



HEREFORDSHIRE POULTRY SOCIETY



Fourth Meeting on Friday 27 January 2006 At the Volunteer Pub in Marden

Present:	Bill Wiggin MP Lorna Hart John Wood Jill McAree Malcolm & Jean Reeves	Andrew Froud Graham Ling Edwin Hughes Ian Shellard Chrissie Patrick	Carolyn Southern Paul & Nicki Stannard Linda Jones Chris Dobson Cilla Leigh
Apologies:	Charlotte Gibb Andrew Brown Frank Simcock & Family	Trudi Qualter Catherine Stockford	Gill & Ian Smith Kate Ryan & Family
New Member:	Welcome to ...		
Thanks to	Our Guest Speaker ...	Andrew Froud	

1. Introduction

Bill Wiggin opened the meeting and introduced our guest speaker, Andrew Froud

2. Showing Chickens and Eggs – a talk by Andrew Froud

Andrew's talk was so entertaining that our secretary forgot to take notes. He said that showing poultry is great fun but very hard work. He talked about the standards expected by show judges and mentioned a book, British Poultry Standards, edited by Victoria Roberts which has pictures and descriptions of the various breed standards.

He talked about the preparations for showing which have to start a week or two ahead of the show. He recommended handling your chosen poultry to get them accustomed to being handled and lessen the stress. Andrew gave a very entertaining demonstration, using a plastic bowl and a toy chicken, in how to bath a chicken at least the day before a show. He recommended drying a wet chicken with a hair dryer on a cool setting.

He then gave a short talk on the standards of shape, texture, colour and size of eggs for showing.

3. General Discussion

A short general discussion followed on the future of the club's involvement in showing and the promotion of showing locally, to include organising a show of our own but open to others. A selling show at Herefordshire Poultry Market was suggested.

4. AOB

Avian Flu is now not considered to be a current problem because migrating birds are currently not arriving here from infected areas. Members were shocked to see live birds being buried alive in Asian countries on television. People with more than 50 poultry may be required to register as poultry keepers. It is hoped that if Asian Flu does infect birds in the UK registered keepers will be paid compensation for culled flocks.

There was some confusion about the times, dates and venue for meetings. An amended list is below.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22 February 2006 and the venue will be the "Volunteer" in Marden again.

The time of meetings will always be from 7pm to 9pm approx.

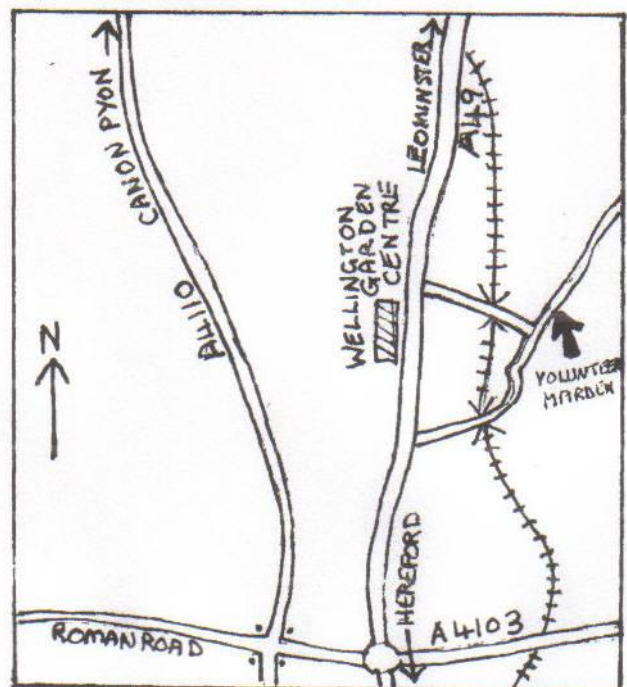
The Volunteer will be the venue for all future meetings unless advised at a meeting and in subsequent minutes.

Future Meetings:

- Wednesday 22 February
A talk from a chicken food company
- Friday 24 March
- Friday 5 May

Wednesday 31 May (Amended date) Balanced breeding from Aviagen

- Friday 30 June
- Friday 28 July



Prospective Members:

Anyone who knows of potential new members is requested either to print off extra copies of their minutes if received by email, or to give them the contact telephone numbers, or to request extra copies of the minutes from Lorna Hart who always has a few spare copies at the meetings.