

# Racing Pigeon Post

## The NFC Cholet/Tarbes Individual combined result 2013

The following table is one comprised from a joint result of the UK National Flying Club Cholet race and the National Flying Club Tarbes race. Cholet has long been recognised as the preparation race for the 'NFC 'Grand National' from Tarbes so a joint assessment of individual pigeons that performed in both finds some of the best UK marathon pigeons.



**Brian Denney GB07N44125**

**1<sup>st</sup> NFC Cholet/Tarbes combined individual 20 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Section 'K' 6<sup>th</sup> open Tarbes 2013 – Previously 125<sup>th</sup> Sect NFC Saintes 573 miles -7<sup>th</sup> Section 51<sup>st</sup> Open NFC Tarbes one of only five pigeons that were timed in excess of 700 miles on the day after liberation in the NFC Tarbes of 2013.**

**This pigeon was Bred and raced by Brian Denney of York. Previously in 2011 this same pigeon was in the NFC Cholet/Tarbes list - that time it was the 96<sup>th</sup> best pigeon in the list of that year.**

It should be noted that not all the leading pigeons in this joint exercise are from shorter flying lofts. Indeed the best pigeon is one of the longest flying birds. This might be because longer flying birds that do well at Cholet get a bigger build up and a better preparation because they fly longer or that that marathon type pigeons more likely from the North of the UK in the Cholet race. These are only theories and not an ideas that can be proved. Nevertheless it should be noted that out of the top eleven pigeons four of them were from the sections that had furthest to fly.



**GB11N48666 Roly's Boy**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Individual pigeon NFC**  
**Cholet/Tarbes 2013**

**Paul Stevens & Son (Scott) whose loft is in Midsomer Norton near Bath won 3<sup>rd</sup> Section G with their pigeon, now named 'Roly's Boy'. This name was chosen for Paul's Loft Manager, Roly Simmons (in centre of photo), who is also Chief Scraper.**



This seems to contradict the idea that shorter flying birds always have an advantage in every case. The following are examples of some of the best marathon pigeons currently competing in the UK but in the disjointed inefficient system of racing practised in the UK where many different organizations operate at the same time. it takes a lot of effort to find such birds. There is certainly a greater depth to UK pigeon racing than official statistics show. Unlike Belgium we do not have separate Hens results or separate yearling

results so statistics of this kind tell us more about UK pigeon racing that is usually the case. They certainly find some top individual UK pigeons.



1<sup>st</sup> Section 'J' 21<sup>st</sup> Open NFC Tarbes 2013 - Bred and raced by Mr and Mrs W Lewis of Worcester 3<sup>rd</sup> Combined Cholet/Tarbes 2013 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Combined NFC Cholet/Tarbes for an individual pigeon - The best individual NFC Tarbes pigeon in the whole of the UK for the years 2010-2012 – average velocity for the three years 920.955 ypm.

	<u>Velocity</u>	<u>Ring No</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Miles - Yards</u>
1.	1018.088	GB07N44125	K	B. Denney	748 - 406
2.	994.372	GB11N48666	G	P. Stevens & Son	569 - 1409
3.	973.231	GB07E22908	J	M/M Lewis	624 - 670
4.	964.124	GB10N29643	C	M & S King	535 - 737
5.	945.920	GB08J06691	L	J H Clements	709 - 242
6.	943.636	WHU10N10929	G	Preece Bros.	606 - 128
7.	940.159	GB08N85365	B	A Parsons	550 - 133
8.	933.046	GB10N22480	L	Green & Hilson	724 - 851
9.	928.302	GB09N68003	G	J & D Staddon	560 - 422
10.	923.598	GB07A14817	L	R D Brindle	736 - 86
11.	923.064	GB06H35198	E	W Castledine	553 - 1042

The market value pigeons of this quality must start from £3,000 and go up to more than £20,000 or more for special individuals such as 'Feelands Gem'. That is if such pigeons are available on the open market.

### **Individual Details from Cholet and Tarbes in 2013**

1.	Brian Denney	Cholet 398 <sup>th</sup>	Tarbes 2 <sup>nd</sup> Section	6 <sup>th</sup> National
2.	P Stevens	Cholet 99 <sup>th</sup>	Tarbes 3 <sup>rd</sup> Section	30 <sup>th</sup> National
3.	Mr & Mrs Lewis	Cholet 540 <sup>th</sup>	Tarbes 1 <sup>st</sup> Section	21 <sup>st</sup> National
4.	M & S King	Cholet 400 <sup>th</sup>	Tarbes 1 <sup>st</sup> Section	45 <sup>th</sup> National
5.	J H Clements	Cholet 690 <sup>th</sup>	Tarbes 2 <sup>nd</sup> Section	37 <sup>th</sup> National
6.	A Parsons	Cholet 460 <sup>th</sup>	Tarbes 14 <sup>th</sup> Section	72 <sup>nd</sup> National
7.	Preece Bros	Cholet 743 <sup>rd</sup>	Tarbes 5 <sup>th</sup> Section	35 <sup>th</sup> National
8.	Green & Hilson	Cholet 164 <sup>th</sup>	Tarbes 4 <sup>th</sup> Section	128 <sup>th</sup> National
9.	J & D Staddon	Cholet 712 <sup>th</sup>	Tarbes 9 <sup>th</sup> Section	65 <sup>th</sup> National
10.	R D Brindle	Cholet 1104 <sup>th</sup>	Tarbes 1 <sup>st</sup> Section	9 <sup>th</sup> National
11.	W Castledine	Cholet 915 <sup>th</sup>	Tarbes 15 <sup>th</sup> Section	469 <sup>th</sup> National

### **John Clements**