

# The Budgerigar Society's Woking Event

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Having staged a successful Convention in June 2010, the Budgerigar Society is turning its attention to stage another event this May labelled the **Woking Event**. The event is to be staged at the Leisure Centre, Woking, Surrey on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May with the Society's AGM to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May. Woking is easily accessible from the M25 (junctions 10 or 11), M3 & A3. The headquarters hotel is the Holiday Inn at Woking with rates based on bed & breakfast at £49 for a single room and £59 for a double room. There will be an informal buffet on the Friday night at a cost of £15 per person and the Gala dinner on Saturday night will cost £30 per person.

The weekend is promising to be a fun weekend with plenty of leisure excursions arranged throughout the weekend; starting with Friday night visit to Wimbledon Dogs and the chance to place a bet or two. The Saturday excursion is a visit to Hampton Court Palace, originally built for Cardinal Thomas Wolsey in 1514 - 1520, but better known today as the famous Palace of the Tudors as he made the supreme sacrifice and presented it to Henry V111 in 1525. With its magnificent rooms, wonderful gardens including the renowned maze, and the chance to walk along the banks of the Thames this is a visit not to be missed! The planned Sunday excursion is to Wisley Gardens; the first garden to be taken on by the Royal Horticultural Society in 1903, now covering more than 200 acres with an amazing array of walks, field trials, model vegetable plots, and the new Bicentenary Glasshouse. In addition to the gardens and water features, there is also a very good plant sales area including unusual plants for sale. RHS Garden Wisley is far more than just a collection of plants, it will inspire, entertain and delight you.

No event of this magnitude can be complete without the added attraction of lectures and a bird show and this event promises to deliver the best of both. Different from previous Conventions, the show will have full area society classification with 23 challenge certificates graded minimum 7 points in both the any age and young bird sections. All birds must be owner bred birds, but because it is early in the year the young bird classes are for 2010 owner bred birds, while the any age classes are for 2009 and older birds. Birds will be accepted during Friday afternoon-evening and Saturday morning. Judging will commence at 13.00 hrs on Saturday afternoon. Entry fee per cage is £1 with free entry after the first 10 entries. Special challenge certificates, trophies for Best Any Age and 2010 owner bred birds, as well as rosettes for the 5 major awards and down to 10<sup>th</sup> best in each section, are on offer. Judging will be in the capable hands of John Alcock, Ian Clarke, Robert Ellis, Grant Findlay, Peter Hutchinson and Geoff Tuplin. There will be no sales classes at the show but members can purchase tables at a cost of £10 per six foot table within the bird fair to sell their surplus birds. Admission to the show will be £5 per day with free transfer to the bird fair after 10.00 hrs on Sunday.

As part of an incentive to show and bench birds, all first prize winners will be awarded one point that can be accumulated with each area society receiving a cash special equal to £1 for every point scored by its members nominating their area society of residence on the entry form.

There will be four lectures allocated in the programme with the Society's AGM being held on Saturday at 13.30 hrs where Dave Hislop will be inaugurated as the Budgerigar Society's President.

The first presentation on Saturday morning will be at the “Judges & Exhibitors Meeting” by Ghalib & Janice Al-Nasser. Soon after the AGM, Gerald Binks will present his lecture “From Yesterday to Today, including the finest Budgerigars ever Bred Worldwide”. On Sunday morning Reinhard Molkontin, who will be coming all the way from South Africa, will present his lecture “Breeding Quality Budgerigars in South Africa”. In the afternoon Dr. Ruth Manvell will present her lecture on “Avian Virology at VLA Weybridge; Past, Present and Future”.

If none of the above is enough, then the Festival of Birds Sale and Club Displays is an added feature to this event that can't be missed. There will be trade stands, private members' sales tables and club/society stands available on Sunday. Entry to the Sale on Sunday is £5.

A more comprehensive report can be found on the Society's website ([www.budgerigarsociety.com](http://www.budgerigarsociety.com)) with hotel booking details to be sent to the Budgerigar Society Office, Spring Gardens, Northampton NN1 1DR. Telephone 01604 624549. Further information may be obtained from the Event Organiser Roger Carr (01844 213600) and from Fred Wright (020 8401 6979) regarding the trade show.

So come along, meet friends, make new friends and take part to what promises to be an enjoyable weekend.

### **Full programme of the event:**

#### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

12.00 Main Hall (A) Show set up  
16.30 Main Hall (A) Acceptance of Show Birds until 21.00  
18.00 Wimbledon Dogs Boarding Coach at Holiday Inn Hotel  
Admission Tickets £5.00.  
19.30 Holiday Inn Hotel Evening Buffet  
Admission Tickets £15.00  
Welcome Speech: Dave Herring BS President 2010

#### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

9.00 Main Hall (A) Acceptance of Show Birds  
9.30 Hampton Court Boarding Coach at Holiday Inn  
Coach and Admission £23.00  
10.00 Hampton Court Boarding Coach at Leisure Centre  
**10.30 Lecture Room - Judges and Exhibitors Meeting**  
**Lecture by Ghalib and Janice Al Nasser on the implementation of the new BS guidelines for showing and judging budgerigars.**  
**Lecture Chairman: Grant Findlay**  
12.00 Cafeteria Lunch  
13.00 Main Hall (A) Judging Commences  
Main Hall (B) Bird Fair set up.  
**13.30 Lecture Room Budgerigar Society Annual General Meeting.**  
**14.30 Lecture Room - Lecture with Power Point Presentation**  
**Lecture by Gerald Binks on “From Yesterday to Today, including the finest Budgerigars ever Bred Worldwide.”**  
**Lecture Chairman; Dave Hislop**  
15.00 Hampton Court ~ Coach departs for Woking  
16.30 Main Hall (A) Judging of Major Specials.

17.30 Main Hall (A) Show open to public - Admission tickets £5.00  
18.30 Main Hall (A) Show closes until Sunday  
**19.30 Holiday Inn Hotel Dinner Dance**  
**Master of Ceremonies; Peter Hutchinson**  
**Toast to the BS; Dave Hislop BS President 2011**  
**Entertainment; Ben Jenkins (Vocalist)**

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

7.00 Main Hall (B) Bird Fair set up.  
9.00 Main Hall (A) Show open to Public - Admission tickets £5.00  
9.30 Wisley Gardens Boarding coach at Holiday Inn  
10.00 Wisley Gardens Boarding Coach at Leisure Centre  
Coach and Admission tickets £20.00  
10.00 Main Hall (B) Bird Fair open to public - Admission tickets £5.00  
**11.00 Lecture room Lecture with Power Point Presentation by**  
**Reinhard Molkenin on Breeding Quality Budgerigars in South Africa.**  
**Lecture Chairman: Grant Findlay**  
13.00 Cafeteria Lunch  
**14.00 Lecture Room**  
**Lecture by Ruth Manvell on Avian Virology at VLA Weybridge Past, Present**  
**and Future.**  
**Lecture Chairman: Dave Hislop**  
14.30 Wisley Gardens ~ Coach departs for Woking  
**15.30 Main Hall (A) Presentations and Closing Speech**  
**BS President: Dave Hislop**  
16.00 Main Hall ~ Show closes.