

Lee Fribbins

Lee Fribbins is a prominent figure in the pigeon racing community, serving as the editor of The Racing Pigeon for 17 years in the UK which was the only independent weekly racing pigeon newspaper, and was published in the UK for over 125 years.

Lee is also editor of the Racing Pigeon Pictorial International, a glossy quarterly magazine distributed worldwide and read in over 50 countries.

Beyond his editorial roles, Lee is an accomplished pigeon fancier. He has raced pigeons since the age of twelve and has achieved significant success with his small team of pigeons. His loft setup near Colchester, Essex, is designed to optimise pigeon health and race performance.

In addition to his publishing and racing endeavours, Lee has developed over the past 30 years a range of vitamin products specifically aimed at the racing pigeon fraternity, marketed under the brand Pigeon Health Supplements, U K Animal Products.

He has also authored several books in the 'Without Limits' series on pigeon racing, including Racing Hens, Young Birds and Cocks which provide insights into his racing methods and systems.

In addition Lee has written a book titled 'The Royal Skies', which meticulously chronicles the History of the Royal Lofts in Sandringham Norfolk, England. The book provides a detailed look at the fanciers appointed to represent the British Monarchy. It explores the invaluable role that the Royal Lofts undertook in Both World Wars and the vital part that the National Pigeon Service played in providing communication and information that ultimately helped save thousands of allied lives.

'The Royal Skies explores the long connection of pigeon racing and royal history engaging in a unique aspect of British heritage', *Lee Fribbins*

'The Royal Skies', looks a fascinating book and I have forwarded it to Her Majesty the Queen for her attention', *Edward G C Parsons The Estate Office, Sandringham Estate. May 2022*

'The Royal Skies is truly fascinating and a beautiful book that opened up a new world, My sincere thanks and warmest good wishes', *Dame Joanna Lumley.*

Lee is also well known for organising events such as The Doncaster Pigeon Show, a significant gathering which is the largest one day event for Racing pigeons in the UK.

Lee was also a prominent figure in the Racing Pigeon Confederation of Long Distance Racing Pigeons for UK and Ireland All Parliamentary Party Group formed to lobby M P s in the Houses of Parliament and House of Commons to raise awareness of the sport and current issues.

Lee also worked closely with government departments in the development of the first Veterinary practice in the UK set up for specifically to provide clinics and care for Racing Pigeons with leading European Veterinary Consultant Dr Henk De Weerd and the classification of Racing Pigeons to be included in the Veterinary Medicines Directive Small Animal Exemption Scheme.

'I have had a lifelong fascination with racing pigeons and have kept pigeons since I was six years of age. My dedication, experience and passion for every aspect of the pigeon world has allowed me the very fortunate and unique opportunity to make a career from what began as a childhood hobby. Over the years I have literally travelled the globe. I have met some wonderful pigeon flyers and have learned so much about their pigeons and methods and in particular the mental and physical attributes that make our feathered athletes. The sport has moved on and developed into a modern state of the art past time. Modern and money does not by any means replace olden ways as once a pigeon is liberated, as we all know, it's down to simply bird versus bird. My main interest has always been pigeon management, health and well being. I was already manufacturing a product range, but in 1999 started to develop and market a range of vitamin products specifically aimed at the racing pigeon fraternity, this range has been developed over the years and was the inspiration and driving force behind Pigeon Health, UK Animal Products. Global newspaper publishing is another aspect of my business where my operation began in 2007 when I became the owner and editor of The Racing Pigeon Weekly first published in 1898. The move into media was a sentimental one to start with, the heritage of the oldest Pigeon Racing Newspaper in the UK being lost for good drove me to make sure that the paper could continue and is now going from strength to strength with the introduction of digital reading. Today it has a healthy weekly circulation and the glossy monthly Racing Pigeon Pictorial International, is distributed in over 50 countries'. Lee Fribbins

Lee is also the UK representative and Agent for Bricon -Electronic Timing System for Racing Pigeons

Lee has had a lifelong dedication to the sport and his insights and contributions and perspectives through various channels have made him a respected and influential figure in the pigeon racing community.

