

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024



NEXT MEETING
Saturday 17th February 2024
10am to 2pm

SALES DAY
(This will be open to the public)

(Please see inside for more information)

SALES TABLES AT EVERY MEETING

**2024 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS
ARE NOW DUE**

**Dagenham and District
Cage Bird Society
Meetings held at
Wantz Hall
Rainham Road North
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All Committee Members 2024

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 Managers	LES RIX and DAVE MASON
Show Secretary	GEOFF LOUTH
Trophy Secretary	LES RIX
Canteen	FRAN, VAL & BARRY

DICK LATHLEIFF, MICK PEGRAM & TED PAPANDREAS

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

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**

SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024

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.
Barry (lukeira@btinternet.com) Val (valkenh@btinternet.com)**

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Forthcoming Meeting Dates

2024

Sat 17 th Feb	Sales Day (10am to 2pm) open to the public
Sat 16 th Mar	Club Show League – First Round – Cock Bird Show
Sat 20 th Apr	Sales Day (10am to 2pm) open to the public
Sat 18 th May	Song Bird Competition
Sat 15 th June	Steve Chennels – Talk on medications
Sat 20 th July	TBC
Sat 17 th Aug	TBC
Sat 21 st Sep	TBC
Sat 19 th Oct	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
Sat 16 th Nov	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)
Fri 29 th Nov	Staging for Open Show (This will be a work team only not a meeting)
Sat 30 th Nov	Open / Annual Show (all day)
Sat 14 th Dec	Christmas meeting & Raffle with buffet. (10am to 12pm)

2025

Sat 18 th Jan	AGM
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The President's Comments

As you will all know our last Meeting was our AGM and I was pleasantly surprised to see over 40 Members present.

Before I carry on, I would like to wish Fran, on your behalf, a speedy recovery, and hope she is soon home from hospital.

Richard opened the Meeting by asking the 2023 Committee if they were willing to stand again. All said yes. So, with the ok from Members present, Richard declared the Committee be sworn in as the Committee for 2024.

When Members were asked if anyone would like to join the Committee, a deathly hush fell over all present!!

We then discussed the Balance Sheet for last year. I spoke about the high amount of pay outs in the year, but I said these were well covered with the income and we ended with a profit of over £600.00 thanks to our Members.

The Secretary then spoke of our Meeting dates. He said some things, ie Show Dates had to be altered. All present agreed. They then put forward some speakers they would like. There was once again talk about getting a PA System as it was hard for people at the rear of the hall to hear. I think there will possibly be a more detailed report from our Secretary.

Les said some people with the smaller Canaries had already started. With some even having birds on eggs. So may I wish them all the best.

Someone brought up about Team Dagenham going round other Clubs and Shows. They said it was mainly British reports and said there should be more support for the other Sections. I said they can have all the support they need. All they have to do is send in reports to Barry or Val to put in the Newsletters. I hope someone takes note and writes in.

There were two presentations – flowers for Val and Fran for all the work they do. Then an award to me for service to the Club for over 70 years. May I say thank you and can I also say it has been a joy and a pleasure to serve this great Club and I hope I can carry on for a few more years yet.

One more thing I would like to say is a big thank you to Les Rix for stepping in to do the raffle and to Dick for folding said tickets. Also Steve Wallis for taking some photos on Barry's behalf.

I would also like to say thanks to Val for running the kitchen as well as all the other jobs she has to sort out on the day.

It was a hard morning's work, but well done all. Thank you.

As I have said before, this is the time of year when subs are due. At our last Meeting we had about 20 Members pay their subs. I brought up about some Members paying on their Show Entry Forms. I think some people looked at the form and paid the wrong amount and I am surprised as they have been Members for some time, so I look forward to hearing from all Members who still have to pay. I put this in the Newsletter not to insult people but as a gentle reminder.

At the present moment there seems to be a bit of controversy over Members stewarding their own Section. I personally think this is not a problem because if you go to an all Norwich, Border, Budgie, All-British or All-Fife Show do they bring in specialist Stewards or do they go with the people who breed these birds and are Members of said Societies? I think this is a no brainer. So come on lads, put this to bed and let's get on with the running of our Shows.

I think if you want people to bring their birds to Shows you need good Judges and Stewards who know how to do the job, so, therefore, you need Stewards who know the birds and how to treat them and their cages.

These are only my views.

Finally, you will all be glad to know that Fran is out of hospital and is fine and looking forward to doing your Bacon & Hot Dog Rolls at the next Meeting.

The Secretary's Comments

Thank you to all members who attended the Club's AGM. The Committee stood down and was re-elected for 2024. Pete then talked through the Clubs accounts (see below) which were then passed by the members present.

We then went through the plan of this year's meeting days, which are shown above, with still a few to arrange. We have had to move the date of our annual show this year as it clashed with the all-British show, so it was put to the floor to vote for either the 7th December or 30th November. The 7th December got the vote but unfortunately the hall had a provisional booking on that date which has now been confirmed, so the annual show will be on Saturday 30th November. We know there is a specialist Fife show the following day, so the numbers in our Fife section will be down which is a shame as it's one of our larger sections. This clash will only happen every 7 years.

We went on to any other business and members raised some good ideas. However, a member made comments about (a) stewards talking to judges while the judging was being done (to influence the outcome) and (b) stewards, stewarding in the sections they were showing in. A couple of years ago we had the rule in place that this could not happen. However last year we changed that rule for this to happen. As this is clearly the best practice.

Steve Wallis (Show Manager) and myself who were in charge of the management of the stewards were happy that no steward crossed the line in terms of conversation with any judge and in fact all stewards worked very hard on the day and acted in a professional manner at all times.

Please note that this member's comments were his own and were not the views of the committee or any other member at the meeting.

On a good note, we finished the meeting by presenting our President & Treasurer Peter Decort with a stunning Glass Plaque for his 70+ years' service to Dagenham CBS. Well done Pete very well deserved.

DAGENHAM CBS			
Profit and Loss Account 2023			
Expenses		Income	
Hall Hire	525.00	IOA	200.00
Insurance	174.00	BKA	100.00
Ron Anderson's Funeral Donation	25.00	Direct Bird Products	300.00
Staging	1,560.00	Subs	1,120.00
Hoover & Bags	192.00	Show – Door & Catalogues	161.00
Rosettes	709.74	Raffle	1,907.10
Monthly Seed Raffle	200.00	Kitchen	1,000.48
Stamps	742.65	Donations	50.00
Newsletter expenses	84.49	£10.00 Show Payments	180.00
Judges Fees	50.00	Show Entry Fees	652.00
Secretary's Expenses	225.00		
Rolls & Soft Drinks	119.00		
Shows Lunches etc	155.80		
Norwich	120.00		
	£4,882.68		£5,670.58
Jan 2023 Santander	10,717.00	Jan 2024 Lloyds	11,938.74
Lloyds	602.00	Cash	46.25
Cash	41.60		
	£11,360.60		£11,984.99
		Profit	£624.39

February's Meeting – SALES DAY

This month's meeting will be a Sales Day open to the public. Details are below.

If you have not booked a table, please note you will not be allowed into the hall until 11am

To book a table call or message Jamie on 07999 354911 or Shane on 07376 669333

Trade Tables

Our Club Sponsor Direct Bird Products will have a large stand, please call Shane with any items you want to pre-order so not to be disappointed.

Peter Colin's – Mealworms & Frozen

Breeder Tables already booked

Phil Perkins 1 x Table

Les Rix 1 x Table

Lee Everist 1 x Table

Davy Hunt 1 x Table

Gary Penfold 2 x Tables

Glen Lewingdon 1 x Table

Colin Cummings 1 x Table

Jacob 2 x Tables

Laurie Butler 2 x Tables

Richard Wilson 1 x Table

Jamie Taylor 1 x Table

Alan Green 1 x Table

Richard Lawson 1 x Table

PJ & Tom 1 x Table

Sales Day 17th February

- Trade stands and breeders' tables available
- Refreshments from 10am
- Direct Bird Products will be there with a huge selection of items
- Members' tables – £5 each
- Non-members' tables – £10 each
- Members' entrance is free
- Non-members – £3 per person
- Membership to the club is £15 per year and runs from 1st January to 31st December

- Sellers arrive 10am (no trading until 11am)
- Buyers from 11am
- Doors close 1.30pm

- No seed or new plastic equipment to be sold at sale"

Show Prize Money Fund

There were no general donations in January but a special mention goes to the members shown below who raised £1,187.00 by donating birds into the 2023 Bird Draw Raffle as advertised in Cage & Aviary magazine.

Steve & Billy Wallis - £200.00

Wally Scott - £144.00

Les Rix - £100.00
Richard Wilson - £200.00
Eddie Wells & Richard Lawson - £171.00

Davy Hunt - £220.00
Shane Evans - £152.00

The £1,187.00 will go towards the 2024 prize fund. Some of the funds will go to additional specials in each of the above members' sections of choice at the Annual Show. Thank you all for your continued support and generous donations.

General donations so far

Dec Unclaimed prizes (N/A) £60.00
Pete Decort donated £40.00
Mick Pegram donated £20.00
Unclaimed Spot the Member Prize £10.00
Barry Scott Robson donated £10.00\\
Richard Wilson donated £20.00
Les Rix donated £10.00

Total so far £170.00 plus the £1,187.00 referred to above.

Thank you to all who donate to the Club to help generate funds to go towards the prize money for the Club Shows. The amount raised last year was £1,094.50.

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. 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

This Year's Club Sponsors

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 details in the advert at the end of the Newsletter

Mooro's Events

We have another Sponsor this year. Mooro's Events are based in Chigwell, Essex and have agreed to supply 2 bottles of drink for our raffle prizes every month in 2024
Please see details in the 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

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

Phone 01708 472172 or
07882 951 578 (Mobile)

www.dgpestcontrol.co.uk

Latchford Farm Aquatics, Upminster

Bird, Fish and pet supplies

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Items for Sale or Items Wanted

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

Please note, adverts in the "For Sale" or "Items Wanted" section 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 January 2024

Raffle made: £140.00

Current Members present: 45

Tea Bar made: £68.20

Guests : 1

Donations 0.00

New / Returning Members 4

Raffle

Shane Evans won the £50.00 from this month's Raffle

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

**Thank you also to Les Rix for standing in for Barry
and organising the raffle this month**

There was no seed raffle this month

New and Returning Members

We had three new Members at the January Meeting
and a new Junior Member

Welcome to **Bryan Brown, Craig Drake** and **Danny Gallimore**
and our new Junior Member – **Isla Gallimore**

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 Pages: We now have 519
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.

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 winner was **Alfy Wallis**



Membership Subscriptions

Your 2024 Subscriptions are due

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 2024 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 Saturday, the 14th December otherwise another ticket will be picked until a winner is declared.

The usual monthly raffle will also take place on the 14th December, with its £50.00 cash prize plus other prizes as normal.

Bird Keepers Association

This year's Sales Days are 18th February, 28th April, 23rd June,
15th September and 17th November

Venue: Cowdray Hall, West Thurrock, RM20 3JE

Further information relating to the BKA and their Sales Days can be obtained from Malcolm Thornton via the website www.bkauk.org.uk or by e-mailing info@bkauk.org.uk

Some Photos from last month's Meeting

Thank you to Steve Wallis for standing in for Barry and taking the photos this month



Pete receiving his lifetime award from Richard





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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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