



FROM MATT'S PERCH

By Matthew Russell

Well, I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As far as new year resolutions go I hope those of you who haven't attended one of the Society's monthly General Meetings have that on your to do list for 2011. You will meet many like-minded people, as all those attending keep birds.

There is always a Guests Speaker covering many different aspects of aviculture and related topics.

There are also many different services you can access at the meetings; such as the library manned by Bob. It contains hundreds of books and CDs, all to do with birds and the like. Then there's Jack with a number of wonderful books for sale at special members' prices. Our Leg Ring Steward (that's me) has a huge selection of top quality rings in a wide range of sizes all at "bargain basement prices". Dennis runs the Service Item Table with a wide range of commonly used avicultural products, all top quality and all at remarkably low prices. (You would be wasting you time looking for cheaper.) Kevin is our Exchange Steward responsible for maintaining the For Sale, Wants and Exchanges Register. If you have birds, or equipment you want to sell, or are looking for new stock, Kevin's your man; and of course, member to member prices are usually much less than retail. There's always a Raffle with a wide range of both avicultural and other prizes. The Supper Table provides soft drinks and a "cuppa and snack" after the meeting. There's also a Question Box for any queries you may have about your birds. Answers are provided by the members present.

Tony is the Society Secretary, the one who does most of the work! He finds the Guest Speakers, organises the hall, runs the discounted seed purchase scheme, and does a lot of the other behind the scenes stuff. Last, but not least, we have Richard up on stage. He's the President of the Society and also editor of this magazine.

Well, now you know a bit about what goes on at the meetings, how about coming along? You never know who you might meet, or what you might learn.

Cheers,

Matt

