

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2022



NEXT MEETING

Saturday, 16th July 2022

10am to 12pm

**A talk by Dave Mason on
Breeding Birds for Exhibition**

SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING

**Dagenham and District
Cage Bird Society
Meetings held at
Wantz Hall
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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

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 2022

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)

Forthcoming Meeting Dates

2022

Sat 16 th July	Dave Mason will be giving a talk on Breeding Birds for Exhibition
Sat 20 th Aug	Keith Ferry will be giving a talk on Norwich Canaries
Sat 17 th Sep	Jason Jermy will be giving a talk on Softbills
Sat 15 th Oct	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
Sat 19 th Nov	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)
Fri 9 th Dec	Staging for Open / Annual Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)
Sat 10 th Dec	Open / Annual Show (all day)

2023

Sat 21st Jan	AGM
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The President's Comments

June's Meeting was a talk by Malcolm Thornton and he spoke about his cages and flights and the type of foreign birds he keeps.

He also spoke about how he and Len March set up the Bird Keeping Association. I believe this was back in 2015. From day 1 it has got stronger and stronger. He answered many questions and at the end the Members showed their appreciation in the usual manner.

When I was a lot younger I started in Foreign with not only Bourks, but also a few Zebras and Bengalese in a flight.

As I have said before, I have some lovely Gouldians still in a long flight (ornamental) but it was full of Gouldians so I decided to buy a few Zebras as I now have more time to sit and watch the birds.

I have bred quite a few Gouldians but I do not know a great deal about breeding said birds. I find them very secretive. I don't see them coming or going to their nest. The first thing I am aware of are the noises coming from the box.

The Zebras are, I find, totally different. Both pairs dive in and out of their nest boxes all the time. But the thing I have noticed is they take it in turn to go in and out of the nest box when they are sitting and will not let any other birds settle near it.

As I have said, now having time to watch these birds when they have young, either the Cock or the Hen sits outside the nest box, but as soon

as either leaves the box, the other one takes over at the box entrance and, as soon as they have both fed the chicks they fly off to have a feed together. Then the process starts all over again.

Question? Has anyone else noticed this in their Zebras or any other of their Finches?

I personally thought it may be because of the shortage of room in the nest box, with how many chicks there are, but one of my pairs only had one chick while the other pair has, I think, four, but the procedure is the same with both pairs.

Also the pair with only one chick started to lay a second clutch before the chick had left the nest. I have also noticed the Cock of the second pair taking bits of dry grass and other material in the box while the chicks were only about ten days old.

Another thing I have noticed, and I think this may be the reason, I have given them quite large nest boxes. Therefore most of the pairs have built fully domed nests inside the box, so it is only when the young start to move around and squash the nest down that you can see how many babies there are.

Pete

The Club Secretary's Comments

June's meeting we had Malcolm Thornton taking about keeping & breeding Foreign Finches, he had planned to show us a slideshow but unfortunately forgot his laptop, nevertheless his talk was informative and interesting and delivered very well, I'm sure Malcolm will be happy to return next year (with Laptop) for part two of his presentation.

We have had some great speakers this year with more to come. It's fascinating to hear how these people navigate through the keeping and breeding of their favored species, there is always something new to be learned.

July meeting, we have Dave Mason talking about breeding for exhibition. I must say I've been looking forward to this one. Dave has been a top exhibitor for many years and has bred many quality natives, mules & hybrids and Norwich Canaries to bless the show bench.

Richard

Show Prize Money Fund

There were five donations last month:-

Charlie Aldis made a cash donation – £10.00
Tara Boddington made a cash donation – £6.50
Dave Hunt donated Canaries – £100.00
Richard Wilson donated a carry case – £20.00
Mick Pegram made a cash donation – £10.00

Micky Moffet donated cages – £95.00
Laurie Butler donated a carry cage – £30.00
Richard Wilson auctioned a Mule – £50.00
Lee Everist made a cash donation of £15.00
Steve Wallis made a cash donation of £15.00
Sales Table – drinkers – £5.00
Richard Wilson donated cages – £50.00
Martin Nye made a cash donation of £30.00
Valerie Holmes made a cash donation of £20.00
Shane Evans donated a Twite Mule – £20.00
May's Song Bird Show entry fees – £8.00

TOTAL = £484.50

Thank you to all the above for their donations to the Club to help generate funds to go towards the prize money for the Club Shows

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

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

Wiltons Pets

Phone: 01268 726 216

Gladwells Pet & Country Store

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.

Items for Sale

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

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 for June 2022

Raffle made: £99.00

Current Members present: 27

Tea Bar made: £55.90

Guests : 7

Donations £00 (Sales)

New / Returning Members 2

Raffle

One of our new Members, Donna Coleman-Prayter, won the £50.00 from this month's Raffle

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

New Members

There were 2 New Members in June
Welcome to Chas Coakley who keeps Zebra Finches and
Donna Coleman-Prayter who keeps Gouldians and Fifes
We also welcome back Tara Boddington and Mark & Jeanette Mills

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 226 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.

Mick Pegram is still dealing with most of the posts on our Facebook page. 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 **Charlie Aldis** who kindly donated his winnings to the Club's Prize Money 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 2022 subs to Pete (details at the front of the Newsletter)
Cheques should be made payable to Dagenham & District CBS
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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 9th 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.

July 2022 Meeting

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A few pictures from the June Meeting







Romford Bird

The Romford held on the 2nd each month at Victory Hall, RM4 1LD. For see their or ring Jamie 354 911

Club Sponsor

Direct Bird year's Club are suppliers of equipment. to post orders to them hall on meeting

They also plan table at every

Members can calling **Shane 669 333** or Facebook Direct



Sale

Bird Sale will be Saturday of Noak Hill Romford, Essex, more details Facebook page Taylor on 07999

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to have a sales meeting.

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