The Orpington Club
2013 Year Book

CLUB SHOW CHAMPION 2012

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Winning the National Gold Cup is every fancier's dream ticket, and to be a winner TWICE with Orpingtons obviously figures high on my list of classic show awards. So, pleased to say, that two-win honour has now been emulated by David Pownall. His black pullet in 2012 completed a twice in three year (albeit one Wyandotte) sequence win for him. WELL DONE DAVID

In the event our Orpingtons have now won the Gold Cup six times, blacks 4, blue 1, buff 1, which has gone someway to highlight our premier breed standing. Keeping it there can be a problem I must admit. Our large Orps (especially blacks) are never too easy to multiply constantly. Breed standards and (show pen) requirements are not completely compatible with reproduction factors such as egg production, fertility and hatchability. Ours is a breed not for the half-hearted or here today gone tomorrow types. It takes a lot of determination and skill to master the art of quality and consistency. Fortunately we have dedicated breeders around --- more would be helpful!

Our bantams on the other hand maintain their consistent quality and quantity (reasonably). Even so we are aware of the current competition from global imports of new and exotic breeds. Potential new recruits have more and more than ever increased breed choices. In the process our old breeds are falling behind. We face a big challenge to keep ahead in changing circumstances. It is a duty for ALL of us Orpington fans to maintain OUR breed and Club STRONG --- Agreed?

Soon we will be getting ready for the National, Federation and Scottish classics again, it is the last year at Stoneleigh Park for the National before moving on in 2014 to the International centre at Telford. Whereas the Federation Championship show keeps its permanent fixture at the Stafford show ground.

Let's have a bumper 2013 club show.
My best wishes

WILL BURDETT MBE
CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

To coin a well worn phrase “my how the years go by”, they certainly do don’t they?

The highlight of the year without a doubt for our breed club was to see once again an Orpington crowned National Show Champion, congratulations to David Pownall on his magnificent victory.

As I have said before in these chronicles, dedication and effort will be rewarded in the poultry fancy as in any other walk of life. David has shown these qualities in abundance. To win the top award on two occasions with two different breeds, is as far as I can recall, unique.

Well what David has done – let’s see if we can all do. Take the hobby seriously and work to traditional values. A certain well known man once said “give us the tools and we will finish the job”, well we have the best breed in the world to take on and beat all comers again and again.

The Orpington Club is gaining new members all the time, who I sincerely welcome and I hope the above comments will encourage them to stick at it.

And remember, knowledge and timber should not be used until well seasoned.

I am looking forward to seeing as many members as possible at the National and Federation, I have stood down as president of the Federation so I hope to spend more time around the Orpington pens.

Again I would like to thank our secretary for the wonderful work he puts in to keep the ship afloat, his dedication to our club is without parallel.

I remain yours sincerely

B D Anderton
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Will Burdett

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Will Burdett MBE, Brian Anderton, Stephen Adcock,
Roger Clarke, Hugh Thompson, Geoff Hamer,
Richard Rowley, David Pownall, Ian Davis,
Andrew Richardson, James Finlayson MBE,
Fiona Stobinski, Philip Smedley, Rob Boyd,
Matt Hanson

Committee
Richard Rowley (Vice President),
Roger Clark, David Pownall, Graham Hodge, Stephen Hodge

Life Members
Will Burdett MBE, Brian Anderton

THE ORPINGTON CLUB 2012 A.G.M.

HELD AT THE FEDERATION SHOW STAFFORD
ON THE 16/12/2012 IN ROOM 2 AT 9.30 AM

Present: The Chairman and 20 members

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Will Burdett, Philip Smedley, Ian Davis, Fiona Stobinski, Richard Rowley, Richard Bett

2) CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME
Brian Anderton welcomed everyone to the meeting, and said how nice it was to see everyone so early in the morning. It had been a fair year for Orpingtons, and he especially wanted to congratulate David Pownall on winning the gold cup at the recent National show. The Orpington had won
this trophy five times and he had been involved in the judging of the last four.

3) **MINUTES OF THE 2011 AGM**

The minutes of the 2011 AGM had been published in the 2012 year book and were read out by the secretary, they were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Graham Hodge and seconded by Nigel Allman

4) **MATTERS ARISING**

The secretary had written to the secretary of the Federation show requesting a better time for our AGM meeting, but obviously it had not changed this year. The web site had not been updated for a while and the secretary agreed to re-send a lot of information to Matt Hanson as the originals must have got misplaced. The new standard colours to be discussed in AOB

5) **SECRETARY’S /TREASURER’S REPORT**

It had been another excellent year for recruitment with over twenty new members and more joining at the show, sadly this was exceeded by the number of members not renewing subscriptions.

Thanks to Nigel and Jane Allman for updating and looking after the club stand and manning the stand at the National due to the secretary’s absence, and also for all the work and help that they give me behind the scenes.

Many thanks to Brian Anderton for judging at the National and Richard Rowley for officiating at the club show.

The club had made a profit of £84.72p this year, leaving cash in bank at £631.20. The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Jane Allman and seconded by Stephen Hodge

6) **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was proposed by Stephen Hodge and seconded by David Pownall that all officers be re-elected en bloc.

7) **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by David Pownall and seconded by Julie Short that Graham and Stephen Hodge be added to the Committee. Ian Davis had
said that he would stand down from the committee to allow more active members to be involved.

8)  **ELECTION OF JUDGES PANEL**

It was proposed by Jane Allman and seconded by Mark Rangeley that the judges panel remain the same at present.

9)  **CLUB/REGIONAL SHOWS AND JUDGES 2013**

Geoff Hamer to judge the Club Show at Stafford Proposed by David Pownall and seconded by Matt Hanson.

Matt Hanson to judge the National proposed by Jane Allman and seconded by David Pownall

(10)  **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1) The secretary informed the club that he had presented all the relevant information to the Poultry Club regarding the standardisation of the Cuckoo, Jubilee and Spangled colours. The PCGB responded requesting that the club balloted all members on this issue. (This was a ballot to show the popularity of the colours as our constitution dictates that the decisions like this can only be voted on at the AGM). This was done mainly by e-mail but did incur over twenty pounds of postage. The response was poor but positive. The information was then presented to the PCGB April council meeting and they accepted the colours but only in the large fowl.

The secretary was asked to write to the PCGB and express our disappointment at not having the bantams included and asking them to re-consider.

2) Jane Allman requested that we buy a new club stand, the old one is large and very heavy and is nigh on impossible to get staples and drawing pins into.

The new stands with alloy struts and Velcro friendly boards could now be bought at £80 to £100. After little discussion it was decided to go ahead with the purchase. At this point Graham and Stephen Hodge very kindly offered to sponsor the new stand.
3) It was decided to drop the novice classes at the National and Club show so that they are solely for juniors.

4) New classes had been included in the club and regional shows to cater for the three new standard colours.

5) The secretary informed the meeting that there was a demand for a club badge/keyring, as all the last ones had been sold. The company that provided the last badges had gone out of business so the secretary asked if anyone had any ideas. Lots of help was offered, and it was left to the secretary to deal with it.

(11) **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**
The trophy presentations would take place at the club stand at 2.00 O’Clock as this allowed us more time to discuss important issues in the limited time we had the room.

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**ORPINGTON CLUB ACCOUNTS**  
1/11/2011 - 31/10/2012

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**Excess Income over Expenditure**  

£ 84.72

**Cash in Bank**  

£ 631.20
SECRETARY’S REPORT 2013

Another year over and another year of highs and lows, the greatest high of the year was at the very beginning with David Pownall winning the supreme championship at the PCGG National show at Stoneleigh with a beautiful large black pullet. Congratulations David on a massive achievement, to win this award once in a lifetime is probably every poultry fancier’s dream, but to win it twice equals only our president’s early seventies achievements and with the number of times you end up on championship row who would bet against you doing again? Keep focused David, set yourself higher targets, we need breeders like you in the breed and the fancy, there are not many people with your skill and enthusiasm coming up behind.

Another high is the thirty three new members we have enrolled this year, a very warm welcome to you all, we hope you will have many years with us and our brilliant breed. The lows are that even with this number of new members we still only have eighty seven paid up members this year, so the drop out rate is just as high.

Another low is the disappointing number of enquiries for stock this year, this can sometimes be a very time consuming job returning telephone calls and replying to e-mails with lists of members and colours kept, but I miss it when the phone does not ring. I hope members are managing to dispose of surplus stock privately.

I was asked at the AGM to write to the Poultry Club and express our disappointment at not having the cuckoo, spangled and jubilee colours not standardized with their large counterparts. I have been informed by the Poultry Club that the three large colours accepted last year were fast-tracked due to the fact that they had a standard 100 years ago (our main argument for their acceptance), but as the bantam colours never had a standard they will have to go through a more rigorous procedure. For any colour to be standardized they have to be in the hands of enough breeders and they have to breed true. So the first step for anyone interested in standardizing a new colour is to present three generations of that colour (with Poultry Club leg rings) for inspection by a Poultry Club representative, when any member can do that if they will let me know and I will arrange for that inspection. I need to find out how many inspections are required and the number of breeders who need to keep them. So start ringing birds now!
I would now like to pay special thanks to our overseas members and friends.

Once again Robert Callinen President of The Australian Orpington Club has contributed one of his humorous poems for our year book for which we are very grateful, many members will have met “Blue” on his last two visits to the UK, and he is a great ambassador for the breed throughout the world. Orpingtons in Australia are going from strength to strength with the club show progressing from a bi-Annual to an annual event, and this year Rob took home the supreme championship with his Buff pullet bantam and best white with his white bantam, well done Rob.

As well as Australia this year book will be posted or e-mailed to Holland, Denmark, France, Germany, Canada and the USA.

I have just taken up a dialogue with Ruben Grijalba who is keen to do a feature on Orpingtons in the Spanish AVIOCIA magazine

Andrew

**ORPINGTON CLUB SHOW DECEMBER 15TH 2012 AT FEDERATION SHOW**

With the new colours being recently Standardised I was more than interested to see how “things” were developing as regards “numbers” being shown in all the different classes.

There were not as many of the “new colours” as I was expecting – which in a way I was rather disappointed about. However “those” that were present were in the main of very good type and presentation. The non standardised large chocolate Orpington for type, size and colour really “took my eye”, shown by D. Cook.

The Club Show Champion was won again by that man David Pownall – with a splendid black bantam hen. Come on Kray Twins “you can do it“ Private levitation ---- but with feeling. The reserve Club Show Champion was won by D. Cook with a well presented Large Black pullet. Not a name I am familiar with but look forward to meeting as the “name” appears more than once in the “results”.
MARK RANGELEY
BREEDER & EXHIBITOR
OF
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BLACK, BLUE, BUFF, WHITE
& CUCKOO IN LARGE FOWL

BLACK AND BLUE
IN BANTAM

Wins for 2012/2013 season include
Show Champion at the North of England Show
Plus many more BIS, Reserves, BLSF
& Best Orpington Awards

STOCK OCCASIONALLY FOR SALE

ALSO HATCHING EGGS

ENQUIRIES AND ORDERS WELCOME

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My way of reporting a Club Show is not to list all the results and comment on each bird specifically --- because by the time the notes appear in the Year Book who can remember many months back all the details ----- I would rather see the results printed BY ALL MEANS – to see all the endeavours of the breeders and show personnel, that is essential. Hope Andrew (our sec) can include the results where he sees appropriate (being “year book editor” now). To make general comments about what I perceived in examining all the birds may hopefully help and where needed may, perhaps, stimulate further discussion. Don’t forget the Poultry Club Book of Standards is our Bible – but current breeders also can metaphorically “set the standard”. A classic example of this is the weight and or thus the size of especially the bantams. I could write a book (as could many other seasoned breeders) on the question of weight. And have done many articles about weight. Our current Chairman gets my vote for being instrumental and the suggested weight of the Orpington Bantam Male in the P.C. Book of Standards is Four and a Half Pounds and the Female Three and a Half Pounds. Not every judge “out there” knows that fact, when the moans come in “they are too big”. Whilst on this subject – and to remind and inform “new Orpington personnel” – a well-known Scottish Exhibitor said to me recently “while both of us judging over the water” “no I am not in Orpingtons any more – when a well-known breeder asked me if we could provide large pens for the bantams – I bailed out of the breed“. However this affable hard working man for the Fancy did add “can you remember the comments Roger Clarke (very successful breeder and showman and good friend) made in one of his show reports some years ago “before the weights were increased as explained “… my winning birds are not TO STANDARD as regards the P.C. BOOK”.

Moving on it says in this book -- dark brown eyes are permissible but black ones are preferred. Something that was noticeable to me when judging – there were more “dark brown eyes than black ones” Ok not that many points for eyes but something that a judge looks at never the less, when getting into the minutiae of inspection.

Our Secretary Andrew did very well with his large blues and also congratulations to Jane Allman in getting best Large White Orpington with an excellent well presented female. If I don’t mention Sandy Hildreth for support in the Large Whites I’ll be in trouble. N.and J Allman won both classes of A.O.C. Male and Female. Winning best Spangle Orpington.
D and J Short won best Jubilee and Mark Rangley won best Cuckoo in the new standardised colours.

In the eleven bantam classes the Krays (Graham and Steven Hodge) won five out of the 11 classes including the coveted black pullet and black cockerel classes. Fantastic contribution the Brothers from Leyland, Lancashire have given to the Orpington Club in the last decade pushing Mr Pownall to the limit. Fantastic also to see our **PRESIDENT WILL BURDETT MBE WINNING TWO CLASSES IN THE BLUE BANTAMS at the age of nearly 90** I hope he won’t mind me mentioning. Will (excuse the pun) any of us reach such a tremendous age never mind winning a couple of classes at the Club Show. Such a long time since we were both at the same A.G.M. at Alexander Palace (London) where I was voted on as secretary of the Orpington Club with a balance of £29 in the club funds I can always remember. “Ah memory lane etc”.

More up to date H Crane won the non standard male and female class.

Step forward one of, if not the best steward, I have had in all my years of judging poultry Naomi Smith ---- Emma (her middle name can pronounce it better) did such a well organised job for me (thus the club) writing down comments on the judging sheets – and bringing information along on the new standardised “orpis” – in case we were deluged with numbers and wanted to check on any relevant minutiae again.

It is in looking at Mrs Smith’s comments again I asked her to write down – two points I feel should be mentioned. Some of the combs on the black bantam cockerels were too coarse (look at standards book) a nice neat head is required – like the one Steve and Graham Hodge won with. The other point is – when we have a meeting re-allocated points for the Blue Orpingtons --- I stuck out for a differential between the type and colour allocation of points in favour of five extra points for colour over type (again see standards). I felt this, and still do, is essential or breeders could just breed for type and argue the “the points” say so ---- and not take into account the slate blue “top” and lighter grey laced “underneath” which is required. All sorts of shades of blue could be presented to the judges if the “numbers” were the same. We might have even seen someone trying a splash!! Will Burdett’s lacing in his blue bantam hens was –is the required situation for the blues with a nice darker blue neck hackle.
Too many “Pekin” Tails were evident in the black bantam pullets. It is hard with the good width of the birds to prevent this – but the birds without a pekin tail and more of a “pointed” (that’s not the right word but couldn’t think of a better one at the time) rear end will or should catch the judges eye. i.e. Club Chairman Brian Anderton once pointed out to me in our younger days this fact and how hard it is to get a tail that is the correct shape without the tail feathers being too “hard”. For more on this point or any other I have written about please contact me (or B.D.A.) on 01623 464818 or Mobile 07817577864 –or email bantam39@hotmail.com or Richard.rowley1@ntlworld.com

Richard A Rowley

RESULTS OF SCOTTISH NATIONAL
JANUARY 2013

Dear members

Another good weekend at the Scottish National. Sixty Orpingtons on show and a pleasure to judge, not so many large but the winners were top class.

Large black hen best large, lovely bird, well turned out.
Best Opp sex also a good deep broad bird but tail not up.
Bantams very good with great classes of black cockerels and pullets. The Hodges coming up tops with a splendid black cockerel which was also best Orpington.

LARGE FOWL

BLACK COCK (6)
1 R O’ROURKE Superb type breadth & depth, slightly untidy tail
2 Not as broad as winner, good dark eye and leg colour
3 Slightly narrower bird than first two
4 Poor eye colour

BLACK HEN (6)
1 L OMAN Well turned out, very good type, nice feather (Best Large)
2 S HOLT Close to winner
3 A & T SMITH Fair type, broken flights
4 Unfit
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Black Orpingtons
Large & Bantam
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AOC MALE (1)
1 LINES & LEGGATT  Decent bird, tail not up

AOC FEMALE (5)
1 LINES & LEGGATT  Best type
2 S HOLT  Decent type, not as broad
3 LINES & LEGGATT  Decent type, comb poor
4  Unfit

BANTAMS

BLACK COCK (3)
1 SA & G HODGE  Decent type
2  Poor eyes and tail
3

BLACK HEN (5)
1 S HOLT  Good type and colour, well shown
2 SA & G HODGE  Good broad bird, close to winner
3 H CRANE  Not as fit
4  Taller bird

BLACK COCKEREL (6)
1 SA & G HODGE  Good type, deep and wide, nice head (Champion)
2 S HOLT  Similar to winner
3 SA & G HODGE  Good type, poor comb
4 AA & G HENDERSON  Not as broad

BLACK PULLET (15)
1 SA & G HODGE  Excellent type, just big enough (Best opp sex)
2 SA & G HODGE  Just not as fit
3 SA & G HODGE  Similar to second
4 S HOLT  Not as good a type

AOC MALE (5)
1 SA & G HODGE  Decent type
2 SA & G HODGE  Decent type
3  Narrower
4  Not as good a type

AOC FEMALE (5)
1 SA & G HODGE  Good type and colour
### SOME SHOW WINNERS

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Ann egg-laying record was made by a black Orpington in New Zealand in who in 1930 laid 363 eggs

“This exhibiting sure is a lot of fun but not much profit!”
Hello from Australia
We are in to spring and all the good things spring brings. Our winter has been the warmest on record so we are all bracing ourselves in case the cold weather strikes one last time before summer as it sometimes does.

The Orpington Club of Australia had a well attended show this year at the country town of Albury. This town is on the border of two states, Victoria and New South Wales. It is always a buzz to attend a show and meet friends that you haven’t seen for a year or so. I was fortunate to win best bird in show with a Buff Bantam Pullet so my show was extra special. It was worth the very long drive home, (9 hours) even so I will be eager to go to the club show next year.

The Orpington Club of Australia is thirty years old next year and we are trying to organize a celebration at our next Club Show.

The friendship that has grown between your club and ours has given a new dimension to showing and exhibiting Orpingtons to us. Across the board we are striving to add depth and character to our fowls using the information we get in newsletters and photos from around the world as our guidance and our fowls are rapidly improving. The friendships that have grown from visits and correspondence add another dimension to our hobby as well. I love to walk into the Stoneleigh Park National show and receive a genuine hello from the folk I met on my last visit.

Well Orpington Friends, have a good year and good luck with your breeding.

Cheers from the Orpington Club of Australia and Robert Callinan (Club President)

Taking advantage of lower feed prices in Holland, German flock owners on the Hollandish border once let their chickens cross the border to eat cheap feed in Holland and lay high priced eggs in Germany.
David Pownall receives the trophy for his 2012 National Champion from PCGB President Andrew Wetters (photo Chris Parker)

David Pownall’s Large Black Pullet National champion 2012 (photo Rupert Stephenson)
Stafford’s Most Wanted

Deanne Cook :- Best Large 2012 Club Show
A woman asked me to keep some pullets for her to buy when her new fowl house arrived. I asked where it was coming from thinking I was smart but when she said she was waiting for the delivery from China through eBay I just cracked. A China chook pen in our town here in Australia seemed a bit too far fetched but we are in the new age now.

**Dr Doodle Who**

New chook house Mrs. Johnson! They’ll feel good in there,
They’ll be nice and comfy out of the cold night air.
Hear you got it off the net all the way from China,
With its little flap door egg part and its insulated liner.
It looks a little light weight but hey it’s pretty neat,
The old rooster will be proud of the best house in the street.
He’ll perch up in his Tardis made of shiny tin,
He’ll be Doctor Doodle Who and he won’t let the others in.
You want to watch on windy days it might just disappear,
Can’t you just imagine it whizzing past your ear,
With The Doctor clinging on the perch bulging eyed with fright,
He’ll be cocka doodle doing using all his might.
Imagine someone’s hens when the Tardis lands at their place,
They’ll cluck and cackle when they see the Doctor face to face.
I can hear ‘em now: “Look the film star bloke is here,
Girls, we’ll be all right, he’s lovely, never fear.”
‘Spose one’d love to perch with him and fly to somewhere cool,
Just her and him up on the perch, that’d make the others drool.
Oh well! See ya Mrs Johnson, chook house’s really great,
Just keep an eye on the Doctor, if you see him near the gate,
In his Tardis he’ll be flying off to somewhere far away,
Chasing hens and fixing strife you won’t see him for days.

Robert Callinan © 2013
THE NEW CLUB STAND

We now have a new club stand, kindly bought for the club by the ever generous, Graham and Stephen Hodge.

This is our club, so please feel free to send news, letters, pictures and your wins from shows around the country for inclusion on the club stand! It's no good sitting at the back of the AGM (or not even going), moaning about how 'boring or bare' the club stand is, then leaving it all to others to provide info on it! We constantly need updates, and your views etc. to make it more interesting. Please don't ignore requests to help, it won't jump out of the box at shows all ready set up, it needs a lot of input from you, the members!

You can send any news, pics etc. to Andrew, or myself, by post or email. Or you can catch me on my facebook page, or my forum, which is free to join/use, all you have to do is register (free also!) We have a great, comprehensive Orpington club section which keeps you updated on anything to do with the club. As well as a complete list of all breed clubs, welfare/health matters.....ALL FREE!!

To join the forum: http:/www.chick-inbox.co.uk
Email me: yogib70@hotmail.com
post stuff: Address supplied in year book.
Email Andrew: andrewrichardson@talktalk.net
Thanks in advance for any help.
Jane Allman X

In Penrith chickens have to pass over a poultry bridge over a public road to reach their range on the opposite side off the street.
COLOUR CRUSADE

Well it's been a busy four years for us, having bought the two spangled females with no cockerel, and having to breed one. Crossing the two girls under a black male then keeping a careful record of the offspring, breeding them back together to produce a solid mottled gene. Our line is three years generation strong now, and we have bred some really nice big typey birds with good spangling and a nice beetle green sheen to the black areas.

They seem to be better marked in their second year, with the spots becoming more defined, and evenly spaced. Unlike the Jubilees, who spot-up well from year one. But by the second year, the female spangled have matured, filled out and become fine examples of the Orpington breed. The males have also filled out, dropped down and "muscled" up. Personally I think this is because we outcrossed to a very good black male in the beginning, from a breeder who we knew would never allow any other colour into his mix, so there would be no nasty surprises! And that is so important if you are breeding/improving a colour. Keeping a check on what happens to offspring, with either culling them when they are no longer needed, or selling the females to folks you know never want anything more than a laying bird for a few eggs to eat. It's so easy to sell unwanted stock from projects and cause problems later down the line.

It was great news to get the three colours their standards, if very disappointing for the PC not to allow the bantam versions. As Andrew said, I think we are the only club to have a colour in large fowl standardised, but denied its bantam counterpart! As far as I know, all the right information was passed on to the PC council, and there was no real reason for them not to allow the bantams through, but, hey-ho, if it's more hoops to jump through so be it. We do need some more folks to take on these colours though, and I would be more than happy to help set serious breeders up with stock to do just that, so please feel free to contact me.

I have been trolling through the various public forums, and social media sites, and looking at folks who have posted pictures of their spangled birds, and generally there look to be some really nice birds coming through, so these guys need to be encouraged to show them! As Brian said, we've proved we can pass our test, now let's see if we can drive! Just a note to add though, please read the standards that were printed in last year's year book, if you don't have a copy of the standard, contact
me and I'll gladly send you a copy. Also take note of the new classes laid on for us at the National and Federation shows, the Cuckoo, Spangled and Jubilee are no longer in a non-standard class, (large fowl only, bantams are still classed as non-standard entries!) they are in the AOC class, and anything else such as Goldlaced, Lavender, Chocolate etc. which have not got their standards, are still in the non-standard class, a little fact which tripped up a few exhibitors last year.

On the Jubilee front, no one was as disappointed as I was last year with what we bred! To put it in a nutshell, they wanted culling! I have been reading through all my records to see where we went wrong, and I still haven't fathomed it out. But thanks to a new cockerel, kindly given as a gift, this year has seen a marked improvement, I have never seen, let alone bred, such big typey cockerels as I have done this season, and I hope we have finally turned a corner for getting them back on track to improving them.

Trouble is, this colour has been bred badly for so many years, it ain't going to happen overnight, there has been speckled Sussex thrown into the mix, and all sorts, and our aim has been to eradicate those lines, start afresh, and get the Jubilee back to some sort of recognised Orpington! Granted, I concede, they will never be as big, or have such profuse fluff as the self-coloured birds, but then, it would ruin them if they were, as the feather markings would be lost in looser plumage, it would be like painting on cotton wool. So the marked birds are going to have a slightly tighter feather, and so appear 'smaller' than say a black or a buff. Body weight shouldn't differ though, pound for pound, a Jubilee should easily make the weight margins! (Mine do!)

Which brings me to the Cuckoo, not a colour I actually keep, but I have done in the past. I do have a gripe about this colour, and that is, it should not be black and white! (Or various shades of grey!) That would be barred. The colouring should be dark blue with light blue. Whole white and whole black feathers are a big fault! It may be ok in other breeds, but not the Orpington. Sorry, didn't mean to turn all "school-marm ish" but it really needs saying. The amount of breeders calling some obscure project "blue cuckoo". The cuckoo should be blue! So that's something we need to be addressing.

Generally though, the show benches are filling with the three new standard colours, and the quality is steadily improving, which I for one
am so pleased about. Taking on these colours was a big gamble for the club, and those of us who keep and breed them really do appreciate the club finally relenting and taking them under their wing, so now, we need to support that decision, and encourage folks to try a colour by making spare stock available and letting Andrew know you have stock for sale.

Jane Allman. X

LOST IN FOWL BUSINESS

I was preparing my fowls for the Orpington Club Show 2011 when I looked out of my shed window to see the young man next door smirking and smiling as he walked by. It must seem funny to a non poultry person to hear the conversation that happens when you are pen training or preparing a bird for show.

Fowl Business

Is that triple o, emergency; it’s about the bloke next door,
He’s in his shed saying things I’ve never heard before.
You’d better bring a straight jacket, you’ll need one that’s a fact,
For I think he’s bent or broken or very badly cracked.
He keeps telling chooks he loves them and they look so debonair,
Saying they look much better with their tails up in the air.
He baths and then blow dries them and oils their combs to shine,
He feels their breasts and then he says their legs are looking fine,
He asks them if they want to be the Queen of Queanbeyan,
Promising them all sorts of things when they win it; if they can.
Win what, a beauty pageant; I think he’s lost his mind,
He keeps mentioning a national title, is he mad or being kind.
Please hurry mate, don’t dawdle ‘cause he’s gone back down the yard
To where he keeps the roosters: Hearing that will sure be hard.

Robert Callinan © Preparing for the Orpington Show in 2011 Queanbeyan NSW
Hi

I expect everyone is aware but maybe an article on the dangers of fumes with chickens would be a good idea in a future year book?

As a 'Newbie' I hatched 8 delightful Chocolate Orpington bantams, when they were a few days old I wanted to clean them so transferred them to a clean brooder box, I took the Ecoglow, which was covered in poo and cleaned it with Ciff kitchen cleaner, had to scrub pretty hard due to the silly embossed top. I dried it off and popped it back.

Checked the chicks 3 hours later and FIVE were dead or dying. I was devastated, the three left are ok. I posted on facebook and had loads of feedback, someone even said a plug in air freshener in the room had killed chicks, and it seems using a Teflon pan to cook around them can be lethal.

I'm not stupid and would not spray chemicals around chickens but didn't realise just how careful you have to be.

The heating up of the Ecoglow caused fumes from the dried Ciff on the top surface.

Hope sending this to you is ok.

Sincerely,

June Conway

Eggs laid on Good Friday stay fresh all year and bring the owner good luck according to an old English superstition
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