



# Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club

## **Billericay Inland National 1<sup>st</sup> Open Brian Kelly Chirside**



**Brian Kelly of Chirside with his grand daughter Leoni. 1<sup>st</sup> Open Billericay**

Due to the inclement weather predicted for the race weekend the management committee made a decision on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June that the convoy would travel to the race point on the Thursday night after marking to give the race controller the option of a Friday liberation if so necessary. On arrival at the race point in the early hours of Friday morning the birds were fed watered and rested for several hours prior to liberation. The 1221 birds including 30 federation pigeons were released at 10.30 am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June into a light south west wind.

An incident regarding an escaped pigeon was reported by a member to the Senior Vice President on Friday morning at 07.49. Both the Secretary and the President were promptly informed in turn the Race controller and Convoyer were made aware of the situation

immediate action was taken to establish what had happened with the incident being investigated and resolved by 9.30am. The officials thank all who participated in resolving the incident with special thanks to the member who promptly reported the premature return of his entry.

We were delighted to have had a very good race with excellent returns reported in all sections, our race controller Vince Hendry and president Ian Brown must be congratulated for once again for their positive decision to bring the race forward and giving our pigeons the best possible opportunity to make the journey home in good conditions.

### **Section Winners**

1st B 1st Open Brian Kelly, Chirnside 1142  
2ndB 6th Open L Togneri , Cockburnspath 1092.766  
3rdB 11thOpen W&M Smith, Macmerry 1083

1st C 2nd Open B Mc Kenzie, Dundee 1121  
2ndC 3rd Open T Berwick, Leuchars 1100  
3rd C 4th Open J Anderson, Anstruther 1093.9  
4th C 5th Open D Glen, Forfar 1093.1

1st D 41st Open J.T Airnes Clackmannan 1041  
2nd D 70th Open Andrew Ritchie, by Falkirk 1012  
3rd D 90th Open I M Brown, Powmill 990.4

1st E. D Mitchell & Son Pleans 979  
2nd E. J Frod &Son, Lanark 974  
3rd E. J Mc Fall, Blantyre 962

1st F. Smith & McCallum, Cumbernauld 972  
2nd F. Smith & McCallum, Cumbernauld 959  
3rd F. Geddes& Hillis Muirhead 906

Congratulations to all prize winners, there will be a full report to follow.

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