

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024



NEXT MEETING
Saturday 20th January 2024
10am to 12pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(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
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Committee Members 2023

(Subject to change at the AGM)

President	PETER DECORT
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Vice Chairman	Vacancy
Secretary	RICHARD WILSON
Asst. Secretary	Vacancy
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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

And 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 2023

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)

CAR PARK ENTRY CODE IS 0852# - PLEASE CHECK THE LIGHT TO THE LEFT AS YOU ENTER AND DO NOT ENTER IF THE LIGHT IS FLASHING

Forthcoming Meeting Dates

2024

Sat 20th Jan AGM

NB: All the following are for discussion and agreement at the AGM.

Sat 17th Feb Sales Day (open to the public)

Sat 16th Mar Club Show League – First Round – Cock Bird Show

Sat 20th Apr Sales Day (open to the public)

Sat 18th May Song Bird Competition

Sat 15th June TBC

Sat 20th July TBC

Sat 17th Aug TBC

Sat 21st Sep TBC

Sat 19th Oct Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show

Sat 16th Nov Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)

Fri ??? Dec Staging for Open Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)

Sat ??? Dec Open / Annual Show (all day)

2025

Sat 18th Jan AGM

The President's Comments

I lived all, or should I say, most of my life in Rush Green. Romford had a cattle and sheep market on Saturdays. The whole of the Market Place was full of pens with most types of animals for sale. But the best part of it was that most of Rush Green was full of farmland and meadows. The street I lived in was on the edge of farmland on one side and Rush Green Hospital on the other. The street was a new development, so all the families were of roughly the same age, with lots of children my age. Great times, although things and times were very hard and money short.

So, we, i.e. the kids, were very lucky in that we had so many places to roam and spend our time. The best place for me was The Chase and, over the years, my friends and I knew every nook and cranny. The Chase had a big area of ponds, fields, river i.e. The Rom. There were lines of hedges, small forests and marsh land to be explored. The area covered miles. From the back of May & Bakers at Dagenham East across to Elm Park, down to Roneo Corner and along the back of Rush Green and to the rear of Rush Green Hospital.

This was a great place to find birds, and find them we did. There were all types of Finches, Blackbirds and Thrushes. We even had Ring Ouzels. All types of Tits, Skylarks, Wagtails, you name them, they were there. There was a bomb crater that was full of newts and fish. There was a large black pipe nearly covered in grass and if you pulled the grass back there were different types of snakes. In another area was a large fishing lake, with a smaller lake you

reached by a small bridge. This had all types of Waders on. We had many years of fun in and around the fields and lakes.

One of my favourite places was a large field behind Garrots Riding School. They rented most, if not all of The Chase. This area was covered with small bushes and gorse and was alive with Linnets sitting in the top branches singing their hearts out. Every bush in the summer seemed to have a nest with Linnets in. In some areas where the blackberries and stinging nettles grew through the bushes, you would find White Throat nests.

After many years, a lot of the area was taken over for sand pits. The sides of these pits were taken over by Sand Martins to dig out and build their nests.

There's much more I could write about The Chase, but I'll call it a day for now.

Our Club – To all Club Members, may I, on behalf of the Committee, say many thanks for your support on a wonderful and happy year and, I hope you will all agree, keeping Dagenham at the forefront of CBS's. May this continue for long into the future. Well done all.

AGM – Once again we are on the point of another AGM when it will be time to have your say and to sort out if you want any changes in the Committee.

May I just say you have some wonderful people serving on the Committee. First and foremost is your Secretary (Richard). He has the Club running better than I have known for many a year with not only the support he gives the Club in how it runs, but the other things he and his firm give the Club in raffle prizes, and also in monetary aid. A great Secretary and may this continue way into the future.

The Canteen Staff, Fran and Val, with a little bit of help from Barry and yours truly (i.e. washing up). The girls are always there making tea and coffee and bacon, cheese and ham rolls. But most of all Fran's bread pudding. So well done ladies a great job.

Then you have the person who, in my opinion does a hell of a lot for us. Barry, with help from his sister, Val. I know what you're all thinking. How can these two be related. I think there must have been an odd gene somewhere along the line!! I will leave it to you to decide where the gene raised its head.

On a more serious note, our Barry does like a chat so I am surprised how he gets through the things he does for the Club, i.e. taking the photos, the raffle, printing the Newsletter. This is where Val comes into her own, not only typing said Newsletter, but sending it out on time. This is done with some help from

her husband, Ken who often takes them to the Post Office. She also has to sort out the scribble that I write. Well done you two.

Of course, we do have other people who do a fair amount of work for the Club. So, on your behalf may I thank them all. So please do your best and get to the AGM.

Sponsors – We have some Sponsors for our Club –

- Shane Evans of Direct Bird Products
- I.O.A.
- Bird Keepers Association

And all the Members who give donations to the Show Fund. So, to these people on your behalf, I say many thanks. I know there are others who I have not mentioned, but I think we all know who they are, so many thanks.

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS – It's that time of year again when subs are due. Although the cost of the Newsletter has gone up a lot, as has so much more to do with running the Club, the subs will stay the same. This is basically because of the support we get from the Sponsors and people who come to the Meetings.

Whilst sorting out the paperwork for the Annual Show, I noted that some of the Current Members did not pay their full subs for 2024. I look forward to said Members paying the extra.

Annual Show – I was a bit sorry to see that only about 20 Members turned up on Friday evening to set the Hall up for our Show on the Saturday, but I would like to say many thanks to those that did. They worked their socks off well into the evening, only stopping for a short spell to have a drink and the buffet which Richard had arranged.

I would also say thanks to those that gave up their time to help out with the Show the following day. The Show was a great success but I will leave all the rest of the day to our Secretary (Richard) to tell you about

Before I sign off may I, on behalf of all our Committee Members wish all Club Members and their families all the best for a Happy and Prosperous New Year

The Secretary's Comments

What a great day our Annual Show was, a fantastic turn out of around 800 entries and very well supported by our members and guests. Well done to Terry Roberts who won best in show with a Greenfinch x Bullfinch and well done to all our specials winners.

The show team led by Steve Wallis (Show Manager) & Geoff Louth (Show Secretary) did a super job this year considering we had a 30% increase in entries, and we almost opened on time, so just a few little tweaks this year and we will be spot on.

Full list of the winners is below

	SPECIALS LIST FOR PAID UP MEMBERS	WINNER
1	BEST BIRD IN SHOW	Terry Roberts
	CANARY AWARDS	
2	BEST CANARY IN SHOW	Keith Ferry
3	2ND BEST CANARY IN SHOW	Lawson & Wells
4	3RD BEST CANARY IN SHOW	Kevin Peck
5	BEST CYB CANARY IN SHOW	Keith Ferry
6	BEST CHAMPION YORKSHIRE	N/A
7	BEST NOVICE YORKSHIRE	N/A
8	BEST CYB YORKSHIRE	N/A
9	BEST CHAMPION NORWICH	Keith Ferry
10	BEST NOVICE NORWICH	Dams & Vickers
11	BEST CYB NORWICH	S&B Wallis
12	BEST CHAMPION BORDER	Steve Hardcastle
13	BEST NOVICE BORDER	N/A
14	BEST CYB BORDER	Steve Hardcastle
15	BEST CHAMPION GLOSTER	Lawson & Wells
16	BEST NOVICE GLOSTER	N/A
17	BEST CYB GLOSTER	Lawson & Wells
18	BEST CHAMPION FIFE	Kevin Peck
19	BEST NOVICE FIFE	A. Aldridge
20	BEST CYB FIFE	Kevin Peck
21	BEST CHAMPION NEW COLOUR	Mick Pegram
22	BEST NOVICE NEW COLOUR	Kalvin Samuel
23	BEST CYB NEW COLOUR	Mick Pegram
24	BEST CHAMPION RAZZA CANARY	Les Rix
25	BEST NOVICE RAZZA CANARY	Iceni Canaries
26	BEST CYB RAZZA	Iceni Canaries
27	BEST CHAMPION ENGLISH CINNIMON CANARY	Kendell Stud
28	BEST NOVICE ENGLISH CINNIMON CANARY	Jamie Taylor
29	BEST CYB ENGLISH CINNIMON	Kendell Stud
30	BEST CHAMPION AOV/LIZARD	D Hadley
31	BEST NOVICE AOV/LIZARD	Iceni Canaries
32	BEST CYB AOV/LIZARD	D Hadley

BRITISH, MULE, HYBRIDS & NORTHERN AWARDS		
33	BEST HARDBILL, SOFTBILL, MULE, HYBRID OR NORTHERN IN SHOW	Terry Roberts
34	BEST BRITISH HARDBILL IN SHOW	Jason Coventry
35	BEST MULE IN SHOW	Dave Mason
36	BEST HYBRID IN SHOW	Terry Roberts
37	BEST SOFTBILL IN SHOW	KAN Birds
38	BEST NORTHERN BIRD IN SHOW	S&B Wallis
HARDBILLS		
39	BEST CHAMPION FLIGHTED COCK HARDBILL	Jason Coventry
40	BEST CHAMPION FLIGHTED HEN HARDBILL	Lawson & Wells
41	BEST CHAMPION CYB COCK HARDBILL	Lawson & Wells
42	BEST CHAMPION CYB HEN HARDBILL	Wally Scott
43	BEST NOVICE FLIGHTED COCK HARDBILL	KAN Birds
44	BEST NOVICE FLIGHTED HEN HARDBILL	KAN Birds
45	BEST NOVICE CYB COCK HARDBILL	Jamie Taylor
46	BEST NOVICE CYB HEN HARDBILL	KAN Birds
47	BEST CV HARDBILL CHAMP OR NOV	Terry Roberts
MULES & HYBRIDS		
48	BEST CHAMPION FLIGHTED MULE	Richard Wilson
49	BEST CHAMPION CYB MULE	Dave Mason
50	BEST NOVICE FLIGHTED MULE	Davy Hunt
51	BEST NOVICE CYB MULE	Davy Hunt
52	BEST CHAMPION FLIGHTED HYBRID	Terry Roberts
53	BEST CHAMPION CYB HYBRID	Richard Wilson
54	BEST NOVICE FLIGHTED HYBRID	Davy Hunt
55	BEST NOVICE CYB HYBRID	Davy Hunt
56	BEST MINIATURE MULE, CHAMP OR NOV	Wally Scott
57	BEST CV MULE OR HYBRID, CHAMP OR NOV	Richard Wilson
58	BEST HEN MULE OR HYBRID, CHAMP OR NOV	Dave Mason
SOFTBILLS		
59	BEST CHAMPION SOFTBILL	Andy Calvesbert
60	BEST NOVICE SOFTBILL	KAN Birds
NORTHERN		
61	BEST CHAMPION NORTHERN COCK HARDBILL	S&B Wallis
62	BEST CHAMPION NORTHERN HEN HARDBILL	S&B Wallis
63	BEST NOVICE NORTHERN COCK HARDBILL	C McGuinness
64	BEST NOVICE NORTHERN HEN HARDBILL	C McGuinness
FOREIGN		

65	BEST FOREIGN, P/LIKE, SOFT & HARDBILL & BUDGIE IN SHOW	Phil Perkins
66	BEST FOREIGN PARROTLIKE	KAN Birds
67	BEST FOREIGN HARDBILL	Barry Johnson
68	BEST FOREIGN SOFTBILL	Phil Perkins
69	BEST BUDGIE	Barry Johnson
70	BEST ZEBRA OR BENGALISE	D Holloway
71	BEST CYB FOREIGN SOFT/HARDBILL, P/LIKE OR BUDGIE	D Holloway
	JUVENILE	
72	BEST JUVENILE BIRD IN SHOW	I Holick
73	BEST JUVENILE CANARY IN SHOW	I Holick
74	BEST JUVENILE BRITISH IN SHOW	N/A
75	BEST JUVENILE FOREIGN IN SHOW	N/A
76	MOST BIRDS ENTERED	KAN Birds
DONATED SPECIALS BY MOORO'S EVENTS		
77	BEST BRITISH HARDBILL IN SHOW – PRINTED MUG	Jason Coventry
78	BEST MULE IN SHOW – PRINTED MUG	Dave Mason
79	BEST HYBRID IN SHOW – PRINTED MUG	Terry Roberts
80	BEST NORTHERN BIRD IN SHOW – PRINTED MUG	S&B Walis
81	BEST MINIATURE MULE, CHAMP OR NOV – PRINTED MUG	Wally Scott
82	BEST HEN MULE OR HYBRID, CHAMP OR NOV – PRINTED MUG	Dave Mason

January's Meeting – AGM

This month is our AGM. It's important that you support this meeting as this is your chance to have your say or maybe join the Committee, bring up any ideas or suggestions, and let us know what speakers you would like to see at our monthly meetings? Once our 2024 Committee has been appointed it is their job to manage and steer the Club with the best intentions for the Club in mind.

For instance, where would you like to see the Club funds spent? An excursion? A coach trip? New equipment?"

One point I would like to raise now is the date of our 2024 annual show. This year it would be planned for Saturday 14th December, however that falls on the same weekend as the All British show in Walsall which would decrease the entries for our show considerably. If we moved it forward one week to 21st December this would be too close to Christmas. If you bring it back by one week

to 7th December, this is the weekend of the Goulden Ring show which I believe will also decrease our entries.

It's possible we could move it back two weekends to Saturday 30th November, which would mean our Young Stock Show will be on the 16th November (CYB Birds only) and our annual on the 30th November.

Show Prize Money Fund

Thank you to all who donated 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.

We will again be looking at ways we can raise money for our show fund for 2024. We have the largest prize fund in the country, this includes all CBS's and Specialist Clubs. Wow how far we have come. Hopefully our 2024 Annual show will be even bigger.

To start us off, there were seven donations at the December Meeting and one on Show Day

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

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

Phone: 01708 641363

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 December 2023

Friday evening

Raffle made:	£97.00	Current Members present:	20
Tea Bar made:	£12.90	Guests :	1
Donations	0.00	New / Returning Members	0

Raffle

Graham Gallimore 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 The Standard Laboratory for their raffle donations
and also to all Members who donated raffle prizes during the year**

There was no seed raffle this month

Saturday Show Day

Raffle made:	£225.00	Members present:	At least 45
Tea Bar made:	£132.50	Guests	Not counted
Door & Catalogues	£161.00	New / Returning Members	6
Donations	00		

There were also 16 Exhibitors who paid to enter the Show which will entitle them to receive Newsletters for the next couple of months.

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

Thanks also to the Members who donated raffle prizes for the Show

New and Returning Members

We had one returning Member at the December Show
Welcome back to **Derek Holloway**
and also four New Members and a Partnership so welcome to
**S. Allwright, Steve Hardcastle, Terry Roberts, Dave Wardley and
Dams & Vickers**

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 500 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 Buckland

We understand from Mick Pegram that Mick Buckland has been unwell. All at the Club wish you well Mick. Get well soon

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 unclaimed and has been added to the Club's Prize Fund.



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
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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 13th December otherwise another ticket will be picked until a winner is declared.

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

NB – Some of this may change following the AGM

Bird Keepers Association

Information relating to the BKA 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

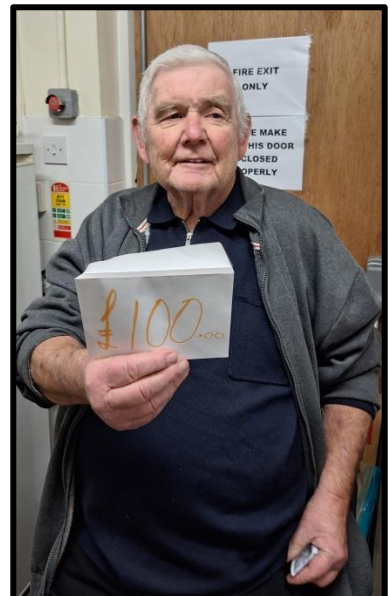




Terry Roberts best in show with his Greenfinch x Bullfinch



Isobel Holick best juvenile in show with her Canary



STRESS FREE CELEBRATIONS

WEDDINGS~~BIRTHDAY PARTIES~~ANNIVERSARY PARTIES
ENGAGEMENT PARTIES~~RETIREMENT PARTIES
CHARITY EVENTS—BAR/BAT MITZVAHS
CELEBRATION OF LIFE—CHILDRENS PARTIES
BABY SHOWERS~~CHRISTENINGS

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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