed cages and one has the more modern all wire cages.

Why the two different cage types?

A couple of years ago I had an outbreak of Red mite and I really struggled to get rid of them and nearly ruined a whole breeding season so I invested in a full set of the all wire cages that I use strictly for the breeding season which I feel has made a huge difference and I think over time I will invest in another complete set for the other birdroom.

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FROM CONSERVATORY TO BEST NOVICE

Back in the 80's I kept border Canaries in partnership with my father Ray Collins but due to work and the pace of life at the time I had to give them up , It wasn't till late 2016 I made the decision to make a return to the fancy after seen how the Border canary had developed and declined over the last 25 years I decided that the Fife Canary would be my bird of choice. I had already purchased a pair of Fifes from my local pet shop the year before and had managed to breed a few youngsters from these. I then went to my local bird auction and managed to buy another two pair which by the time they had settled in turned out not to be two pair but three hens and a cock.

Eventually I had a collection of birds that had been picked up from here there and everywhere, so I decided to visit my Dads old mate Mr Alan Wilson. Alan was advertising Fife for sale , He asked me to bring over my best two hens to him and he would match them up with a couple of his Cock birds, Naturally I took a yellow and a buff hen as I was intending to pair the cock birds I got from Alan to more than one Hen and that is how the Collins Stud started out.



Dave's Birdroom Essentials



Using the torch on his iphone to candle the eggs



Always nice to pick up a few awards along the way

As many people who know me I'm a stickler for systems and routines and I like to formulate a plan of action before I take on anything worthwhile so I made a plan which ending was to produce a stud of Fifes which was worthy of exhibiting in the champion section after exhibiting for four years in the novice section, So in 2017 I rushed out and bought nine wire cased and set up in the conservatory that was attached to the house .My wife Barbara who was very supportive agreed to this arrangement ,A decision that she would later regret as I had an infestation of red mite which due to the fact I had purchased wire cages it was cleared up very quickly .This outbreak definitely influenced the way I keep and manage my birds through the breeding season despite this early setback I still managed to breed 39 young birds from the nine Hens that in the main had come from the local Auctions .I had almost 60 Birds in the conservatory ,A situation that couldn't continue so it was decided that I needed a dedicated bird room the only conditions that where laid then before the investment of close to £2000 was that it must look pretty and that it could be used after I go 'Fed Up' with the Birds so with these in mind we purchased a large summer house 10ft x 12ft with a double door front and centre So the task of fitting if our began. My setup is typical of most Bird rooms with cages on three sides.

Check Shirt Appreciation Society



Membership Enquiries to MAT ELD



Fife Fancy Federation

AGM 2021

Got an idea to help progress the Fancy ? Well the Federation what's to hear it !!

If you would like to get a suggestion for a rule change put to the clubs at the Federation AGM this is how you do it .

1. Attend your Federation Club Meeting and put it forward as a mandate to the Membership to be voted on, if your club Membership agree with your suggestion the club Secretary will forward your mandate to the Federation Secretary for inclusion
2. The federation Secretary then compiles all the Mandates and issues the list to all clubs who will present these to there membership to be voted on
3. Your Club will appoint a delegate to attend the Federation AGM and relay your club members vote as each Mandate is presented to the meeting by the Federation Secretary
4. Mandates for rule changes are passed by majority vote and only Clubs Vote (one club one vote) .The only time a Member of the Federation committee gets to vote is in the case of a Tied Vote and the Federation Chairperson will cast the deciding vote
5. Once a Mandate has been passed and the AGM has been closed the Federation Secretary will update the Rules and Regulations and update the website to reflect the changes

FEDERATION SHOW RESULTS 2018	BEST NOVICE	BEST CHAMPION	BEST FIFE IN SHOW
FIFE FANCY CANARY CLUB	C RUNDELL	KENDAL STUD	KENDAL STUD
FEDERATION SHOW	J ROBERTS	SMITH & EVANS	SMITH & EVANS
INTERNATIONAL FFCC	T MC CARTNEY	SMITH & EVANS	SMITH & EVANS
WEST OF SCOTLAND	J ROBERTS	T CAMPBELL	T CAMPBELL
CLEVELAND BORDER & FIFE FCC	GRIMMER & HORNBY	CLARKE & GILLOT	CLARKE & GILLOT
SOUTHERN COUNTIES FFCC	T MC CARTNEY	K & S ROBERTS	K & S ROBERTS
NORTHWEST FFCC	J SWATTEN	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
SOUTHERN ENGLAND FFCC	D ASHTON	SMITH & EVANS	SMITH & EVANS
EAST OF ENGLAND FFCC	N BREEZE	D HORREX	D HORREX
NORTH WALES FFCC	P HARRISON	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
NORTH OF ENGLAND FFCC	GRIMMER & HORNBY	G JACKSON	G JACKSON
CORNWALL & DEVON FFCC	D FONES	KENDAL STUD	KENDAL STUD
MIDLAND FFCC	J SWATTEN	CLARKE & GILLOT	CLARKE & GILLOT
NOTH STAFFS & SOUTH CHESHIRE FFCC	J ROBERTS	CLARKE & GILLOT	CLARKE & GILLOT
ESSEX KENT & COUNTIES FFCC	B KETTLE	J & R WEIRE	J & R WEIRE
MID ULSTER FFCC	P HARRISON	D GARVEY	D GARVEY
CUMBRIAN BORDER & FIFE FCC	M PILMER	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
WEST WALES FFCC	T MC CARTNEY	KENDAL STUD	KENDAL STUD
FIFE CANARY CLUB OF IRELAND	J ROBERTS	C GARDINER	C GARDINER
EAST ANGLIA FFCC	R MACK	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
FIFE FEDERATION FANCIER OF THE YEAR	J ROBERTS	G SPENCER	
FEDERATION SHOW RESULTS 2019	BEST NOVICE	BEST CHAMPION	BEST FIFE IN SHOW
NORTH STAFFS & SOUTH CHESHIRE FFCC	GRIMMER & HORNBY	RODGER & WOOD	GRIMMER & HORNBY
IRISH FIFE FANCY CANARY CLUB	E MC ATEER	A CASTLES	A CASTLES
CLEVELAND BORDER & FIFE FCC	GRIMMER & HORNBY	T ABBOTT	T ABBOTT
INTERNATIONAL FFCC	D FONES	HENRY COOPER	HENRY COOPER
WEST OF SCOTLAND FFCC	A PATTERSON	MC EWAN & CAMPBELL	A PATTERSON
EAST OF ENGLAND FFCC	T ALDRIDGE	B LEGGETT	B LEGGETT
SOUTHERN COUNTIES FFCC	T MC CARTNEY	CLARKE & GILLOT	CLARKE & GILLOT
FIFE FANCY CANARY CLUB	G EVEROT	M BELL	M BELL
NORTH WEST FFCC	DOBBS & MC GUIGAN	RODGER & WOOD	RODGER & WOOD
SCOTTISH FFCC	A PATTERSON	JUNNER & BURNETT	JUNNER & BURNETT
SOUTHERN ENGLAND FFCC	ABF FIFES	HENRY COOPER	HENRY COOPER
NORTH WALES FFCC	M PILMER	KENDALL STUDD	KENDALL STUD
BORDER & FIFE CLUB GERMANY		BEACHLER & VADDER	BEACHLER & VADDER
NORTH OF ENGLAND FFCC	G LONG	KENDALL STUDD	KENDALL STUD
MIDLAND FFCC	ABF FIFES	KENDALL STUDD	KENDALL STUD
CORNWALL & DEVON FFCC	K CLEMO	T KEIRLE	T KEIRLE
FEDERATION SHOW	ABF FIFES	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
ESSEX KENT & COUNTIES FFCC	S ROPER	J & R WEIRE	J & R WEIRE
WEST WALES FFCC	K CLEMO	KENDALL STUDD	KENDALL STUD
MID ULSTER FFCC	A O DONOVAN	A BANES	A O DONOVAN
CUMBRIA BORDER & FIFE FCC	ABF FIFES	CLARKE & GILLOT	ABF FIFES
FIFE CANARY CLUB OF IRELAND	E MC ATEER	D GARVEY	D GARVEY
EAST ANGLIA FFCC	DAVE COLLINS	KENDALL STUDD	KENDALL STUD
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On the left as you enter I have sixteen double wire breeders and on the right side wall I have eight double wire breeders with a block of thirty seven standard wooden construction breeders on the back wall of the room, I always use the wire cages as breeding cages for two reasons ,Firstly they are very easy to keep clean and control any mite outbreaks and secondly I find they allow the light to pass through them making the overall Bird room brighter. This was the year I also decided that I wanted to exhibit a few birds in order to gauge the quality of my stock so I purchased six show cages and entered six birds into the 'Lincolnshire National' hosted by the Gainsborough C.B.S .This is a very well run show and has a very selection of birds on display from all fancies and also happens to have a very strong Fife section with some birds of excellent quality on display. I had entered six bords across five classes and all had placed in the top three in there classes and to my delight I was

'Remember to take the time to enjoy the birds.... do not let the hobby take over your life...remember the reason you started with them in the beginning and do not let your ambition spoil the fun

awarded 'Best Novice Green ' I spoke to Alan that night to share my delight and as always encouraged me to ' Get em in Again ' so with these words of encouragement ringing in my ear I entered my birds into the North of England F.F.C.C show ,This was a huge leap of faith in my birds and both myself and my wife where very excited and even a little more nervous .Would I show myself up? Can I handle the disappointment if the birds do not do well? Will the birds find the drinker? Even setting up the show cages and sticking the labels on seemed to be a big worry. All these things running over and over on my mind when I should have been fast asleep.

Babs and I arrived at the show hall on the Sunday at around lunch time and patiently waiting what felt like several hours to get into the show hall as the judging was running a little behind. When we got into the show hall we found all but one of my birds on the staging where they should have been we had another look over but my Var Yellow Cock wasn't there.....He was sitting on the top table where I had picked up the 'Best Novice Variegated' I was Buzzing !! our first big show and we had a bird proudly sitting on the top table I was hooked again.



Dave's Wife Bab's Outside the Birdroom



2020 Nest of Clears



Wild Grown Green's

I returned to the bird room with a spring in my step and a ‘Best Novice Variegated’ rosette to display also with a keener eye to assess my stock. I was now sure that most of the thirty nine birds I had breed that season where not going to be the ones to push my stud in the direction I wanted so I took the decision to invest in a pair of clear birds from Henry Cooper , I already had a yellow hen from Henrys line that had breed well for me that year. I now had a trio and a couple of Cooper crosses that I would keep together for the 2018 breeding season. I had also taking a liking for the style of birds from Wayne Morton which I had seen quite a few on social media .I made contact with Wayne and he invited me down and I picked up some quality birds one been a fawn Vari yellow cock which was to become the back bone of my cinnamon line.

Finally I contacted Adam Kendall as I has studied the results from all the big shows and it seemed clear that the Kendall Stud was and still is the most successful stud at this time . Adam and Sharon fixed me up with some really nice birds and I planned to blend these through my existing stock and also the birds I had from Wayne Morton only the birds that I had from Henry Cooper where kept pure as I wanted to establish a good stud of clears in readiness for the following season

As you would expect the youngsters from that season where of a very inconsistent quality however I had bred fifty nine which was enough to select a decent show team and more importantly enough quality to move the stud in the right direction for the following season.The 2018 show season brough about some solid results ,I picked up two best novice awards at C.B.S shows, Won a couple of classes at the North of England F.F.C.C show and had some placed in the larger classes too but what gave me the most encouragement was picking up ‘Best opposite Sex and Third Best fife against the Champion birds. This told me that I was adding a bit of debt of quality to the stud after only two seasons

The 2019 breeding season was met with much enthusiasm and the key to this seasons success was going to be ‘Patience ’.My bird room faces west so doesn’t get the early morning sun and at this time I had no lighting system or heating .The bird room had a light buy no auto dimming system and on the coldest nights I would place a small heater in the middle to stop the drinkers from freezing solid.

I was seeing on social media other fanciers with birds bred and some with youngsters already on the sticks and I hadn’t even started to pair my birds up but I knew if I rushed the Hens I would have a very poor first round .I always think that if the eggs are clear you either haven’t conditioned the birds correctly or you have paired them up too early ,the two things really amount to the same thing. It was close to the end of March before oi started to pair up, but things happened very quickly when I did get going. Everything went well the Cocks where filling and the Hens where very receptive which resulted in a particularly good first round and by the end of the season I had seventy eight youngsters from twenty Hens .The biggest problem I experienced that year was I had a lot of trouble getting the Hens to bred with the Cocks I had selected for them this seems to be a recurring problem for me the Hens seem to

pair bond
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FEDERATION SHOW RESULTS 2014	BEST NOVICE	BEST CHAMPION	BEST FIFE IN SHOW
WEST OF SCOTLAND FFCC	P ROSE	MURDIE & WILSON	MURDIE & WILSON
IRISH FIFE CANARY CLUB	PAUL MC NULTY	HEARD & SUMMERVILLE	HEARD & SUMMERVILLE
EAST OF ENGLAND BORDER & FIFE FCC	BEVERLY HOLMES	HEARD & SUMMERVILLE	HEARD & SUMMERVILLE
SOUTHERN ENGLAND FFCC	T HARDIE	B BROWNE	T HARDIE
INTERNATIONAL FFCC	A.W BARNETT	CLARKE & GILLOTT	CLARKE & GILLOTT
NORTH WALES FFCC	M GORIN	A & S KENDALL	A & S KENDALL
THE NORTH OF ENGLAND FFCC	G & A HUGES	GSPENCER	G SPENCER
MIDLAND FFCC	T WARMEN	ASHTON & GOODWIN	ASHTON & GOODWIN
SOUTHERN COUNTIES FFCC	G POOLE	D TANNER	D TANNER
CORNWAL & DEVON FFCC	R TIFIN	K & S ROBERTS	K & S ROBERTS
THE LONDON FIFE CANARY CLUB	T WARMEN	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
WEST WALES FFCC	VL JONES	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
KENT & SUSSEX FFCC	T HARDIE	D TANNER	D TANNER
EAST ANGLIA FFCC	C DURRELL	D TANNER	D TANNER

FEDERATION SHOW RESULTS 2015	BEST NOVICE	BEST CHAMPION	BEST FIFE IN SHOW
FEDERATION SHOW	T.D MC CARTHY	HEARD & SUMMERVILLE	HEARD & SUMMERVILLE
IRISH FIFE CANARY CLUB	K CONNOLLY	ROY LYNAS	K CONNOLLY
CLEVELAND BORDER & FIFE FCC	J SWATTEN	F SANDERSON	F SANDERSON
INTERNATIONAL FFCC	C MILLS	CLARKE & GILLOT	CLARKE & GILLOT
EAST OF ENGLAND BORDER & FIFE FCC	M FIELDGATE	HEARD & SUMMERVILLE	HEARD & SUMMERVILLE
NORTHWEST FFCC	J SWATTEN	B TIMMINS	B TIMMINS
SOUTHERN COUNTIES FFCC	A BARNETT	WAYNE MORTON	WAYNE MORTON
SOUTHERN ENGLAND FFCC	C MILLS	A.G BELL	A.G BELL
NORTH WALES FFCC	J HOOF	A RODGER	A RODGER
NORTH OF ENGLAND FFCC	M GORIN JR	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
MIDLAND FFCC	J HOOF	CLARKE & GILLOT	CLARKE & GILLOT
CORWALL & DEVON FFCC	K CLEMO	WAYNE MORTON	WAYNE MORTON
NORTHANTS AREA OPEN SHOW	S KIMPTON	WAYNE MORTON	WAYNE MORTON
NORTHSTAFFS & SOUTH CHESHIRE FFCC	J ROBERTS	CLARKE & GILLOT	CLARKE & GILLOT
WEST WALES FFCC	A BARNETT	SMITH & EVANS	SMITH & EVANS
KENT & SUSSEX	D CHURCHMAN	WAYNE MORTON	WAYNE MORTON
EAST ANGLIA FFCC	M FIELDGATE	J&R WEAIRE	J&R WEAIRE

FEDERATION SHOW RESULTS 2016	BEST NOVICE	BEST CHAMPION	BEST FIFE IN SHOW
FEDERATION SHOW	JIMMY ROBERTS	GREEN & STILLE	JIMMY ROBERTS
CLEVELAND BORDER & FIFE	J HOLVEY	A & S KENDALL	A & S KENDALL
IRISH FIFE FANCY CANARY CLUB	E MC ATEER	C GARDINER	C GARDINER
EAST OF ENGLAND BORDER & FIFE FCC	R & S BREWERS	J & R WEIRE	J & R WEIRE
NORTHWEST FFCC	J ROBERTS	B CALDWELL	B CALDWELL
INTERNATIONAL FFCC	S KIMPTON	W WRIGHT	W WRIGHT
SOUTHERN COUNTIES FFCC	A WYATT	B BARNES	B BARNES
SOUTHERN ENGLAND FFCC	J HOLVEY	F SANDERSON	F SANDERSON
NORTH WALES FFCC	J SWATTEN	A & S KENDALL	J SWATTEN
NORTH OF ENGLAND FFCC	M PILMER	A & S KENDALL	A & S KENDALL
CORNWALL & DEVON FFCC	P WILLIAMS	K & S ROBERTS	K & S ROBERTS
MIDLAND FFCC	F MC CARTNEY	MORTON & CARLINE	F MC CARTNEY
NORTH STAFFS SOUTH CHESHIRE FFCC	J ROBERTS	YATES & SPARE	YATES & SPARE
WEST WALES FFCC	T MC CARTHY	SMITH & EVANS	SMITH & EVANS
CUMBRIA BORDER & FIFE FCC	S STITT	I WATSON	I WATSON
EAST ANGLIA FFCC	N WREN	F SANDERSON	F SANDERSON

FEDERATION SHOW RESULTS 2017	BEST NOVICE	BEST CHAMPION	BEST FIFE IN SHOW
FEDERATION SHOW	G & A HUGES	CLARKE & GILLOT	CLARKE & GILLOT
IRISH FIFE FANCY CANARY CLUB	K CONNOLLY	R LYNAS	R RYNAS
WEST OF SCOTLAND FFCC	F ROSS	M & M GORIN	M & M GORIN
CLEVELAND BORDER & FIFE FCC	P DOWLING	GREEN & STILLE	GREEN & STILLE
INTERNATIONAL FFCC	A BOND	M SOFFE	A BOND
EAST OF ENGLAND BORDER & FIFE FCC	R & S BREWSE	BEACHLER & VADDER	BEACHLER & VADDER
NORTHWEST FFCC	J ROBERTS	MATT ELD	MATT ELD
SOUTHERN COUNTIES FFCC	K WESTBROOK	CLARKE & GILLOT	CLARKE & GILLOT
SOUTHERN ENGLAND FFCC	T MC CARTNEY	YATES & SPARE	YATES & SPARE
NORTH WALES FFCC	K CONNOLLY	K & S ROBERTS	K & S ROBERTS
NORTH OF ENGLAND FFCC	J SWATTEN	M GIBBONS	M GIBBONS
CORWALL & DEVON FFCC	K CLEMO	MR & MRS G WILLIAMS	MR & MRS G WILLIAMS
MIDLAND FFCC	J HOLVEY	GSPENCER	J HOLVEY
NORTH STAFFS & SOUTH CHESHIRE FFCC	N HUGES	A & S KENDALL	A & S KENDALL
MID ULSTER FFCC	W O DONOVAN	A CASTLES	W O DONOVAN
WEST WALES FFCC	T MC CARTNEY	C & L THOMAS	C & L THOMAS
ESSEX & KENT HOME COUNTIES FFCC	S & K BELL	L RUSSELL	L RUSSELL
EAST ANGLIA FFCC	R & S FIFES	A FOX	A FOX

FEDERATION SHOW RESULTS 2007	BEST NOVICE	BEST CHAMPION	BEST FIFE IN SHOW
GREEN CINNAMON & WHITE FFCC	J THOMAS	G.F HOOK	G.F HOOK
SOUTHERN ENGLAND FFCC	J NICKLOSON	P DWYER	P DWYER
SOUTHERN COUNTIES FFCC	B LEGGETT	GODSHELL & CARLINE	GODSHELL & CARLINE
NORTH WALES FFCC	C&L THOMAS	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
NORTH WEST FFCC	C & G VAUGHAN	ROB ROY FIFES	ROB ROY FIFES
WEST WALES FFCC	MARK JONES	SMITH & EVANS	SMITH & EVANS
FEDERATION SHOW RESULTS 2008	BEST NOVICE	BEST CHAMPION	BEST FIFE IN SHOW
NORTH WEST FFCC	A WILLIAMS	ROB ROY FIFE	ROB ROY FIFES
NORTH WALES FFCC	A & S KENDALL	G SPENCER	A & S KENDALL
SOUTHERN COUNTIES FFCC	B LEGGETT	M BOWLES	B LEGGETT
DEVON & CORNWALL	D HOLLY	K & S ROBERTS	K & S ROBERTS
MIDLAND FFCC	G MAC BEATH	HEMBRY & WHATES	HEMBRY & WHATES
NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM FFCC	G CURRY	M BELL	M BELL
SOUTHERN FFCC	B LEGGETT	G SPENCER	B LEGGETT
WEST OF SCOTLAND FFCC	I ROSS	G MURDIE	I ROSS
NORTH OF ENGLAND FFCC	R SHAW	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
EAST ANGLIA FFCC	DELANEY & FORWOOD	HEMBRY & WHATES	DELANEY & FORWOOD
WEST WALES FFCC	J.J HARRIS	SHELBOURNE & HORE	J.J HARRIS
FEDERATION SHOW RESULTS 2009	BEST NOVICE	BEST CHAMPION	BEST FIFE IN SHOW
NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM FFCC	K BAINBRIDGE	CLARKE & GILLOT	CLARKE & GILLOT
WEST WALES FFCC	J.J HARRIS	SMITH & EVANS	J.J HARRIS
FIFE FANCY CC	T CAMBELL	J.I ROSS	J.I ROSS
MIDLAND FFCC	G MAC BEATH	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
NORTH OF ENGLAND FFCC	J.I ROSS	I WATSON	J.I ROSS
EAST OF ENGLAND	G MAC BEATH	G FOX	G FOX
NORTH WALES FFCC	HEARD & SUMMERVILLE	Mc EWEEN & Mc G LINCIE	Mc EWEEN & Mc G LINCIE
CORNWALL & DEVON FFCC	P WHITE	MAN & SIBLY	MAN & SIBLY
SOUTHERN COUNTIES FFCC	MARK JONES	R & R WATSON	MARK JONES
NORTH WEST FFCC	G HOLDSWORTH	CLARKE & GILLOT	G HOLDSWORTH
FEDERATION SHOW RESULTS 2010	BEST NOVICE	BEST CHAMPION	BEST FIFE IN SHOW
MIDLAND FFCC	L FYFE	G MURDIE	G MURDIE
EAST ANGLIA FFCC	B BODSWORTH	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
FEDERATION SHOW RESULTS 2011	BEST NOVICE	BEST CHAMPION	BEST FIFE IN SHOW
SOUTHERN ENGLAND FFCC	T & J CORKBURN	B LEGGETT	B LEGGETT
NORTH OF ENGLAND FFCC	HEARD & SUMMERVILLE	G SPENCER	HEARD & SUMMERVILLE
INTERNATIONAL FFCC	A WILKS	B MC DONAGH	B MC DONAGH
MIDLAND FFCC	T CAMBELL	G NORTHERN	G NORTHERN
WEST WALES FFCC	V.L JONES	J WATKINS	J WATKINS
NORTH WALES FFCC	HEARD & SUMMERVILLE	A RODGER	A RODGER
EAST ANGLIA FFCC	A TODD	F SANDERSON	F SANDERSON
FEDERATION SHOW RESULTS 2012	BEST NOVICE	BEST CHAMPION	BEST FIFE IN SHOW
INTERNATIONAL FFCC	B BODSWORTH	L RUSSELL	L RUSSELL
EAST OF ENGLAND FFCC	N WREN	S FOX	N WREN
NORTH WEST FFCC	T CAMBELL	F SANDERSON	F SANDERSON
NORTH STAFFS SOUTH CHERSHIRE FFCC	J.A SPARE	YATES & SPARE	YATES & SPARE
EAST ANGLIA FFCC	T & J COCKBURN	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
FEDERATION SHOW RESULTS 2013	BEST NOVICE	BEST CHAMPION	BEST FIFE IN SHOW
FIFE CANARY CLUB	T CAMPBELL	A RODGER	T CAMPBELL
WEST OF SCOTLAND FFCC	R WEIR	MCEWAN & CAMPBELL	R WEIR
INTERNATIONAL FFCC	J COOPER	SMITH & EVANS	SMITH & EVANS
CLEVELAND BORDER & FIFE FCC	M & J SOUTH	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
IRISH FIFE FANCY CANARY CLUB	PHILIP NESBITT	M SMITH	M SMITH
SOUTHERN COUNTIES FFCC	A TODD	SMITH & EVANS	SMITH & EVANS
NORTHSTAFFS AND SOUTH CHERSHIRE FFCC			
NORTHWEST FFCC	T CAMPBELL	A & S KENDALL	A & S KENDALL
NORTH WALES FFCC	T ABBOTT	G SPENCER	T ABBOTT
EAST OF ENGLAND	A TODD	G DELANEY	G DELANEY
NORTH OF ENGLAND FFCC	T CAMPBELL	HEARD & SUMMERVILLE	T CAMPBELL
MIDLAND FFCC	T CAMPBELL	F SANDERSON	F SANDERSON
WEST WALES FFCC	A BARNETT	D WEAVER	D WEAVER
THE LONDON FIFE CANARY CLUB	T HARDIE	G SPENCER	G SPENCER
EAST ANGLIA FFCC	T CAMPBELL	F SANDERSON	F SANDERSON

with a Cock of there choice and not the one of my choosing .Another issue I had and it was a lesson I learned very quickly about the importance of good record keeping was I had Cinnamons popping up all over the shed because I hadn't kept a record of all the carrier Cocks

Unfortunately I had to miss one of my favourite shows on the calendar in 2019 the Gainsborough C.B.S but that was ok as I got to watch my beautiful eldest daughter get married on the same day .I still posted a cheque for £20 due to me absents because I feel it is very important that we support the C.B.S clubs ,I also had to give my local Federation Club show at the North of England F.F.C.C a miss due to a family Christening so my show season started a little later than normal with my first birds been entered at the Newark C.B.S show where I managed to pick up the Best Fife In Show award which was a first for me with a little Vari Yellow Hen . I managed a couple more C.B.S show picking up a couple of lesser awards mainly the Best Novice Cinn with a Vari Yellow Cock and Vari Yellow Hen .My last show of the 2019 season was the Federation show at East Anglia F.F.C.C where I was fortunate to take 'Best Novice Fife in Show' and 2nd Best with a Vari Yellow Cock and Hvar Vari Cock, respectively.

So for the future , Well the original plan was to produce a stud of birds worthy of showing in the Champion section ,This still remains the goal and should the rules laid down by the Fife Fancy Federation not change I will choose to show in the Champion section in the show season of 2021.

I understand that my birds still have a way to go , However I feel that they will not disgrace me and will not look out of place among my counterparts .I will not expect to be winning straight away in the Champion section but I feel that the challenge will definitely freshen up my appetite it will be a very bold move but one I look forward to very much

The current and future breeding seasons will be made a little easier with the addition of new Dimmer system for my lighting given to me by my beautiful wife Babs for my Christmas box.

The best advice I could offer anyone new to keeping fifes is keep everything simple, let the weather and the natural seasons dictate the diet and when to pair up your birds....Make sure the cocks are in tip top full song before you put them to the hens. Nature's way is the best....quality seed and food is an absolute must...the best tonics are natural and free chickweed and dandelion....don't buy into the "I must buy all the latest tonics and potions" brigade....most importantly and often overlooked keep your drinkers pristine and change the drinking water every single day most bugs will be found in the water offered to your birds....this way you will have a stud of hardy birds that rely on nothing other than a good diet, fresh clean water and a clean environment to live in...good ventilation opening windows and doors even on cold days is important...the cold won't kill the birds but be careful of drafts





One of the nicest feelings I get from the hobby besides winning myself is when I get a call from a fancier who has bought birds from me to say they have bred well or bred a class or special winner from my birds

I'm very excited for the future ,it would not be right if I didn't take this opportunity to thank the people who have helped me along the way in the fancy ,I would first like to thank Mr Alan Wilson who has become a great friend and support to me ,I would like to thank Mr Adam Kendall who is always available for a chat and always offers good counselling. I would like to recognise all the good work of the previous secretaries of Fife Fancy Federation and the current one Mr Paul Larkin for all his work during his time in the role the Fancier of the Year competition has been a very positive addition to this great hobby of ours ,The ring scheme and of course this Journal but more importantly I feel that the Fife Federation is now something we can all be part of through Social Media ,Paul obviously reads a lot and says little on the platform however I can see the small seeds planted last year starting to sprout ,I hope that this openness in the Federation continues into the future

Last but by no means lease I would like to thank my wife Barbara who has been very supportive of me and the hobby from allowing me to start in the conservatory to doing the early morning feeding and egg collection so not only is she my partner in life but in many ways my partner in the birds too

I would like to wish everyone who has taken the time to read this article good luck in all that you choose to do

Dave Collins

50 Years of Dedication to the hobby

Richard Owens of Prestatyn North Wales has been a friend of David Shelbourne for many years and was also President of the North Wales Fifes when David was Secretary. Richard turned 91 years old as the end of Aug 2020. He has been involved cage birds for over fifty years and in the year's 2000-01-02 he won Best Novice Yorkshire Canary at the National, Not only has Richard been successful with Yorkshire Canaries but he has won more than his fair share with his Borders and Fifes. A true stockman. He was also a successful sheep dog breeder , We would like to wish Richard all the best as he has reluctantly decided to leave the hobby in 2020

David Shelbourne North Wales F.F.C.C President



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There are plenty of people within the fancy that do a huge amount of work but go un-noticed and Terry Cockburn would be one of them ,Terry has been involved in the Federation for many years as the person who designed and runs the Federations website .In 2018 I was honoured to take up the position as Federation Secretary and from day one I have had his heart broken with new additions to the website or changes to the judged list and updates to the Fancier of the Year etc .I would like to

thank Terry for his dedication to the fancy and all his hard work for the Federation, Fanciers like Terry are the corner stone of the Fancy and without the likes of Terry the hobby wouldn't be the wonderful one we all enjoy today .

Paul Larkin
Federation Secretary

I really hope that there is a possibility of shows this year as from photos and videos on the internet there appear to be some gorgeous birds out there this year. Myself I am starting to look more closely at the youngsters that may make the show team, a task that I am not looking forward too as I would keep them all if I had the room!

Youngsters appear to change every time you get them in a show cage especially when moulting, so you can never really select totally until they are through the moult. A bird that has the right size and shape is the first thing that I look for although I must admit that colour for me is also important due to my love for the white ground and Cinnamon birds.

In conclusion I have been so lucky in my first year and would recommend taking up Fifes for anyone starting out with Canaries, they are always so 'bubbly' with great characters. My advice would be to approach one of the Champion breeders to obtain your birds, Wayne Morton has been a tremendous mentor to me but I have also received great advice from Steve Dominey and Matt Eld, all are amazing people. Wayne must have got so fed up with me asking numerous 'novicy' questions, but was always there giving tremendous help.

Another piece of advice would be to join local cage bird societies. We have some great little clubs in the Devon and Cornwall area, such as Bugle, Treviscoe, Hayle, Mid Cornwall, Indian Queens and Plymouth. We are also lucky enough to have the Cornwall and Devon Fife Fancy Club brilliantly run by Pat and John White. In the South West we are also lucky enough to have some great Fife breeders such as Tony Keirle, John and Mark Curnow, Ron Hanck and Kevin Clemo who are always happy to help novice starters.

Graham Parker




Henry Cooper

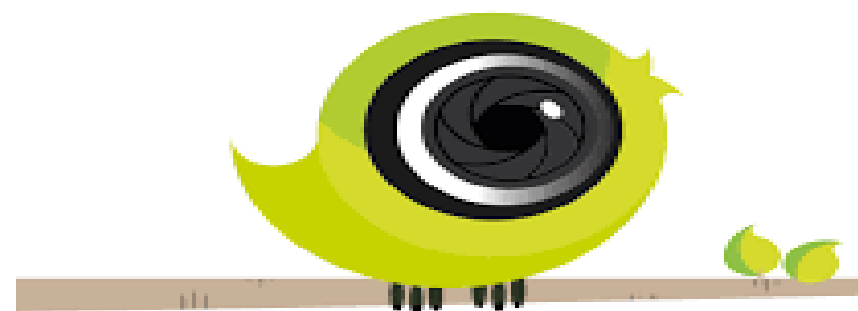
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The Dreaded Dead in Shell

For those of you having a problem with dead-in-the-shell, let's have a look at the potential problems that can arise with each of these periods of incubation in more detail, so that hopefully the problem can be solved.

Embryonic Death At The Start Of Incubation

Deaths early in incubation can be detected by opening the egg and seeing that it is in fact fertile, but that the embryo is only poorly developed. The usual cause is poor incubation leading to the egg becoming cold after development has started. Possible causes include improper nesting material, over interference by the Fancier, mite or poor sitting by the hen, bird room too hot or too cold or poorly ventilated, Also eggs are very vulnerable to vibration early in incubation. Shaking or jarring can kill the developing embryo either directly or by rupturing the yolk. This is of particular relevance when eggs are being transferred for fostering or Storage. Embryos that are unlucky enough to have genetic abnormalities usually also die early in incubation. Genetic problems are more likely to occur with closely in-breeding of Fifes

Deaths From Day 5 To Day 14 Of Incubation

This is the longest period of the incubation process and yet it is the time when least deaths occur. The embryo is simply growing. The growing chick receives its nutrition from the yolk and deaths here can reflect nutritional problems in the hen. Hens that are correctly fed are more likely to produce nutritious yolks that support healthy embryos. The effect of breeding bird nutrition is very underrated. By simply feeding a blend of 2-3 seeds and a calcium supplement such as grit, it is not possible to prepare the hens for breeding. Fanciers who believe they can do this often accept as normal an elevated embryo death rate or several weak chicks in the nest.

Although embryos can die of infection at any time during incubation, it is at this time of growth that they are most vulnerable. Certainly, there are some infections that can be carried by the hen that can infect the ovary such as Chlamydia and Salmonella. These can be incorporated into the egg at the time of its formation, and subsequently infect and kill the embryo as it grows. Infection can also pass through the oviduct wall into the egg. However, these types of infections, that enter the egg prior to laying, are in the minority. Most infections that develop are caught in the nest after hatching. Nests that are dirty, poorly ventilated or excessively humid lead to egg-shell contamination and movement of infectious agents into the egg. Egg quality is also important. Cracked, thin, mis-sharpen or rough eggs allow easier entry of infection and are more subject to trauma. Poor eggs can be due to oviduct disease, but are more often associated with a nutritional deficiency: in particular calcium. Some fanciers will have noticed eggs with translucent clear lines running around the outside of the egg showing the eggs rotations, as it was passing down the oviduct. These thin areas can be an early sign of calcium deficiency

in that first year I bred 30 chicks. I was lucky enough to breed an array of colours, Greens, Heavily Variegated, Variegated, Variegated Whites, Fawns plus one Clear White Hen and her sister a Clear Buff Hen.

My first show was at the Taunton CBS show in Somerset. I took 6 birds up and although I thought my birds looked good was not really sure what to expect. When I entered the hall to book in there were numerous gorgeous Fifes on display. I returned at the show opening time hoping that I may get some sort of place card. My son and I went down the line and I noticed that I had a 3rd with a Variegated Buff Cock, really excited with that we continued down the row. I had 4 firsts and my little Self Fawn hen was awarded Best Novice Fife! I was totally amazed and lost for words (for once!).

In the weeks that followed we went to all the South West Peninsula club shows. I was lucky enough to get 'Best Opposite Sex' at Bugle CBS with the Clear White Hen and then even luckier to be awarded 'Best Fife' at both the Mid Cornwall CBS and Plymouth CBS shows with a Heavily Variegated White Hen and a Foul Marked Fawn (sister of the winner at Taunton). A really amazing and very unexpected first season.

I started this breeding season with 9 hens and 6 cocks. Keeping the birds that I obtained from Wayne (apart from one of the gorgeous little Cinnamon hens that I lost in the moult) plus my winners at the shows and other youngsters. So knowing how well the previous season went I decided to purchase more cages both plastic and wooden. I find the plastic ones easier to clean but the wooden better for the youngsters. The birds were split between pairs and trios, I have found this year that some cocks prefer sticking to one mate whereas others can be used successfully over numerous hens. All of the birds have their own special sometimes very cheeky characters and this is one of the main reasons I love Fifes together with their free breeding success.

This breeding season in 2020 started early for me as the birds were so fit, I actually started at the end of January and by mid February had many youngsters. Due to lockdown I have had much more time to spend with the birds and possibly due to this have bred just under 70 young this year again in an array of colours with many white ground and Cinnamon youngsters. In the two breeding seasons that I have had I have been really lucky in that there has been no serious mite problem. I always spray the cages two days before the hens are placed into them and dust the nest pans under the felts and also the felts themselves.

I started looking for information on the internet and found the Fife Federation and other Fife Fancy websites. While looking through one day I saw some photos of birds from Wayne Morton, they caught my eye as the type of birds that I would like to keep. In early 2018 I contacted Wayne and agreed to obtain some birds from him in October of that year.

I already had a stone built shed in my garden at home which we used as a store for furniture etc when we moved down. So I went about transforming this into what I hoped would be a good bird room.



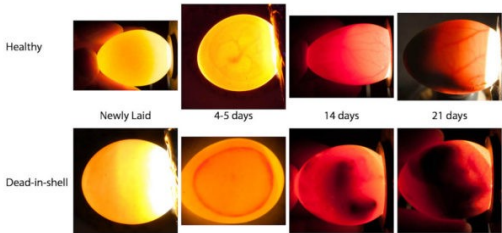
Couple of 2020 Bred Fawn Chicks



Graham Winning Best Novice at Taunton CBS show in Somerset

The shed itself is 30ft x 12ft but as I was not sure how well things would go I decided to put obtain 3 wooden double breeders to house the birds. I contacted Wayne again and as I always loved Cinnamon and White ground birds asked if he would possibly have any of those colours spare. In November 2018 we travelled up to see Wayne and get two trios which included a Variegated White Cock, Variegated White Hen and two Cinnamon Variegated Hens they were beautiful, so bouncy and with amazing individual character!

The birds wintered well and by the end of February 2019 were it great breeding condition, hens carrying bits and the two cocks having their own singing competition. The hens quickly started building and I soon realised that if all the eggs hatched I would need more cages. So I quickly contacted a friend who makes cages and he sent me three treble breeders



Embryonic Deaths At The End Of Incubation

Through incubation a membrane called the chorioallantois develops around the chick. The chorioallantois acts a bit like a human placenta, in that it delivers air to the embryo after it diffuses through the shell. At the end of incubation the chick must swap from a chorioallantois respiration to breathing air. It does this in two stages. First it internally pips. This involves cutting a small hole into the air chamber at the end of the egg and starting to breath the air it contains. At this stage vibrations can be felt in the egg and chick will sometimes vocalize.

After another 12-36 hours the second stage begins, with the chick cracking the shell and breathing external air. While this is happening the last of the yolk sac which is the chicks nutrition during incubation, is drawn into the navel. This eventually ends up as a tiny sac in the wall of the small intestine called Merkle's diverticulum and lasts the whole life of the bird. Interestingly, during this time, the chick also drinks the clear fluid around it called the amniotic fluid. This amniotic fluid, and also the yolk sac contain the antibodies that protect the chick from infection in the first few weeks of life.

While all this complex physiology is going on the chick is vulnerable to problems. Too high or low temperature or humidity during this time will adversely affect the chick. The usual problem is too high a temperature, or too low a humidity. This combination causes the shell and shell membrane to become hard and dry. This can lead to a healthy chick becoming exhausted. In addition to this, the chick quickly becomes dehydrated. I am sure many fanciers have helped these chicks hatch only to find them dead later. These chicks often die because they are dehydrated. Such chicks if given small drops of water will often suck them down greedily and survive. These dehydrated chicks are called "sticky chicks" because of the way they stick to the dry shell membranes. They are often found dead after hatching ¼ to 1/2 the way, emerging from the shell. If removed from the shell they often have unabsorbed yolk sacs and there is often dry, gluggy albumen still in the egg.

In summary, hatchability can be improved by three simple steps:

- Improving nutrition in the months prior to breeding.
- A clean nest for every round, and ongoing nest box hygiene.
- Access to a bath around hatching

Paul larkin

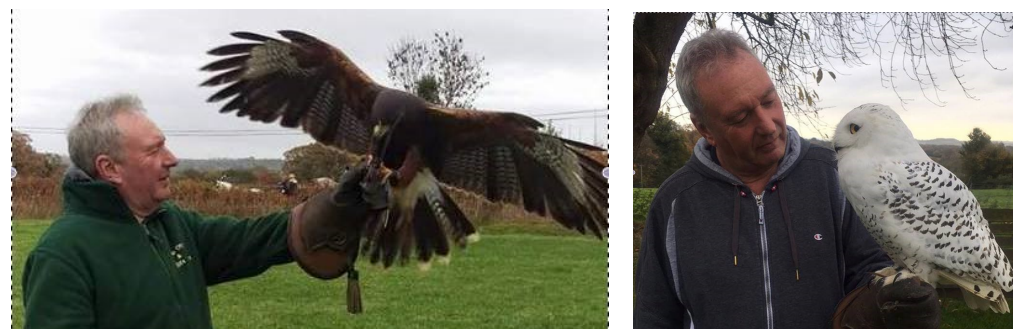
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Breeding Season 2020 Photo Competition



After chatting to the owner I agreed to volunteer at the centre for a day per week.

After being there for a few months they started doing displays at a wildlife park near my home, so I asked if I could help there as it was easier regarding travelling. It went so well that I began assisting with bird handling and flying displays. I was lucky enough to obtain a full time job at the park not just with the Birds of Prey but also with the other wildlife there, which included Otters, Lynx, Scottish Wildcats, Red Squirrels and later Wolves! I also did talks to the public on Otters and Red Squirrels and loved the job



In May 2016 I applied and successfully obtained a job at Tamar Otter and Wildlife Centre in Cornwall, where I was required to do Bird of Prey talks and handling with the public and also Otter talks and feeds along with normal senior keeper duties looking after not just Otters (Asian Short Clawed and European), but also Meerkats, Polecats, Servals, Chipmunks, Wallabies, Fallow and Muntjac Deer as well as the Birds of Prey. At the centre we have European Eagle Owls, Bengal Eagle Owls, Great Horned Owls, Tawny Owls, Barn Owls, Little Owls, Buzzards, Harris Hawk, Red Tailed Hawk and Kestrel. I have been at the park ever since and we moved to Cornwall in 2017 after Tina was transferred from RD&E to Bodmin Hospital.

Also in 2017 I went to a nearby cage bird show as I was looking for different bird species for work. Whilst there I looked at the Canaries and could not believe how large Border Canaries had become. It was then that I noticed the Fifes and I fell in love!

" I would advise is stick with your gut instinct regarding feeding seed,softfood, green food, supplements etc. If it works don't change it!"

My Journey into Fife Canaries

By Graham Parker

I have always been interested in birds and animals from a very early age. My grandad built my first aviary when I was 11 years old and I began keeping finches and budgies, over the next couple of years I obtained cockatiels and parakeets.

I first had an interest in Canaries when my dad purchased two pairs of Borders from a champion breeder in Somerset when I was 14 years old. My first show was the Westward Federation show at Crewkerne the following year when I won best Junior Border with a young Clear Yellow cock. However the following year I had to sell all my birds due to personal circumstances.

I married my first wife in 1977 and with a family to raise, all thoughts of bird keeping were gone. After getting divorced in 1995 I moved to Devon re-married and started a second family, becoming a dad again in 1999 at the ripe old age of 40 years!

The following years consisted of normal family matters and working hard to make ends meet. My wife Nicki was a nurse and worked for Devon Doctors on Call in Exeter, whilst I was working for an environmental company doing Contaminated Land searches. We had two young boys and everything was fine until 2011 when Nicki suddenly started having mobility problems and was found to have two vertebrae in her neck that had become misplaced and were resting on her spinal cord. Following an operation she was moved into a rehabilitation centre for extensive physiotherapy. During her time there she began to have further problems and after several tests in March 2012 was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease and confined to a wheelchair. I took a year off work to be her carer but regrettably in October 2012 she lost her battle and died aged just 47 years old.

I was left alone to bring up my two boys aged 11 and 12 years. It was a hard time but to give myself a focus I began to help at our local cricket club where my boys played. I enjoyed it so much that I took my badges and became a Level 2 Cricket Coach. During that time I met my third wife Tina and this is where my birding interest began again. Whilst out one day at a garden centre, we were alerted to a sign saying Devon Bird of Prey centre. I had always been intrigued by birds of prey so we visited. It was amazing seeing all these beautiful Hawks and Owls etc.



For the Love of Fife's

With David Garvey

My Time in Fife Canaries – so far.

I have kept Fife Canaries for the past 12 years, first as feeders for my Border Canaries and then as my only breed, after I disposed of my Borders in 2010. At that time, in my opinion, Fife Canaries were the poor relation of top Borders in terms of type and quality, but Fifes have come on in leaps and bounds in recent years and this year's Fifes will have seen a further improvement, no doubt.

The breeding season has always been a favourite time of the year for me and the free breeding nature of Fifes was an attraction, not just in terms of increased numbers of youngsters, but it was great to be able to develop families of birds and produce the colour variants that you wished for on a consistent basis each year. What you put in is what you get out is my experience with Fifes and this was not always the case with Borders, at least for me.

My initial Fifes were from Roy Lynas, a leading fancier in Northern Ireland and my good friend Michael Smith and I visited him on many occasions in the early years. As my experience with and interest in producing exhibition Fifes grew I decided to look across the water to the top studs in England and eventually introduced myself to Harry Clarke and his partner in birds, Paul Gillott. I have been back to Harry and Paul every year for many years and any recent success I have had is down to their blood-lines. My stud is a broad one and aims to cover all colour classes, as far as possible and to produce a quality bird or two in each colour category over time. Notable successes include Best Fife at the Mid-Ulster FFCC Show in 2018 and at the Fife Canary Club of Ireland Show in 2019.



Pairing to Breed Cinnamons

Parents	Offspring
1) Normal Cock/Normal Hen	All Normal
2) Normal Cock/Cinnamon Hen	All Normal, but Cocks will be carrying Cinnamon
3) Cinnamon Cock/Normal Hen	50% Normal cocks carrying Cinnamon, 50% Cinnamon Hens (All visual Cinnamons from this mating will be hens)
4) Normal Cock carrying Cinnamon/Normal Hen ...	25% Normal Cocks, 25% Normal Cocks carrying Cinnamon, 25% Normal Hens, 25% Cinnamon Hens
5) Normal Cocks carrying Cinnamon/Cinnamon Hen	25% Normal Cocks carrying Cinnamon, 25% Cinnamon Cocks, 25% Normal Hens, 25% Cinnamon Hens
6) Cinnamon Cock/Cinnamon Hen	All Cinnamon

The number four pairing is not a very good pairing. This pairing will produce all normal coloured cocks some carrying Cinnamon and some not. The only way to tell if a cock from this pairing is carrying Cinnamon is to test mate the bird in the following season, although this will not prove anything if there are no visual Cinnamons produced, because if you look at the prospective offspring from such a pairing, there is only a 25% chance of producing a Cinnamon hen and that is the only way to confirm the cock is a Cinnamon carrier, although the cock could still have produced Cinnamon carrying cocks.

If you carry on regardless using normal coloured cocks birds from such pairings you may end up with Cinnamon right through you breeding stock. To be on the safe side treat all the cocks from such pairings as Cinnamon carriers.

The other possible variation in colour is fawn's the way to achieve this is to introduce a white ground bird to a Cinnamon. A white ground bird is any bird from a clear white through to a self blue. The possible variations are, a visual Cinnamon cock to a white ground hen, or a Cinnamon carrier cock to a white ground hen will produce the odd fawn hen, or the best possible mating of a white ground Cinnamon carrier cock to a Cinnamon hen this will produce fawn cocks and hens, a fawn can be used in the above mating's instead of the Cinnamon. Where two possibilities exist, the theoretical expectation is 50% of each, but in practice this is not always the case.

The Cinnamon Factor

By Jim Watkins

Many fanciers struggle to understand the concept when using Cinnamon's in the breeding program, I will try to explain this in simple terms. The Cinnamon gene is a sex - linked recessive gene that means the Cinnamon colour is passed on by the X chromosome. (For the purpose of this article a normal coloured bird is any bird from a clear yellow through to a self green, a clear white through to a self blue, yellow or buff feathering making no difference).

A cock bird has two X chromosomes, either one or both chromosomes could be affected. If one chromosome is affected the cock will be a normal coloured bird carrying the Cinnamon gene. If both chromosomes are affected the cock will be a visual Cinnamon. This tells us a cock bird can be one of three types, a normal coloured bird, a normal coloured bird carrying Cinnamon, or a visual Cinnamon. The hen on the other hand has only one chromosome the other being Y, this means a hen can only be one of two types, a normal coloured bird, or a visual Cinnamon, a hen cannot pass on the Cinnamon factor unless it is a visual Cinnamon. The following table will give you an idea what to expect from the possible pairings.



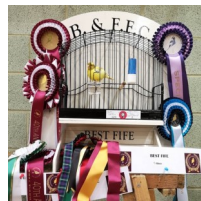
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2018 National Winner



Tony Peters

Best Novice Cinn N.S.C.F.F.CC
2018



Tony Abbotts

Best in Show at Cleveland 2019



In the early days there was no specialist Fife Club in the Republic of Ireland and only one open Federation Club in Northern Ireland, the Mid-Ulster Club, so Michael and I and Stephen Berney, assisted in setting-up the Irish Fife Fancy Canary Club in Dublin in 2013 . Starting from scratch our first show attracted 265 birds and was Judged by John Oram and Roy Lynas, with Michael Smith winning best Fife with a Variegated Yellow Cock. It was really rewarding to be involved in growing the Fife Fancy in Ireland and encouraging many to start keeping and showing Fifes.

Another aspect of the Fancy is judging and I was delighted to be elected to the Federation Judges Panel alongside Michael, on the nomination of the Mid-Ulster Club in 2014. It has been a wonderful experience to visit and officiate at many fine shows in Northern Ireland, England and Italy - Bologna and Naples. Unfortunately Covid has put-off a trip this autumn to Belgium and hopefully shows can return in full in 2021 or 2022.

To conclude with three things I would like to see happening (and I am a great believer in planning for success, rather than preparing for failure): No.1 - On the 40th Anniversary of the Fife Federation in 2024, there is a 2000+ birds Fife Show in a suitable hall with most the leading fanciers in these Islands and beyond exhibiting, No.2 – That some professional quality photographs or short videos of major show winners each year are put on the Federation website, similar, for example, to those on the Budgerigar Society homepage and No.3 – That there will be some live streaming of judging and presentations at the top Fife Shows in the future.

David Garvey



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We are all aware many of this years' shows are in jeopardy and have already been cancelled due to Covid, let us hope 2021 will be a better year for all our shows.

Sadly, with regret, after careful consideration, our committee have now decided to

cancel our show for this year. The decision was not taken lightly, but, we have to consider with the utmost importance, the health and safety of everyone who would have attended. We sincerely hope to see you all next year.

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ESSEX KENT & COUNTIES FFCC

by Mrs Brenda Kettle

It was at the East Anglian FFCC in 2017 that I was approached by Jim Delaney, Alan Todd, Colin Hart and Bert Smith to ask if I was interested in becoming the secretary of an intended new Fife Club, later to be known as, Essex Kent & Counties FFCC. During 2017 two clubs were struggling to survive, those being Kent & Sussex FFCC and South East Canary Club, after their sad demise, both clubs very generously donated their remaining funds to help us create our new club. Their generosity was sincerely appreciated by our club and will not be forgotten.

After careful thought, and the fact I was also secretary of East of England Border & Fife Club, and had the experience, I decided to help out and put some of my efforts into the new club. During it's first year in 2017 we did experience quite a few changes which resulted in a reduced committee membership. We have now overcome those losses and changes, and I am very proud to say we have a very close committee who are all determined to see the club survive and succeed. We have seen a gradual increase in support at our shows which obviously gives us all a much needed morale boost. We welcome everyone's help in supporting our club and hopefully enable us to continue and succeed on the Fife Club show circuit. Providing a successful Fife club show in Essex, Kent, surrounding areas and even further afield, is the goal of our dedicated committee.

Our current committee are:

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Secretary/Treasurer – Mrs B Kettle

Auditor – R Mack

Show Secretary – J Delaney (Assistant – A Todd)

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Show Manager – G MacBeath (Assistant – A Todd)

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Paul Larkin Fife Canaries



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Show Cages Presentation.....Its that time of the year again and getting your cages ready for the show season ,They get a dusting off and maybe a fresh lick of Blank gloss paint but there is other essential things in getting your cages ready before the birds go in and you take them off to the shows and here is a little check list

1. The DEWAR CAGE is the only accepted Fife show cage
2. They must be black and small round drinkers only to be used
3. Perches of show cages to be placed to leave five empty wires between them
the first perch to be on drinking hole wire
4. Cover of seed box to have a slot in it and not holes, and box to contain plain or mixed canary seed
5. Tier wohl Super to be used as floor covering.
6. Cage labels to be directly under perch opposite from drinker with the label centred



Focus on the Fancy

It seems that most fanciers believe the future of our hobby should be the responsibility of our younger generation. I beg to differ as most young people today are tied to social media and gaming platforms which seem alien to some of the older generation myself included. Young people are able to play x boxes and PlayStation in the comfort of their own rooms. They can restart any game which proves difficult and use cheat codes to gain instant success. No commitments no need to venture out in foul weather to walk to a shed.

No need to feed birds or clean out cages. No losses or challenging problems hence the question why would a young person decide to take up our hobby unless of a family connection or specific interest. The cost of a shed, cages equipment and of course stock is a financial outlay many young people can ill afford. I therefore believe that our target audience should be individuals about to retire with possibly a nest egg, no pun intended!

Maybe some spare time and a need for a hobby which is less physically demanding as certain sports or past times. Many retire having amassed specific skills in organising events, accountants and so on. Skills invaluable in running shows and committees. Even if some decide not take up bird keeping they might volunteer their free time to assist once a month or once a year on the day of the show. How about we promote our hobby with agencies such as Age Concern and so on who could provide links for newly retired individuals with club secretaries and fanciers.

How about a mentoring scheme to help and retain novices?

Maybe a list of fanciers within certain areas who could be a point of contact for newcomers, an official list. Likewise i would like to see a voluntary judging scheme to support judges. Area meetings and developmental workshops.

No judges no shows!

The Federation have made great changes of late and deserve our support, i would be willing to pay as a single member which would generate more funds which could be used to safeguard our hobby. I hope my suggestions are received in the manner they were proposed, without malice or intent for personal gain.

Covid 19 has highlighted the benefits of bird keeping and as guardians of our hobby i believe we should be willing to consider new ways of doing things whilst protecting tried and tested methods which have proved successful for the benefit of all.

Wishing everybody a safe winter free from a second pandemic, a great breeding season and shows full of camaraderie and fun. An opportunity to meet up in person rather than by zoom or similar methods.

Norman Hughes North Wales.

The Dangers of Moulting

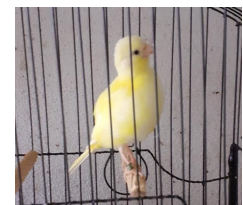
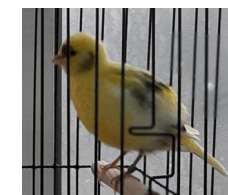
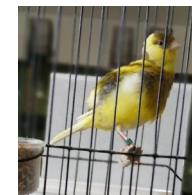
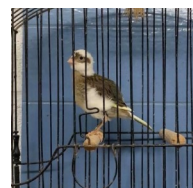
Moulting can be a dangerous period for birds if there are not sufficient resources for them to moult properly. If a bird does not get proper nutrition while moulting, its feathers may be thinner or poorly formed, creating difficulties that can last for months or years.

we can help ease the dangers of moulting by providing a rich, varied diet for birds ,I have always found that giving my birds daily baths encourages them to preen

Remember...

The actual process of building a feather is also quite demanding from an energy point of view. To put this into perspective, feather production requires around 2½ to 3 times the energy that egg production does.. Unless the nutrition in a bird's diet is suitably bumped up to meet the demands of the moult, the bird will use up any nutrient reserves it has and then feather quality will begin to suffer.

Few photos of Birds at Different Stages of there first moult



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The Moulting Explained



Paul Larkin

BUT WHAT IS THE MOULT Moulting is the process of a bird shedding old, worn feathers to replace them with fresh plumage. A molt may be partial and replace just some of a bird's feathers or complete when all the feathers are replaced at once. The time it takes to complete a moult varies for different species, but may last as little as two weeks or several weeks

There are a few types of moulting in a bird's life cycle:

Juvenile to Adult: Young birds have down feathers or subadult plumages that must be shed as the birds reach maturity and develop their adult coloration.

Non-Breeding to Breeding: After a winter in dull plumage, fresh, brightly coloured feathers are part of many birds' preparation for attracting a mate. Studies have shown that many birds with brighter plumage have better breeding success.

General Feather Replacement: Even if feathers do not change colour for breeding and non-breeding plumages, general replacement of worn feathers is an essential moult that birds must undergo to maintain healthy plumage.

ABOUT THE MOULTING PROCESS...

Feathers are composed of keratin, the same protein that makes hair and fingernails, and they are under constant stress and subject to a great deal of damage. Daily activities such as rubbing against perches, preening, flying and bathing all subject feathers to friction that causes wear, and the keratin weakens as the feathers age.

HOW BIRDS MOULT

The exact cycles, frequency, and timing of moults vary for different species, but every bird shares some similarities when moulting. In general, feathers are moulted in a symmetrical pattern across the bird's wings, tail, and body so it retains its balance for flight. The entire cycle typically takes 2-12 weeks, Fries Mould relatively quickly but parrots have some of the longest moult cycles and may take up to two years to replace all their feathers. As feathers age, the quills loosen in their shafts and it is not until they are ready to fall out that new feathers begin to grow. The new feathers then create visible gaps in a bird's plumage, particularly in the wings and tail where shorter feathers are more noticeable. Nearby feathers on the body overlap the bare space so the bird's skin is not exposed, but the bird may look scruffy and its markings will be indistinct until the moult is complete.

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Bird Health.....Nutrition

Giving a Fife Canary good diet is a fundamental part of its care, as it directly affects the quality of its plumage, its health and its ability to reproduce in breeding season.

Breeding canaries use nine times more energy than canaries housed in a flight. The fast growing canary chicks need energy more than anything else and above all, it is the energy content of the food that determines breeding success or failure for canaries. Perhaps too much attention has been placed upon the protein content of the food and not enough upon the constant supply of energy required by them. Knowing the energy content of each seed helps to design a high-energy dry seed mix. Millet varieties, plain canary, groats and rape are high-energy seeds that should be incorporated into the dry seed mix.

Generally most available seed mixes are 60% / 80% made up of plain canary seed and then added seeds and dried veg or other dried proteins but what nutritional values are there in the seeds we buy? Well below is the nutritional values and information on some of the more common seeds available today

Plain Canary Seed

Is actually a grass, canary seed takes 105 to 110 days to reach maturity after planting. It is the main component of all Canary seed mixes available on the market today but what is its nutritional value to your Birds?

Despite their small size, canary seeds have a surprising number of nutritional benefits. In just 100 grams you get: 212 kilocalories, 55 g of carbohydrates, 14 g of protein, 50 mg of calcium 300 mg of phosphorus, 2 g of fat.

As you can see by the low fat content this would be the most notable reason why many fife fanciers but there birds on a plain canary mix over winter to save the birds putting on extra weight prior to the breeding season.

Rape Seed

Rapeseed (*Brassica napus* and *Brassica campestris*), which is a member of the same family as mustard, cabbage, and turnips, is a major oil-yielding crop

Black rape seed is a popular addition to many birds diet, particularly British Finches like Chaffinches, Goldfinches & Green finches. Its also a favourite seed of the Linnet but many Fife Breeder look for a general seed mix that doesn't contain Rape because of its high fat content just like Niger it should be fed in limited amounts and at certain times of the year, Regular varieties of rapeseed contain high levels of anti-nutritional factors

Special recognition for their Work in the fancy

Mrs Brenda Kettle

'Having been involved in organising the East Anglian approaching 20 years it is important to acknowledge people who's contribution to the fancy is often overlooked. It is indeed rare today to see someone who is not only involved with one club but three. With that I mind I have to mention Brenda Kettle who is currently a novice breeder actively involved with the Essex, Kent and Counties FFCC as Secretary, the East of England Border & Fife Club organising sponsorship and Secretarial duties and finally helping out with Raffle prizes and donations for The East Anglian FFCC. It is people like Brenda who are the backbone of the fancy but so very often overlooked and Win or lose her enthusiasm is to be commended.

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15. WOULD YOU BREED FROM A FIFE WITH A FAULT?

IF SO WHICH FAULTS WOULD YOU OVERLOOK? Over the years we have bred with Fife's that carry faults as they were of a very good standard otherwise. I like to believe that our stud has reached a level now that we no longer need to do it. The chest crease or an over sized bird seemed to be easy ones to breed out within a season or two (as long as it wasn't too bad), any fault with the wings i.e. crossed, not resting on the back or long flighted was very difficult to breed out and I would advise anyone to never breed with a bird that had any faults with its wings. It's all part of the learning curve as a novice, as long as you keep good records you can keep track of the faults so they don't spread through the stud, still keeping an eye on the bloodline after the fault is no longer visible to prevent it resurfacing. It's also vitally important to be ruthless and get rid of the family carrying the fault if you fail to breed the fault out, the smaller your stock the less time you have, you can't allow the fault to spread. Of course if it's possible then being completely ruthless and not even considering keeping a bird with a major fault is best, and that is what we now do, unfortunately that was impossible when we were novices and we have learned a lot from that time.

DO YOU LIKE SHOWING OR JUDGING THE MOST?

I enjoy both very much. It's an honour to be invited to judge top specialist shows, and I'm always grateful to be asked. But I also love to compete and do my best to be successful. I try and balance out the two.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS YOUR BIGGEST MISTAKE OVER THE YEARS OF KEEPING Time

keeping a bird with faulty wings proved to be a mistake but it's all part of the learning curve as a novice. Although it would have been difficult I regret not showing more at specialist shows when we were novices, we only showed at 2 specialist shows as novices (North Wales FFCC & North West FFCC) as we were quite young and couldn't drive, we were very successful at both shows, winning numerous best of colours as well as best novice at North Wales and 2nd Best novice at the North West, it would have been nice to see if we would have enjoyed similar success at other specialist shows, also would have been nice to talk more with the champion exhibitors that were winning at the time, perhaps acquiring some birds that would have improved our stud, we were somewhat stuck in North Wales, and didn't purchase a bird outside of an hours radius until we were 2nd year champions.

WHAT WOULD MOST IMPROVE THE HOBBY IN YOUR OPINION?

I believe more help is needed in the running of shows, most show committees are made up of just a few core members, people volunteering to help with stewarding or dismantling staging etc would be a massive help to many shows. Stewarding can be a great learning opportunity for Novices

Cain Thomas

Niger

This tiny, fine seed is black in colour Because Niger seed is rich in oil and high in nutrition, it makes it an outstanding seed to be given during the breeding season when your birds energy levels need to be maintained to rear chicks. The high protein count will help with the regeneration of feathers when moulting. Niger Seed Nutrition (per 100g) Calorie 515, Fat 39g, Sodium 0mg, Potassium 0mg, Sugar 0g, Fiber 11g, Protein 24g. As you can see there is a significant difference in the levels of Fat between Niger and Plain Canary Seed so over feeding should be avoided.

Linseed

Linseed, also known as flaxseed, comes from the common flax plant. Linseeds are available in golden and brown, as well as a variety of shades in between. There isn't much different in the taste or health benefits of these different seeds though, it's just the way that they grow. Linseeds are a valuable source of Omega-3 fatty acids, they are high in protein, plus they are a good source of iron. They're also full of vitamins and minerals such as B vitamins, calcium and zinc and are very good in stimulating the Gut of your birds which will allow your birds to extract more nutrition from its food in general However, not only that, the range of vitamins and minerals mean they provide other health benefits too.

The nutritional value of 10g of brown linseed is as follows: 50 calories, 3.6g fat, 0.3g saturates, <0.5g sugars, <0.01g salt.

Hempseed

Although hemp seeds come from the Cannabis sativa plant, they do not produce a mind-altering effect. These small, brown seeds are rich in protein, fibre, and healthful fatty acids, including omega-3s and omega-6s. These seeds are a complete source of protein, meaning that they provide all nine essential amino acids. Hemp seeds contain an impressive array of vitamins and minerals and are especially rich in: vitamin E, magnesium, phosphorous, potassium. They are also a good source of iron, zinc, and B vitamins

Millet

It may not be a highly used seed in the world of fives but I have seen a few fanciers mention it over the past few years so I thought I'd include it. Millet, more formally called white proso millet, is a grass seed that is very popular with small birds. It is available in both white and red varieties, and both are suitable as food for This is a small seed, smaller than a grain of rice.

Millet is high in starch, protein, fibre, and fat, and is a good food source for small birds. It is particularly favoured by finches, juncos, buntings, sparrows, and towhees, though many birds will sample millet, especially when it is blended with other types of seed

Paul Larkin

MEET THE FANCIER.....*Cain Thomas*

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING BIRDS?

I have been around birds my entire life, my grandfather and father being champion breeders of Borders and Glosters respectfully. I had good knowledge of feather type and what made a good Border canary before I started to breed Fife's which gave me a good foundation to build on.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KEPT FIFES?

My grandfather acquired 2 pairs of Fife's for my brother and I in 2005 when I was 10 years old.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A PANEL JUDGE? I first joined the Panel in 2017

FAVOURITE HOBBY NOT BIRD RELATED?

I enjoy a number of sports including football, pool, and a variety of outdoor pursuits.

IF YOU COULD PICK ONE PERSON DEAD OR ALIVE TO HAVE DINNER WITH WHO WOULD IT BE? As a huge football fan and a proud Welshman I guess it would have to be "saint" Gareth Bale!

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL TEAM? I'm a Liverpool fan but I mostly follow the Welsh national team, I do my best to make every home game and try and get to a couple of away games in each campaign.

WHERE DID YOU OBTAIN YOUR ORIGINAL STOCK?

My grandad obtained our original 2 pairs from local fancier Norman Hughes, we also obtained a few birds from local champion Huw Parry in our second season, which gave us our foundation stock.

IF YOU HAD TO BEGIN AGAIN WHERE WOULD YOU GO TO FOR FRESH STOCK?

There are so many top Fife studs around where quality stock can be obtained, there is no one stud that dominates our show scene within Fife's, which is a very good thing in my opinion. I would say that obtaining stock from the best champion exhibitor in the area would be best for a novice to start off with, as you can easily go back for stock and tap into their knowledge, they will have extensive knowledge of their own bloodline and therefore will be best placed to guide you in the right direction.

If I had to start again tomorrow then I would like to obtain my core stock from Andy Rodger, I am a massive fan of his birds. We have been lucky enough to obtain outcrosses from Andy in the last few years, and it has really helped take our stud up a level, we have a lot to thank him for.

DESCRIBE YOUR IDEAL FIFE? A small round bodied bird (from all angles!) with a short neat tail and tidy wings. Plenty of leg is key in catching the judges eye on the show bench, I like to see a strong, round head (again from all angles) with a good, clear break in the neck. I also like a bird to be steady in the show cage, working the perches well.



Judging Engagements

1. East Anglia F.F.C.C
2. Malta National
3. West Wales F.F.C.C

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR IDEAL MATING? Pairs or multi hen to single cock and why.?

Over the last few years we have been keeping as little cocks as possible (only the very best, usually about 3 or 4 buffs and 3 or 4 yellows with maybe a couple extra of each as spares) and running them, I believe that it definitely speeds up progression. We may keep the odd straight pair if we have brought a cock bird in or a cock has a specific feature we'd like to bring into the stud but otherwise not as good a bird.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF INBREEDING AND OUT- CROSSING?

We tend to keep away from breeding a parent bird with an offspring, all other relations have served us well (apart from full brother/sister of course). With regards to out crosses we would never run a cock with many hens, but we do like to give them more than one hen just to get a better idea of what it produces (good and bad points). Same with a new hen, I'd like to see offspring's with 2 different cocks if possible.

HOW MANY PAIRS OF FIFES IS IDEAL TO BREED FROM?

Like I said previously I believe that the running your best cocks produces the best results, we have kept around 20 hens for a long time but have found it difficult to breed a large enough show team to compete for the top prizes at all the shows we enter, this year we have kept nearer to 30 hens in the hope of breeding a larger show team to be able to compete at all the shows we enter throughout the entire show season, without over showing our hens.

1DESCRIBE YOUR IDEAL BIRDROOM:

Plenty of natural light, plenty of fresh air, where the temperature can be kept fairly constant. A nice place to train and view the birds in a show cage is always a good bonus. A sink with running water and dimmer lights also very handy assets to have. We have a large flight cage at one end of the bird room which I like, it's very handy to house all of our flighted hens over the moult and winter months.

WHAT DOES A YOUNG BIRD HAVE TO DO BEFORE YOU CONSIDER IT FOR STOCK?

It needs to be carrying no major faults, nothing else in particular, it needs to be better than the birds we don't keep basically, unless it has a specific feature we want to bring into the stud. We do not breed from any large birds, as long as the birds are short (body and tail) and have plenty of width, and you pay close attention to the feather type, you will not lose any shape in breeding small birds to small birds, I don't believe there's a need to breed from an oversized bird as there will always be a percentage of the offspring that will be oversized, and thus no good for showing.