

The British Barcelona Club News

It may seem ironic to some that in 2012 The British Barcelona Club should be racing with the International from Barcelona, after all Barcelona is its name. This Club however has a proud history, over many years, of racing on its own from that area and very often of course from Palamos. This has provided some of the toughest and most testing races to be found in the whole of Europe. The British Barcelona Club has however competed before in the International Barcelona race and with considerable success. It will again in 2012. Unfortunately, due to geography, this is an International race that UK fanciers find very difficult to win outright but that does not mean they cannot put up some highly creditable performances. So in 2012, the year of the Olympics and the year of Her Majesty the Queens silver jubilee, you must ask yourself **“Is this a race you can miss?”**

This is a Club which can and does look beyond just the interest of its own members and it was in this spirit that The British Barcelona Club extended an invitation to the B.I.C.C. to see if there is a way in which the Barcelona International race of 2012 can, through co-operation, become a true national race. Many fanciers have expressed the wish that this should happen and the idea was received with considerable enthusiasm at the last Committee meeting and so the proposal to make the invitation was approved. This must surely be the way pigeon racing should be moving in the 21st Century.

Again looking beyond just the immediate interest of its own members The British Barcelona Club is very proud to play a small part in the Kingsmead Technology College, Hednesford, Staffordshire pigeon project. This is a magnificent project pioneered

by Richard Chambers, one of the teachers and now also Loft Manager, with the aim of not just attracting new, young members to the sport but as he describes it “ **also to give young people at our school an alternative to the Playstation’s Xboxes and TV screens**”. It has taken a little while to get the project off the ground and I am very pleased to say they have received considerable help from within the sport but they have now completed their first real pigeon racing year. Unfortunately I don’t think they will be quite ready to race from Barcelona next year but who knows what the future holds for them. You can read the projects progress reports on [The British Barcelona Club web site](#).



Regarding its own members after much thought, research and very hard work The British Barcelona Club has produced what must be the very best transporter in the UK. In 2011 through the dedication and professionalism of the Driver, Convoyer, Race Advisor and

Weather Advisor The British Barcelona Club produced some of the very best long distance racing to found in the whole of the UK and in 2012 it promises to provide even more. If you have any pretensions towards being a long distance pigeon racer not only must you ask yourself is this a race you can miss but is The British Barcelona Club a club you can ignore. Make 2012 the year you upped your game because 2012 will never come round again.

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