

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2021



**NEXT MEETING
which should have been the
on Saturday 17th April 2021
10am to 12pm
HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE
CORONAVIRUS**

(Please see inside for more information)

SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING

**Dagenham and District
Cage Bird Society
Meetings held at
Wantz Hall
Rainham Road North
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Committee Members 2021 (subject to change)

President	PETER DECORT
Vice President	Vacancy
Chairman	BARRY JOHNSON
Vice Chairman	Vacancy
Secretary	RICHARD WILSON
Asst. Secretary	Vacancy
Treasurer	PETER DECORT
Publicity & Raffle	BARRY & VAL
Newsletter	BARRY & VAL
Show Manager	STEVE WALLIS
Asst. Show Manager	LES RIX
Show Secretary	GEORGE PHILPOT
Asst. Show Secretary	Vacancy
Trophy Secretary	LES RIX
Canteen	FRAN, VAL & BARRY

Committee:

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 2021

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

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 or e-mail them at the addresses shown below.

Forthcoming Meeting dates

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID 19

NB: As you all know, the Meetings would have been arranged at the AGM. The following are the dates when the Meetings would have been held this year and show the same details as last year. They are of course all subject to change and / or cancellation.

2021

Sat 17 th Apr	Cancelled
Sat 15 th May	Song Bird Competition
Sat 19 th June	TBC
Sat 17 th July	TBC
Sat 21 st Aug	Open Show Preparation
Sat 18 th Sep	TBC
Sat 16 th Oct	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
Sat 20 th Nov	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)
Fri 10 th Dec	Staging for Open Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)
Sat 11 th Dec	Open Show (all day)

2022

Sat 15 th Jan	AGM
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The President's Comments

I personally think that memories are at times a wonderful thing, not only for the good things that have happened, but also things not so good, but will help moving forward so you do not make the same sort of mistakes again and, as they say, learn from our mistakes. This applies to all things in life, but regarding our Club, I think we need to keep good records of all that is said or done at our Meetings. It could be helpful at future Meetings to look at what is said if there are any queries on certain matters.

Years ago, we had all our records from when the Club was formed. There were boxes and boxes of paperwork. These were all stored at a Member's house.

Unknown to the Club Committee, the family lost their Mum and decided to move away. All too late. When we found out they had moved all said boxes of Club records and paperwork had been disposed of and all our past records had been lost.

Pete

The Club Secretary's Comments

It is with regret that I tell you that Ken Grigg has retired from keeping birds due to ill health. He did try to thin down the amount of birds he was keeping but unfortunately it was not enough.

Ken and his wife Jean would like to thank all their friends in the bird world for the wonderful time they shared in this fantastic hobby, which saw them travel to show or judge birds in many countries around the world. Birds have been their life for 60 years and their achievements have been endless. At Dagenham CBS Ken has been such a helpful member, always willing to judge our club shows and offer help and encouragement to our members. We hope Ken will still visit us from time to time at the club where he will always be welcome.

Richard

Open Show

This will be discussed in our August meeting.

Richard

Staging Fund

Here is an up-dated list of donations towards the new show staging –

This month's donations (two)

Paul Jupe sold 4 Cock Greenfinches = £50.00

Pegram & Hussey Partnership donated cash =£50.00

Mark and Sally Logan donated cash = £500.00

Les Rix donated a Yellow Hammer = £50.00

Dave Mason donated a Pair of Redpolls = £60.00

Richard Wilson donated a Canary x Bullfinch = £210.00

Mick Pegram donated a Hospital Cage = £40.00

Lawson & Wells Partnership donated a Light Greenfinch Mule = £160.00

Fergus McCarthy donated cash = £200.00

Steve & Bill Wallis donated cash = £200.00

Steve & Bill Wallis donated a Goldfinch Mule = £145.00

Lawson & Wells Partnership donated a Cock Greenfinch = £40.00

Les Rix donated cash = £120.00

Richard Wilson donated Bullfinches = £120.00

John Young donated cash = £50.00

Nigel Breese donated a Pair of Goldfinches = £80.00

Barry and Fran Johnson donated cash = £100.00

Valerie Holmes donated cash = £100.00

Phil Perkins donated cash = £50.00

Mr & Mrs Ken Grigg donated cash = £75.00

TOTAL = £2,400.00

If you or someone you know would like to help with a donation please get in touch with Richard. Every little bit helps.

Update on New Staging

We have had to start again in terms of finding a supplier due to not receiving communication back from the company in Portugal.

Richard

Useful Numbers and Contacts

Rings

IOA (International Ornithological Association) Website – www.ioa-com-uk.org

For all rings call Richard Lumley on 01653 697565

Email - ruby@lordlumley.plus.com

Richard is very helpful and provides a great service. The IOA are also sponsors of Dagenham CBS.

For closed or split rings email or call Hans Herr in Germany. Contact Melanie Siegel she speaks very good English, is very helpful and quick, I ordered & paid for rings on a Wednesday and I received them on the Monday. The quality of the rings is excellent.

Website – www.vogelringe.de

Phone: 0049-721-686023

Fax: 0049-721-683029 -

E-Mail: ma.herr@vogelringe.de

Members' Outlets

Bavister's Pet Centre

James Bavister

Telephone – 01268 544 336

Website - www.bavisterspetcentre.com

e-mail – info@bavisterspetcentre.com

Essex Bird Fancier

Mark Smithson

Telephone – 07983 108 383

Facebook and Ebay

e-mail – essexbirdfancier@gmail.com

If there are any other Club Members with similar outlets who would like a mention in this section of the Newsletter please send the relevant information to Val (valkenh@btinternet.com) or Barry (lukeira@btinternet.com).

Items for Sale

Richard Wilson has the following for sale:-

- **2 sets of 4 Norwich show cages in carry box £40.00** each.
- **2 x 2018 Buff Norwich Hens & a 2020 Yellow Norwich Cock £120.00** for the trio.
- **Pair of Yellow Bullfinches £200.00** (2018 Hen & 2016 Cock) very fit in excellent condition.

If you are interested please contact **Richard** on **07852 959447** (1st entry)

Brenda Kettle has **24 x metal canary cage fronts** available. They are 16" wide x 12". In very good condition & sturdy, just require painting. Plus 4 more, same size, that require 1 spot weld/repair on one downward wire. They have 2x horizontal cross bars with 1x plus 2x feeder holes. If you are interested please contact **Brenda** on **01268 543334**. She is not asking for money for herself but would like a **donation to go to the club**. (2nd entry)

If you have any birds or equipment for sale please bring them to the Club or let Barry or Val know and they will add it to the next Newsletter.

Items wanted

Alan Anderson is looking for a **Black Headed Red Siskin Hen**. If you can help please contact him on **07889 000 056** or you can e-mail him at alananderson42@hotmail.co.uk (1st entry)

Barry has recently been speaking to **Dave Gray** who is looking for a **Siberian Bullfinch Hen** and a **pair of Goldfinches**. If you can help **Dave** can you please ring him on **07507 599864** (2nd entry)

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

Please note, adverts in the "For Sale" and "Items Wanted" sections will only be included in two Newsletters. If you want your advert in after the two months please let Barry or Val know. Thank you.

New Members

There were no new Members last month

The Club's Website, etc

The Club's **website** is www.dagenhamcbs.com. You can find out all about our Club right back to 1935. Newsletters, Shows, history and much more.

The Club can also be contacted by **e-mail** – info@dagenhamcbs.com – or via our **Facebook** page.

Dagenham CBS Facebook and Group Page: We now have 146 members on the Group Page. Please give it a look and join in the banter and the up to date news from the members.

Don't forget to keep checking the Website and Facebook for Richard's updates

Members' Info.

Mick Pegram is still leading the charge on our FaceBook page and Richard has received contact details from a few Members to put onto the website page. This will allow members to stay in touch and give advice and help to other members who keep the same species or share the same problems.

"The Early Part of the Breeding Season" by Pete Decort

By February most bird breeders will have all their pairs sorted. They will be watching their birds, especially the Hens. Cocks will be singing and dancing along the perches. Hens will be picking up bits and pieces and maneuvering said bits along their beaks preparing themselves for building nests and breeding.

This was always my favourite part of the year.

When I paired up I used to sit and watch, then put pans in and watch the Hens start to build, then let the Cocks in and hopefully see them mating. Then the anticipation of the first egg. When the Hen started to lay I never removed the eggs as they were laid. I tried to anticipate when the eggs

would hatch so, after 13 days, I would go into the shed and look into the cage to see if anything had hatched. Sometimes it would be as many as 17 or 18 days before any hatching happened. But when an egg or eggs hatched I was over the moon to see the little bundles in the nest. I always used to think or hope after 3 or 4 days that if chicks were still alive they had a good chance of survival. But, alas, this was not always the way, and some died. Sometimes it was the whole nest. Hens would squash or not feed the young. I used to hate this part of breeding and used to ask why but no amount of reasoning would work. Why would a mother go to the bother of making a nest, laying eggs, hatching young, feed for anywhere up to 12 or 13 days and then just turn their backs on them?

Some breeders thought the Hens wanted to go back to nest or the Hens were sweating. I could never make up my mind. It was not for the lack of different food or clean cages and no mite. So why do you think this occurs?

But this is something that happens to us all, so we put it behind us and carry on.

Pete

“Another Memory” by Pete Decort

At a Club Meeting many many years ago I was listening to some British Bird Members saying how hard it had been that year to breed British Birds. Then, one day shortly after this my wife and I were going round some Nurseries and as we walked into one at Stapleford Abbots on the ledge of a poly tunnel door we saw a Chaffinch Cock fly through, straight onto the ledge of the door frame. “He’s tame”, or words to that effect, I said to my wife, but when we got inside to my amazement there was a Chaffinch feeding it’s young on it’s nest. I stood there watching the Cock and Hen come and go. One of the staff had seen me watching and came over to me and we spoke about the birds.

He called over another chap who turned out to be the owner. I told him who I was and he offered to let me take some photos of said birds. So I shot home and went back with a camera. He set up some small steps so I could get high enough to photograph the nest of Chaffinch young.

He then took me on a tour of nests in the yard and surrounding bushes and sheds.

Behind one shed was a pile of plant pots. Inside one was a Robin happily sitting on her newly hatched young. As we walked round he showed me the inside of the staff toilet. On top of the cistern was a Pied Wagtail on it's nest of eggs. There was another Pied Wagtail further down the yard in a pile of old logs sitting happily.

When I looked up in a large greenhouse, it had a fan whizzing round. We stood for a short while to watch a Robin fly through the blade to go to it's nest in the greenhouse. When you think of it this was a busy nursery with staff and customers walking round all day.

We moved across to one side of the Nursery which was a line of bushes in which he had Greenfinches and Song Thrushes nesting and, further down, there were Blackbirds nesting.

In the tops of the trees the Goldfinches and Greenfinches were singing like mad. Down at the bottom end of the Nursery was the river (Stamford Rivers). I didn't see this part as he said he had Kingfishers nesting so he didn't want to disturb them, but in the trees around the Nursery was a Rookery (outskirts) so you can guess what the noise was like.

A lovely place to work. I'm sorry I can't show you the photos as over the years they have been lost.

I remained friends with this chap till he died a few years ago. (Another memory).

Pete

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

The winner from the March 2020 Newsletter was DAVID DAWKINS so this is still being held over until the Club re-opens to give David a chance to claim his winnings.

2021 Membership Subscriptions

The Club's year runs from January to December

2020 Subscriptions

Single - £15.00

Partnerships - £20.00

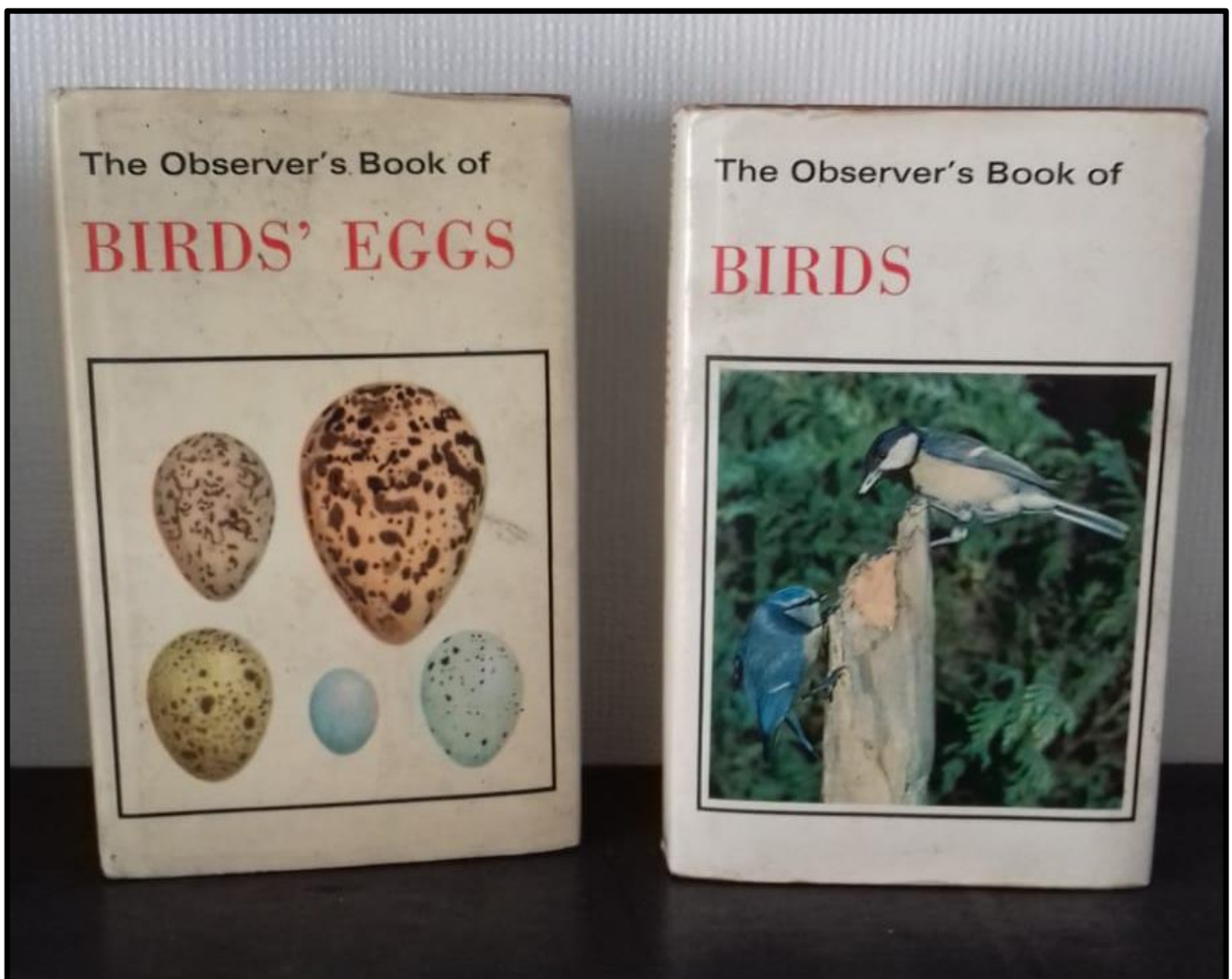
Juniors (to 16) – Free

As mentioned by Richard in the October Newsletter, all 2020 paid up Members will get their 2021 Membership free of charge

If you have already paid your 2021 Membership Fee it will be carried over to 2022

Below a picture sent in by Mick Pegram

Who can remember these little gems. They were very useful in their day and still are handy little books to have for reference



Below a few pictures from our meetings in 2019



New Club Sponsor

Direct Bird Products is this year's new club sponsor and are suppliers of seed and equipment. They are happy to post members' orders to them or deliver to the hall on meeting days.

They also plan to have a sales table at every meeting.

Members can contact them by calling Shane Evans on 07376 669 333 or message on Facebook Direct Bird Products.

