



## THE DUBLIN PIGEON DERBY 1937

In his article on Iain Hamilton, Bob Kennedy refers to Wull Howie, a previous owner of the 'Star Inn' and his success in the Dublin Pigeon Derby in 1937. The date of the race May 26, 1937. The Irish Hospitals Sweepstakes organised the race from Dublin, to celebrate its coming of age, its 21st Sweepstake.

Over one hundred federations were involved. Birds came from all over Great Britain and Ireland, at the given signal over 30,000 birds were liberated. Total prize money for the event was £1,600 of which the owner of the first prizewinning bird from Britain would receive £600, a lot of money in those days. That prize was won by Wull Howie of Kilwinning.

*The illustrations accompanying this are from The Racing Pigeon archives.*

**Above:** The £600 prizewinner 'Red Mac' owned by W Howie of Kilwinning, Ayrshire

**Right:** Wull Howie with his famous winner





**Above:** The liberation. Over 30,000 pigeons from more than 100 federations take to the air. The total value of birds taking part was estimated at £100,000

**Right:** The late Major W H Osman presents Wull Howie with his cheque for £600

