

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

April 2019



NEXT MEETING

Saturday, 20th April 2019

10am to 12pm

**A TALK BY
KIM SMITH FROM DISCOUNT PEST CONTROL**

SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING

Dagenham and District
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Meetings held at
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Dick Lathleiff, Mick Pegram and Ted Papandreas

Meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month at 10am to 12pm at Wantz Hall – Rainham Road North – Dagenham – Essex RM10 7DX

Committee Members' meetings

Would officers and committee members please attend these monthly meetings starting from 10am on every meeting day.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019

Single	£15.00
Partnerships:	£20.00
Juniors (to 16):	FREE

Forthcoming Meetings

SAT 20 th Apr 2019	Kim Smith from Discount Pest Control
SAT 18 th May	Song Bird Competition
SAT 15 th Jne 2019	TBC
SAT 20 th Jly 2019	TBC
SAT 17 th Aug 2019	Open Show preparation
SAT 21 st Sep 2019	Club Show League – Second Round – Any Bird Show
SAT 19 th Oct 2019	Club Show League – Third Round – Pairs Show
SAT 16 th Nov 2019	Young Stock Show
FRI 13 th Dec 2019	Staging for Open Show followed by Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw and Buffet
SAT 14 th Dec 2019	Open Show
SAT 18 th Jan 2020	AGM

Fred Thorn

We understand that Fred has been unwell recently so, on behalf of all the Members we would like to wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him at the Club again soon.

Barry and Val

March 2019 Meeting **The President's comments**

Another good Meeting was had by all present. Those that were at the Meeting will have had the privilege of listening to Colin Leask's talk about many products that Birds First do. Those present listened most intently to all he said. Then in the break he sold some of the products he had spoken about. At the end of the Meeting I went over and thanked him for coming all the way down from Scotland. I then got a nice surprise! He said it was a nice morning and what a lovely Club we had, with many nice Members.

I know we have a lovely welcoming Club but it was so nice to hear it said by someone outside the Club.

On a sad note I have noticed that about ten of our previous Members have not paid their subs for 2019. So, as per our Rules, they will not receive any more Newsletters. However, if they pay at a later date their Newsletters will be re-instated.

I hope those people belong to another Club and if it is half as good as ours then they will still have a good club to go to.

Pete

The Secretary's comments

March's Meeting saw us all witness some very clever idea's from Colin Leask who travelled down from Scotland to give us a talk on how we can keep our birds living longer for less and focused on their environment, their nutrition and their health.

He also shared some data from other breeders he networks with regarding why we breed more cocks than hens or vice versa, and the theory is that you breed more hens in a hotter environment and more cocks in a colder environment.

Talking with some of our members on the day it seemed the theory could have some mileage, as last year's breeding season was one of the hottest summers we have had to date and it seemed that most members bred more hens than cocks. So if you're trying to breed mules or Hybrids this year you may want to think about how you can keep your bird rooms cool.



Richard thanking Colin for his talk

Colin also talked about how stress affects your birds and how infection multiplies when the bird is under stress. He introduced us to some remedies he has developed using his years of experience with zoos and poultry breeders, to help with the management of bird keeping and breeding. Many members purchased the remedies and asked many questions which Colin was happy to answer.

Maybe all members who are going to use Colin's health plan this year can report back to the club with how their year has gone compared to last year.

Richard

Ken Grigg

Congratulations to Ken Grigg who was awarded the New Order Of Merit Award from the International Ornithological Association (IOA).

The IOA has created an Order of Merit Shield that recognises the contributions that distinguished past and present IOA members have made to the fancy.

Well done Ken you are a credit to our hobby.

Richard

Pete's chit chat

I was talking to some people at the Meeting who have got their birds down early. Many had conflicting starts with a lot of them having bad starts with clear eggs, although one said he had many hens sitting on eggs, so I hope he gets plenty of chicks from these.

My birds are running round with nesting material, so I have put their nest pans in and now I wait. I wish all who have started the best of luck because I sometimes believe you have to have some luck.

We have put many adverts for birds or equipment in our "Sales" and "Wanted" sections in the Newsletter but we do not get much, if any, feedback from Members who have asked us to put the adverts in. It would be nice to know if the adverts do any good.

While talking about the Newsletters, I would like, on behalf of us all, to thank Barry and Val for all the work they do on them. It takes them a while to get the

information, type it up and lay out the photos in the format. I understand that Val does the typing and Barry sorts out the photos and printing. So thank you both.

As agreed at the AGM, Barry, Val and I have now been out and bought a Hoover and a Microwave to use at the Club. These cost a total of £224.00.

Pete

Pete's unexpected sightings in Yarmouth

I went away for a few days to my daughter's chalet in Yarmouth. I was sitting outside a Pub in the Holiday Park where the chalet is and, to my amazement, a flock of Linnets came down on the grass to feed. They stayed for about five minutes. I was thinking to myself how unusual it was to see so many together at this time of the year. There were about 15.

Also in the Park were quite a few Goldfinches. The Cocks were sitting on tops of trees and roof top aerials and singing like mad. There was also a large number of Pied Wagtails flitting about between the chalets. Blackbirds were foraging on the grass. All this was going on with people walking about and people walking dogs. The birds did not take any notice of all that was going on around them.

We had Gulls flying around outside the chalet and they were catching bread as I threw it in the air. We got mobbed with these birds.

I do not know if anyone has been to Yarmouth and been to a place called Potter Heigham. This is a boat yard on the Broads and we like to go there as much as possible. The wild birds are all so tame you can't believe it. At most places now they stop you feeding birds, but when you're sitting there eating a beef burger it's hard not to feed the Coots, Mallards and Swans a piece of bun right at your feet. Some of the Swans take food from your hand in the air and the Gulls will take food from your fingers. I think it so magical that wild birds will do this. I can't wait to go back.

Pete

For Sale

Flight for sale £50.00 – see photo at the end of the Newsletter.. If you are interested please contact Roger Mack on 07732 381 602

If you have any birds or equipment for sale either bring them to the Club or let Barry or Pete know so that they can be put in the next Newsletter.

Items wanted

A Cock Yellow Raza, clear or lightly variegated is wanted by Les Rix. Two if available. If you can help please phone him on 0785 224 9614.

A Yellow Cock Cinnamon Fife, self or lightly variegated Is wanted by Mick Pegram. If you can help please phone him on 0770 907 6594.

An **African Grey (NOT a Timor)** is wanted by Ted Papendreas. If you can help, please phone him on 01708 443284.

A **Rock Pebbler Hen** is wanted by Roger Mignot. If you can help, please phone him on 07763 352 449.

Softbill Show Cages or Fronts. If you can help, please phone Phil Perkins on 07890 328 507

If there are any birds or equipment you want please let Barry know what you are looking for so that it can be added to the next Newsletter.

As we have been including flyers with some of the Newsletters we thought it might be useful for Members to have the details on a more regular basis so below is a new Section. It may not be included each month as it will depend on the space available. Please let us know what you think.

Barry and Val

Members' Outlets

Bavister's Pet Centre

James Bavister

Website - www.bavisterspetcentre.com

Telephone – 01268 544 336

e-mail – info@bavisterspetcentre.com

Essex Bird Fancier

Mark Smithson

Facebook and Ebay

Telephone – 07903 822 886

e-mail – essexbirdfancier@gmail.com

Treasurer's Monthly Report for March 2019

Raffle made:	£105.00	Members present:	32
Tea Bar made:	£50.25	New Members:	1
Donations	£48.00	Guests	6

Raffle

Fergus McCarthy won the £50.00 from this month's Raffle

**Our thanks to Vista Workspace Solutions
for their continued sponsorship and the raffle prizes**

Football Card

Winning Team – Chelsea – £20.00 was won again this month by our Secretary, Richard – with £20.00 going to the Club. Thanks to Fergus for organising this again this month.

New Members

Welcome to

John Gray who keeps Norwich Canaries

The Club's Website

www.dagenhamcbs.com you can find out all about our club right back to 1935, Newsletters, Shows, our history and much more.

The Club can also be contacted by e-mail - info@dagenhamcbs.com

April 2019 Meeting

At the Meeting on 20th April we have Kim Smith from Discount Pest Control coming to give a talk about vermin control.

Kim will be talking about pest control in aviaries and bird rooms using non-toxic methods,

He will also talk about various traps and will have some available for sale at the meeting.

Mick Pegram's "Spot the Member" give-away

Mick is donating £10.00 to the Member who is in the photo below and plans to do this each month. The winner will be picked at random by a non-member who does not know anyone at the Club. The prize must be claimed at the next Meeting otherwise the £10.00 will be donated to the Club.

Last month's winner was Mick McCarthy.



In the right place at the right time!!

I was in the garden last week when I spotted the Robin chick in the photo below. He had obviously fallen out of his nest in an old kettle located in a pyracantha bush. I managed to pick him up and put him back – safely away from our and other local cats. I stood back and watched and the parents went straight back into the nest



Unfortunately, a couple of days later he did the same thing but wasn't so lucky!!
Barry

2019 Membership Subscriptions

The Club's year runs from January to December.

Subscriptions

Single - £15.00

Partnerships - £20.00

Juniors (to 16) – Free

Members' Christmas Hamper Raffle

Don't forget to collect your free pink raffle ticket from Val at each Meeting you attend. This is for the draw in December.

Cage and Aviary Magazine

Just to let you know, we have sent a Show Report and photos from the December Open Show to Cage and Aviary. Apparently there is a delay with photo reports, but it is expected to be in the magazine sometime during the next few weeks.

If anyone would like to contribute an article to the newsletter about their birds or their showing – or anything else – please speak to Barry or Val at any of the meetings.

Flight for sale

