

 **LONDON & SOUTHERN COUNTIES MOUSE & RAT CLUB** - the oldest club of its kind in the country - founded in 1916.

Subscriptions

Adult £14.00
Adult Partnership £16.00
Junior (age between 6 and 15) £9.50
Junior Partnership £10.00
Overseas member (EC Only).....£17.00

Shows

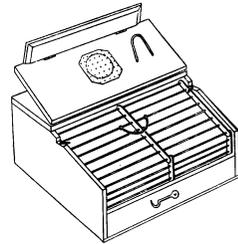
The Club has a show on the first Saturday of every month (except January, August, September) at the Fourth Enfield Scout Group Hall, Gordon Road, Enfield, Middlesex - Judging starts at 1pm.

The **MICE** and **RATS** are judged by experienced judges drawn from the Club's Appointed Judging Panel. The Show Standards (Breed Standards) for the **MICE** are those of the *National Mouse Club (NMC)*. You do not have to be a member of the National Mouse Club in order to exhibit at LSCMRC Shows.

[More information on the NMC available from the Secretary, Mrs Anne Tomkins, 260 Washway Road, Sale, Cheshire M33 4RZ]

The mice must be exhibited either in a standard Maxey Show cage (named after Walter Maxey - the founder of the Mouse Fancy), **OR** in the LSCMRC show pens. The show pens can be hired free of charge

at the Club. (If you wish to show at an Open Show - there is usually one or two of these in the South each year and more in other parts of the country - then you must own your own Maxey Show Cages) - as the Club pens cannot be used at Open Shows.



The **RATS** are judged to Standards laid down by the *National Fancy Rat Society*, but you do **not** have to be a member of the NFRS to show at LSCMRC Shows. [Further details of the NFRS from Secretary, Jayne Warren, 95 Eastney Road, Southsea, Hants. PO4 9JB].

Fancy Rats are exhibited in standard plastic show pens. The LSCMRC owns a limited number of these pens which may be hired at a small charge. (They must be booked in advance.)

Exhibition Mouse & Rat

The LSCMRC publishes its newsletter, *Exhibition Mouse & Rat*, which is sent to all members every month for no extra cost. As part of its long-standing Digital Library Project (formerly the *Electronic Archive Project*), the Club is converting past editions to PDF format, readable by PC or

Macintosh. (Other material including old editions of *Fur & Feather* is also being converted - ask for details of current progress).

Awards at Shows

Prize cards, trophies, rosettes and certificates may be won at our shows. There is a points competition, and many trophies on offer at our Annual Cup Show held in December each year. [Special rules apply to this show - exhibitors must have shown or judged on two previous occasions at least in the show year.] The Club has its own Championship System.

Entering for a Show

Entering for a show is EASY - a phone call to the Show Secretary in the week before the show to say the variety, sex, and age (adult or under 8 weeks [mice], kitten [rats]) and your exhibits will be entered on the Club's computerised show system. When you arrive at the show the computer will have produced your pen labels and confirmation of your entries. Stick the labels on the pens, pay the entry fees - that's it. The same system produces labels which attach to the prize cards. We can also provide you with statistics on your entries, wins etc on request.



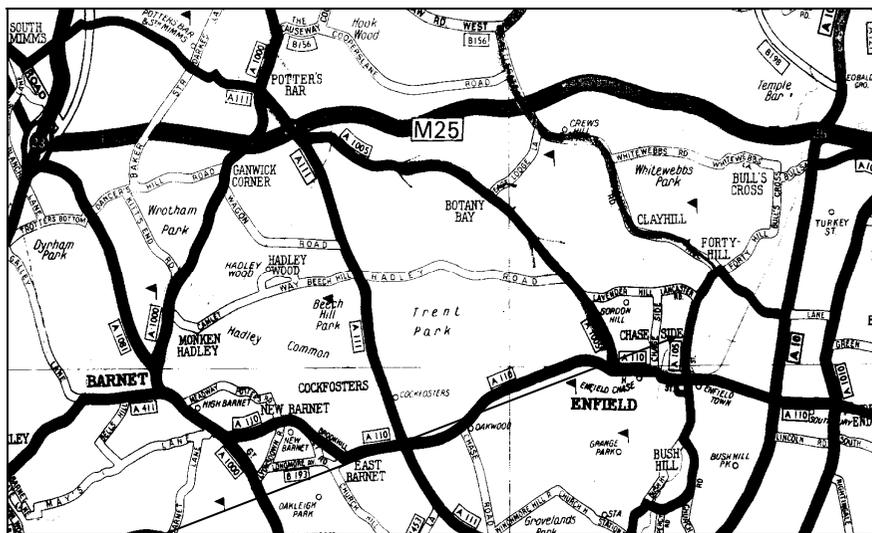
Publications

For the beginner in mice we recommend the Ditchfields book *TAME MICE AND RATS* - obtainable in some Pet Shops or through the Club for £1.00 inclusive of postage. The book is excellent for mouse breeders, but its coverage of rats is very limited.

Many books have been published but are mostly out of print. A list of these publications is available on request - together with suggested sources.

www.miceandrats.com

The Club has had a website since July 1996 at www.miceandrats.com. Much worthwhile information is available on this site including colour photographs of many of the varieties of mice and rats to help identification easier. This is the most popular part of the website. The website also contains some reprints of articles on mice and rats which have appeared in *Fur & Feather* (published by permission and copyright acknowledged), old and modern photographs, and historic coverage of interest to fanciers, as well as the popular e-shop. Current articles are always welcome. Many exciting developments are planned.



4th Enfield Scouts Hall, Gordon Road, (off Baker Street) Enfield, Middlesex EN2 0QA

To get to the Show Hall

Public Transport - Closest bus route is the W8 and closest BR Stations are Enfield Town (direct connections to Victoria Line Underground and Liverpool Street Main Line Station) and Gordon Hill (for Kings Cross Main Line, and London Underground connections).

By car - the hall is close to the M25 - Junctions 24 (Potters Bar) and Junction 25 (Enfield) - A10 (Gt Cambridge Road)

There is an excellent shopping centre within ten minutes walking distance of the show in Enfield Town. Larger stores are situated on the A10.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

I/We wish to join the *LSCMRC*:

Name-----

Address-----

Post Code-----

Telephone-----

email-----

Heard of Club from-----

Mice? Y/N Rats Y/N Pets? or Breeder?

Subscription £ Cheque/PO payable to **LSCMRC**

Signed-----

Post to the Secretary, London & Southern Counties Mouse & Rat Club, 153 Kenilworth Crescent, Enfield, Middlesex EN1 3RG

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