

# Hullbridge Pigeon Club



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Once again, I am trying my hardest to keep interest in the Hullbridge Club going during the quiet season. In my last article I was fortunate enough to have people give my memory a jog regarding this Club's 2019 results, thereby allowing me to relay to you the fantastic achievements obtained by our membership during the 2019 season. None of these results would have happened without a lot of both dedication and determination by the winners of these prestigious awards. Unfortunately I

was not among the prizewinners but still consider it a privilege to be racing against the formidable opposition that I face week in and week out. I, along with my ex-partner Micky Watts had more than our fair share of success racing on the north. Unfortunately for me, Micky moved over 20 miles away and so we had to go our separate ways. In our partnership we had good success racing on the north. In fact, one week we won the Combine and the following week we won the



John Buckfield suited and booted.

Amal with the same pigeon. A fantastic result by anybody's standard but unfortunately we only managed to get a five line mention in the fancy press from the Club scribe. As you must all be aware, Micky has become a household name for himself winning 12 National races. My claim to fame has to be that I am press officer to this Club of ours and as long as I am able I will do my best to keep the Hullbridge in



John Bacon, Club grafter.



Paul 'saggy' Elliott.



Diesel, Micky Watts' guard dog. BEWARE!



Enjoying a pint with the late Jimmy Gibbs.



Mick & Sally Watts at the BICC presentation.



*My wife and I at BICC presentation.*



*Frank Aloisio flirting with Mrs Gladwin.*



*Lee Bastone.*

the news. As far as winning races is concerned, I will just have to keep trying.

Having said all that, many fanciers will be planning their next session of their breeding programme. I know that some like to get their birds down at the beginning of December, while others choose to wait until Valentines Day. Me, I'm undecided.

As luck would have it, I have found a memory stick and when I downloaded it, I found 1,400 old photos. Many of them are family pics but there are some good ones of the members that I would like to share with

you. Call it a stroll down a recent memory lane if you like.

This is going to be my last write up for a few weeks because my wife and I are going on an autumn cruise. It's a chance to get away from the pigeons and let my mate Dave Lammin take care of the birds for me. Quite looking forward to it, visiting Turkey, Cyprus, Greek islands and Israel. Must be careful not to bang my head on the wailing wall should I get the chance. I might end up with some brains.

Hopefully I will manage to get my trusty laptop out and get another article out before Christmas. Thanks to everybody who has emailed me throughout the year, and thank you for all of the positive feedback concerning our club.

Regards to Paddy in Dublin.

**STOP PRESS.** Lee Bastone wins 1st and 2nd gold ring race Laindon RPC winning £1,400. Also 2nd place 1st Section Thames gold ring race winning another £800. Great result Lee, well done.

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