

## **HLFC 2011 AGM News**

HLFC recently held their AGM which was well attended by members. The balance sheet showed the club was on a good secure financial footing and was duly passed by all present. When it came to the election of officers Geoff Cooper was voted in as President and John Smallcombe as Chairman. This is a role reversal for these two as the last few years John has held the position of President and Geoff as Chairmen. The club is fortunate to have had John and Geoff at the helm for many years now, both work hard for the club and help keep it together. The secretaries Alan and Sue Thompson were re elected as were the existing committee with Dave Young and Jill Rogers being added.

There was one resignation, Jon Stenner who runs the [www.hlfctours.co.uk](http://www.hlfctours.co.uk) website. He confirmed he will still run the website for the club. Jill Rogers proposed a vote of thanks for Jon and all the work he has done for the club. There was one application from Janet Willcox which was accepted. Janet, with her husband Ken are very successful fanciers and it will be good to have them in the club competing as they do in most of the National and Classic races. The members must be satisfied with the direction the club is going in as there were no propositions for alterations to the rules.

The club flies the full National FC and CSCFC race programme, including the Tours YB National, plus some sprint races from the coast on Sundays and bank holidays. As the current secretaries have found the Tours National race too much for them, the club elected Rob Brooks as the Tours National secretary and Jill Rogers as the Tours National treasurer. Jill with her husband Clive run the popular "Tree Tops" corn and pigeon supplies, they always make fanciers welcome and it is a good place to catch up on local pigeon gossip. This race has very quickly established itself as the premier young bird race of the year, well supported from all over the country, and the club are grateful to Rob and Jill for taking on the running of this race along with Geoff and Catherine Cooper who organise the marking stations, Platinum Rings and all the other jobs involved with running a National race. With the NFC only having one young bird race and the CSCFC not having an open young bird race, a good entry is anticipated for the race on Saturday 17th September, marking on Thursday 15th September.

**The Platinum Ring have been selling quickly, some fanciers have commented that they prefer having two rings for the £50, one being a reserve, they feel the back up makes a big difference to their chances of winning the jackpot prize. If any one wants to enter the Platinum ring race you can [click here](#) and download the entry form or ring Geoff for details on 07959 772257.** The photos are of Rob Brooks, the new Tours National race secretary, with his mum Jean and life member Vic Preddy, well known throughout the pigeon world as one of the best long distance fanciers of his era, Jill Rogers, the Tours National treasurer with her husband Clive and John Smallcombe the new Chairman and Geoff Cooper the new President.

