



Irish Fancy  
Canary  
Society

Mr Chairman and Councillors of Athlone District Council

May I, as Chairman of the Irish Fancy Canary Society, be permitted to extend to you on behalf of the Society and its members our most sincere thanks for the Civic Reception afforded us today. It is not often that a Society such as ours is honoured in such a way and it is indeed gratifying to receive such an honour.

My Society, which was set up in February last, caters exclusively for the breeders and exhibitors of the Irish Fancy Canary, and has the sole responsibility for promoting this canary which is the very first purely Irish canary, and you can appreciate therefore that recognition such as has been shown to our Society today is most gratifying.

Our Society, like many other cage bird societies, such as the one here in Athlone, has in my opinion a very special duty to our young people and should we feel do the utmost to encourage them into the ranks of canary breeding and the bird fancy generally. There is a particular need to encourage our youth in this direction and I think that a more rewarding hobby will not be found for the particular young man or lady who is interested. Our hobby is one of constant challenge and there is tremendous reward to be obtained in the pursuit of it.

It is particularly gratifying to see the support forthcoming from a Body such as yours for your own local Cage Bird Society and I know that only good can come from such support. It is a pity that many more Local Authorities and indeed Governments would not follow your advice and example and we might indeed have a better Society.

Once again may I extend to you, Mr Chairman and Councillors, our most sincere thanks.

*William B. ...*

Chairman

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Secretary