

# **DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

**AUGUST 2023**



**NEXT MEETING  
Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> August  
10am to 12pm**

**JIM GALBALLY  
Weeds, Seeds & Live Food**

**(Please see inside for more information)**

**SALES TABLES AT EVERY MEETING**

**Dagenham and District  
Cage Bird Society  
Meetings held at  
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Show Secretary	GEOFF LOUTH
Trophy Secretary	LES RIX
Canteen	FRAN, VAL & BARRY

And DICK LATHLEIFF, MICK PEGRAM & TED PAPANDREAS

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

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**Committee Meetings**

**The Show Committee will arrange the Shows.  
General Committee Meetings will be arranged as and  
when needed.  
All Meetings and decisions will be reported by the  
Secretary in the Newsletters**

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**SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR  
2023**

<b>Single</b>	<b>£15.00</b>
<b>Partnerships:</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>Juniors (to 16):</b>	<b>FREE</b>

**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.**

**Barry ([lukeira@btinternet.com](mailto:lukeira@btinternet.com)) Val ([valkenh@btinternet.com](mailto:valkenh@btinternet.com))**

## **Forthcoming Meeting Dates**

### 2023

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Jim Galbally – Weeds, Seeds & Live Food
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Lawson & Wells Partnership – Our Birds
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Staging for Open Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Open / Annual Show (all day)

### 2024

Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	AGM
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## **The President's Comments**

Nothing from Pete this month, but he's ok.

## **The Club Secretary's Comments**

July's meeting was well attended by the members who were entertained by Imperial Bird of Prey Academy. The young lady called Faith was very knowledgeable about all of the birds that she brought out one by one and told us all about them, lots of questions were asked by the members and comprehensive answers were given. A very enjoyable morning.

**Car Park** – The car park barrier now has a flashing light on the wall to let you know the barrier is moving. Please wait until the light stops flashing before you enter or leave. The code is 0852#

**Additional Staging** – We have hit another bump in the road regarding the top-up order of the show staging. Exceed the company who supplied the first order looks like they are no longer trading. To be honest, they were never easy to deal with as their communications were poor throughout the first order and the top-up order has been going on since January.

I will carry on looking for alternative options and keep you updated in the Newsletters.

**December's Annual Show** – Geoff Louth, our Show Secretary, is currently updating the Show Schedule for the 2023 Annual Show, adding some sections that have been requested. At the August meeting the show management team will discuss the specials list and prize money. So there is still time if you would like to make a donation towards the Show.

Richard

## August Meeting

At the August meeting, we have Jim Galbally who will be giving a talk on Weeds, Seed and Live Food. This will be Jim's second talk to the Club. The first was very well received, so this is not to be missed. Guaranteed you will learn something new.

## Show Prize Money Fund

There were three donations in July:-

Mick Buckland donated £10.00

Trevor Prior donated £5.00

Richard Wilson donated £20.00

January Steve Smith donated £50.00

Allan Morton donated £10.00

February Milton Savva donated £20.00

John Young donated £5.00

Jim Galbally donated £20.00

Richard Wilson donated £40.00

Allan Morton donated £10.00

February's Cock Bird Show Entries – £30.00

March Valerie Holmes donated £20.00

Richard Wilson donated £25.00

Sales table – £5.00

Unclaimed Spot the Member prize – £10.00

April Les Rix donated £10.00

Peter Decort from sale of birds – £40.00

May April's Sales Day Income – £361.00

Donna Coleman-Prayter & Karen Brampton sale of birds – £50.00

Phil Perkins donated £20.00

Laurie Butler donated £10.00

Jim Galbally donated £20.00

Song Bird Competition Entries – £7.50

June Steve Newman donated £2.00

Mick Buckland donated £20.00

Les Rix donated £30.00

Richard Wilson donated £20.00

TOTAL to date = £870.50

Thank you to all who have donated to the Club to help generate funds to go towards the prize money for the Club Shows. The amount raised last year was £854.00.

### **Useful Numbers and Contacts**

#### **Rings**

IOA (International Ornithological Association) Website – [www.ioa-com-uk.org](http://www.ioa-com-uk.org) For all rings call Richard Lumley on 01653 697565

Email - [ruby@lordlumley.plus.com](mailto: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. The quality of the rings is excellent.

Website – [www.vogelringe.de](http://www.vogelringe.de) Phone: 0049-721-686023

Fax: 0049-721-683029 -

E-Mail: [ma.herr@vogelringe.de](mailto:ma.herr@vogelringe.de)

### **This Year's Club Sponsor**

#### **Direct Bird Products – Shane Evans**

Don't forget you can ring Shane and give him your order which he will bring to the next meeting or he can post it to you  
Please see the details in his advert at the end of the Newsletter

### **Members' Recommendations**

#### **Suppliers of Colour Food by The Standard Laboratory**

Carrophyll Red/Orange/Yellow

Contact George Weeks

Phone: 01959 576 998 or

E-Mail: [george@standardlabs.co.uk](mailto:george@standardlabs.co.uk)

#### **Wiltons Pets**

Phone: 01268 726 216

#### **Gladwells Pet & Country Store (Essex)**

Phone: 01268 642 601

#### **DG Pest Control - David Galea (Club Member)**

E-Mail [davidgalea@live.co.uk](mailto:davidgalea@live.co.uk)

Phone 01708 472172 or  
07882 951 578 (Mobile)

[www.dgpestcontrol.co.uk](http://www.dgpestcontrol.co.uk)

#### **Latchford Farm Aquatics, Upminster**

### Items for Sale

**Pete Decort** has the following for sale: **Gouldian Finches £50.00 per pair or £25.00 for the Cocks. Zebras of mixed colours at £2.00 each.** If you are interested please give Pete a ring on **0772 666 4671** (1<sup>st</sup> entry)

**Mick Pegram** has the following for sale – see photo below:-

- **A box of British show cages 2 x No.2 and 2 x No.3 (1 of the No.2 cages needs a little bit of attention) – £35.00.**

If you are interested Mick will be bringing them to the next Club Meeting or you can ring him on **07709 076 594** to make arrangements for collection. (2<sup>nd</sup> entry)



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

## Items wanted

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.***

## Treasurer's Monthly Report & Attendance for July 2023

Raffle made	£158.00	Current Members present	35
Tea Bar made	£80.90	Guests	7
Donation from		New / Returning Members	0
Ted Papandreas	£20.00		

## Raffle

**Milton Savva** won the £50.00 prize this month

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

**Trevor Prior** won the seed donated by the Club at this month's raffle

## New and Returning Members

There were no new or Returning Members at the July Meeting

## The Club's Website, etc

The Club's **website** is [www.dagenhamcbs.com](http://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](mailto:info@dagenhamcbs.com) – or  
via our **Facebook** page.

**Dagenham CBS Facebook and Group Page:** We now have 461 Members on the Group Page. Please give it a look and join in the banter and the up to date news from the members.

## **Members' Info.**

Please don't forget to let Richard have your contact details if you are happy for them to be put onto the website page. This will allow members, especially those who are not on Facebook, to stay in touch and give advice and help to other members who keep the same species or share the same problems.

### **"Early or Late" by Paul Jupe**

Bird keeping, how difficult can it be? Bird breeding, now that's a different matter!

On a personal level my last two breeding seasons have been disastrous due to a hurried house move. But now I have had the opportunity to re-establish a new set up, albeit on a much smaller scale, with just ten modest flights and a tiny six by four shed for storage. It's amazing how quickly a stud can lose so much quality in just a couple of poor or, as in my case, disastrous breeding seasons.

Now, I have but two cock Greenfinches from the quality line of birds that took several years to develop. I brought in some hens to pair with the two cock Greenies. One hen had fertile eggs from two rounds and the other pair have yet to produce a single fertile egg!! I did try to run the cock Greenies with two hens each, but this turned out very unsatisfactory with far too much bickering and sadly I lost what was probably the best hen I had. One of the flights measured six by three feet and the other measured nine by three feet. It was in the larger flight that I lost the hen Greenie.

I am a firm believer in not starting breeding too early in the year. The pairing up of finches for hybridization is traditionally done in December or January to help to create a bond between the pair. I pair my straight pairs in March or April, often, due to practical reasons, this may happen in May. Our weather these days is fickle and unreliable, as are some of our birds. Not only do birds need around 14 hours daylight, they also both need to be fully fit and, despite our own interventions with feeding extra quality seeds, wild green foods and the introduction of commercial additives into the food and water, nature also has to be ready. Insects, plants, daylight, temperature and the weather all contribute to the ideal breeding conditions. When breeding in outdoor flights these conditions rarely occur early in the year and it is surprising how so many of us are experiencing clear first rounds. Many of us can't wait to get started breeding. Early breeding successes are very welcome and are posted on social media with videos



and on online forums. These early successes among others, and certainly in my case, create an atmosphere where I can be fooled or lured into starting too early, by which I mean one or both the selected birds in a pair are not truly fit. For those of us with outdoor aviaries, starting too early only results in clear rounds with the expenditure of all that wasted energy by the hen and the accompanying disappointment for ourselves.

I find it difficult to assess the true fitness of my birds. The Goldfinch loses its black on its beak and develops a completely clear beak. The Bramble finch beak goes from a bone colour to a black and the Chaffinch beak goes to a gun metal blue colour. When in breeding condition a bird will have an alertness, a restlessness and an intensity in its actions, as well as looking at its best, plumage wise.

In conclusion, I remember once at one of our CBS meetings we were discussing how the breeding season had gone now that most pairs had finished nesting. Typically it was a mixed response with some having done very well and others, not so well. When it came to one particular member he announced that he had bred none!! But after the moult, then he would have a head count and then decide how many young birds he had.

So with that thought in mind, I wish you all good fortune as the breeding season draws to a close and all the best during the moult.

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

Mick is continuing with his monthly "Spot the Member" and will be donating £10.00 to the Member who is circled in the following photo. 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 prize was won by **Ted Papandreas** who kindly donated his winnings to the Clubs General Fund.



## **Membership Subscriptions**

The Club's year runs from January to December  
If you know anyone who is unable to get to the Meetings they can send their 2023 subs to Pete (details at the front of the Newsletter)

**Cheques should be made payable to  
Dagenham and District Cage Bird Society**

Single – £15.00.....Partnerships – £20.00..... Juniors (to 16) – Free

## **Members' Christmas Raffle**

Richard is continuing the Members' Christmas Raffle again this year. Every Member who is signed in at the Meetings will receive one entry for each Meeting attended. The draw will take place at the December Meeting and the winner will receive a cash prize of £100.00 donated by Vista Workspace Solutions. To win the prize you must be at the Meeting on Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup> December otherwise another ticket will be picked until a winner is declared.

The usual monthly raffle will still take place on the Friday night, with its £50.00 cash prize plus other prizes as normal.

## **Bird Keepers Association**

This year's remaining sale dates are 17<sup>th</sup> September and 19<sup>th</sup> November  
Please see the poster/flyer with this newsletter

## **Some Photos from last month's Meeting**





## Club Sponsor

**Direct Bird Products** is this year's 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.



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