

Danny McCarthy back in the UK

Hi Guys,

Just got back from holidays in the UK and Europe. Had a lovely time to say the least. This was supposed to be a pigeon free holiday, but I managed to pay a visit to Davey Warrener in Sunderland, and while there I took the opportunity of taking some pictures of his loft and birds, as well as visiting John Crossly's loft along with David Black's loft.

I have taken pictures of both John and David Black's tippers I will post them in another email a bit later. As there were no pigeon fanciers that I knew of in Europe(France and Spain) I had to be content with taking pictures of the feral birds in those two countries. Will post pictures of them and the towns where they were pictured at.

I was ever so pleased to meet up again with my good friend Davey Warrener who has not been at all well for a few months now, but I am glad to say that he is on the mend now, and I wish him a quick and permanent recovery. It was also nice to catch up with David Black who is also a good friend. The last time we met it was during my visit to the UK in 2006. David has a new loft, and as usual he has some very fine Bodens, Pilots, and his Boden/Pilot crosses with which he has done exceptionally well with. Davey also took me to visit John Crossly's loft. I had not met John before and it was lovely meeting him and enjoying his company. John's strain of tippers are Pilot's, Plesterer's and Hughes. Unfortunately the birds in the UK are in a heavy state of moult, hence the pictures do not do them justice. Thank you for the warm welcome guys it really made my day.

Danny McCarthy.

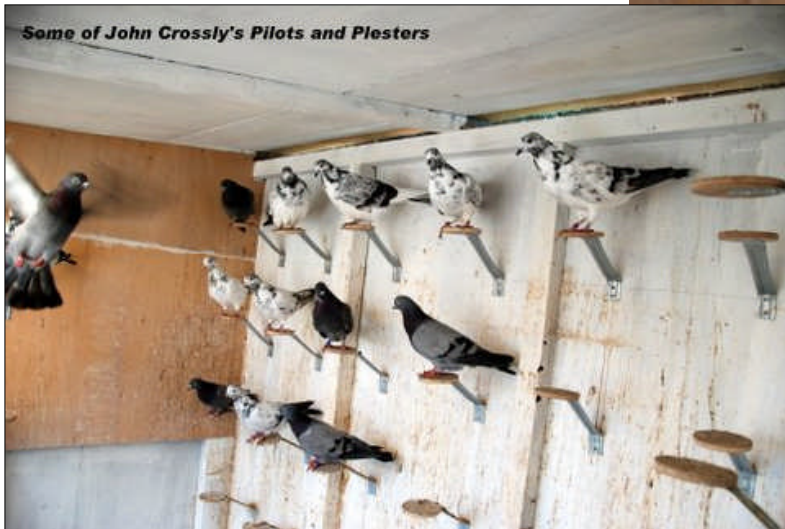




Davey's Droppers in the air.



Two of John's Plesters.



Some of John Crossly's Pilots and Plesters

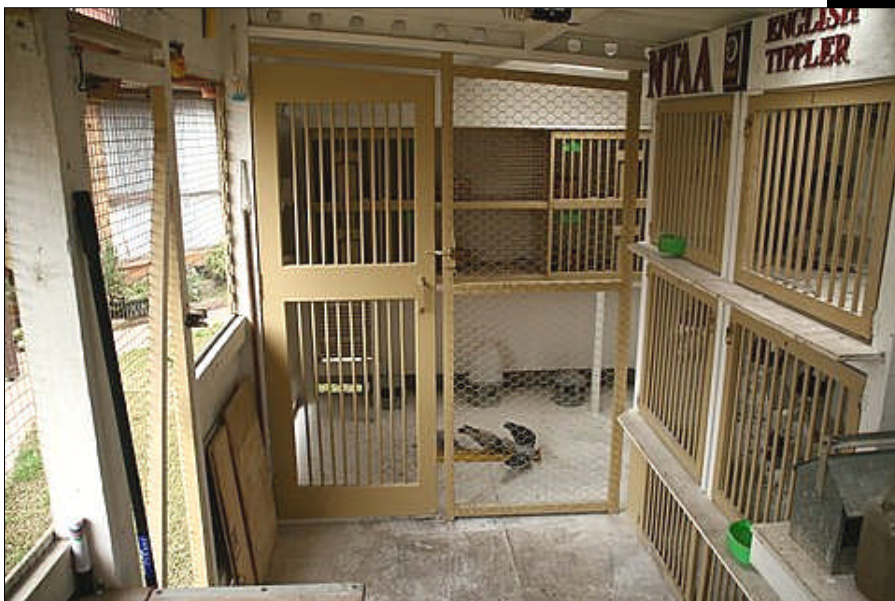


Some more of John Crossly's Pilots, Plesters and Hughes Tipplers in his loft.

Robert Verbeek, Australia

Hi all,

Things we shouldn't do when working on the breeding section of the pigeon cage,,taking the guard of the drop saw when it jams. Being frustrated when the drop saw didn't operate properly I removed the guard so I could continue with the job. Things were going ok until a split second of thought on what to do next and before you know it I was sitting in casualty waiting to be assessed. The outcome is 3 weeks of work ,3 fingers injured, skin graft, tendon repair, no nerve damage ,x-rays show the blade just missed the bone and the muscles feel ok, all the surgeon's all say how lucky I am , I keep telling them if I was lucky I wouldn't be herethings we do for our birds ,still out there working but a bit.



To the right Robert training his new droppers to the dark and to the left....
 Roberts's great looking breeding section which he nearly lost some of his digits for. ☺