



John Clements Euro Pigeon

Modern 'Barcelona' pigeons

Pigeon Racing was originally based on the idea of improving the species by careful selective breeding. The original idea was to extend the range and reliability the pigeon. This unwritten mission statement clearly underpinned pigeon racing in its early days.

The Idea

The idea attracted many learned professional people who at the time saw the prospect of improving the breed as a worthy challenge to their intellect. An intellectual challenge of this kind has now almost been forgotten in the modern sport. Now winning is seen as the be all and end all.

Making money

Coupled with winning is making quite a lot of money in the process, so faster pigeons competing over a lesser distance are now a more usual aim than more reliable pigeons competing over ever longer distances. This is a modern trend

similar to modern Banking - Monetary rewards have over taken the ideas and high mindedness of the past.

Odd-ball dedicated fanciers

In pigeons except for the few odd ball dedicated fanciers who want to excel at the very long distances, ideas of improving the species are now almost forgotten. In spite of all this the idea of improving the species refuses to go away. The results of long races have a following even from those who would not even attempt such a quest.

Magic

Long flights have a magic of their own and the Barcelona International is at the cutting edge of this magic. The pigeons below represent the best of all cutting edge pigeons. The rare best of a rare species – an ideal of which secretly we would all like to aspire.

The three UK pigeons that made the International Result in both 2012 and 2013

<u>UK</u>	<u>Int.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>En</u>	<u>Nm</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Ring</u>	<u>Velocity</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>UK Pigeons</u>
1	475	TEAM RML	E-ROMFO	6	3	1142595	GB09J31666	1099.79	2012	534
2	1133	LANE NIGEL	E-ROMFO	2	2	1142595	GB09J31666	15.2308,4	2013	475
11	5327	SHEPHERD A.E.	E-WOODM	5	1	1078205	GB07N15256	19.4532,6	2012	534
8	2729	SHEPHERD A.E.	E-WOODM	8	1	1078205	GB07N15256	20.0639,6	2013	475
7	4659	HALES DAVID	E-HOCKL	3	2	1141619	GB09N99407	18.2501,6	2012	534
20	4789	HALES DAVID	E-HOCKL	3	2	2	GB09N99407	10.5352,6	2013	475

In the 2013 race David Hales pigeon would have been 18th UK on Velocity but in the international where below 800 mpm velocity comes into play, he now becomes 20th.



'Eádhun' the pigeon of Nigel Lane Romford.

1st National 534 pigeons 475th International 25,320 pigeons Barcelona 2012

2nd National 475 pigeons 1,133rd International 25,294 pigeons Barcelona 2013



SHERGAR
 GB 07 N 15256
 2nd Club, Guernsey (Beaten by Loftmate)
 58th Section 'A', National Flying Club, Fougères; 27th Section 'A', National Flying Club, Saintes.
 35th Sect. 'A', 293rd Open National Flying Club, Tarbes; 20th Sect. 'A', 131st Open National Flying Club, Tarbes;
 18th Sect. 'A', 216th Open National Flying Club, Tarbes;
 1st Sect. 'A', 4th Open, British Barcelona Club, Barcelona.
 Bred & raced by
 A.E Shepherd (Emsworth)

'Shergar' - the pigeon of A E Shepherd Woodmancote

11th National 534 pigeons 5,328th International 25,320 pigeons Barcelona 2012

8th National 475 pigeons 2,729th International 25,294 pigeons Barcelona 2013



David Hales holding his twice Barcelona pigeon

7th National 534 pigeons 4,659th International 25,320 pigeons Barcelona 2012

20th National 475 pigeons 4,789th International 25,294 pigeons Barcelona 2013

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