

The Thrianta

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News Bulletin of the Thrianta UK rabbit club

This is first news bulletin of 2018 and I make no apologies for repeating some items that may have already been in the Fancy press.

It can be challenging putting together a bulletin when news appears not always to be forthcoming but I will revert to my rambling mode.

In the note accompanying this bulletin I have confirmed your membership status for 2018 and if you have not yet renewed can I remind you that your membership will lapse on the 31 May 2018.

It is hoped that the club can continue to receive your support for 2018.

Should you wish to pay via PayPal you can make a money transfer from your account to the club's account reference thrianta.uk@btinternet.com

Evelyn Bowes was the winner of the Club Diploma Scheme for 2017 and was awarded a presentation Certificate and £20, congratulations.



January was the month for 'The Bradford Championship Show,' held at Doncaster, and the Thrianta entry was unfortunately down on previous years. Comparisons with some other breeds indicate we were not alone in this respect but it is not encouraging. See page 2 for the results.

Bradford Championship Show 2018 Thrianta results

5 club members entered 12 Thrianta. 10 entered in the 5* Show and 2 entered in the 3* Show.

5* Show - Judge Neil Bircumshaw



Buck class

1st and Best of Breed - Greywil Stud
2nd- Bob Marsden 3rd- Louise Twinberrow
4th- Greywil Stud 5th- Joanne Carter
6th- Alyssa Parsons

Doe class

1st- Greywil Stud 2nd- Joanne Carter 3rd- Greywil Stud

Junior - Alyssa Parsons

3* U/5 Show - Judge J I Kay

1st- Alyssa Parsons 2nd- Joanne Carter



The Club Stand at 'The Bradford' attracted many Members who renew their membership and we also enrolled some new members.

An updated list of members with issued with the next bulletin.

At the Bradford Show it was pleasing to see Derek Medlock and Joyce Taylor being presented with the American Rabbit Breeders Association International Ambassador Award.

Derek and Joyce are visiting Australia to judge in May and their return journey will be via South Africa for a first time judging engagement in the country

In February Ellen Nock from Buckie in the Scottish Highlands reported her Thrianta Buck went Best Fancy and Best in Show at Moray and Nairn F&F Show in Elgin (a small non BRC show). Perhaps an appropriate time to remind ourselves just how widespread in the UK our membership is. As an indication Ellen's journey south to the 'Scottish Championship Show' at Kelso it is a mere 230 miles and when crossing the border to 'The London' the journey is some 505 miles.

In Devon we have Anthony and Joanne Carter who have their own 270 mile journey to 'The Bradford'.

Our first stock show for 2018 took place at Grantham on 14 April. This did not go as was hoped when the planning for Stock Shows was considered last October. With the late change in date, venue and some member's situations it resulted in a modest entry of nine Thrianta from three members. However it was good to see our judge Glen Hodson behind the judging table again for the first time since his accident and the resulting shoulder injury, which still requires further treatment. The adult doe from Greywil Stud was the best Thrianta with new member Rod Calow (Vampire Stud) presenting a U/5 month doe.

Our second stock show for 2018 will take place on Saturday 19 May at The Devon County Show. This will be our first stock show to be held at an Agricultural Show. The closing date for entries is 9 May.

Remaining Stock Shows for 2018

Saturday 19 May - Devon County Show; Judge: Mrs Karen Malcolm

Saturday/Sunday 13/14 October - London Championship Show (Peterborough)
Judge: Mrs Ross Waring

Sunday 9 December - Barnetby RC Show; Judge: t.b.a.

For those who have started their breeding season I hope all is going well. Reports have been mixed with some losses but hopefully things are now improving.



With the venue for the BRC AGM being here in the North West of England I took the opportunity to attend. It was interesting to hear the various views of members. The meeting was much as I remembered from previous attendances over the years and on this occasion there was nothing revolutionary.

I'll leave the official minutes to tell the story.

I was reminded that the Breed Standards Committee will, in the near future, be starting the process of considering changes for the 2021 -2025 Standards.

It sounds a long time off but it does take time and it will soon pass.

As to whether we need any changes is for you to consider.

Input from those behind the judging table would be of help.

One matter which I would like to see changed is the photo in the Colour Breeds Standard Book. It was not the one recommended and was possibly due to a mix-up at the printers.

2018 is a ballot year for our club which will be held in the latter part of the year and

I will give full details in the next bulletin in August.

I received no response regarding my note in the December bulletin about the vacancies on the Club's Committee, which was disappointing.

The opportunity still exists for co-opting on to the committee prior to the ballot.

Whether or not you are a Club Official your input and suggestions are always welcomed to assist the club in the way forward.

If you take a '*simplistic summary*' of the breed standard for assessing the Thrianta, it can be shown as follows;

COLOUR - top and belly colour (15) + under colour (15). **Total points 30**

TYPE - body (20) + head and ears (15). **Total points 35**

FUR - **Total points 20**

The remainder of the points are Weight 10 points and Condition 5 points.

It should not be forgotten that the original development of the Thrianta was for its COLOUR.

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