

BRADFORD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

24/25 January 2015

BIS: David & Melanie Oulton's Self PE Golden adult sow
Best N/Self: Matthews & Davey's Alpaca 5-8 boar

Judge **Mark Rubery** (Best in Show) writes: 'The Bradford Small Livestock Society Annual Championship Show continues to be the premier event of the year, the Crufts of the cavy world, which all fanciers aspire to win at. Breeders and exhibitors come and go, the venue changes over the years, but this always remains the one show to win.

For me, I felt truly honoured to be asked to judge BIS this year. I first went to the BSLs show in 1981 in company with my Mum, Jim and Mabel Tenner when it was held at Doncaster Race Course. I felt so inspired to see breeders winning large classes and thought one day I would like to achieve the success they were having with their cavies. At my first show I came away with a first prize, winning the young Chocolate class I was overjoyed and I have shown every year since. Never did I think over the coming years I would be lucky enough to win BIS which to my joy I achieved in 2001 and now to have reached the pinnacle and to be judging BIS this year.

This year's line-up for BIS was truly excellent with wonderful examples of the various breeds and pigs that were a real pleasure to handle and judge - a real credit to their owners. I found time to chat to several new exhibitors who this year were experiencing their first visit to the Bradford Small Livestock Society Show and were like me back in 1981 inspired by the event and hopefully their dedication and a tremendous lot of hard work in breeding their chosen breed will mean their dreams will really come true just as for me they did.

Thank you to the Bradford team under Betty's tremendous stewardship and to my top table companions Gill, Peter, Bernard, Ian and Sue for making my BIS judging experience such a special occasion. All of us are lucky to be able to enjoy and share a wonderful hobby breeding and showing cavies, to miss Harrogate is to miss one of the true experiences of our hobby.

First and BIS and of course Best Self went to David & Melanie Oulton. A truly outstanding example of the PE Golden. Over the years the fifth Golden to take the coveted BIS at this event. David after so many years in the Fancy now joins an elite group of dedicated Golden breeders who have won this major award. A real "Show Stopper" of a pig that stood perfectly and played to the audience, nearly an hour on the box without being phased. This cavy excelled cobiness of body shape with a good shoulder, lovely h/e/e with outstanding width and muzzle, very good even rich colour and perfect feet and ears, beautifully shown to the minute by David and Melanie. Many congratulations to you both.

2. Matthews & Davey, Best Non Self, 5-8 Alpaca, excelled crimping and chops, very good texture and density of coat, good frontal and body shape, a well deserved runner up to BIS, beautifully shown, prepared and presented by Jayne - this pig was a credit to you and the breed, keep up the good work!

3. David & Melanie Oulton's 5-8 PE Golden sow. A first class exhibit, another excellent example of the breed this pig, really excelled in width of head and muzzle, very good body shape very good even colour, well shown and together with the young Golden boar which completed the hat trick in this class was a real credit to David & Melanie's dedication to their stud of Golden's.

4. Peter Gammie's 5-8 Silver Agouti, this pig really caught my eye as soon as it arrived on the table, it reminded me of one of Jim Tenner's Silvers that always had fantastic body shape, this made this pig stand out and really pushed the 5-8 Golden hard for third place, excelled profile and body shape very good h/e/e, good colour and good sharp ticking, good even belly and feet, really well shown.

5. Andrew Sparke's adult Brindle Abyssinian. The quality of stock for this year's BIS was exceptional and this adult Brindle was a truly excellent example of the breed and a credit to Andrews's years of dedication to the Abyssinian. Excelled body shape, well set out with good depth and ridges, well coupled with a good collar, shown to perfection, well done.

6. Simon Neesam's adult Lemon Agouti. It is a credit to all the cavies in this Grand Challenge class that one as good as this should end up in sixth place. A very fit pig indeed, excelled body shape and shoulder very good h/e/e, lovely coat and colour and good ticking with an even belly, well shown Simon.

Best Junior: First and Best Junior in Show was James Thomsett's adult Self Black. A cavy with very good h/e/e with a good body shape and wide muzzle, well prepared good coat and colour, fit pig and well shown, credit to its owner, well done. 2. Veejay Cavies' adult Fox. A fit pig, good size, nice coat and condition, level top colour and under well



BIS judge Mark Rubery in action
Photo: Lyndon Nowell

marked, nice pea spots. 3. John Day's Self young DE Cream. A very nice even colour, with good under colour, good h/e/e, well shown quality pig unlucky to meet the leaders.

Best Rare Varieties: 1. Melanie Bell's 5-8 Swiss. Fit pig, balanced full coat, good sweep, nice shoulder furnishings, good texture well shown a worthy section winner which was truly well presented. 2. Cinderhill Stud's adult Magpie. A fit showy pig which really stood out on the table, with good body markings clear demarcation, well marked feet and under, good example of the breed. 3. Melanie Bell's young Swiss. A fit pig promising coat needs a lot of time and should make a really good pig, good texture, just at present needs coat even up.'

Judge **Amy Heale** (Adult Selfs) writes 'An honour to judge at this show again. I must thank Carol for doing an excellent job on my book and thank you to my stewards. I had a good section of pigs to judge, although I was a little disappointed with the size and substance on several exhibits. I'm sure the time of year doesn't help this.

My section winner was David and Melanie Oulton's PE Golden sow, which was a clear winner for me, a pleasure to handle, well done.

Black Boar (7): 1. Foxtales, lovely coat, well groomed, cobby, very good head, muzzle, e/e and shoulder, nice colour. 2. James Thomsett, very nice head, muzzle and eye, nice ear, top colour; light under, fairly good shape and shoulder, bit long in coat. 3. Red Robin Stud, nice top; light under, nice head, width and shoulder, fair profile, one eye slightly weak.

Black Sow (12): 1 & 2. Red Robin Stud. 1. Very fit, cobby, nice quality coat, well shown, very nice h/e/e, shape and shoulder, nice top colour; shade light under, just lost some condition when it came to the duplicates. 2. Nice size, cobby, nice coat, well groomed, nice colour, very nice head, muzzle and eye, nice shape and shoulder, shade short on ear. 3. Caponhall Stud, nice coat quality, nice h/e/e, shape and shoulder, nice top colour; light under, shade narrow between eyes.

PE White (5): 1 & 2. Palemoon Stud. 1. Boar, big and fit, well shown, good colour, nice h/e/e, shape and shoulder, nice top colour, slightly stained under. 2. Boar, well groomed, shade heavy coated, excellent head, muzzle and eye, nice ear, colour top, slightly thin and stained under, fair shoulder and substance. 3. No name, very fit, nice h/e/e, shape and shoulder, clean, small lump on side.

DE White (5): 1. Define Cavies, sow, lovely h/e/e and shape, well shown, slight stain under. 2. Nowell Stud, sow, nice h/e/e, shape and shoulder, clean, fair condition, long in coat. 3. Zeberdee Cavies, sow, very fit, nice e/e, shape and shoulder, plain head, clean, bit long in coat.

PE Cream (5): 1 & 3. Geraldine Porter. 1. Sow, lovely h/e/e and shape, very nice even colour, nice condition; just could use a little more substance on shoulder, very small lump on side. 2. Define Cavies, Sow, even colour, nice h/e/e, shape and shoulder, bit long in coat. 3. Sow, nice even colour, nice h/e/e, shape and shoulder, bit long in coat.

DE Cream (6): 1. Cranwell Cavies & Southill Stud, sow, very fit, very well shown, lovely coat, very nice head and eye, nice shape and shoulder, even colour, shade short on ear, and slightly thin under. 2. Gill Elding, sow, nice even colour, very nice h/e/e, shape and shoulder, long in coat and slightly thin under. 3. Malcolm Atkinson, sow, even top colour, very nice h/e/e, shape and shoulder, light under, thin on belly,

the Lilac boar in the challenges. 20 & 3. Sheila Hendry. Little long in body. Good head and very good eyes. Good ears. Very good top and undercolour. Very good coat and fit. 3. A boar this time. Good size, but little long in body. Bit narrow in head, very good eyes and good ears. Good top and undercolour. Good coat and quite fit.

Saffron (2): 1. Red Robin Stud. Little long in body. Good head with very good eyes and ears. Slightly pale in top colour, good undercolour. Superb coat and very fit. 2. Geraldine Porter. Little long in body. Very good h/e/e. Top colour slightly pale, very good undercolour. Longish coat and fit.

Buff (1): 1. DISQ for being too light in colour.

Chall B/PEW/DEC/PEG (33): 1&3. David & Melanie Oulton, PE Golden sow. 2. Red Robin Stud. Black sow. 3. PE Golden boar.

Chall Li/Be/Choc/Red (20): 1&3. Smith & Cinderby, Lilac boar. 2. Harmony Cavies, Red sow. 3. Lilac boar.

Chall Saf/Bu/DEW/DEG/PEC (10): 1. Stockman Stud, PEC sow. 2. Red Robin Stud, Saffron sow. 3. Geraldine Porter, PEC sow.

Chall Boar AC (18): 1&3. Smith & Cinderby, Lilac. 2. David & Melanie Oulton, PE Golden. 3. Lilac.

Chall Sow AC (44): 1. David & Melanie Oulton, PE Golden. 2. Red Robin Stud, Black. 3. Stockman Stud, PE Cream.

Chall AC (49): 1. David & Melanie Oulton, PE Golden sow. 2. Red Robin Stud, Black sow. 3. Smith & Cinderby, Lilac boar.'

Judge **Steve Davies** (U/5 Selfs) writes: 'Always an honour to judge this event and I'd been looking forward to judging this section for some time. The entry was slightly disappointing, but the leading dozen or so pigs were of very good quality with the top four being very impressive. I must thank Teresa Lock for doing a top job on my book.

David & Melanie Oulton's awesome PE Golden boar led the way and I must congratulate them on their fantastic feat of winning all 3 Self sections and on their BIS. Their young boar just edged out two classy Black sows from unlucky Red Robin Stud - sorry Hugh!

Black Boar (4): 1. JPS Barnard, excels coat, very good width, muzzle, e/e, good type, colour and shape, a quality boar, but just needed a little more substance. 2 & 3. Red Robin Stud. 2. Fit, nice type, good coat, colour, width, muzzle, eye, slightly odd ear set. 3. Fit, good coat, colour, muzzle and width, nice type and shape, high ears.

Black Sow (9): 1 & 2. Red Robin Stud. 1. Fit, very good coat, very well shown, very good muzzle and type, good colour, shape, width, e/e and expression, classy youngster which came very close to Best in Section. 2. Very fit, very good muzzle, width and type, nice ears and coat, good colour, shape and shoulder, very well shown; another classy big which was very similar and close to the winner. 3. JPS Barnard, fit, very good coat, well shown, very good muzzle, nice ears, good colour, width, type, eye, shape and expression; another quality sow, but just not quite the class of the leading two. A good in depth class.

PE White (3): 1 & 2. Palemoon Stud. 1. Sow, good coat, colour, shape, muzzle, eye, width and expression, nice type, short ears, slightly stained and thin on belly. 2. Boar, good coat, well shown, nice type and shape, very good eye, good muzzle and width. 3. Red Robin Stud, sow, nice coat, head, eye and type, fair shape, high set ears, quite nice colour and uneven coat.

DE White (4): 1. Haydon Wines, sow, baby, good colour and coat, well shown, nice e/e and shape, quite nice width and type. 2. Julie Gallagher, sow, very fit, very nice shape, nice head, eye and type, quite nice colour, slightly short odd ears. 3. Zebedee Cavies, boar, very nice colour, nice coat, eye and ear, quite nice head.

PE Cream (3): 1 & 3. Stockman Stud. 1. Sow, baby, cobby, fit, very nice muzzle, width and ears, good shape, type, eye, level top, nice

under, promising balanced youngster. 2. Jan Alston & Oliver Joyce, sow, fit, very nice top colour, nice under, good muzzle, width, type, shape and eye, short odd high ears. 3. Sow, very nice coat and preparation, nice shape, width, type and eye, bit heavy top; nice under, high hooked ears spoil.

DE Cream (8): 1. Cranwell Cavies & Southill Stud, sow, fit, well shown, lovely eye and expression, very good type, shape and coat, good muzzle, width, ears, belly, colour top and under, a quality sow which pushed the top 3 hard. 2. Malcolm Atkinson, sow, fit, lovely eye and expression, very good shape and type, good muzzle, width, colour top and under, bit short on ears. 3. John Day, sow, fit, very nice muzzle and width, good type, shape and eye, nice coat, bit dark top and bit short ear, well up to age.

PE Golden Boar (4): 1. David & Melanie Oulton, very fit, immaculately shown, very good type, coat, muzzle, width, head and ear, good eye, good and level colour, superb boar, Best in Section. 2. F & G Taylor, fit, good shape, very good muzzle, good shape, width, type, e/e, nice under, well shown, very promising. 3. Andrea Gallagher, very fit, nice width and well shown, quite nice type and eye, very dark top colour, high ears.

PE Golden Sow (2): 1. David & Melanie Oulton, fit, nice preparation and coat, very good type, very nice ears, good shape, muzzle, width, eye and expression. 2. Absent.

DE Golden (1): 1. Julie Gallagher, sow, baby, very nice shape, type, muzzle and ears, nice width, good bold eye, colour, preparation and coat, promising balanced youngster.

Lilac (7): 1. Nookwold, sow, baby, fit, lovely head and eye, very good muzzle, ears and type, good width and shape, good top colour; bit uneven, quite nice coat, bit long coat on rump, very promising. 2 & 3. Smith & Cinderby. 2. Sow, very well shown, very good shape, muzzle, width, shoulder, coat and type, good colour (dark) and width, classy pig, but hemmed ear spoilt. 3. Sow, fit, well shown, very good coat, muzzle and type, very good top colour, bit uneven, good shape and width, could be bolder eye, bit short on ear.

Chocolate (3): 1 & 2. Shelia Hendry. 1. Sow, baby, very fit, very nice type, very good shape, good width, shoulder, muzzle, width, e/e, good top, nice under, good coat though a bit long, promising. 2. Sow, fit, very nice width, muzzle and type, very good ears, good top and under, good shape and eye, nice coat although a bit long, promising. 3. Gill Elding, sow, very good coat, well shown, good muzzle, width, type, eye and colour, very similar to the first two but slightly odd ears spoilt the balance.

Red (4): 1. Shelia Hendry, sow, fit, well shown, very good colour, very nice muzzle and width, nice type and eye, good under and coat, bit high on ears, best young Red I've seen for some time. 2 & 3. Harmony Cavies. 2. Sow, fit, very good coat, very nice shape, width, eye and type, nice top, bit light under, nice ears, good muzzle and size. 3. Boar, well up to age, very nice muzzle and eye, nice coat, preparation, width and type, nice top; light under, high ears.

Chall PEW/DEC/BL/PEG (30): 1. David & Melanie Oulton's PE Golden boar. 2&3. Red Robin Stud's Black sows.

Chall R/Ch/Be/L U/5 (14): 1. Nookwold's Lilac. 2&3. Shelia Hendry's Chocolates.

Chall DEW/DEG/S/B U/5 B/S (7): 1. Stockman Stud's PE Cream. 2. Jan Alston & Oliver Joyce's PE Cream. 3. Julie Gallagher's DE Golden.

Chall Boar AC (11): 1. David & Melanie Oulton's PE Golden. 2. JPS Barnard's Black. 3. F & G Taylor's PE Golden.

Chall Sow AC (37): 1. Red Robin Stud's Black. 2. Red Robin Stud's Black. 3. Cranwell Cavies & Southill Stud's DE Cream.

Chall AC U/5 (41): 1. David & Melanie Oulton's PE Golden boar. 2&3. Red Robin Stud's Black sows.'

Judge **Caroline Smith** (Adult Coated) writes: 'The premier event in the calendar with a good showing of Abyssinians, large classes of Teddies (boosted by their stock show) where many good exhibits went uncarded today, a fair entry of Rex, Satins and Cresteds and three adult Longhairs in coat. Thanks to Graham Thorpe and mainly Eileen Woolmer on my book, my loyal steward Jackie Raynor and the BSLs Committee.

Aby Brindle /Tort (9): 1. Andrew Sparkes, my best in section from my very first class and a much admired boar. Good all round on placement and depth of rosettes, very good ridges harshness of coat and overall body shape. 2. Emma Bowles, good placement of rosettes with good depth and centres, but slightly weak on one ridge in comparison with the winner, good harshness and overall size. 3. Andrew Sparkes, another well positioned rosette Aby. Good depth of ridges, but slightly narrow on area between the collar and back ridges and softer coated than the winners.

Aby Tort/White (3): 1. Shelia Hendry, fair placement of rosettes with good depth, fair ridges, soft coated. 2. Andrew McDonnell, fair rosettes and centres, small adult, twist on back ridge spoils. 3. Absent.

Aby Roan (7): 1. Simon Neesam, The best Roan for Rosette placement and depth today, good ridges, overall size and harshness. 2. Jack



Best Self u/5: PE Golden boar shown by David & Melanie Oulton
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Bowles, an exhibit winning on placement and depth of rosettes with good centres, ridges and harshness. 3. Gill Elding, excellent depth to the rosettes, good placement and ridges, slightly soft.

Aby AOC (1): 1. Derek Pike, Golden and White exhibit, of good rosette centres and depth, weak back ridge one side and slightly loose in coat.

Teddy Agouti/Tri-Bi (17): 1. Malaxis Stud, Chocolate/Golden/White winning on evenness of coat, coat density and direction, well put down. 2. Topsy Cavies, Agouti tri-colour, excellent size good coat direction and density, very slightly thin to coat on shoulder. 3. Topsy Cavies, Agouti-bi with a good even coat, fair ear and eye, slightly thin to coat on shoulder.

Teddy AOC (8): 1. Topsy Cavies, of good coat feel, direction and density, fair evenness of length, very good body shape. 2. Beauvale Junior, Dalmation/tri, good rise to coat, good shoulder and overall fair density. 3. FLD Cavies, White/Buf, good h/e/e, coat texture and density, good coat development to sides.

English Crested B/W/Cr (7): 1. Red Robin Stud, Black and a young adult, good depth to crest, fair shape with excellent coat and body colour, would like tighter grooming. 2. Matthews and Davey, PE White, good crest, body shape e/e, well presented, slightly thinning coat under spoils. 3. P & D Nunn, Black good crest shape, depth and centre, good body shape, fair top and under colour.

English Crested AOC (1): 1. P & D Nunn, PE Golden, good size and depth to crest, good silky coat of good top colour, light under colour spoils.

American Crested Golden (4): 1. G.M.K. Cavies, wins on good size full white crest, good body shape, good top colour and fair under colour. 2. Camomile Cavies, not the fullness of crest of the winner today, but still a good example of the breed, good e/e, good size, good top colour slightly light on under colour. 3. Absent

American Crested AOC (1): Nowell Stud, Black, a small adult, good placement of crest and depth, but a little thin on White hairs, good top and under colour, fair body shape.

Rex Agouti (4): 1. Lyvennet, Lemon Agouti of good size, head and ear, good density and coat rise, soft in coat. 2. Redland Stud, Silver Agouti of good all over coat length, well-furnished coat on belly, need more coat rise to sides, good head, and body shape. 3. Alice Morris, Silver good coat length and density, slightly soft, fair sides, good eye, ear and body shape.

Rex Agouti/Bi (8): 1. Finlaggan, won the class on coat qualities well risen and dense coat all round, good eye and ear. 2. Lunapig Cavies, good coat texture and well risen coat, good h/e/e. 3. Lunapig Cavies, good coat length all round, slightly flat to sides and a slight hem to one ear held her back.

Rex AOC (2): 1. John Day, Lemon Agouti-tri, good coat density and even coat length, fair harshness, excellent ear, good body shape, slightly flat coat to sides. 2. Lunapig Cavies, Himalayan, good h/e/e, good coat length and texture, flatish coat on sides today.

Satin Solid (5): 1. Hazapig, Cream, well satinized, good body shape, head and silky coat, well prepared. Fair ear and slightly thinning on belly. 2. Jan Alston & Oliver Joyce, Buff, good body shape and fit, well satinized slightly skirted. 3. K & L Clydesdale, Cream, good e/e and body shape, excellent coat direction and good preparation but not the satinization of the winners.

Satin AOV (1): 1. Lonestar Stud, Golden Roan (Dalmation spots on belly) Satin, excellent satinization and body shape. Let down by requirements of the linked marked breed as the belly was spotted and the top primarily roaned, but with a spinal bar fault, my prettiest exhibit today.

Short-Hair Coated Chall (78): 1. Andrew Sparkes, Brindle Aby. 2. Finlaggan, Agouti/Bi Rex. 3. Emma Bowles, Tort/Brindle Aby.

Peruvian (2): 1. Scowlistone Stud, an excellent silky coat, good coat



Best adult Marked/Ticked was Simon Neesam's Lemon Agouti
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length all round and undercoat, excellent chops, good frontal. 2. Absent.

Alpaca (2): 1. Matthews & Davey, Excellent even coat length all round including undercoat, but a little thinning on ends and overall density. Good h/e/e, slightly short on chops. 2. Absent.

Merino/Texel (1): 1. Define Cavies, Texel, and excellent wealth of coat, with good rexoid qualities for age, good and even undercoat of excellent texture. Good even coat length.

Longhair Coated Chall (5): 1. Scowlistone Stud, Peruvian. 2. Define Cavies, Texel. 3. Matthews & Davey, Alpaca.

Chall AV Coated Boar: 1. Andrew Sparkes, Brindle Aby. 2. Finlaggan, Agouti/Bi Rex. 3. Emma Bowles, Tort/Brindle Aby.

Chall AV Coated Sow: 1. Scowlistone Stud, Peruvian. 2. Topsy Cavies, Teddy AOC. 3. Malaxis Stud, Teddy Tri/Bi-colour.

Chall AV Adult: 1. Andrew Sparkes, Brindle Aby. 2. Scowlistone Stud, Peruvian. 3. Emma Bowles, Tort/Brindle Aby.'

Judge **Brian Leiper** (Adult Marked & Ticked) writes: 'It was a great pleasure for me to judge at Harrogate again. Thanks to Betty and the BSLs for inviting me to judge.

Thanks to my stewards Lindsey, Pam and Kayleigh. There was good selection of good quality pigs for me to judge, but not many Agoutis this time. However, my section winner was a very good Lemon Agouti from Simon Neesam. There was also a good Golden from Tickety Boo and a nice Silver from Mary Jaffa. There was a good number of Himalayans, but they had been affected by the damp weather.

Agouti Silver (2): 1. Mary Jaffa, sow. Good h/e/e, good even ticking, good chest, feet and belly. 2. Mary Jaffa, boar. Fair head, good e/e, good even ticking, good chest and feet, fair belly.

Agouti Golden (1) 1. Tickety Boo, sow. Good type and size, good colour and ticking good belly and chest.

Agouti Lemon (2): 1. Simon Neesan, boar. Good type and size, good colour and even ticking, good belly chest and feet, my Best in Section. 2. Mary Jaffa, boar. Good e/e, fair head, good colour and ticking, good belly and chest.

Agouti AOC (1): 1. Tickety Boo, sow. Good h/e/e, good colour and ticking, good belly.

Argente (1) Clare Sheeran, B. Good h/e/e, small size, good colour and tipping.

Ticked Chall (7): 1. Simon Neesan. Lemon. 2. Tickety Boo. Golden. 3. Mary Jaffa. Silver.

Tort and White (6): 1. Kirkdale Stud, boar. Good patching, good top line fair under very nice example. 2. Roy Wearmouth, sow. Good patching good top line and belly line. 3. K & J Phillips, sow. Good patching, good belly line, a little brindling.

Dutch Red (1): 1. Andrea Gallagher, boar. Good cheeks, run to mouth, fair saddle, mismatched stops.

Dutch Black/Chocolate (1): 1. Roy Wearmouth, boar. Heavy cheeks, good saddle, short even stops.

Black Himalayan (9): 1. KLC Stud, boar. Good size and body shape, good smut, feet and ears, good body colour. 2. Bluezak Stud, sow. Good body shape, good smut and ears, back feet to clear a little, good body colour. 3. Saywell Cavies, boar. good body shape, good smut and ears back feet to clear a little, good body colour.

Chocolate Himalayan (6): 1. Saywell Cavies, boar. Good body shape, good smut and feet, slightly shaded. 2. Saywell Cavies, sow. Good body shape, good smut and feet a little shading. 3. Saywell Cavies, sow. Good body shape, good smut and feet, shaded. All 3 were well groomed.

Dalamtion (3): 1. Alston & Joyce, boar. Good type and size, good blaze, good spotting top and belly. 2. Alston & Joyce. Boar. Good type and size, good blaze, good spotting on top. 3. Absent.

Roan (3): 1. Moonshadow Cavies, boar. Black, good type and size, good roaning, a little heavy on belly. 2. Rosemarie Freeman, sow, Gold, good type and size, roaning a little heavy on top and belly. 3. Rosemarie Freeman, sow. Black, good type and size, good roaning on belly heavy on top.

Tan (2): 1. Veejay Cavies, sow. Good type and size, good marking and belly. 2. Rosemarie Freeman, sow. Good type and size, fair belly and good markings.

Fox (5): 1. Veejay Cavies, good type and size, good belly and very good markings. 2. Rosemarie Freeman, sow. Good type and size, good markings and belly. 3. Cinderhill Stud, small good type, good markings and belly.

Otter (3): 1. James Thomsett, boar. Good type and size, good body colour, markings and belly. 2. Rosemarie Freeman, boar. Good size and type, good markings and belly. 3. Veejay Cavies, sow. Good size, good body colour, good belly and markings.

AOV (1): 1. Valdon Cavies, Tortoiseshell sow. Small, good type, fair patches brindling.

Marked Chall (39): 1. Veejay Cavies. Fox. 2. KLC Stud, Black Himalayan. 3. Moonshadow Cavies. Roan.

Chall Marked/Ticked Boar (21): 1. Simon Neesam. Lemon Agouti. 2.

Veejay Cavies. Fox. 3. KLC Stud. Black Himalayan.

Chall Marked/Ticked Sow (23): 1. Tickety Boo. Golden Agouti. 2. Mary Jaffa. Silver Agouti. 3. Bluezak Stud. Black Himalayan.

Chall Marked/Ticked Adult (22): 1. Simon Neesam. Lemon Agouti. 2. Mary Jaffa. Silver Agouti. 3. Veejay Cavies. Fox.'

Judge **Graham Godfrey** (5-8 N/Selfs): 'After a very eventful journey, I eventually arrived in Harrogate having cursed the car, the A1 and just about everything and everyone else that was trying to stop me getting there. I was ready for a good days judging on the Saturday, as expected I had a high class entry to judge. After many difficult decisions my best Coated came from Matthews and Davey's 5-8 Alpaca ahead of Scowlstone Stud's Peruvian and the best Marked and Ticked was a very smart Silver Agouti from Peter Gammie ahead of FLD Cavies' Red Dutch. With a large entry, I would like to thank, Mary for doing my books, Geraldine, Brendan and a lady whose name I have unfortunately forgotten, for sticking with me all day.

Aby/Brin Tort (10): 1. A. Sparkes, nice layout, good depth and ridges, collar and mane. 2. A. McDonnell. 3. Angies Cavies.

Aby T/W (2): 1. Lauren Guest, pushes on ridges and collar. 2. Lyvenet.

Aby Roan (6): 1. S. Neesam, very nice layout, collar and mane. 2. Aberforth. 3. Lauren Guest.

Aby Self (2): 1. Angies Cavies, fair layout, slight double one side. 2. Crafty Cavies.

Aby AOC (1): 1. Angies Cavies, nice layout, slight run one side.

Teddy Agouti Tri Bi (14): 1. Malaxis Stud, very nice texture, density and shape. 2. Lunapig Cavies. 3. Melanie Bell.

Teddy AOC (4): 1. Greenmount Cavies, nice texture to fair density. 2. Emma Bowles. 3. Melanie Bell.

English Crested B/W/C (5): 1. JPS Barnard, super grooming, very good colour and crest, excels shape. 2. Red Robin Stud. 3. ABC Stud.

American Crested Gold (2): 1. Camomile Cavies, nice colour and crest, fair ear and type. 2. GMK Cavies.

American Crested AOC (1): 1. Camomile Cavies, nice crest, fair coat, colour, e/e.

Rex Agouti (4): 1. Lunarpig Cavies, very nice coat, texture and type. 2. Alice Morris. 3. GMK Cavies.

Rex Agouti Bi (5): 1. JPS Barnard, nice density, and texture. 2. Redlands Stud. 3. Finlaggan.

Rex AOC (1): 1. Elena Day, little soft and uneven.

Satin Solid (3): 1. K & L Clydesdale, nice coat, sat, he/e/e. 2. Veejay Cavies. 3. Abs.

Satin AOV (1): 1. Clare Sheeran, little long in coat, shade high set ears.

Short Haired Coated Chall (59): 1. JPS Barnard. Crested. 2. Malaxis Stud. Teddy. 3. S. Neesam. Roan Aby

Peruvian (2): 1. Scowlstone Stud, excels density, very good texture, frontal and length. 2. Abs.

Sheltie (3): 1. Malaxis Stud, excellent sweep, very good texture and density, super type and chops. 2. Cavy Castle. 3. Abs.

Alpaca (3): 1. Matthews & Davey, stunning coat, excellent front, super chops, excels density. 2. Julie Gallagher. 3. Galdarie Cavies.

Merino/Texel (3): 1. Define Cavies, excellent density, front, texture and length. 2. Haystacks Stud. 3. Haystacks Stud.

Longhaired Coated Chall (11): 1. Matthews & Davey, Alpaca. 2. Scowlstone Stud, Peruvian. 3. Malaxis Stud, Sheltie.

Chall Coated Boar (36): 1. Matthews & Davey, Alpaca. 2. Scowlstone Stud, Peruvian. 3. Malaxis Stud, Teddy.

Chall Coated Sow (33): 1. Malaxis Stud, Sheltie. 2. JPS Barnard, Crested. 3. Haystacks Stud, Merino Texel.

Chall Coated AV 5-8 (41): 1. Matthews & Davey, Alpaca. 2. Scowlstone Stud, Peruvian. 3. Malaxis Stud, Sheltie.

Agouti Silver (4): 1. Peter Gammie, very nice ticking, good feet, belly, lovely little pig. 2. Mary Jaffa. 3. S. Neesam.

Agouti Lemon (4): 1. Mary Jaffa, good feet, nice ticking and chest. 2. Mary Jaffa. 3. S. Neesam.

Agouti AOC (1): 1. Tickety Boo, nice belly, feet and ticking.

Solid Agouti (2): 1. Foxtails Stud, nice type, fair ticking, belly and feet. 2. Optimist Stud.

Argente (1): 1. Foxtales Stud, nice belly and feet, fair tipping.

Ticked Chall (12): 1. Peter Gammie, Silver Agouti. 2. Mary Jaffa, Lemon Agouti. 3. Tickety Boo, AOC Agouti.

Tort & White (1): 1. K & J Phillips, fair top line, lovely under, belted white, 3 patch one side, brindling.

Red Dutch (2): 1. FLD Cavies, nice saddle and under, level toe stops, nice cheeks. 2. Abs.

Black Himalayan (4): 1. Saywell Cavies, good body, nice front and smut, clearing back feet. 2. Sheila Challenger. 3. Peter Liddle.

Chocolate Himalayan (6): 1. Libby Walker, nice front feet and smut, good body colour. 2. Saywell Cavies. 3. Saywell Cavies.

Dalmation (2): 1. Alston & Joyce, lovely belly and feet, nice top spotting, good head. 2. Get Spotted.



Best N/Self was Matthews & Davey's 5-8 Alpaca boar
Photo: Lyndon Nowell



Best Marked/Ticked 5-8 was Peter Gammie's Silver Agouti
Photo: Lyndon Nowell

Roan (1): 1. Rosemarie Freeman, shade heavy rear, little uneven belly, good feet and head.

Tan (4): 1. Millcroft Cavies, good pea spots, high belly and feet, nice side ticking. 2. Millcroft Cavies. 3. Veejay Cavies.

Fox (8): 1. A & G Cooke, nice chest, fair belly, nice eye, pea spots and ticking. 2. A & G Cooke. 3. A & G Cooke.

Otter (2): 1. Spawood Stud, lovely coat and belly, nice chest and pea spots. 2. Foxtales Stud.

AOV (1): 1. Valdon Cavies, Tort, fair top line and patches, shade off under.

Marked Chall (31): 1. KLC Cavies, Red Dutch. 2. Alston & Joyce, Dalmation. 3. Libby Walker, Chocolate Himalayan.

Chall Marked/Ticked Boar (17): 1. Peter Gammie, Silver Agouti. 2. FLD Cavies, Red Dutch. 3. Alston and Joyce, Dalmation.

Chall Mark/Ticked Sow (22): 1. Libby Walker, Chocolate Himalayan. 2. Millcroft Cavies, Tan. 3. A & G Cooke, Fox.

Chall Mark/Ticked AV 5-8 (24): 1. Peter Gammie, Silver Agouti. 2. FLD Cavies, Red Dutch. 3. Alston & Joyce, Dalmation.

Many thanks to all for a lovely day.'

Judge **Pete Wardman** (U/5 N/Selfs) writes: 'My very first pig was the winner of the Aby Brindle and Tort and White. Andrew McDonnell's Brindle, good shape, nicely set out, good head furnishings, good condition and centres to rosettes, good depth rosettes, collar and mane, this was my best Aby.

Andrew Sparkes' Roan Aby won his class and was another very nice all round Aby this was my second best Aby.

Two big classes of Teddies 14 and 11

My first class Agouti Tri and Bi: 1. Topsy Cavies, well up to age, good shape, good coat length, neat even coat, good h/e/e, nice belly, good texture and density. 2. Beauvale Junior, lovely shape, good length coat, density and texture, good belly, h/e/e, nice baby, best Coated Teddy just needs time. 3. Beauvale Junior, again another lovely baby, nice all round.

Teddy AOC: 1. Suzanne Wight, young, lovely shape, good length coat, h/e/e, density and texture, very promising. 2. Keyworth Stud, nice even coat, good density, nice texture, good h/e/e, good length coat, neat look. 3. Topsy Cavies, lovely pig, very even coat, good h/e/e, good



Best Marked/Ticked u/5 was Simon Neesam's Silver Agouti
Photo: Lyndon Nowell

length coat, very dense and nice texture.

English Crested: 1. ABC Stud, Black, good h/e/e, good shape to crest, nice centre, good colour and shoulder. 2. P & D Nunn, Black, good shape, condition, colour h/e/e, nice crest centre. 3. Millcroft Cavies. Black, baby, nice all round needs time.

American Crested: 1. Camomile Golden, very good condition, lovely shape, well shown, nice even colour, good crest and centre.

Rex Agouti/bi: 1. John Day, up to age, nice coat, very dense and nice texture. 2. Redlands Stud, beautiful baby, coat rising nicely, very good density and texture lovely baby.

Rex AOC: 1. Finlaggan, very good shape, pretty pig, good ,h/e/e, very dense soft coat.

Satin: 1. Hazapig, very fit, well satinised, nice colour. 2. Payne & McDowell, genuine baby, good shape and condition, good h/e/e, very well satinised.

Best Coated: 1. Topsy Cavies, Teddy. 2 Suzanne Wight, Teddy. 3. John Day, Rex.

Longhair Chall: 1. Mathews & Davey, Alpaca, up to age, very fit, good shape and density, even coat, good frontal and undercoat. Good h/e/e. 2. Scowlistone Stud, good condition and shape, good, h/e/e, nice and silky, good frontal and belly. needs time to be at best. 3. Haystacks Stud, Texel, very good shape, good density and texture, even coat.

Marked and Ticked: A lot of my good pigs were not entered through so made life difficult at this stage. What should have been my best Marked and Ticked and probably my best pig of my section was Foxtales Otter. Young, good colour, very good pea spots, eye circles, belly and side markings, just loved this pig. Shame Sandra. Saywell also had some very nice Himalayans.

1. Simon Neesam, Silver Agouti, young, good condition, nice shape, lovely belly, well shown, good ticking and colour very promising, ears need to settle. 2. Guineapig Manor, nice markings just needs to fill into body. 3 Marry Jaffa, fit, good shape, uneven belly, well shown. good feet and ticking.

Many thanks to Betty for asking me to judge, Peter Nunn and Suzanne Wight who stewarded all day and did a great job, Liz who entertained doing my book and to all exhibitors for showing their pigs.'

Judge **Nikki Matthews** (Rare Varieties) writes: it's always an honour to be asked to judge at the Bradford Championship show and a pleasure to judge the R.V section.

GUIDE STANDARD: My first class was the Adult slates. The winner from Joe Taylor with nice even colour top and under but with a brownish hue .The second had good colour but patchy on back and lacked grooming from Delabore Cavies.

Only one Adult Magpie/Harlequin in the next class but then you only need one of this quality. A really fit Black and White Magpie from Cinderhill Stud, very nice top and under, clear definition of patches and colour with good head, eye and ear.

The Adult Swiss was my biggest class with 7 exhibits but with 2 absent. Of the five shown the best came from Springville Stud, a very fit exhibit with an even coat of good density, good head furnishings, lovely belly and type. Second from Mel Bell a Swiss with very good density, good head and chops, would just like more length and bolder eye and let down today by thinness on belly. Third was Beauvale Junior with very good type and density, lovely frontal, good chops and lovely belly.

Two AOV Guide Standard Adults the winner a Slate Tan Crested from Cavy Castle, nice size crest but little flat, slightly uneven in colour, good head eye and ear. Second a Chinchilla from Millcroft Cavies with nice even ticking and eye circles, good head, eye and ear, just let down by stripe on belly.

My best 3 Guide Standard Adults were all sows, the winner also taking the adult Marked/Ticked challenge and Best was Cinderhill Stud's Magpie. Second the Swiss from Springville Stud and third Mel Bell's Swiss.

My only 5-8 Slate was from Delabore Cavies with very good colour, good head, eye and ear. I suspect only just old enough for this category.

Only 2 5-8 Harlequin/Magpies and both shown by Valdon Cavies. The best a Chocolate Harlequin with good line top and fair under, beautiful coat and fit. Second a Black Magpie has a good attempt at a split head, fair line top and under, banded black, lacks mixture.

One 5-8 Slate Tan, very fit with good pea spots and eye circles, nice belly, little dark in colour from Hazapig.

One 5-8 Slate Fox from Foxtales Stud with good eye circles and pea spots, good belly, lovely chest, nice contrast .

Of the seven 5-8 Swiss I chose Mel Bell's with good even coat and good density, good head furnishings and belly, would have just liked la onger coat. The second from Cranwell Cavies had good density, head and eye, even coat and nice belly. Third I placed Ben Booth's boar, a nice shaped exhibit with good density and head furnishings, good belly.

Only two 5-8 AOV Guide Standard, the best a young 5-8 Slate Otter from Foxtales Cavies with good pea spots and eye circles, good chest and belly, lovely type. Second a Chinchilla from Millcroft Cavies, slightly uneven ticking, good chest, stained on belly.

Best Marked/Ticked 5-8 Guide Standard I placed the Harlequin from Valdon Cavies followed by the Slate fox of Foxtales Stud and third the Slate Tan from Hazapig.

Best 5-8 AOV Guide Standard I placed the Swiss sow from Mel Bell followed by the Swiss from Cranwell Cavies and third the Swiss from Ben Booth.

Overall and runner up 5-8 were the 2 Swiss followed by the Harlequin, then Ben Booths Swiss, Beauvale juniors Swiss, Sprigville Stud's Swiss and 7th Caddy Cavies Swiss.

Only one u/5 Slate from Delabore Cavies with good colour and pigment although slightly shaded, nice coat.

Of the two young Magpie/Harlequins from Valdon Cavies I placed the Magpie first, good attempt at split head, lacked mixture and banded white. The second had good split head and good markings but really lost on condition, this show doesn't always suit very young exhibits.

One u/5 Slate Tan from Hazapig, again very fit, good even colour, just a little dark, fair eye circles and pea spots, good belly, could just be a richer shade.

Again the Swiss class was the largest of this age group. Of the 9 exhibits my winner came again from Mel Bell, a lovely youngster with good density, lovely texture, good frontal and head furnishings, good head, eye, ear and belly. Second another from Mel with very good type, slightly coarse in texture, good belly. Third another from Ben Booth with good density and shape, good head furnishings and type, good belly.

Three AV Guide Standard, the winner a Slate Otter from Foxtales Stud, again lovely and fit with good eye circles and pea spots, lovely shoulder and type, just slightly uneven in colour. Second the Belted from Delabore Cavies with a lovely coat, good even belt and under good depth to black, good head, eye and ear, the belt could just be wider. Third a Chinchilla from Millcroft Cavies with lovely coat, slightly heavier ticking on shoulder, good eye circles, lovely width and shade to belly.

The Marked/Ticked u/5 was won by the Magpie followed by the Slate Tan and then the Harlequin.

AOV Guide Standard: the Swiss took 6 of the 7 places. Mel Bell's winner. The runner up stopping a Swiss clean sweep was the lovely Slate Otter from Foxtales Stud then the second Swiss from Mel, v Ben Booth, Caddy Cavies, Beauvale Junior and Springville Stud.

These results were duplicated in the overall Guide Standard u/5 Challenge.

Thus my 3 cavies going forward to Best Guide Standard on Sunday were the Adult Magpie of Cinderhill Stud and 5-8 and u/5 Swiss sows both from Mel Bell, quite an achievement.

NEW/EMERGING: The New and Emerging section was very well represented with 25 exhibits in total .

Only 2 Adults the winner a Black Lunkarya from Moonshadow Cavies with very good type, texture and density, good chops and frontal, lovely corkscrew coat. Second the Blue from Evelyne van Vliet, very nice depth of colour, type and lovely coat.

From the 3 5-8 exhibits first and second were the Lunkaryas, the best shown by Skye Peruvians with good density, nice type, good chops and frontal, lovely belly, slight damage to coat. Second another from Moonshadow Cavies with fair density, slightly short on sides, softer in texture, lovely belly. Third was the AOV 5-8 from James Harris, even colour and depth, good pigment, lacks type.

In the U/5 section there were 3 Lunkaryas, my best coming again from Moonshadow Cavies with lovely type, even coat, good chops and frontal, good head, eye and ear, lovely belly, nice chunky baby, Second from Rebble Cavies, nice even coat, good chops and frontal, lovely

belly, shame about the hem ear. Third a very young Lunky from Moonshadow, again good even coat, good head, eye and ear, lovely belly.

The NEB AOV class was the largest of the day with 10 exhibits, however this was only on paper as sadly there were a number of Chinchillas entered of which I obviously couldn't place having already judged and placed all the Guide Standard exhibits so I apologise to the exhibitor involved.

My best AOV u/5 was a super young Blue from from Evelyne van Vliet with very nice coat colour and depth, stood proud with lovely shoulder. Second and third I placed the Californians from California Dreaming, the best with good depth of body colour, good feet, nice shape smut, the third again with good depth of colour but wider on smut and slight rims on eyes and speckled feet.

Best overall New/Emerging I placed the super young Blue from Evelyne, runner up the lovely Adult Lunkaraya from Pam of Moonshadow Cavies and third the 5-8 Lunkaraya from Skye Peruvians.

I had 5 Clipped Longhairs to judge, my best a 5-8 Texel Sow from Julie Gallagher with a wealth of coat, beautiful crimping, lovely type, good chops, head, eye and ear. Julie also took runner up and third. The Runner up an adult Texel boar with good wealth of coat, fit with fair texture, lovely belly, good chops, fair head. Third Julie's adult Merino, again fit with a wealth of coat, good belly, just slightly large on crest.

Thank you to all of the exhibitors, my loyal stewards, the Bradford team for looking after me and friends for making it another enjoyable Bradford experience.

Judge **Amy Smith** (Juniors) writes: 'Thanks to Betty and the Bradford Livestock Society for allowing me to judge this year for Harrogate, this has been a brilliant opportunity. Thanks to Graham Thorpe for helping on the book and my steward.

Adult Self Chall: 1. James Thomsett, Black, good body, good h/e/e, good eve colour. 2&3. Kirklee Cavies, Black, good body, fair h/e/e, good even colour. 3. good body, good h/e/e, good even colour.

5-8 Self Chall: 1. John Day, Black, good body, good h/e/e, good even colour. 2. Chloe Sheeran, PE Golden, fair h/e/e, fair colour. 3. James Thomsett, Black, good body, fair head, good h/e/e, even colour.

U/5 Self Chall: 1. John Day, fair body, good h/e/e, good even colour. 2. Louise Carter, Cream, good colour, fair body, good h/e/e, colour not always even.

Adult N/Self Chall: 1. Veejay Cavies, Fox, good body, good h/e/e, good pea spots and under colour. 2. Alice Morris, Rex, good h/e/e, good density and springy coat, slightly soft on sides. 3. James Thomsett, Fox, fair body, fair head, good e/e, good pea spots, good under colour and fair marking.

5-8 N/Self Chall: 1. Veejay Cavies, Fox, good body, good h/e/e, good pea spots, fair ticking. 2. John Day, Rex, good h/e/e, nice springy coat, slightly flat on sides and good density. 3. James Harris, Himalayan, good body, good smut and colour, fair head, up to age.

U/5 N/Self Chall: 1. James Harris, Fox, fair body, fair head, good pea spots and good ticking. 2&3. John Day, Rex, springy coat, good density. 3. Cream English Crested, good body, good h/e/e, good colour and crest.

AA Guide Standard: 12&3. Beauvale Junior, Swiss 5-8, good density, even, good body. 2. Swiss U/5, good density, even coat, good body. 3. Swiss adult, good density, slightly wispy back.

AA New/Emerging: 1. James Harris, Caramel, good colour, fair body.'



Amy Smith judged the Junior Purebred section
Photo: Lyndon Nowell

ABYSSINIAN CAVY CLUB Mini Stock Show

BIS: Andrew McDonnell's Brindle adult boar

Judge **Andrew Sparkes** writes: 'A pleasure to be back at Harrogate for the Bradford Championships, the Premier Cavy Show of the year and to be judging Abyssinians at our Club's Mini Stock Show following the breeds' ultimate success last year in taking Best in Show.

Thanks to my book Steward, Andrew McDonnell and our band of enthusiastic stewards who kept us on track.

A good entry of 55 pigs, with some very nice cobby, coated pigs especially in the adult section and the best 5-8. My best pig was the adult Brindle boar from Andrew McDonnell, an excellent example of our breed. A cobby pig with very good layout, ridges and rosettes, collar and mane, with good harsh coat, put down to win, well done Andrew. Second in my challenge an adult Roan boar from Simon Neesam, nice all round pig with good coat, layout, ridges, rosettes, collar and mane. Third in the challenge a 5-8 Roan boar again from Simon. Nice layout, ridges, rosettes collar and mane and coat, I am sure this will make up to a good adult.

Adult Chall: 1. Andrew McDonnell, Brindle boar, as reported 2. Simon Neesam, Roan boar, as reported. 3. Jack Bowles, Roan sow. Junior, lovely cobby pig, very nice layout, ridges, rosettes collar and mane. Very nice coat for a sow just a little forward on one side. Best Junior and 6th in Grand Challenge.

5-8 Chall: 1. Simon Neesam, Roan boar, as reported. 2. Emma Bowles, Brindle boar, nice layout, ridges, rosettes, collar and mane, slight double on side and could do with bit more coat. 4th in Grand Challenge. 3. Derek Pike, Brindle boar, nice layout, ridges, rosettes, collar and mane again needs a bit more on coat and just little long in saddle.

U/5 Chall: 1. Derek Pike, Brindle boar, very nice layout, nice ridges, rosettes, collar and mane and good coat. 5th in Grand Challenge. 2. Andrew McDonnell, Brindle sow, very nice layout, nice ridges, rosettes collar and mane and coat, just a little open one side hip. 3. Andrew McDonnell, Brindle boar, nice layout, ridges, rosettes, collar and mane, could do with more coat and slight step to back centre ridge.'



BIS in the Abyssinian CC show was Andrew McDonnell's Brindle
Photo: Lyndon Nowell

NATIONAL FOX & TAN CAVY CLUB

BIS: Rose Freeman's Black Fox adult

Judge **Rachael Wallis** writes: 'I had a very enjoyable day going over some quality cavies. Many thanks to Sam for doing my book and the many stewards who worked hard all day. My best overall pig today was a lovely adult Black Fox sow from Rose Freeman. This sow was shown in superb condition, had very good type and colour and had a lovely overall balance to her markings.

Grand Chall: 1. Rose Freeman, adult Black Fox. 2. Cinderhill Stud, adult Black Fox. 3. Foxtales Stud, U/5 Black Otter.

Black Fox: 1. Rose Freeman, adult. Good, fit pig, lovely h/e/e, very good eye circles and pea spots, good chest and feet. Good belly and side ticking. Good colour top and under. Pea spots could be slightly better groomed. 2. Cinderhill Stud, adult. Another very well balanced sow with beautiful clarity of head markings especially. Just lost out as lacks a little size. 3. Millcroft Cavies, 5-8. Very fit, good markings though pea spots would benefit from more grooming. Lovely coat qualities and overall balance.

Chocolate Fox: 1. Guinea Pig Manor, U/5. Very well marked. Won on

good chocolate colour carried well down. 2. Lyvennet, 5-8. 3. Guinea Pig Manor, U/5.

Lilac/Beige Fox: 1. Foxtales Stud, Lilac adult. Well marked, pale Lilac who excels in belly. 2. Foxtales Stud, Lilac U/5. 3. Spawood Stud, U/5.

Fox Chall: 1. Rose Freeman, adult Black. 2. Cinderhill Stud, adult Black. 3. Millcroft Cavies, 5-8 Black.

Tan Black: 1. Millcroft Cavies, 5-8. Very good h/e/e, well marked all round, very good top, under and belly colour. Very well prepared. Just preferred the overall balance of this one. 2. Veejay Cavies, adult. Very good type, eye circles too tight, but other markings good. Lovely coat, colour and grooming. Very nice sow, but starting to show her age. 3. Millcroft Cavies, 5-8. A very boldly marked sow who excelled in belly coverage and tan colour. Sadly red hairs in coat and grizzling of feet/muzzle held her back.

Tan Chall: 1. Millcroft Cavies, 5-8 Black. 2. Veejay Cavies, adult Black. 3. Millcroft Cavies, 5-8 Black.

Otter Black: 1. Foxtales Stud, U/5. A fit baby who excelled in side ticking, belly colour and coverage. Despite this she still had well defined head markings and good chest/feet. Very well balanced. At this stage ears a little high. 2. Veejay Cavies, adult Black. Lovely type of sow who had excellent eye circles and pea spots. Good colour of cream, fair belly coverage. Could do with a little more condition. 3. James Thomsett, adult Black. A very solid pig of good type, markings and preparation. Belly starting to wear.

Otter Lilac/Beige: 1. Foxtales Stud, Lilac 5-8. Well marked and excelling in belly colour and coverage. Slightly patchy top colour but a very good try. 2nd Foxtales Stud Lilac U/5.

Otter Chall: 1. Foxtales Stud, U/5 Black. 2. Veejay Cavies, adult Black. 3. James Thomsett, adult Black.

Junior Chall: 1. Veejay Cavies, adult, Black Tan. 2. Veejay Cavies, adult Black Otter. 3. Veejay Cavies, adult Black Fox.

Guide Standard Chall: 1. Foxtales Stud, 5-8 Slate Fox. Overall a very nice attempt, as with many Slates top colour slightly muddy and patchy. Good type, very well marked and excels belly. Correct pad/eye colour. 2. Foxtales Stud, 5-8 Slate Otter. Well marked, excellent belly, nice even top colour though leaning more towards lilac. Pads and eyes could be darker. 3. Foxtales Stud, Slate Otter U/5. Well marked and excellent belly. Patchy top colour, pads and eye a little light.'



Rose Freeman's Black Fox took BIS in the NF&TCC show
Photo: Lyndon Nowell

NATIONAL HIMALAYAN CAVY CLUB Young Stock Show

BIS: Saywell Cavies' Black

Judge **Ken Lomas** writes: 'Always a pleasure to judge for the National Himalayan Club doing the Young Stock Show at Bradford. A very good entry for me to go over. Thanks to my book steward Evelyne van Vliet who enjoyed herself doing Non Selfs for a change.'

U/5 Black Boar: 1. Peter Liddle, good contrast, wins on smut. 2. Peter Liddell again, nice body colour, could be better on smut. 3. Saywell Cavies, good feet and smut, nice body colour.

U/5 Black Sow: 1. Saywell Cavies, very nice on feet and smut, good body colour, was my best U/5 all round. 2. Andrew Hanger, nice all round, good top, nice shaped pig. 3. Peter Liddell, good on feet and smut, shown fit.

U/5 Chocolate Boar: 1. Saywell Cavies, nice top, quality coat, good

on feet. 2. Saywell Cavies, a little shaded on top, fair on feet and smut. 3. Mick Leigh, nice on feet and smut, nice top, but weak on top if smut.

U/5 Chocolate Sow: 1. Saywell Cavies, nice all round, good top, well shown. 2. Saywell Cavies, fit, nice on smut, good feet. 3. Mick Leigh, lovely top and smut, fair on feet, nice shape.

Chall AC U/5: 1. Saywell Cavies, Black sow. 2 & 3. Saywell Cavies, Chocolate Boars.

5-8 Black Boar: 1. Peter Liddle, very good contrast, nice on feet and smut. 2. L & P Cavies, nice coat, fair smut, little off on back feet. 3. Sheila Challenger, fit, nice on top, could be a little better on smut.

5-8 Black Sow: 1. Saywell Cavies, clean and well presented, nice on feet, good shape. 2. KLC Cavies, could be a little better on back feet, fair feet, good top colour.

5-8 Chocolate Boar: 1. Saywell Cavies, nice on feet and smut, fair on top colour. 2. Mick Leigh, nice all round, but could be a little better on back feet. 3. L & P Cavies, fit, slight shading on top, otherwise nice.

5-8 Chocolate Sow: 1. Saywell Cavies, very fit, nice all round, good contrast. 2. L & P Cavies, nice top, good on feet, fair smut. 3. Libby Walker, very nice top colour, fair on feet, could be better on smut.

Chall AC 5-8: 1. Peter Liddle. 2 & 3. Saywell Cavies.

Adult Black Boar: 1. Saywell Cavies, very fit smut, nice on feet, clean and well presented. 2. Peter Liddle, little harsh on coat otherwise nice, very good smut. 3. KLC Cavies, very good body colour, could be a little better on feet and smut.

Adult Black Sow: 1. KLC Cavies, clean, well presented, nice on feet and smut. 2. Bluezak Stud, little loose in coat, could be better on back feet. 3. Saywell Cavies, very nice on top, clean and well presented, just a little peppery on back feet.

Adult Chocolate Boar: 1. Saywell Cavies, very fit, nice on top with good smut and feet. 2. Libby Walker, very fit, a little shaded on top, could be a little better on back feet. 3. Saywell Cavies, fit, fair on smut, could be better on feet.

Adult Chocolate Sow: 1. Saywell Cavies, fit, good coat, just slightly shade on top, good smut. 2. Saywell Cavies, clean and well presented, could be a little better on feet. 3. L & P Cavies, nice top, good type, fair on feet and smut.

Chall AC Adult: 1. Saywell Cavies, Black boar. 2. Saywell Cavies, Chocolate Boar. 3. KLC Cavies, Black sow.

Chall AC AA: 1. Saywell Cavies, Black boar adult. 2. Peter Liddle, Black boar 5-8. 3. Saywell Cavies, Black sow 5-8.

Junior Chall AC AA: 1. Libby Walker, Chocolate boar adult. 2. Libby Walker, Chocolate sow 5-8.'

RARE VARIETIES CAVY CLUB

Best Full Standard: Alston & Joyce's Satin adult
Best Guide Standard: Melanie Bell's Swiss adult
Best NEB: Moonshadow Cavies' Lunkarya adult

Judge **Caroline Smith** writes: 'Another day of judging at Harrogate this time with some breeds like the Swiss, Satins, Slates and Lunkaryas in good numbers and the debut showing in a Club show of Self Blue and Californian. Only 7 Chinchillas today in their first big show in the Guide Standard section and not the best lighting in this venue for this bred as making them appear too dark (same for Blues, Slates and the effect of satinization). Many thanks to Graham Thorpe on the book and my stewards for a full morning of judging.'

Full Standard AA (9): 7 Solid Satins best from this breed, 1 AOV Satin and 1 Argente. 1. Jan Alston & Oliver Joyce, adult Solid Satin, fit and of good body shape, winning on satinization, slight skirting. 2. Nowell Stud, adult Buff Satin, silky coat, good shoulder and eye, fair ear, well satinized and good coat direction, needs more size. 3. K & L Clydesdale, 5-8 Satin Solid, good head and eye, fair ear, good satinization slightly long in body as yet.

Guide Standard AA (43): 2 Magpie (1 absent), 1 Belted, 10 Slate, 2 Slate Tans, 1 Solid Argente, 7 Chinchilla and 20 Swiss.

Guide Standard Adult (12): 1. The best overall Guide Standard went to Melanie Bell's Swiss mainly White in colour this sow had an amazingly thick, dense coat of even length and good e/e. 2. Also second overall Guide Standard was Springville Stud's adult Swiss mainly Black in colour with a finer, softer and less dense coat than the winner, but overall a more puffed appearance with even coat length. 3. Cinderhill Stud, adult Magpie, going onto third best Guide Standard, excellent patching for the breed with good lines, good h/e/e, white blaze spoils the overall patching effect, a very good try with a difficult breed.

Guide Standard 5-8 (13): 1. Melanie Bell, Swiss, of good texture and density of even length and good all round coat for age. 2. Beauvale Junior, Swiss, the winning junior exhibit, good puffed coat of even length, top end of development for this class. 3. Delabole Cavies, Slate, my overall best Slate, of good h/e/e, the best today for shade, depth and evenness of colour.

Guide Standard U/5 (18): 1. Delabole Cavies, Belted, one of the best I have ever seen, excellent head and rear with correct feet colour and

no misplaced white hairs, a good white belt set a little back in the body and of good even width. 2. Melanie Bell, Swiss, mainly Black, good coat texture and density, fairly even length, good eye, fair head and ear. 3. Millcroft Cavies, Chinchilla, the best in a class of five, good crispness of head markings, fair ticking for age, even depth of colour and ticking overall.

Other Guide standards worthy of mention being the adult Slate (2nd Slate) belonging to Joe Taylor of good even colour, but a shade dark, colour well down including belly, good size and fair skin pigmentation; The best Chinchilla was a 5-8 belonging to Millcroft Cavies a Silver with good head markings, shade dark to top colour, slightly uneven ticking, fair head, ear and body shape; The best Slate Tan was the U/5 belonging to Hazapig of good head markings, silky coat and good belly colour for breed but only fair top coat undercolour.

Guide Standard Challenge AA (43): 1. Melanie Bell, adult Swiss. 2. Springville Stud, adult Swiss. 3. Cinderhill Stud, adult Maggie.

Best Junior Guide Standard (9): 1. Beauvale Junior, 5-8 Swiss. 2. Beauvale Junior, adult Swiss. 3. Ben Booth, 5-8 Swiss.

NEB AA (17): 7 Lunkarya, 1 Caramel and 9 others, 2 Blues and 5 Californians (2 absent).

Adult NEB (2): 1. Moonshadow Cavies, Lunkarya, Black, of excellent ringlets, clear coat and able to get a comb through, good undercoat, position of hip rosettes, well coated belly, even length coat and my overall best NEB. 2. Evelyn van Vliet, Blue, dark colour even to top, underbelly colour slightly lighter (my preference for shade), good h/e/e, slightly thinning under.

5-8 NEB (6 - 3 being absent): 1. Skye Peruvians, Lunkarya, good density on sweep, good eye and head, short on ear, good belly, chops and undercoat, fair ringlets, developing frontal and sides. 2. Moonshadow Cavies, Lunkarya, fair placement of hip rosettes, good evenness of top coat, fair ringlets, some undercoat missing one side, developing frontal. 3. James Harris, Caramel, good e/e, slightly wrong shade of colour too flat and dull and uneven, long in head and body.

U/5 NEB (9): 1. Rebble Cavies, Lunkarya, even coated, good chops, head, eye and fair ear, wins on ringlets, developing frontal, needs more coat on sweep. 2. California Dreaming, Californian, Golden/Black best today for markings, good points on nose, good clearing of feet, for this breed need to consider overmarking of black around anus and what amount is permissible or a severe fault. 3. Evelyn van Vliet, Blue, the best Blue today. Good silky coat, fair evenness of colour and fits the graphite description (is this too dark, though lighting conditions today would have an impact on the overall colour), good body shape and well presented.

NEB Chall AA (17): 1. Moonshadow Cavies, adult Lunkarya. 2. Rebble Cavies, U/5 Lunkarya. 3. California Dreaming, U/5 Californian.

Best Junior NEB (1): 1. James Harris, 5-8 Caramel.'

REX CAVY CLUB

BIS: GMK Cavies' Agouti 5-8

Judge **Brian Leiper** writes: 'It was a pleasure to judge the Rex at Harrogate, thanks to Carol for inviting me. The entry was down, but very good Rex on show and some very strong competition in the 5-8 section, which my Best in Show came from - an excellent 5-8 Agouti boar from GMK Cavies. Thanks to my stewards Margaret, Louise, Jo and Pam.

Chall AC Boar Adult (9): 1. Lunapigs, good type and size, very good density and texture, good direction. 2. Redland Stud, young adult, good type, very good density and texture, good direction. 3. Annesofie Anderson, good type, a little small, very good density and texture, good direction.

Chall AC Boar 5-8 (6): 1. GMK Cavies, good type and size, very good density and texture, very good direction. My Best in Show. 2. John Day, good type and size, very good density and texture, good direction. 3. Lunapigs, good type and size, very good density and texture, good direction.

Chall AC Boar U/5 (2): 1. John Day, good type and size, very good density, good texture and direction. 2. Elena Day, still a baby, good density, lacks direction and texture.

Chall AC Sow Adult (2): 1. Lunapigs, Very good type and size, very good density and direction, fair texture, excellent sow. 2. Caddy Cavies, very good type and size, very good density good direction, fair texture.

Chall AC Sow 5-8 (4): 1. JPS Barnard, very good type and density, fair texture, good direction. 2. Redland Stud, very good type and density, good direction and fair texture. Two very good sows. 3. Elena Day, good type and size, good density, fair direction, lacks direction.

Chall AC Sow U/5 (4): 1. Redland Stud, good type and size, very good density, good direction and texture, very good sow. 2. Finlaggan, very good type and size, very good density, fair texture and good direction. 3. Elena Day, good type and size, very good density, fair texture, lacks direction.

Chall AC Adult (11): 1. Lunapigs. 2. Redland Stud. 3. Lunapigs.

Chall AC 5-8 (10): 1. GMK Cavies. 2. John Day. 3. Lunapigs.

Chall AC U/5 (6): 1. John Day. 2. Redland Stud. 3. Finlaggan.

Chall Boar AC AA (17): 1. GMK Cavies. 2. Lunapigs. 3. John Day.

Chall Sow AC AA (10): 1. Lunapigs. 2. JPS Barnard. 3. Caddy Cavies.

Grand Chall (28): 1. GMK Cavies, Agouti 5-8 boar. 2. Lunapigs, Agouti-bi adult boar. 3. Lunapigs Agouti-bi adult sow.

Juvenile Grand Chall (3): 1, 2. & 3. John Day.'

TEDDY CAVY CLUB

BIS: Malaxis Stud's adult sow

Judge **Ian Reynolds** writes: 'It was a great pleasure to be asked to judge the Teddy Stock Show at this prestigious show. There was a very good entry of 73 pigs in all colour classes, this is dedication to all exhibitors. The pigs were of very good standard and condition, the only complaint on a few pigs was they needed more time spent on coat condition like scurf and hay seeds. With a bit more care on this it would make the pig more desirable in appearance.

Solid/Agouti Boar AA: 1. U/5 from Abe Forth. 2. Adult, Riggs Head Cavies. 3. U/5, Beauvale Cavies.

Solid/Agouti Sow AA: 1. Adult, Greenmount Cavies. 2. U/5, Suzanna Stug. 3. U/5, Topsy Cavies.

Bi/Agouti-bi Boar/Sow: 1. 5-8, Lunapig Cavies. 2. Adult, Keyworth Stud. 3. Adult, Topsy Cavies.

Tri/Agouti-tri Boar/Sow: 1. Malaxis Stud. 2. Adult, Riggs Head Cavies. 3. Adult, Topsy Cavies.

Roan/AOC Boar/Sow: 1. Adult, Topsy Cavies. 2. 5-8, Beauvale Junior. 3. 5-8, Greenmount Cavies.

Best boar AA: 1. Malaxis Stud, very well prepared, good e/e, very dense and direction. 2. Beauvale Junior, good density and direction. 3. Topsy Cavies, very good shape, slight flat to sides.

Best sow AA: 1. Malaxis Stud, great coat and direction, groomed to perfection, very well balanced and good shape, shown to win. This went on to be best Teddy in show - well done to this exhibitor who had travelled from Sweden. 2. Topsy Cavies, good shape and direction, good overall. This went on to be runner up in show. 3. Riggs Head Cavies, very good coat and direction, just a little short on ear, but went on get 3rd best in show.

It ended up a sow weekend, well done to all exhibitors and to Jayne on the books which was a great help due to some pigs being in the wrong classes, and to my stewards that kept the pigs coming to judge.'



This camera-shy trio were the leading exhibits in the Teddy CC show
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NATIONAL TORTOISE & WHITE CAVY CLUB

BIS: Roy Wearmouth's adult

Judge **Malcolm Atkinson** writes: 'Always a pleasure to judge for the Tort & White Cavy Club. A disappointing entry of only 7, but still some good quality pigs. Well done to Roy on taking BIS.

Adult Boar: 1. Kirkdale Stud, nice try of good colour, nice patchwork on top with 3 colours each side. Let down on belly as white runs under.

Adult Sow: 1. Roy Wearmouth, good pig of very good colour, good lines top and under with clean patches. A little short of white on one side, but a good try. 2. K & J Phillips, very well marked pig with 3 colours each side and good lines top and under. What a shame about the roaning in a black patch which I understand only comes with age and made for a very difficult decision. 3. K & J Phillips, good lines top and



BIS in the NTWCC show was Roy Wearmouth's adult
Photo: Lyndon Nowell

under. Long black patch and white just runs round rear.
 Adult Chall: 1. Roy Wearmouth. 2 & 3. K & J Phillips.
 5-8 Sow: 1. K & J Philips, fair patches and nice line under. White runs over should and rear, brindling spoils.
 Grand Chall: 1. Roy Wearmouth. 2 & 3. K & J Phillips
 Thanks to Joan and Penny for stewarding and to Betty and her team for another good show.'



Not only busy judging cavies at Harrogate but Brian Leiper also managed to take the award for Best Gerbil
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The National Cavy Club stand was as busy as usual
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The Yorkshire Event Centre
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