

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

**JULY 2020**



**NEXT MEETING  
which should have been on  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
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  
Dagenham  
Essex  
RM10 7DX

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**Committee Members 2020**

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

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

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**Committee Members' meetings**

**Would Officers and Committee Members please attend these monthly meetings starting from 10am on every meeting day.**

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**SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

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.**

**Forthcoming Meeting dates during 2020**  
**CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID 19**

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Open Show Preparation
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep	TBC
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Staging for Open Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Open Show (all day)
<u>2021</u>	
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	AGM

**The President's Comments and chit chat**

In last month's Newsletter I saw that Paul Jupe took the time to write a few pieces. Thanks Paul.

This got me to thinking about some of our Members who earn their living from the sale of birds and equipment. How are they managing to make ends meet? Are people still able to get to their shops? Do they have to put in any special social distancing? Do they deliver to people that can't get out to pick up their bird food?

As you know, I only have a few birds, but I have been very lucky because Barry and Fran and one or two others have been a life line to me and my wife. Picking up not only bits for the birds, but other items as well. So, we owe them all a big big thank you.

Now life is beginning to get back to some sort of normality, I can start going back over our allotment and meet people and have a chat. One of these is Dick Lathleiff. He was telling me his Fife had a pretty good first round, but the second was very hit and miss. So he has spent a lot of time on his allotment. He should be very proud as it is one of the best I have seen.

It would be nice to hear how other Members have got on in these troubled times, so please sharpen your pens and pencils and write just a few lines and send them to Val or Barry. You're very important to us and the Club if only to know you are safe and well.

Also let us know if you have anyone who has gone out of their way to help you and your family.

Stay safe and well. From all your friends at Dagenham CBS.

I have been told that we have an old Member returning to the Club – Tony Stubbs. He is looking for some Zebras. He used to live in East Ham but has now moved to Basildon so if anyone in the vicinity of Basildon can help please get in touch with him. (You can always put a message on the Club's Facebook Group page for him to pick up).

Barry and I are still looking for Gouldians and Bichenos. Also Diamond F/Tails. Even some of the mutations in Zebras and Bengalese. If you can help please ring either of us.

We still have no joy in telling you when the Club will re-open, but with a lot of restrictions being lifted, hopefully it will not be too long. Watch this space.

Recently while just sitting indoors I was looking at some old Newsletters and remembering some of our old Members. Many of whom have sadly passed away. We had some right characters, but lovely Club Members.

One of these was John Shaw. If you were short of a speaker or your speaker hadn't turned up, John would step into the breach and give a talk on Border Canaries. Somewhere along the line Canaries would be forgotten and he would start talking about his dogs! But I must say we all used to enjoy John's chats.

At one time I used to hand deliver many Newsletters, John's included. When dropping John's off I used to try and creep up to his door, but somehow, he or one of his dogs heard me and the door flew open and I was welcomed in. Tea was made and it was down the Bird Shed. One time when I went down the Shed I looked in his flight where he kept his hens, and to my amazement there was a whole turkey carcass on the floor, the bones of which were almost bleached white. I asked him why and he said the family had had enough turkey so he just gave the whole thing to his birds (meat and bones). "I'm sure if birds had teeth they would have eaten the bones" he said. He had a mate called Terry Fisher. When they popped in home they had me in fits with their antics.

Another good speaker we had was Jim Rutter. He would come to the Club with English Birds to have a small Bird Show. He would go through

every bird telling you what was good or bad in that particular breed. His knowledge of British was beyond belief. He used to have the Members mesmerised. From breeding to showing – a great speaker and showman.

We were very lucky. We had a very diverse Membership and a lot of very good speakers on the types of birds they bred.

We used to have one or two Question & Answer Evenings with three or four people answering questions. Very interesting.

The two I have mentioned are just a couple of those who gave talks.

Pete

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

I have had an email from the hall asking if we will be back for our July meeting as the hall is now open, which I have said no to, They have also asked when we will be returning. I will ask the committee to hold discussions in early August regarding our plans to return to having monthly meetings. The hall has issued me with a set of rules currently in place that we will need to abide by. But of course the rules are changing almost as quickly as the ink is drying. So I have no doubt there will be a new set of rules to help to protect us by the time we meet back.

The committee will give members an update in the August newsletter.

Richard

### **Staging Fund**

Here is an updated list of donations towards the new show staging –

Mark and Sally Logan = £500.00

Yellow Hammer donated by Les Rix = £50.00

Pair of Redpolls donated by Dave Mason = £60.00

Canary x Bullfinch donated by Richard Wilson= £210.00

Hospital Cage donated by Mick Pegram = £40.00

Light Greenfinch Mule donated by Lawson & Wells = £160.00

CASH donation by Fergus McCarthy = £200.00

CASH donation by Steve & Bill Wallis = £200.00

Goldfinch Mule donated by Steve & Bill Wallis = £145.00

Cock Greenfinch donated by Lawson & Wells partnership £40.00

TOTAL = £1,605.00

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

### **Update on New Staging**

I will be meeting with Dave Rands in early August to discuss payment for the staging which he will be collecting from Portugal in September.

Richard

### **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 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](http://www.vogelringe.de)

Phone: 0049-721-686023

Fax: 0049-721-683029 -

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

### **Members' Outlets**

#### **Essex Bird Fancier**

Mark Smithson

Facebook and Ebay

Telephone – 07983 108 383

e-mail – [essexbirdfancier@gmail.com](mailto:essexbirdfancier@gmail.com)

#### **Bavister's Pet Centre**

James Bavister

Website - [www.bavisterspetcentre.com](http://www.bavisterspetcentre.com)

Telephone – 01268 544 336

e-mail – [info@bavisterspetcentre.com](mailto:info@bavisterspetcentre.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](mailto:valkenh@btinternet.com)) or Barry ([lukeira@btinternet.com](mailto:lukeira@btinternet.com)).

### **Items for Sale**

**Several pairs of Glosters and some single Cock Birds (Consorts and Coronas).** If you are interested please ring **Fergus McCarthy on 07961 803 100** and make him an offer.

**Would you please let Barry or Val know if you want your advert changed or removed from next month's list? Thank you.**

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**

**Owl Finches (Bicheno's Finches) a pair and a single Hen** are wanted by **Barry Johnson**. If you can help please phone him on **0751 609 1070**.

A **Rosa Bourke Hen** and a **Rock Pennant Hen** are wanted by **Roger Mignot**. If you can help, please phone him on **07763 352 449**. He is also still looking for a **Blue Pennant Hen** and a **Mountain Parakeet Hen**.

**Two Goldfinch Hens** are wanted by **Mark Logan**. If you can help, please phone him on **01708 501926**.

**Would you please let Barry or Val know if you want your advert changed or removed from next month's list? Thank you.**

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.

### **New Members**

There were no new Members during the last month

### **The Club's Website, etc**

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

**Dagenham CBS Facebook Page:** We now have over 100 members on the new 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 has been leading the charge on our FaceBook page and I have 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.

Richard

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

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

### **2020 Membership Subscriptions**

**The Club's year runs from January to December**

**2020 Subscriptions**

Single - £15.00

Partnerships - £20.00

Juniors (to 16) – Free

*If anyone knows any Members who want to pay their subs they can still send a cheque to Pete and will be put back on the mailing list.*

### **Mark Logan**

I have spoken to Mark and he is going back to Guys Hospital every 2-3 weeks for tests and checks. Mark is a very positive person and has focused on his breeding season with help from Sally and his family. He has bred some Fifes, Borders and Yorkshire Canaries and is hopeful he may have some luck with his Yellow Hammers and Bullfinches.

Richard