

WEST OF ENGLAND SOUTH ROAD COMBINE – EXETER 26TH APRIL 2014

244 MEMBERS 21 CLUBS 3749 BIRDS LIBERATED AT 8.55AM IN A FRESH SOUTH WIND

	Name	Club	Bird	Colour	Sex	Distance	AFT	Velocity
1	R English	Wraxhall Village	GB13N51892	Cheq w/f	H	62/1059	0:50:58	2161.677
2	G & V Watkins	Wraxhall Village	GB11F33082	Blue	H	68/454	0:59:04	2033.542
3	S Allen	Wraxhall Village	GB09X44647	Cheq	C	65/712	0:57:12	2012.107
4	G Summers	Wraxhall Village	GB12N18604	Schalie	C	64/694	0:56:28	2007.096
5	R & D Silva	Taunton	GB13J26296	Cheq	C	29/1437	0:26:12	2002.939
6	R & J Whiteside	Wraxhall Village	GB13N99808	Cheq	C	68/1647	1:00:46	1996.604
7	G & V Watkins	Wraxhall Village	GB13R19712	Blue	H	68/454	1:00:10	1996.369
8	G & V Watkins	Wraxhall Village	GB13R19719	Mealy	H	68/454	1:00:44	1977.245
9	S Allen	Wraxhall Village	GB09X44633	Cheq	C	65/712	0:58:31	1966.840
10	P Duckett	Glastonbury	GB13V14402	Blue Ch	C	49/993	0:44:28	1961.762
11	A & J Stone	Wraxhall Village	GB13N72519	Blue w/f	H	68/120	1:01:09	1959.117
12	G & V Watkins	Wraxhall Village	GB11F33091	Blue	H	68/454	1:01:23	1956.805
13	J Palmer	Towers	GB12N73052	Blue	C	68/1335	1:01:58	1952.905
14	R English	Wraxhall Village	GB13N51862	Blue w/f	H	62/1059	0:56:25	1952.858
15	R & J Whiteside	Wraxhall Village	GB13N99865	Dark Pd	H	68/1647	1:02:19	1946.943
16	R & J Whiteside	Wraxhall Village	GB13N99849	Dark Ch	H	68/1647	1:02:22	1945.382
17	R & J Whiteside	Wraxhall Village	GB13N19973	Dark Ch	H	68/1647	1:02:24	1944.343
18	R Wilson	Taunton	GB13S95289	Blue	C	36/1281	0:33:16	1942.550
19	S Wilcox	Towers	GB13N73130	Blue	H	67/1240	1:01:29	1938.086
20	A & J Stone	Wraxhall Village	GB12N45932	Blue	H	68/120	1:02:00	1932.358
21	G Summers	Wraxhall Village	GB12N18632	Cheq	C	64/694	0:58:52	1925.266
22	A & A Locke	Gloucester & DFC	GB11C46825	Blue	C	100/1676	1:32:40	1917.367
23	S Hanman	Gloucester & DFC	GB12D35028	Blue	H	104/1593	1:36:26	1914.735
24	A D Collins & George	Bristol West	GB10R26297	Blue	C	69/663	1:03:47	1914.340
25	M Hathway	Towers	GB12N37016	Blue	C	67/388	1:01:49	1913.053
26	S Hanman	Gloucester & DFC	GB12N78256	Blue	H	104/1593	1:36:35	1911.761
27	D Worgan & Son	Farrington Gurney	GB12N48378	Cheq	C	70/1308	1:05:16	1907.681
28	R & D Silva	Taunton	GB12S32437	Black	H	29/1437	0:27:32	1905.940
29	C Templar	Towers	GB12N51475	Blue	C	67/1101	1:02:33	1902.814
30	D Moore	Wraxhall Village	GB13R19639	Dark Ch	H	63/1308	0:59:01	1900.955
31	P Dinham	Bristol West	GB12B22921	Pied	C	69/941	1:04:25	1899.834
32	P Dinham	Bristol West	GB13B29811	Pied	C	69/941	1:04:35	1894.932
33	Mr & Mrs Phelps	Gloucester & DFC	GB12S27379	Blue	H	100/1553	1:33:49	1892.553
34	D Taylor	Bristol West	GB12N19201	Cheq	C	69/1058	1:04:44	1892.348
35	P Barry	Bristol West	GB12N75590	Cheq	C	68/1345	1:04:05	1888.557
36	Mr & Mrs Cotterell	Bristol West	GB11P43136	Cheq Pd	C	69/582	1:04:39	1887.425
37	D Moore	Wraxhall Village	GB13X26559	Cheq	C	63/1308	0:59:30	1885.513
38	Mr & Mrs Bedford	Broad Plain	GB13P40623	Blue	C	68/1537	1:04:18	1885.179
39	J Palmer	Towers	GB11N76718	Cheq	C	68/1335	1:04:12	1884.969
40	A Cotterell & Dtr	Bristol West	GB12N48569	Cheq	C	68/1404	1:04:18	1883.110
41	P Dinham	Bristol West	GB13B29818	Blue	C	69/941	1:05:01	1882.302
42	A Cotterell & Dtr	Bristol West	GB12R25062	Cheq	H	68/1404	1:04:20	1882.135
43	T Palmer	Lydney	GB11L04366	Cheq Pd	C	87/1743	1:22:18	1881.841
44	A Cotterell & Dtr	Bristol West	GB12N48572	Blue	C	68/1404	1:04:23	1880.673
45	S Wilcox	Towers	GB12N78495	Blue	H	67/1240	1:03:27	1878.014
46	J Lanciano	Gloucester & DFC	GB13D27792	Blue	C	101/193	1:34:50	1876.598
47	Mr & Mrs Phelps	Gloucester & DFC	GB10H40422	Blue	C	100/1553	1:34:39	1875.890
48	A Cotterell & Dtr	Bristol West	GB11N30256	Pied	H	68/1404	1:04:33	1875.817
49	Mr & Mrs Kerr	Gloucester & DFC	GB11C46922	Blue	C	101/1738	1:35:42	1875.632
50	Mr & Mrs Phelps	Gloucester & DFC	GB12S27281	Cheq w/f	C	100/1553	1:34:40	1874.951

Congratulations to R English of Wraxhall for topping the Combine together with the Alan Payne Trophy and £30 prize money. G & V Watkins and S Allen, also of the Wraxhall club win £20 & £10 prize money respectively. A good day for Wraxhall.

Any objections in writing to the Combine Secretary within 7 days of publication

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BIRDAGE AND WINNING VELOCITIES IN ALL CLUBS TOGETHER WITH POINTS SCORED & POINTS STATUS

CLUB	BIRDS	VEL.	PTS.	OB TOTAL	OB POSITION			
Bath	174	1809.527	12	20	16			
Bridgewater Cent.	31	0	0	19	17=			
Bridgewater & D	157	0	0	14	24			
Bristol West	206	1914.340	22	46	3=			
Broad Plain	71	1885.179	20	45	6			
Carlingcott	240	1852.488	16	26	12=			
Chippenham	137	1773.631	10	19	17=			
Crewkerne	94	1160.530	7	19	17=			
Farrington Gurney	164	1907.681	21	41	7			
Frome SR	0	0	0	2	26			
Glastonbury	481	1961.762	25	46	3=			
Gloucester & D	405	1917.367	23	46	3=			
Lydney	95	1881.841	19	26	12=			
Midsomer Norton	213	1866.235	18	35	9=			
Minehead	0	0	0	0	27			
Nailsworth	126	1851.237	15	26	12=			
Sedgemoor	250	0	0	15	21=			
Sharpness	64	1765.220	9	15	21=			
Sodbury Vale	178	1846.572	14	32	11			
Stroud Valley	43	1798.428	11	15	21=			
Synwell & D	114	1864.326	17	22	15			
Taunton SR	235	2002.939	26	39	8			
Towers	360	1952.905	24	51	2			
Warminster	41	1621.076	8	11	25			
Woods	23	1834.281	13	35	9=			
Worle E-W	218	0	0	16	20			
Wraxhall Village	285	2161.677	27	53	1			
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Convoyer's Report: We arrived on site at about 11.15pm. Water was put before the birds. Rose at 6am and topped up water. Weather was very cold with a strong south wind. It was cloudy but dry and the sun came out at about 7.45am. Liaised with the race advisor and various contacts on the line of flight. I would have preferred to wait later for liberation in order for the air to warm but the forecast indicated rain coming in. It was decided to liberate at 9am. At 8.10am we were preparing the vehicles for liberation and I was cutting strings at the rear of the Volvo on the driver's side. My driver was cutting strings at the front. We had already cut the strings on the passenger side with no problems. Birds began escaping from seven crates at the front and I realised that these crates had not been fully pulled forward – when the strings were cut, the gap between the loose fronts and the bars was too great and the birds were getting out. My drivers are not experienced with pigeons so I must take full responsibility for not ensuring the crates had been pulled to the front and for this I apologise. It won't happen again – I had forgotten I was dealing with different sized crates. I immediately contacted the Combine secretary about the situation. Altogether there were 43 crates belonging to the clubs whose birds had escaped – it was not practical to record the details of the remaining birds from those clubs and time was limited by approaching bad weather. In the end, liberation was at 8.55am – earlier than planned due to approaching rain. The birds cleared well except for the usual few stragglers. En route to home we encountered quite a bit of rain but I understand that a good race was had by most with good returns.

Secretary's Note: The three main clubs involved with the escaped birds were Bridgwater & District; Sedgemoor & Worle E-W. It has since been discovered that Bridgwater Central had birds in one of those club's crates because of topping up part crates. That club has also experienced an impossible velocity and, like the other three will not be included in the result. Bridgwater Central is confident their genuine leading bird would not have figured in the Combine result. Once again, apologies to all concerned – accidents do happen – many thanks for the cooperation of all affected clubs and the convoyer for being honest and open about the incident. As you will see above, 4408 birds were convoyed but affected clubs are not being charged leaving a total of 3749 competing birds.

