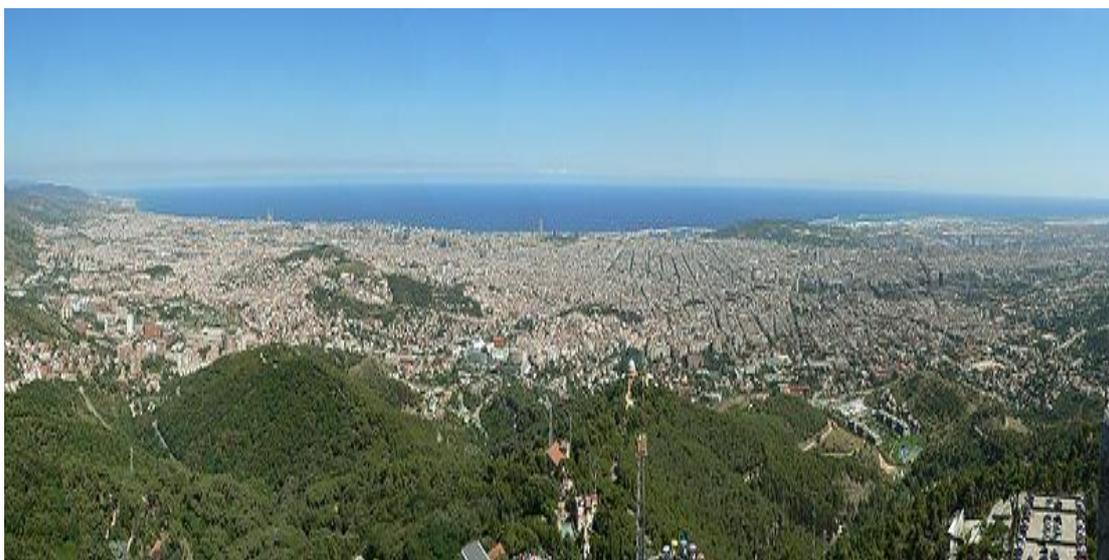




## ***BICC BARCELONA INTERNATIONAL RACE REPORT.***

***Before going on to report on the Barcelona race I'll add here a little of the history of the city that hosts possibly the world's most prestigious pigeon race. Founded as a Roman city, in the Middle Ages Barcelona***



***became the capital of the County of Barcelona and is now the capital city of the autonomous community of Catalonia in the north east of the Kingdom of Spain. It is also the country's second most populous municipality, with a population of 1.6 million within city limits. Its urban area extends beyond the administrative city limits with a population of around 4.7 million people, being the seventh-most populous urban area in the European Union after Paris, London, Madrid, the Ruhr area of Germany, Berlin, and Milan. It is the largest metropolis on the Mediterranean Sea, located on the coast between the mouths of the rivers Llobregat and Besòs, and bounded to the west by the Serra de Collserola mountain range, the tallest peak of which is 512 metres (1,680 ft) high.***

***Barcelona is one of the world's leading tourist, economic, trade fair and cultural centers, and its influence in commerce, education,***

*entertainment, media, fashion, science, and the arts all contribute to its status as one of the world's major global cities.*

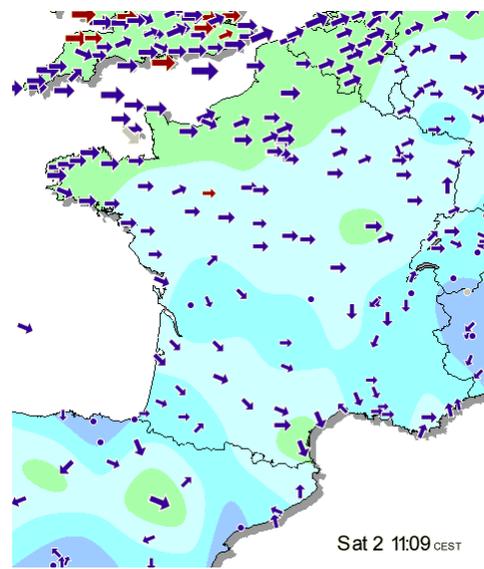
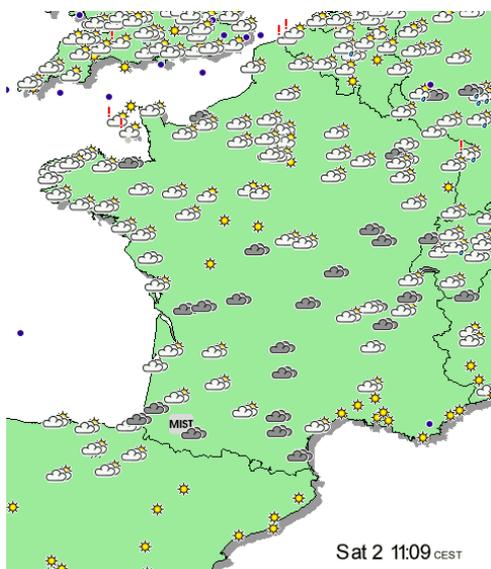
*Right, there you go with a potted history of one of the world's major cities so what of the world's most prestigious marathon pigeon race? The convoy of 17,732 pigeons from all over Europe was liberated following a 24 hour delay, at 10.15 am GMT on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to*



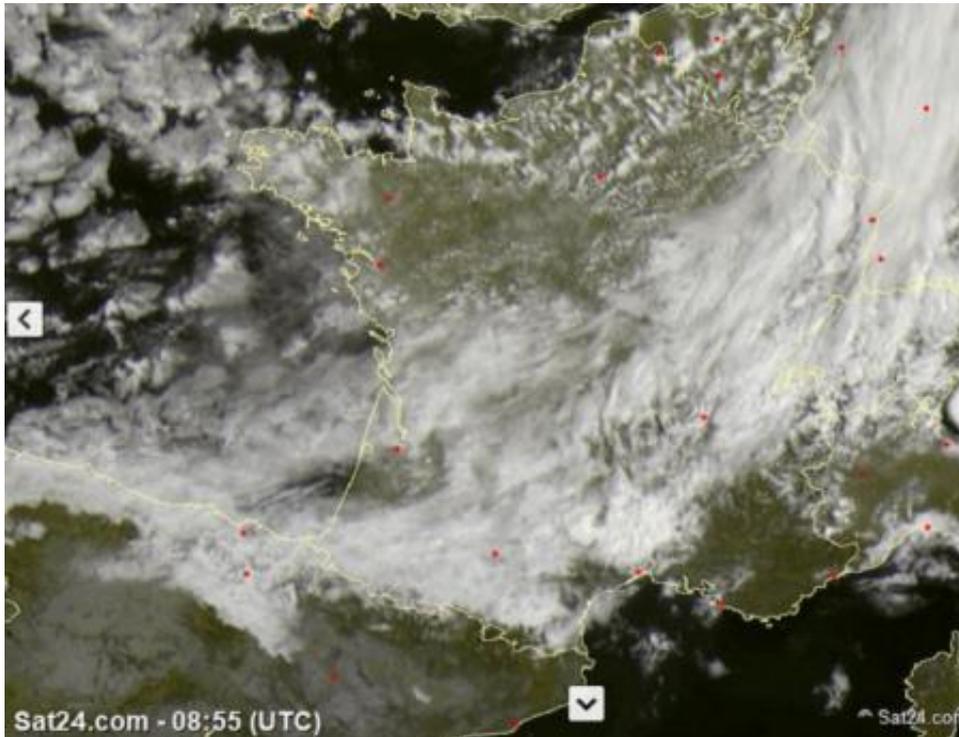
*make the long and arduous journey home to their various home lofts spread throughout the length and breadth of Europe.*

*The 17,732 convoy was made up of 7,628 pigeons from Belgium; 5,244 from The Netherlands; 1,277 from Germany; 434 from the UK; 45 from Luxembourg and just 65 from France.*

*The weather conditions for the route home were forecast to be fair with a light south easterly breeze to start, changing to westerly as the convoy raced up through the length of France.*



*However, looking at the satellite image that accompanies this report you can see heavy cloud cover over the Pyrenees and South East*



*France near the southern extremity of the Rhone Valley. Did this prove to be rain bearing cloud that might affect the convoy racing north?*

*Whatever the reason, there were no birds recorded on the day so it was an early start for the French, German and Belgian fanciers who had entered. This was particularly true for the French and German fanciers situated near the French / German border close to Strasbourg as at 5.03 am GMT a bird was recorded just to the north west of Strasbourg covering the 931 kms at a velocity of 1220 mpm. There then followed a slow trickle of timers with the leading pigeon being clocked at 5.26 am at the Hutchenhausen loft of Lothar Lessmeister near Manheim in South West Germany, doing 1250 mpm over the 981 km course. At 6.39 am a pigeon was recorded near Brussels recording 1233 mpm and so it continued throughout the morning of the second day.*

*Hopes were high that pigeons would get across the English Channel into Kent by lunchtime on the second day. Unfortunately this was not to be, as no birds were recorded into Britain on the second day and many were beginning to wonder what had gone wrong.*

*The first British pigeon was not clocked until 10.59 am on the third morning of the race. First to clock was Ron Dove of Kingsnorth near Ashford in Kent who timed a 5 year old chequer hen to record a velocity of 494 mpm over the 674 mile course.*



*The hen has flown Barcelona on one previous occasion and was then retired to stock. However, Ron has a surfeit of pigeons this year so she was brought back into the race team with devastating effect! This is what Ron had to tell me:-*

*“My hen went to Barcelona for the first time in 2014 and was 27th Open. She was then kept back in 2015 to breed from but I decided to put her on the road again in 2016. She has had six channel races with the East of England Continental Club, Pithiviers 213 miles being the furthest. She came steady from all of them so was sent to Barcelona to be first Open.*

*Breeding details are that she is a grand daughter to my 2004 1<sup>st</sup> Section A 6<sup>th</sup> Open NFC Pau on the day and is line bred back to her. Bloodlines are what I call my own family, mostly from gifts and exchanges from very good friends”*

*A full loft report on Ron and his pigeons will follow shortly.*

*Congratulations Ron in winning what must be the hardest Barcelona race in the past 50 years.*

*Bill Stribling from Weston Super Mare is another fancier who sets his stall out for success in long distance races and in this year's Barcelona race he came oh so close to taking premiere honours when he clocked his four year old blue cock to record a velocity of 477mpm [522 ypm] over the 729 mile course from Catalonia to the shores of the Bristol Channel in the West of England fighting against the westerly wind every inch of the way. What a pigeon!! The blue cock is no stranger to*



*success at the distance as he was 1st Section 6th Open from BBC Palamos 2015.*

*The pigeon was bred by Bill from his Venner lines obtained from Dave Vowles of Street, Somerset.*

*The mainstay of Bill's loft are now Venner bloodlines going back to Reg & Myrtle Venner of Street, who developed a superb family of long distance pathfinders in the 60's and 70's. Bill also cultivates his "Van Newtons" from his nearest neighbour Phil Newton.*

*In 2014 the blue cock was 77<sup>th</sup> Open Carentan BBC and 14<sup>th</sup> section 70<sup>th</sup> Open NFC Cholet.*

*In 2015 he was 128<sup>th</sup> Open 40<sup>th</sup> Section BBC Carentan & 1st Section 6<sup>th</sup> Open BBC Palamos – all in all, a pretty handy tool to have in the tool box.*

*In preparation for this race he was sent sitting 12 day eggs. He has raced this season with the West of England Combine and went to BICC Alencon 28<sup>th</sup> May where he spent 10-12 hours on the wing. This good blow out a month before basketting for Barcelona certainly did him no harm. Well done Bill. I'll be coming over to see you in the near future.*

*Provisionally in 2<sup>nd</sup> East section 3<sup>rd</sup> Open position is one to long distance stalwart and previous Barcelona winner with the BICC, Bill Knox and this is what Bill had to tell me about his brave pigeon:-*

*"She has flown channel thirteen times ,  
Perpignan in 2014  
winning 34<sup>th</sup> sect 48<sup>th</sup>  
Open BICC. She flew  
Barcelona in 2015  
winning 10<sup>th</sup> sect 18<sup>th</sup>  
Open BICC. I felt she  
should have had more  
work this year, having  
just had 2 Boves at 120  
miles with EECC , but  
the weather has been  
against us.*



*Her sire has flown Barcelona 3 times as well as Pau and Tarbes and he is a direct son of my Barcelona winner .*

*Her dam has flown the channel 23 times including Pau 3 times, Perpignan, Tarbes and was 2<sup>nd</sup> section 10<sup>th</sup> Open Dax LSECC. Unfortunately she no longer lays but is still an excellent feeder".*

*Provisionally 3<sup>rd</sup> East section and 4<sup>th</sup> Open as I write this is the outstanding father and son partnership of Dickie and Steve Pearmain of Wickford in Essex with a bird recording 461 mpm. Dickie and Steve are past winners of the BICC in an International race and in this year's Barcelona race they clocked a 6 year old late bred hen carrying an old ring. She has been a decent hen from the BICC International races for Dickie and Steve and has 5 or 6 positions to her credit from races of 520 miles to 630 miles. This was her first attempt at Barcelona. Her full sister won 1<sup>st</sup> Open BICC Marseille in 2014. Another sister was 2nd Open BICC St Vincent in 2013. The sire is a direct Nico Volken when paired to a Geoff Hunt hen through Alan Parker that was 8th open BBC Palamos in 2001. The hen's preparation for Barcelona consisted of 3 races with the EECC and sent feeding a small young bird. Dickie timed her in as Steve was at work and as Steve said to me "We're always just happy to time in from the Med races".*



*Next up at 4<sup>th</sup> East section 5<sup>th</sup> Open, we have the ever presents of International racing with the BICC the partnership of Geoff and Clayton Preece. Geoff and Clayton clocked a four year old chequer hen named 'Das Glas' sent to Barcelona on a 12 day old chick. The hen is a daughter of the late Bill Woodall's '98' cock which scored 2<sup>nd</sup> National Barcelona in 2007 , 14<sup>th</sup> National Barcelona in 2008, 20<sup>th</sup> National Perpignan also in 2008, 3<sup>rd</sup> National Marseille in 2009 and 49<sup>th</sup> National Pau in 2009 paired to a direct hen from the prolific international prize winning German loft of SG Wilk (Oberhausen) .Barcelona 2016 is her 5<sup>th</sup> international performance. Previous prizes*

*have included Perpignan 2013 as a yearling - 59<sup>th</sup> Nat; Agen 2014 105<sup>th</sup> National; Pau 2015 39<sup>th</sup> National and Perpignan 2015 25<sup>th</sup> National. The pigeon returned with some weight loss and a minor hawk injury to the back. Congratulations to everyone that timed in on such a difficult Barcelona.*

*Southend on Sea fancier Fred Cornwell comes in with another battler at 5<sup>th</sup> East section 6<sup>th</sup> Open vel 378 mpm/413 ypm. Fred's timer is a widowhood cock and had only three races with the EECC prior to going to Barcelona - 15th May Boves 139 miles; 28th May Boves; 19th June Pithiviers 243 miles winning the Pithiviers race by 20 ypm. The cock also had three trainers from Brighton which is about 70 miles to Southend. He has flown Tarbes 575 miles, the last two seasons winning 46<sup>th</sup> sect 124<sup>th</sup> Open last year, with NFC. His sire was purchased as a baby from Jim Biss and was a g/son of Lama, twice 1st BICC Marseilles. A very good stock cock, being responsible for the following prize winners:-*



*2nd South East England Amal Alencon; 8th South East England Amal Alencon; 15<sup>th</sup> section, 69th open NFC Tarbes 575 mls on the day; 15<sup>th</sup> Amal Bergerac; 285th Open Bordeaux National; 611th & 174th NFC Tarbes; 2<sup>nd</sup> sect 5<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Tarbes; 29<sup>th</sup> sect 45<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Tarbes; 38<sup>th</sup> sect 61<sup>st</sup> Open BICC Tarbes; 100<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Alencon; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 36<sup>th</sup> & 70th Open L&SECC Tarbes; 8<sup>th</sup> sect 14<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Tarbes; 18th Open Narbonne & 27<sup>th</sup> sect 35<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Perpignan. etc.*

*His dam was purchased from Jimmy Shepherd as a baby in 2008, and has now bred me three birds to have flown Barcelona. She is a direct daughter of Noble Lad ( 2nd BICC Pau. 5th BICC Dax ) x True Grit ( 4th BICC Barcelona and 299th BICC San Sebastian ).*

*You won't get much better long distance performance bloodlines than that. Fred has asked me to congratulate Ron Dove on his great win and also to congratulate all those other fanciers who timed in pigeons in such a really tough race.*

*My thanks to Pam Gladwin for providing the photo of Fred and his bird that accompanies this report.*

*No Barcelona result would be complete without the name of the Padfield Family of Cwmtillery, a small former mining village way up at*



*the top of the Welsh Valleys, appearing near the top of the list of prize winners. The 2016 race is no exception as they clocked their good blue hen at 5 pm on the fourth day to record 336 mpm to finish at 2<sup>nd</sup> West section 7<sup>th</sup> Open flying officially 757 miles but in reality, nearer 1,000 miles, if you accept the fact that in these races, with a strong westerly wind*

*blowing, the British pigeons arrive in the UK around the Dover area. The hen has a very impressive list of prizes from this particular race point as she finished at 29<sup>th</sup> Open BICC in 2014 and followed this up with a 9<sup>th</sup> Open finish in 2015 before going two places better this year at 7<sup>th</sup> Open. I'll let Dave Padfield relate the hen's history.*

*"This hen is a full sister to Champion Blue Badge 31 he was 2<sup>nd</sup> Barcelonain 2015 and is now with The House of Aarden.*

### ***BLUE HEN PADFIELDS BARONESS Race record***

*As a two and three-year-old she flew Tarbes and was in the first 10 Open prizes in the WSRNFC.*

*Then in 2014 she was 27<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Barcelona International then last year 2015 she was 9<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Barcelona International 757 miles.*

*This Year she is 7<sup>th</sup> open 2<sup>nd</sup> Section BICC Barcelona and also 1<sup>st</sup> club Gwent Greater Distance championship club.*

*Three times Barcelona in the result flying greater than 750 miles to my knowledge there is only one other pigeon to complete this fete and that is the Padfield's IRON LADY.*

*There was a pigeon recorded at around 6:00 am for Fred Cornwell and she was the next and only pigeon recorded in the whole of the UK on the fourth day.*

*When she homed she was very, very tired having flown possibly up to 12 hours on the fourth day.*



*"Padfield's Baroness"*

GB10N70420

***THIS IS ONE OF THE FINEST PERFORMANCES WE HAVE HAD IN THE HISTORY OF THE PADFIELD FAMILY RACING CAREERS.***

***Sire Bred by our good friend Brian Leadbeater as an exchange Super crack lines.***

***His father is Brian Leadbeater's No 1 Cock "The Favourite" he was sire to Golden Eye, Jackpot, Lady Moon, Nessy and others. This cock was an absolute goldmine.***

***The Dam was a daughter of the immortal "48" - 5 times in first ten in Midland Nationals the pairing was 48 paired to Lady Moon 1st sect 4<sup>th</sup> Open Saintes MNFC.***

***Dam of Baroness is the best of our Wim Muller Jan Aardens cross Morgan & Cook old Atwell Bros bloodlines. This hen has always been at stock and is a sister to VINCE 1st Pau WSRNFC & 2000 Gold Cup winner and RPRA long distance award winner.***

***Baroness's preparation this year :- She was raced on the roundabout system all the year after rearing a pair of young birds. She was put on the roundabout after sitting her second round of eggs for 10 days.***

***She went straight off the loft to Maidstone 166 miles then she had two overseas races on her last race she was returned on the Monday with the Welsh North Road Fed when they were unable to liberate.***

***The saving grace was although she had only the one channel she didn't come till 14;30 the next afternoon and she looked fantastic I am sure this flight set her up for the 757 miles from Barcelona.***

***Before basketing she was left to run with her cock for a full day."***

***Siva Brothers of Dover come in with a bird on 238 mpm [261 ypm] for 8<sup>th</sup> Open. Here's what the brothers had to say about their timer in this***

***very hard race:-***

***"First of all we would like to congratulate everyone who scored on this hard Barcelona race. We would like to thank the BICC transport team for looking after our bird.***

***Our 8th National Barcelona winner is now named "Barca Bill"***



*after the late Bill Woodhall of Dover. In 2012 Bill took us to Germany and bought us long distance pigeon from the well known German fancier Stoffel Ophoff.*

*Bill was our mentor and gave us the advice what to do and how to look after the racing pigeons, even though he is no longer with us but we believe that we have his blessings always for future races. We would like to thank L & K Buddle & G M Preece for advice and tips to race pigeons. Special thanks to Kevin Boakes for basketing our pigeons.*

*This pigeon bred by Stoffel Ophoff, from 75% "270" Line and 25% Lady 100 lines.*

*As a yearling "Barca Bill" went to Perpignan international race but he came back just after race time. When he was 2 year old he started to score on National and International races.*

*Following are his results*

*117th BICC Pau '14*

*13th BICC Barcelona '15*

*54th BICC Perpignan '15*

*8th BICC Barcelona '16*

*We raced him on widowhood. He sees his partner when he returns from the races. As preparation for Barcelona he went to Boves with East of England CC, Bedhampton with our club and Falaise with Kent Cosmopolitan. The Falaise race was very hard race and he scored 1st club and 19th Federation.*

*We feed Versele- Laga Super Star plus and Gerry plus, and plenty of peanuts with fatty seeds to build up for international races.*

*We sent one and got him back from the most prestigious of all international races -Barcelona.”*

*Next we have a truly great long distance racer in 9<sup>th</sup> Open which also tops the list in the Centre section. This is a grizzle cock flown by septuagenarian “Ex pat” Welshman Tony Cowan of Hamble near Southampton.*

*Tony is undoubtedly the world’s greatest living auctioneer and he’s been conducting missionary work in various parts of the UK for most of the past 50 years after leaving his native Cardiff.*

*This is what Tony had to tell me about his champion pigeon and his new*



*found laid back approach to pigeon racing:-*

*“Having changed back to longer Distance races, I was beginning to think I had made a mistake, but now of an age (Ok I know I look fifty with all my own teeth and hair, with a very much younger wife, but birth certificate does not lie, nearer 80 than 50) I have not the energy to chase up and down the road, so I am now trying to create a family that need little attention, no training straight into races, certainly no medicines of any kind in a word "Rustic"!*

*My decision was based really on not enjoying the best of health, but, having won two cars, four Classics, seven times second in open national races and won prizes from 38 miles to 900 miles, I feel reasonably satisfied with my efforts, my objectives now is to do well at the extreme distance.*

*The pigeon I clocked from Barcelona is my mate, so tame and a pleasure to have in the loft, I named him "Shepherds' Delight" his bloodlines are virtually all from the maestro in Trowbridge, Brian Sheppard who is in my opinion one of the best long distance fanciers in the UK, with a very small loft, few pigeons and his results over many many years are fantastic (in footballing terms he is up with the Manchesters and Southampton).*

*This is the third time my little grizzle cock has been in the result from Barcelona, 2014 1st Sect 3rd Open BBC, 1st sect 8th open BICC Duplicated, 2015 5th sect 19th Open BICC, 2016 1st Sect 9th Open BICC and 2nd Sect 7th Open BBC Duplicated*

*This year as in other years no training, one race 180 miles only and fed on Gem Fat mixture supplied by my good friend Brian Wall. So is he a Champion? Which is more often than not over stated, however having been in the result from Barcelona three times, all different weather conditions in my book he's a Champ!*

*Do I send him again? Maria my wife threatens to divorce me if he goes for a forth time! So at the moment I am in two minds, for most like all old cars the engine is still good but the body work is going, so do I need to change my nest bowl and having been with her for 30 years this is a very difficult decision.”*



*Bill Aherne of Neasden in London is a past winner of the Barcelona race with the BICC in 1995.*

*In this year's race he clocked a three year old chequer cock on 206 mpm/226 ypm for 2<sup>nd</sup> East section 10<sup>th</sup> Open. His sire is a Frank Sheader Kipp pigeon and his dam is Jan Aarden and related to Bill's 2<sup>nd</sup> Open BICC Barcelona of 2000. The cock was sent due to hatch and has had the two Alencon races with the BICC this season and was at Agen in 2015 for his first attempt at International races. Bill actually found him outside the loft on his return from shopping and he was bouncing around as if he'd just been down to the coast for a short spin.*

*Nick Harvey of Taunton clocked his great long distance racing hen*



*Musgrove Persistent on her fourth trip from Spain to finish at 3<sup>rd</sup> West section 11<sup>th</sup> Open vel204mpm/223 ypm.*

*Here's some detail on the hen as provided by Nick's mentor, Jim Emerton:-*

*"Racing system Emerton/Harvey with my Unique Feeding System. Steady build up in the races to NFC Messac then rested and allowed to sit multiple eggs-on open loft system .In the season some separation periods are the norm, yet we do not pursue any conventional perception of a natural or roudabout system, as our system has been created and evolved to be original and unique, with special emphasis on liquid feeding preparation. Crucial is the concept of sending every bird to Barcelona International".*



*Paul Delea another former Barcelona winner with the BICC comes in with his four year old timer on 200mpm[218 ypm] for 7<sup>th</sup> East section 12<sup>th</sup> Open. Unfortunately I was unable to contact Paul for details of his timer.*

*Next one up at 13<sup>th</sup> Open vel 198mpm[217 ypm] is the ever present "nearly man" "Alan Wally" Turner of Elvington, a small, former*

*mining village north of Dover. Wally always seems to get them from the International races but he is yet to actually win one. If there is any justice in life he must surely win one soon, as his level of consistency at the highest level is amazing.*

*In this year's Barcelona race he clocked a five year old cock on his second trip to the Catalan capital. He was sent feeding two 10 day old squeakers and Barcelona was his first cross channel foray this year as he had been prepared with six 100 milers with the Wingham club and the same number of 60 mile mid week tosses. Bloodlines are Brian Denney x Jimmy Roy. Keep on trying Alan, your turn must come soon.*



*At 14<sup>th</sup> Open is 5 year old to Alan Annis of Wingham in Kent on 189 mpm[207 ypm] for the 683 miles. I tried my best to contact Alan with no luck I'm afraid so I don't have any details of his pigeon.*

*Dorin Melinte is fast becoming a force to be reckoned with in BICC International races and in this extremely tough Barcelona race he clocked "Unique Junior" for 3<sup>rd</sup> Centre section 15<sup>th</sup> Open vel 176 mpm[193 ypm].*

*This is what Dorin had to say about his Barcelona timer:-*

*"Unique Junior is named after his father Unique. Unique is the only bird in Romanian racing history that scored from the most famous marathon race from Berlin 5 times and he does it in 4 seasons, as Romania flew Berlin National and then 3 weeks later the Berlin International in 2012 season where unique scored 9<sup>th</sup> Open from 3,900birds in the National race and 37<sup>th</sup> Open in the International race. With the help of my good friend Cornea Constantin we managed to contact Balici Pavel the man that owned Unique and I managed to get my hands on what seems to me a diamond in stock loft !!! Flew over 15 marathon races in his 6 years career( His blood is a mix of lines like Rijckaerd , Bricoux, Stichelbout and Van Bruaene . In the process of acquiring Unique , I noticed*



*another top Romania fancier , Ujeniuc Liviu and looking through his results I noticed a hen which later proved to be the dam of Junior, that flew and scored Berlin 2 times as well in 2012 so I decided to buy her too. She turned out to be the sister of the International winner that season from Berlin and is 100% Van De Wegen blood. I would like to thank Cornea for the help he offered in the finding these two great birds.*

*Junior flew Barcelona race on widowhood and had 2 inland races and 1 Channel race with BICC before basketting for Barcelona. He has previously as yearling scored from Agen International on the day 21st Open and flew Narbonne the same season and last season as a 2 year old scored in 3 races over 600miles , 10th open Palamos BBC , 16th open Marseille BICC , 41st Open Perpignan. I would like also to congratulate the winner and well done to everyone clocking in what proved to be very hard Barcelona race this season.”*

*Mr & Mrs Guy of Tadley come in with what is at the time of writing this report, the last pigeon clocked in this Barcelona marathon to take 4<sup>th</sup> Centre Section 16<sup>th</sup> Open. Their brave pigeon recoded a velocity of 173 mpm [189 ypm] over the 702mile course and an obviously delighted Stewart had this to say about the Barcelona race:-“On day seven of the Barcelona Race 2016 I was thrilled to see my two year old Dark Chequer Cock return. The breeding of this pigeon is as follows:*



*In 2006 I purchased two young birds at the BBC young bird sale which I paired together. These were both bred from the BBC Stud from outstanding birds donated from previous winners. These birds produced a B/c W/f cock GB10N 83926 which flew Barcelona in 2014 and returned just out of race time.*

*The bird’s dam was a dark chequer pigeon bred from John Puddephatt and Neil Williams it was an unrung bird off their best stock. I paired these two pigeons together for several season and in 2014 bred the dark chequer cock my timer from this year’s Barcelona race.*

*This year, in preparation for his attempt at Barcelona, he was sent to the BBC Coutance race in April and then on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May the NFC Fougères followed by a CSCFC Fougères on the 28<sup>th</sup> May. The cock*

*was then sent to Barcelona on the natural system with two 12 day old young birds in the nest. On its arrival home although tired it went straight back to its nest as can be seen in the photograph”.*

*Before finishing this report on the Barcelona race I would like to highlight the performance of a pigeon that competed in the recent Agen International race, the details of which reached me too late for inclusion in the Agen race report.*

*The pigeon in question is a three year old cock which is owned and raced by Joe Mayes of Stowmarket in Suffolk.*

*It finished at 1<sup>st</sup> North East Section 12<sup>th</sup> Open covering the 552 miles to its home loft with a velocity of 733 mpm. The cock is actually a gift bird from the late Arthur Claxton's wife after Arthur's death in 2013. As a young bird he was broken to my loft and trained six times from Felixstowe which is a straight drive,*



*so as to get the same air miles as road miles. That year Joe only managed to get him in the last young bird race.*

*As a yearling he had seven trainers, six club races and went to France twice. Last year he had no road training only club racing with Alencon and Poitiers. This year as a widowhood cock bird he was sent to two inland races and Clermont which he won. He was then mated and set up for Agen sent sitting two week old eggs.*

*Well that's the 2016 Barcelona race over with and what a “race” it turned out to be?*

*Finally, some news of sponsorship from Jamie Crouch, who has very generously sponsored the club for the second consecutive year and this year Jamie has sponsored the Le mans OB race (first prize £250) and now the Guernsey young bird race (first prize £250).*

*Gareth Watkins*

