

A Bird's Eye View of our Club

Leicestershire Parrot Club is a place where Parrots can bring their owners to instruct them in the ways of looking after them properly, and meet other owners and have a good chinwag because that's what humans appear to enjoy the most!

It was set up by two women, who own or did own, two independent Pet Shops that specialise in the care of us just over 2 years ago. During that time we, (my avian family and I), have made many friends and our owners have definitely taken on board the "Health and Wellbeing" guidance that the committee have offered over this time. We now get much better grub and have the correct amount of vitamins and minerals just like the owners make sure they give themselves.

Once every four weeks we are transported to a divine place, well it's a change from the four walls! It's at the Co-operative Sports & Social Club in Birstall, Leicestershire. We get there about 7.30 pm as the day is drawing to a close and leave supposedly at 9.30 pm, but these humans are always nattering and the poor person who looks after this place is always having to wait for them to leave.

During this period of delightful freedom, we meet lots of our avian relatives. Actually we have a natter too and boy can we out do the humans on volume!! Sometimes we go for a walk to meet other parrots and their owners and check out what their accommodation for the evening is like. Sometimes the leaders put on the TV, actually it's a really big picture that covers nearly the whole wall and then they switch the lights off. It's at this point when one gets homesick for ones own lounge and TV, but we can still climb down and sit on our beloved owners shoulder and watch the program with them. They showed a film on how to train us not long ago, but we showed them who's boss and made them carry on for a bit before we gave in and did what they wanted, after all they do enjoy it!

Every now and then they have a 'playtime' for themselves (the humans that is) I think they call it a party. There are always lots for them to eat and drink and one of the pet shop owners (Lynda) always remembers us and bakes some sort of cake as a treat. I do wish my owner would do this at home more often they really are rather good. I must say that they are a friendly bunch these parrot owners and they are always laughing, if not at each other, then they always find what we do amusing.

Another thing I like about this 'club' is the fact that I get a bit spoilt, because some kind people from Midlands Parrots brings along toys, treats, food, vitamins, etc.

Well I think I've told you as much as I can remember and I have missed a few occasions so I might have missed something really good. So why don't you get your owner to bring you along one night. I know you will enjoy it and there's a fair chance they will too, especially when they find out you can drink brown water. Why they like it I really don't know as it's quite bitter, but drink it they do – by the pint!!!

'Bingo' the Blue & Gold Macaw via Alison Hazlewood – my obliging owner!