



HULLBRIDGE PIGEON CLUB

Here we go again, will it be more doom and gloom or is there a flicker of light at the end of the tunnel. These have certainly been uncertain times with this dreaded corona virus affecting all of us in one way or another. Putting our worries aside, we must never forget the frontline workers from NHS doctors and nurses, the carers in nursing homes and of course ambulance drivers, policemen and firefighters.

Now at last I have some good news. One of our members, who wishes to remain anonymous, has converted a brand new flat bed works vehicle into a pigeon transporter. He has had a special custom made removable back so that should it be needed it can be replaced for use as a back up in the case of too much birdage for Adrian and the Thames transporter. There is every chance that it will be

meet up with the other members for a good old chinwag. I have been reliably informed that there has been some really interesting ideas being bandied about concerning the new training truck. I have to stress that nothing is official but I personally can't see many people objecting. One idea was to maybe have a few Wednesday races to get us back into the swing of things. Adrian, the Thames transporter driver has a full time job so he couldn't do it but we have a very willing stand in called Terry Bentham, mind you he doesn't know yet! But more excitingly, there is the possibility of the Thames having a few Channel races using the new vehicle. Now that is something that should raise a few eyebrows, but what a



needed for the first few races with fanciers wanting to get their unraced birds on the road. Of course none of this would be possible without some very generous fanciers and non fanciers chipping in and helping out with the truck. Firstly we have Luke and Emma who own the local Essex Metal Works to thank for the first class job they made of the removable body. They also made a top job of the racking and watering system. In total the truck will take thirty two Geraldty crates with a total capacity of over eight hundred pigeons. How about that for a back up truck. Of course we haven't finished there. The whole vehicle had to have some form of protection for the birds while in transit. This is where brothers Billy and Micky Clark, pigeon men from Dagenham stepped in to help. Being pigeon racers they knew exactly the needs of the birds while being transported. They set about making a custom built breathable cover to put over the crates. It can be split so that if only half the vehicle is carrying birds then just half the sheet can be lifted as needed to release the birds. I almost forgot, resident all round worker John the chippy was on site putting some finishing touches to the motor. There you are John, you got your mention as promised!

I for one can't wait to get my birds back on the road but just as important, get down the the clubhouse again and get a few pints of guinness down my throat and



Where would we be without them. I will certainly be out there again this Thursday at 8 o'clock banging on my saucepan to give thanks to our essential workers, will you?

It would seem that at the time of putting this together, there is talk from the powers to be, that there may be a partial lifting of the lockdown. I for one won't be sorry to see things getting back to normal. Maybe that flicker of light will turn into a torch beam and things will at last be on the up. Looking on the bright side, at least with the good weather we have been experiencing, there is every possibility, once it starts, that the racing season could be extended by a few weeks to make up for lost races, just a thought.

prospect. I find that is something to take some of the doom and gloom away and put some positive thoughts into our heads. Please if you have any thoughts on the above, contact me via my email address below and I will gladly pass your comments on, be they positive or negative, we are all entitled to our say.

One good thing that may come out of this is that the hawks should be going hungry.

That's about it for another week. Take care everybody.

Regards to Paddy in Dublin. By the way Paddy, the stuff you recommended is sold out everywhere.

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