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St Philbert Provisional Race Report

Sunday 7th June 2026

1st Open BICC, Mark Gilbert

1st Open BBC, Mark Gilbert

1st CSCFC, Roger Lowe

St Philbert is situated between Tours and Nantes, a small village in the north-west of France. The saint who gave the village its name is also said to be responsible for naming the filbert nut, or hazelnut as we now call it. This is because the filbert ripens around the same time as the saint's feast day, which falls on August 20th.

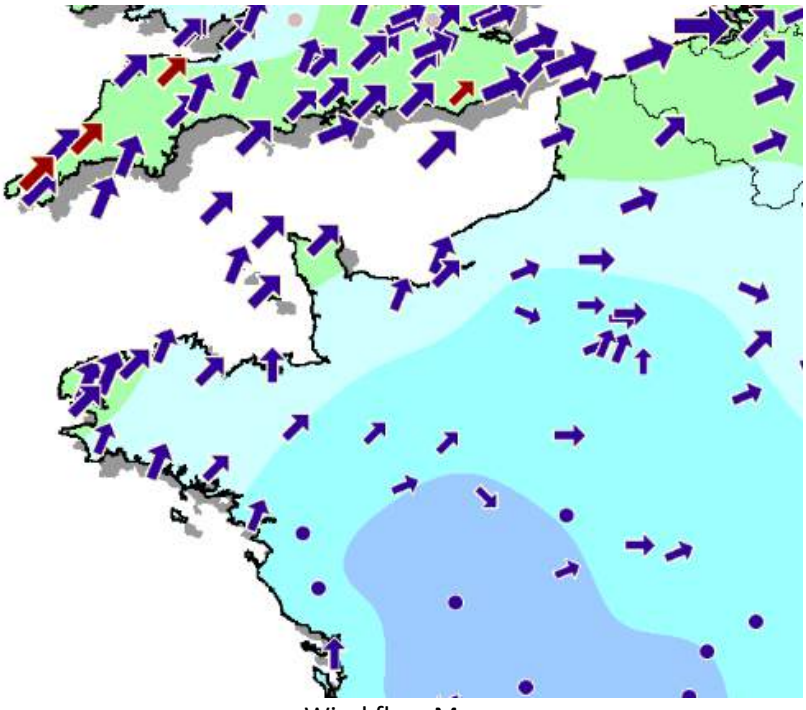
St Philbert has been a popular race point for a few years now, and in 2025 the combined race produced three separate winners: Neil Jones of Sandwich for the BICC, L & K Buddle of Dover for the BBC, and Buddy Ship of Bedhampton for the CSCFC. A strong entry of 3,734 birds was sent for the joint event, with liberation taking place after a one-day holdover.

This year brought another holdover before the birds were liberated on Sunday 7th June. With a moderate force 4 south-west wind over the Channel under mainly blue skies, 3,102 birds were released — slightly down on last year, but nevertheless a good birdage. The race produced two winners, with Mark Gilbert taking the BICC and BBC honours and Roger Lowe claiming top spot in the CSCFC.

The weather/race report

Steve Appleby, the BICC race and weather advisor, provided the following report:

After a one-day holdover, the birds at St Philbert were liberated under broken cloud and sunshine into a south-west wind. The birds cleared the site racing in a northerly direction. Weather conditions throughout northern France overall were very good, especially the visibility. The wind, as reported by the convoyers, was very light at the site but did increase in strength over southern England, enabling the leading birds to achieve quite high velocities. Over the Channel, the winds reached moderate force 4 from the south west under mainly blue skies. As the day progressed, cloud moved across England from the west and overcast skies became the general picture. Overall, a good race for our members.



Wind flow Map

This report is based on members' first bird verifications and the final result may differ.

1st Open BICC Mark Gilbert 1st Open BBC Mark Gilbert

The Provisional BICC & BBC Open winner, taking 1st South Centre Section BICC & 1st Section D, BBC, Mark Gilbert of Windsor



National winner

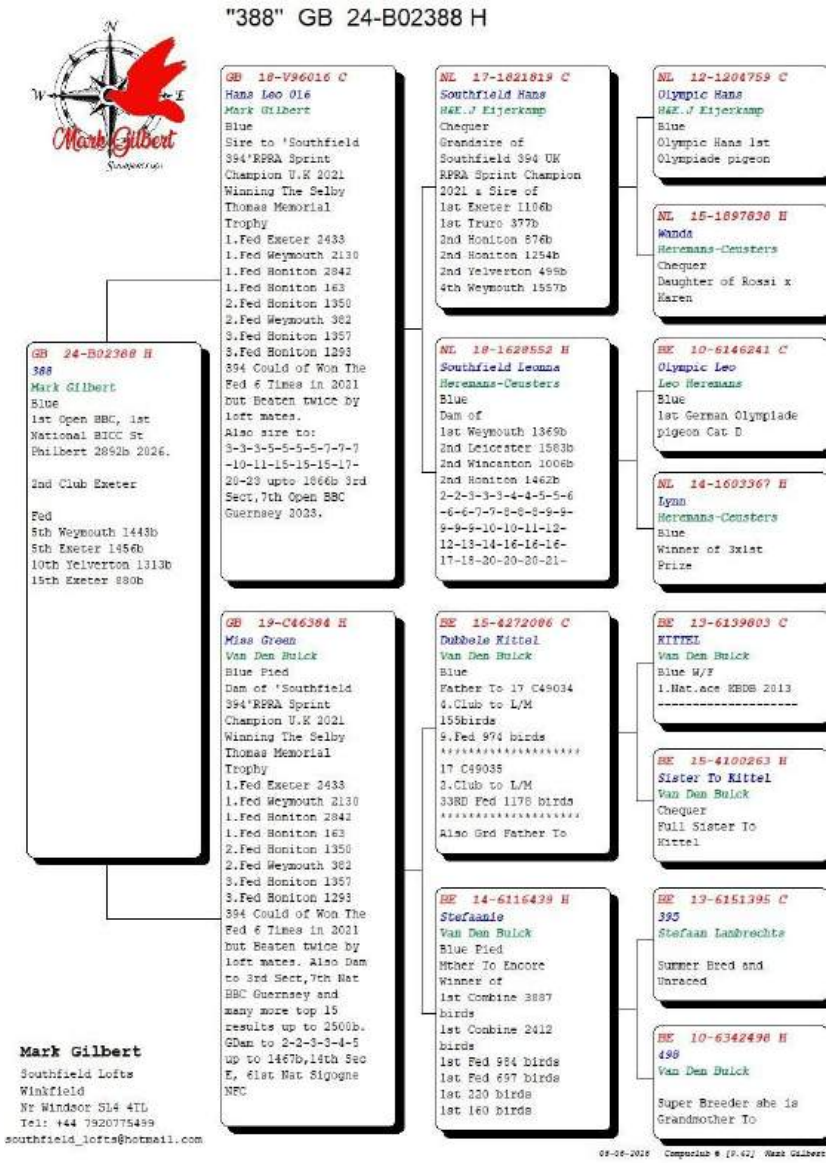
Based on the forecast, we felt the birds might arrive at around 55 mph, but with the assistance of the south-west winds we expected them to track further east of us, so we were hoping for a time somewhere near the 5hr 15min mark. To our surprise, just after 12.00pm, four pigeons appeared together, holding a superb line straight out of the Channel. Once clocked, they had covered the 282 miles in 5 hours and 3 minutes, recording a velocity of 1635 ypm. We were absolutely delighted with that, although we still assumed they would be beaten by lofts further east. You can imagine our shock — and delight — when later in the day we learned that those four arrivals had secured the first four positions in both the BBC and the BICC.

A fantastic result and an incredible performance from our sprinters. The breeding highlights one thing that made the result even more special: how strongly our 2021 RPRA UK Sprint Champion "394" line dominated the team performance. From the winning four: our 1st National is a full sister to 394; our 2nd National is from a full brother; our 3rd National is a grandchild of 394; and our 4th National also carries 394 through Southfield Leonna. Remarkably, Southfield Leonna appears in the pedigree of all four National pigeons.

Our 1st National winner is bred from Hans Leo 016 and Miss Green — the same outstanding pairing that produced "Southfield 394", RPRA Sprint Champion U.K. 2021 and winner of the Selby Thomas Memorial Trophy. The sire, Hans Leo 016, is a son of Southfield Hans and Southfield Leonna. Southfield

Hans is a son of Olympic Hans, a racer of the highest class whose performances included 1st Olympiade Pigeon, Brussels 2017 (Allround), 3rd Nat Ace LD WHZB 2015, 1st NPO Châteauroux against 3,120 birds, 2nd NPO Nanteuil against 4,476 birds, 9th NPO Bourges against 3,815 birds, and 17th NPO Auxerre against 5,518 birds. Southfield Leonna is a daughter of Olympic Leo, winner of 1st German Olympiade Pigeon, Cat D Allround, Nitra 2013, 2nd National Ace Cock Germany 2012, 1st Kalisz against 3,756 birds, 1st Neubrandenburg against 3,517 birds, 1st Neubrandenburg against 1,050 birds, 2nd Lubieszyn against 2,219 birds, 3rd Kalisz against 5,183 birds, 3rd Lubieszyn against 1,237 birds, 6th Lubieszyn against 1,089 birds, and 8th Kalisz against 3,159 birds. Leonna herself is the dam of multiple winners against entries of up to 2,214 birds plus and the grandmother of 2nd Section, 2nd National NFC Carentan 2023, 6th Section, 7th National BICC Guernsey 2023, "Southfield 394" — RPRA Sprint Champion U.K. 2021, and "42144" — 2nd U.K. Titan Games Sprint Award winner, with 14 × 1st prizes up to 2,433 birds, 8 × 2nd prizes, and many more besides. It is a pedigree stacked with Olympiade class on both sides — exactly the type of foundation you would expect behind a National winner.

Can we thank all the officials and workers at the marking stations, because without them we would not be able to race. We are also pleased that the BICC, BBC and CSCFC have come together for a third year to share the costs and increase the birdage, which makes the competition that much better. Congratulations to all the section winners, and we are now looking forward to the International races.



Pedigree

1st CSCFC Roger Lowe

1st Open, 1st NE Section CSCFC & 9th Open, BBC, Roger Lowe of Reading



Bonus Girl

Sending eight hens and getting seven home on the day, it turned out to be a good race. My first bird home, a blue pied, is Bonus Girl, 75% Gino Clicque bloodlines. She is already a winner of 8th Open Classic Fougeres against 2,203 birds and 22nd Open NFC Nort-sur-Erdre against 3,314 birds. She is bred from Bonus Ball, bred by Mark Gilbert, and was won in the Fed Bonus Ball competition. Bonus Ball has bred many winners, including Bonus 17, 2nd ACE Pigeon in the NFC, and also bred 3rd Open Sigogne 2025. The dam of Bonus Girl is Golden Princess, bred by Gordon Bros from Ireland, and she is a granddaughter of Gino's Golden Prince. Again, I would like to thank Gary and Luke for all their help, and well done to Mark Gilbert on winning the BICC and the BBC. Upwards and onwards to the next one.

2nd South Centre Section, 3rd Open BICC, Khan Bros of New Malden. Firstly, congratulations to our friend Mark Gilbert and his team on another super performance. We started late this year and had only just weaned our youngsters from our cocks just over two weeks ago. We did send them in the club races sitting eggs, etc., but now they have gone on widowhood. We wanted to compete at the shorter National races and are privileged to get a late round of youngsters from our nephews at Ace Lofts. The sire is Tom, a direct Van Gaver from Finn x Tetske, and the dam is Marijke, a direct Verkerk from Olympic Fire Eyes x New Olympic Solange.

3rd South Centre Section, 5th Open BICC & 3rd Open, 2nd Section G BBC, Paul Arnold of North Cheam. I would like to congratulate Mark Gilbert on another outstanding performance, as well as L & K Buddle for winning Section G and all the other section winners. My 1st timer, a small blue hen raced on the widow system, was having her 4th Channel race, winning 2nd Section G and provisionally 3rd Open. She was also 3rd South Centre Section BICC. Previously, she was my 2nd bird from the 1st BBC race this year,

Fougeres, winning 4th Section and 35th Open. Last year, on her 1st Channel race, she was 33rd Open Falaise with the BICC, so she is turning out to be a little dynamo; so much so that I really fancied her to win this race this week. I know I shouldn't be, but I was a touch disappointed not to have won the race, as leading up to this week my birds have been flying the skies out and are obviously in form. Coupled with a predicted south-west wind, I suppose that was why I was so confident. Anyway, these races are very difficult to win, especially racing a small team of birds, but for me that's where the excitement, thrill and challenge is, as you are testing yourself against the very best in the game! This is only my 2nd race with the BBC, previously winning the section in my first, so I can't wait for Messac in two weeks' time and hope the wind is kind for me. Well done to the winners again.

1st South East Section, 2nd Open BICC & 2nd Open, 1st Section G, BBC, Lee & Kevin Buddle of Dover. Our first two birds are 2025 children of 'Triple Two', winner of 1st BBC Barcelona International 2019 and himself a son of 'Amoy', 1st National BICC Pau 2009. 'Triple Two' was paired to a hen bred by Hugo Batenburg, a granddaughter of 'New Laureaat' and 'New Witbuik'.

Our 3rd bird is a 2025 son of 'Hermes', winner of 1st National BICC Guernsey 2024, who is also a grandson of 'Triple Two' and 'Spitoasis', a daughter of 'Oasis'. 'Oasis' won 1st BICC Marseille, 573 miles, in 2018, and also recorded 3rd BICC Marseille, 573 miles, in 2019; 10th BICC St Vincent, 531 miles, in 2016; 15th BICC Perpignan, 593 miles, in 2015; 17th BICC St Vincent, 531 miles, in 2015; 31st BICC St Vincent, 531 miles, in 2017; 35th BICC Pau, 544 miles, in 2016; 54th BICC Mont-de-Marsan, 530 miles, in 2017; and 57th BICC Pau, 544 miles, in 2018.

'Oasis' also recorded 71st BICC Pau, 544 miles, in 2019, and 149th Open NFC Tarbes, 548 miles. She was awarded the BICC Certificate of Merit. 'Spitfire' was 4th BICC Agen International, 481 miles, in 2012; 5th BICC Perpignan, 579 miles, in 2014; 15th BICC Perpignan International, 579 miles, in 2013; 17th BICC Pau International, 545 miles, in 2014; 26th BICC St Vincent, 528 miles, in 2015; and 38th BICC Agen International, 484 miles, in 2013. 'Spitfire' was also awarded the BICC Certificate of Merit.

Feeding here is very simple, with Versele-Laga Superstar Plus being the main feed and Irish Ruby added when we feel it is needed. All three of these yearlings were out for their first time across the Channel and were raced on our chaos widowhood system. They will now probably go to BBC Messac and BBC Bordeaux before being wintered for next season and, hopefully, the Internationals. Well done to Mark Gilbert on taking the first four positions, and congratulations also to all the section winners in the BICC and BBC.


Khan Bros


Paul Arnold


Lee & Kevin Buddle

2nd South East Section, 4th Open, BICC, Wayne Marshall of Ham.

3rd South East Section, 6th Open BICC, Graham White of Colchester. Bred by Rod Sparks, off the Mr Gorgeous line. She has been very consistent but has always been beaten by loft mates due to large drops. Congratulations to all the section winners.

4th Open BBC, A Sparks of Gravesend. GB24A80047 blue hen was bred by my brother, Tommy Sparks, and Pauline Dallas. She won 3rd Section Falaise, 19th Open, and 2nd Section Fougeres as a yearling. This year she has won three club first positions and is now 3rd BBC St Philbert and 4th BICC St Philbert 2026. I only sent three, and all my pigeons made it on the day in very good condition. Well done to all the winners and the transport committee.

5th Open BBC, Tommy Sparks & Pauline Dallas of Gravesend. The pigeon is GB23D13029. It is a blue cock of Franz Zwols breeding and has been very consistent, winning several inland races.



Graham White



A Sparks



Sparks & Dallas

6th Open BBC, Ethan R Nightingale of Dover.

7th Open BBC, Dan Crick & Son of Luton. GB25 N40858 raced well as a youngster and has been a consistent yearling this year, bred from my race team last year. I would like to congratulate Mark on winning the race and thanks to the convoyors. The picture is me holding 58 with my daughter Amelia-Josephine and my son Harry holding his favourite pigeon, Blacky.

8th Open BBC, Mick Dickinson of Hemel Hempstead. I would like to congratulate Mark on his great result from this race. My pigeon, GB24N26250 blue hen, provisionally 3rd Section, 8th Open, was bred by Darren and Kirsty Simmons. She is raced on widowhood and was 3rd Section, 6th Open NFC Isigny Sur Mer. I will give her a rest now and probably send her to the A/A race at the end of the season.

10th Open BBC, 1st Section J, Mark Bulled of Harlow. Firstly, congratulations to Team Wilton and the Buddles. Hitting form at the right time, I was pleased to record my third section win of the year. A yearling widow cock from my sprint section was having his first Channel race. He won as a baby and then endured a sparrowhawk attack in the garden, where he swelled like a balloon for six weeks. Nursing him back slowly, it's only been the past week where he hasn't been petrified outside the loft; before that, he rushed in at the first opportunity. His sire won 7x 1st as a yearling from Micky Betts stock, and the dam is from my Macaloney golden breeding hen.



Dan Crick with Amelia Josephine & Harry



Mick Dickinson's hen



Mark Bulled

2nd Section J, BBC, John Cowlin of Hockley. This hen has proved to be a very consistent performer. Prior to this result, she had already won 24th Open BICC YB National in 2024, 14th Open BBC National Fougeres and 12th Open NFC St Malo as a yearling, along with further inland positions. She is bred directly from the Golden Pair, with her sire being a son of the Amal cock x Guernsey Princess, while her dam is Burnham Queen. This pair have produced a remarkable line of winners, including 1st Open BICC, 2nd Open NFC, 2nd Open BICC, 5th Open NFC, 7th Open BICC, plus 12th and 13th Open NFC, as well as inland winners, all since 2020. Burnham Queen is also herself a winner of 1st Open BICC. The sire is a full brother to Theresa Boy, winner of 1st BBC National, and Queen of Coutances, winner of 1st BICC and 2nd NFC, beaten only on the trap.

BBC, 2nd Section C, Pete Wood of Meriden. Two-year-old hen, a granddaughter of my BBC Blaydon section winner from 2021. Raced on widowhood until this race, when paired and sent sitting.

2nd Open 1st SE Section CSCFC, Frank Drain of Waterlooville. GB25N23081, a blue cock, was raced to his hen while driving. As a young bird, he flew Falaise with the BICC and Guernsey with the CSCFC, where he was 149th Open and 86th SE Section. His sire, NL-24-8289655, is a W. A. de Bruijn blue cock. As a young bird, he flew Falaise with the NFC, finishing 33rd Open and 10th Section. His dam, GB24N09667, is a blue pied Van Bruane hen. She also had good results with the BICC, CSCFC and BBC as a yearling.


John Cowlin


Pete Woods' hen


Frank Drain

3rd Open 2nd SE Section CSCFC, Jimmy Wearn & Erik Neilson of Ramsdean.

4th Open CSCFC & 1st Section A, BBC, Darren Ede of Fishers Pond. Darren's pied hen was flown on the roundabout system and produced an excellent performance to take 4th Open CSCFC and 1st Section A in the BBC. Her sire is a son of Darren's champion one-loft hen, "Lone Survivor", who finished 45th Open in the SAMDPR final and was also 1st UK Ace Pigeon and 5th International Ace Pigeon. The dam is a Leideman hen, a granddaughter of the outstanding pair 'Arturo' and 'Tilla'. Darren was delighted with the way his birds returned, with eleven home on the day and the final pigeon arriving the following morning injured. He sends his congratulations to Mark and all the winners.

1st South West Section, 44th Open BICC, & 1st NW Section 5th Open CSCFC & 1st Section C, BBC, Steve Dickinson & Phil Newton of Weston Super Mare. This was my first race of the season from France, and after my interest in the sport had started to dwindle, this little mosaic hen has certainly put the spark back into it. She performed brilliantly, winning her sections in the CSCFC, BBC, and the BICC, flying approximately 300 miles to the perch. As she has no young ones, she is raced on the natural system and showed real determination and quality on the day.

2nd South West Section, 55th Open BICC, Scammell, Peploe & Bromley of Pontypool. This South Wales loft has been in tremendous form this season, and they produced another excellent performance in this race. The chequer hen they timed has flown with great consistency throughout the campaign and is bred from their highly successful Nearly Cock bloodlines. From Alençon on 8th May, she was 83rd

Welsh South Road National against 330 birds. On 16th May, from Signy-sur-Mer, she was 16th Welsh Continental Classic Club against 287 birds, 17th West Section and 619th Open NFC against 4,708 birds. On 23rd May, from Nort-sur-Erdre, she was 15th Welsh South Road National against 285 birds, as well as 42nd BICC West Section and 53rd Open against 4,643 birds. Then on 30th May, again from Nort-sur-Erdre, she won 5th Welsh Continental Classic Club against 138 birds. Now she adds 1st Welsh South Road National against 117 birds and, provisionally, 2nd BICC West Section and 55th Open against 2,892 birds. The partnership has been the top loft in both the Welsh Continental Classic Club and the Welsh South Road National Club all season.


Darren Ede's pied hen


Steve Dickinson


Scammell, Peploe & Bromley's hen

3rd South West Section, 59th Open BICC, Mark Sparey of Abertillery. My bird, 62, was a gift from Mark Gilbert. He has twice topped the Federation from Littlehampton and, from St Philbert, was 2nd Federation and 3rd West Section BICC. I would like to congratulate Mark on winning the BICC St Philbert race and also thank the convoyers for the excellent condition of the pigeons on their return after the holdover. I had 15 of 16 home and believe most fanciers enjoyed good returns.

2nd NW Section CSCFC, Nigel Templar of Bristol.

1st SW Section, 10th Open CSCFC & 1st Section B, BBC, Danny Lanahan & John Gerard of Poole. It was another good race with full returns, so thanks to all involved for doing a great job looking after the birds. Our first pigeon was a grandson of Josef, one of the best racers and breeders in Germany. Josef was six times 1st Combine, around 3,000 to 5,000 birds each time, and many times Ace Bird. He's the GG/father to Thomas 6 and so many firsts in OLR around the world. The father of our section winner is G/son Josef. He's sire to at least four or five combine winners, GXP Hodges. The dam of our section winner is G/Harry, world-class blood.

2nd SW Section CSCFC & 2nd Section B, BBC, Cottrell, Richmond & Rogers of Wimborne. We are delighted to be asked to write about our 2nd Section and possibly 3rd Section winners in the CSCFC combined race from St Philbert. The two birds we timed were seven seconds apart and are first cousins: same sire, with two sisters from my old 22 Squadron cock that won 1st Open, 1st SW Section Bergerac the year my partner Ollie passed away. The sire is a grandson of 22 Squadron, now retired to stock, and a 1st Section winner himself, and a first cross joint breeding with Shaun Stockley off our Mr 10,000 Macaloney cock bought at Doncaster and now at Boslenen Lofts, Cornwall, down from Double Vision and Blue Cavalier.

The second bird we timed has the same sire, a grandson of 22 Squadron when paired to 09, daughter of Mr 10,000. The first bird timed was a yearling hen off Magdalena, a 1st Section winner and daughter of Mr 10,000, on her first trip to France. She was separated from her cock for three days and put in for half an hour. The second bird timed was separated for two weeks and put back to his hen driving four days.

Congratulations to the winner, Roger Lowe, and all the section winners. It goes without saying what an excellent team of markers we have at Sarisbury Green, run like a military operation. Well done to all and to the convoyers; our birds came back in tip-top order. Till the next time, remember motivation and observation.


Mark Sparey's cock bird


Danny Lanahan and John Gerard


Tony Cottrell

6th Open CSCFC, Lee Kruger of Winchester.

7th Open CSCFC, Rod Rann of Newport, Isle of Wight. I would like to congratulate Mark Gilbert on winning the BBC St Philbert and Roger Lowe on winning the Central Southern Classic, and all section winners. I again had another good race with the CSCFC and BBC from St Philbert. My first bird is a 3-year-old cock who is provisionally 2nd Section, 19th Open BBC and 5th Section, 7th Open CSCFC. This was his fourth Channel race, and he was my first bird from Nort Sur Erdre earlier in the season. The birds are all raced on the roundabout system and he will now be prepared for Bordeaux. Again, thank you to the marking team at Southampton.

8th Open CSCFC, Zsolt Toth of Southampton. The mother of the hen is from my friend Coldea Claudiu, whose parents are both from Dennis Boelhouwer and Dieter Wohr, Ad Schaerlaeckens lines. The father is from Matei Romulus, a top flyer.

9th Open CSCFC, Mr & Mrs Mick Bunney of Paulsgrove. My blue white-flight hen, GB25N47802, that I clocked from St Philbert was also my 1st bird the week before from Fougeres, being 96th Open. Her sire is a grandson of New Laureaat, purchased for stock, and her dam is a granddaughter of Kleine Jade, also purchased for stock.


Rod Rann


Zsolt Toth's hen


Mick Bunny

1st North Centre Section, 22nd Open BICC, Dominic Gruzelier of Houghton Conquest. This is my tenth 1st section winner. It's a yearling cock raced to his box, as his hen went missing earlier in the season.

His father is from my old line cross black grizzle pigeons, and his mother is a daughter of New Paart Giono Clinc, which has already bred 2nd Section Bordeaux, 14 ½ hours on the wing.

2nd North Centre Section, 46th Open BICC, John Black of Hitchin. The bird I clocked first was my first bird from Nort-sur-Erdre, where he was 2nd Section two weeks ago. This year he's been 13th Section Alencon, 2nd Section Nort-sur-Erdre and 2nd Section St Philbert. Last year he was 3rd Section Nort-sur-Erdre and 11th Section St Philbert. He's from a shared breeding programme with Guy Reed, Isle of Wight. I've decided to name him Guy 85, as his ring ends in 85. Well done to Mark Gilbert on winning the National and all the section winners. Returns were good: five from seven on the day and one the next day.

3rd North Centre Section, 34th Open BICC, C Crick & Son of Stotfold. Adam said, at the St Philbert BICC race, we timed in a yearling blue hen who was paired and racing back to a small young one. She had been raced widowhood earlier in the season but was paired up with Channel racing in mind. She is of Cooreman lines and is the nest mate to our yearling cock that won the NFC from Isigny-sur-Mer earlier this season.


Dominic Gruzelier


John Black with Guy 85


C Crick & Son's bird

1st Section E BBC, Richard Chambers of Rugeley. The hen that was provisional 1st Section E, 26th Open BBC and 5th NC Section, 69th Open BICC from St Philbert (378 miles) for me this week was my two-year-old hen, "Toby's Girl".

She got her name as she was named after our newly born son last year. Last season, she performed very well, winning 1st, 2 x 4th & 2 x 5th Sections in the BBC, BICC and NFC, and also came first place in the WM RPRA Awards for Middle Distance in 2025. This year, she has now become the first pigeon to win the section twice from this address, which is a real milestone for me, and I'm over the moon with it. She was doubled back for this race from the previous week's NFC race from Nort-sur-Erdre (366 miles), where she was my 7th pigeon home, finishing 14th Section in a tough race. Her breeding is again from our Chambers Family Stock Loft, with her sire being a son of "Dutch Thunder", winner of 1st Section, 7th Open NFC Tarbes. Her dam is a Lambrecht hen we call "Develish", who was a top racer and has now become a top breeder for us in both the Chambers Family Lofts. This hen will now be set up for the NFC Saintes race in a few weeks' time, hopefully sitting eggs. Before then, she has some work to do looking after the young bird she was rearing for this race, as her cock is going to the NFC Tarbes race next.

Congratulations to Mark, Troy, Darren and Nigel on winning the BICC and BBC races, and Roger and Luke on winning the CSCFC and having solid team performances. Also, well done to the clubs, race controllers and conveyors for coming together to organise a joint race and getting the birds home in great condition after the day's holdover.

2nd NE Section CSCFC, Steve & Denise Wiggins of Basingstoke. Congratulations to Roger Lowe on winning the race and to all the other section winners. I'd also like to thank the team of transporters for looking after the birds so well; they came back looking better than they went. I sent eight birds. My first pigeon is a Frans Zwols blue hen sitting 14 days in only her second race ever, so I'm well pleased. I got five out of eight on the day. Due to ill health, I have not had a club race in the last two years, so I'm looking forward to getting back into racing.

1st North East Section, 12th Open BICC, Joanne & Alan Hacon of Great Yarmouth. Blue cock GB23N37673, Busscheart x Gaby Vanderabeele. The pigeon has flown consistently across the Channel for the last two years. It is hard to get Channel pigeons in this area, as their first race is 300 miles. Thank you to Clayton for transporting the pigeons to the marking station at Colchester, 160-mile round trip, and thank you to Gavin for doing the clocks.

2nd North East Section, 21st Open BICC, Nicolae Babes of Ely.

3rd North East Section, 28th Open BICC, **Jonathan Palmer of Ipswich.** The bird that I timed in from St Philbert was bred by Paul Hacker of South Ockendon. This was her 6th race of the season, and she also raced the previous BICC race after having four races with the Thames and Eastern Counties. Flown on my normal chaos system and fed on Gerry Plus mixed with Bamfords Red Rosette. Her sire is bred around Kipp and Son bloodlines from Germany, and her dam was on loan to Paul from myself from one of my best stock pairs after she got injured, which ended her racing career. The dam is a full sister to some good racers for myself, with their best results being 1st Section Tarbes, 2nd Section BICC Pau and also the runner-up NFC Tarbes Ace Pigeon from 2023–24.


Richard Chambers


Alan Hacon


Jonathan Palmer

1st North West Section, 101st Open BICC & 2nd Section E, BBC, Dave & Kyle Harris of Newport.

2nd North West Section, 119th Open BICC, Booth & Roper of Tewkesbury. Trevor and John clocked a four-year-old roundabout dark chequer hen to provisionally take 2nd NW Section. She has flown all the BICC races this year and has stayed close to the front of the team. A medium-sized hen, she comes from the family they have developed over the years from Brian Sheppard and Jan Aarden stock, and is very closely related to Sportsview Amy, 4th Open NFC Tarbes. Her targets will be the International races, which are still fairly new to the partnership, having only flown Pau International last year. Fingers crossed they enjoy the experience. They sent seven birds to the race and had them all back on the day. They would like to congratulate Mark Gilbert on winning the race and D and K Harris on winning the NW Section and thank everyone at the Paulton marking station for the tremendous work they do.

3rd North West Section, 125th Open BICC, **John Rodway of Rushwick.** My 1st bird was a small to medium, light-framed dark chequer 3-year-old hen sent sitting fourteen days. This hen has a very mixed record for the 2025 season; she was missing for ten months, living feral. In 2026 she was my

first pigeon in the opening NFC race. The race was a rather testing affair for WNW Section birds, being right out in the east in the strong WSW winds. My returns for the St Philbert race were five from ten on the day. Many thanks to Mick Howard for transport, and thanks to Wales marking station.



Booth & Roper



John Rodway

This brings to a close another successful combined St Philbert race, with the BICC, BBC and CSCFC once again showing the value of working together for the benefit of fanciers and the sport. Congratulations to all the winners and section performers, and thanks to everyone involved in marking and transporting the birds. We now look forward to the rest of the season.

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