

# DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

**JULY 2023**



**NEXT MEETING**  
**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
**10am to 1pm**

**IMPERIAL BIRD OF PREY ACADEMY**  
**PLEASE NOTE NO BIRDS SHOULD BE BROUGHT**  
**TO THE HALL FOR SALE**

(Please see inside for more information)

**PLEASE NOTE – THERE WILL BE NO MEMBERS' SALES**  
**TABLES AT THIS MEETING – ONLY**  
**DIRECT BIRD PRODUCTS**

**Dagenham and District  
Cage Bird Society  
Meetings held at  
Wantz Hall  
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Newsletter	BARRY & VAL
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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

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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 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Imperial Bird of Prey Academy
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**

I wish, once again, to thank all those that turned up to make our speaker most welcome. This was Malcolm Thornton. Alas Malcolm woke up late so he didn't get to the Club on time, but I think we would all agree it was worth the wait. Thank you Malcolm.

While sitting listening to Malcolm on and off the Canaries for sale kept breaking into song. I sat not far from one bird and a thought went through my head – the bird should have been at the Club last month because without a shadow of a doubt it would have won the song contest.

I was talking to some of our Members and they told me the heat was playing havoc with their breeding season. As I have said before, most of my birds have gone into full moult, but I have got a few baby Gouldians just about to leave the box.

I look forward to reading articles from a few of our Members as to how well their season has been. Good or bad. But most of all, any set-backs they may have had and how they overcame them.

Last month, my wife and I with my daughter and grandson went to a smallish Zoo down in Yarmouth called Trigby Zoo. On arrival, the first thing we saw was a Sulphur Crested Cockatoo. I seem to be drawn to these birds. He was in immaculate condition and so calm. We next saw some very large Crocodiles and an assortment of Snakes. Large aviaries full of different Monkeys swinging round their large enclosures. In the next section were several large Cats. Some of their enclosures had walkways over the paths to other enclosures. There was a family of Porcupines relaxing in the sun, Otters in and out of pools and walk-through aviaries

with many different birds flying around your head, and large pools filled with Koi Carp.

On the other side of the Zoo there was a massive enclosure with a pair of Tigers prowling round. There were several walkways up into the canopy for when the Tigers climbed up onto their raised platforms.

Just outside the enclosure was a closed in section with Ducks. These Ducks were nesting along the walkway with eggs and chicks. Through another gate were all different small Cats. In another section were flights around a large pond with a large bridge. This pond had beautiful large Koi Carp. There were also Pigs and Meerkats. At the far end of the Zoo they had a large closed off lagoon. This had a walk through with lots of different Ducks, Egrets, Ibis and Storks sitting on eggs. In the last enclosure they had Dingos. See photos later in this newsletter.

These are just some of the birds and animals they had. A lovely day out.

Don't forget this month's meeting is Saturday the 15th July. This meeting has cost more than any meeting we have ever had. It's Birds of Prey. So do your best to come along. Bring as many guests as you like. All are welcome. See you there.

Pete

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

At the June meeting we were given a talk and slide show by Malcolm Thornton on how he keeps his Foreign Finches. It was very informative, starting from how he built his bird room and flights, what sort of floor covering he has and how he cleans and maintains it. He then went on to what birds he keeps and how he houses them and feeds them.

I find it very interesting listening to the different ways we all started keeping birds and there's also always something we can learn from others. Thank you to Malcolm for putting so much time and effort into his talk for us.

It's always hard to find speakers to come to the club to cover all the many species our members keep. We are blessed at our club to have so many great bird keepers, many of which have honored us with their time and passion of keeping birds. None of them are professional speakers or presenters, so please show your respect with a little bit of silence while they are speaking. We have a break half way through each meeting for a cuppa and a chat, or before and after their presentation.

In future I will keep an eye out for any chatter boxes as I'm looking for speakers for next year's meetings!!

Now that the Barrier is working at the club car park, please remember the code 0852#

I have registered the interest of some of the club members to donate a bird or birds for the Cage & Aviary Raffle which you will see advertised in C&A over the next few weeks. This was very successful the last time they did it, making clubs hundreds of pounds. I will update when I have more news.

Richard

### **July's Meeting**

At July's meeting, we have The Bird of Prey Academy who will be giving a display in the Hall which has been booked for an extra hour – from 10am to 1pm. All are welcome so you can bring along your family, friends, children and grandchildren.

As there will be a display in the Hall please do not bring any birds for sale, etc. There will be no Members' Sales Tables this month – ONLY Direct Bird Products

### **Show Prize Money Fund**

There were four donations in June:-

Steve Newman donated £2.00  
Mick Buckland donated £20.00  
Les Rix donated £30.00  
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

TOTAL to date = £825.50

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**

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Contact George Weeks

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

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

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07882 951 578 (Mobile)

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

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### **Safe Plants to use with your Finches**

Malcolm Thornton has provided a list of plants, etc which are considered safe to use with your Finches. This list is very comprehensive and contains too much information to be printed in the newsletter. I therefore am providing the web address for this article. Please look it up at [http://www.finchinfo.com/housing/safe\\_and\\_toxic\\_plants.php](http://www.finchinfo.com/housing/safe_and_toxic_plants.php)

It is definitely worth a look and keeping in your favourites for future reference

Barry

### **Items for Sale**

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

- **2 sets of 4 Norwich show cages complete with perches and drinkers plus transport bags – £50.00 per set.**
- **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 can bring them to the next Club Meeting or you can ring him on **07709 076 594** to make arrangements for collection. (1<sup>st</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 June 2023**

Raffle made	£129.00	Current Members present	36
Tea Bar made	£74.80	Guests	2
Donation from		New / Returning Members	0
Alan Green	£20.00		

### **Raffle**

**Shane Evans** won the £50.00 prize again this month. Will he make it third time in a row in July?

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

**Karen Brampton** won the seed raffle this month

## New and Returning Members

There were no new or Returning Members at the June 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 454 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 prize was won by **Alan Green** 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**





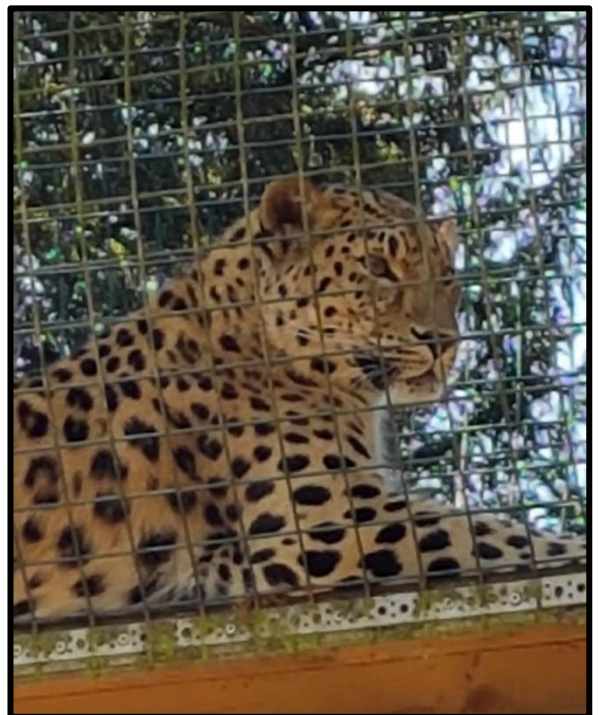
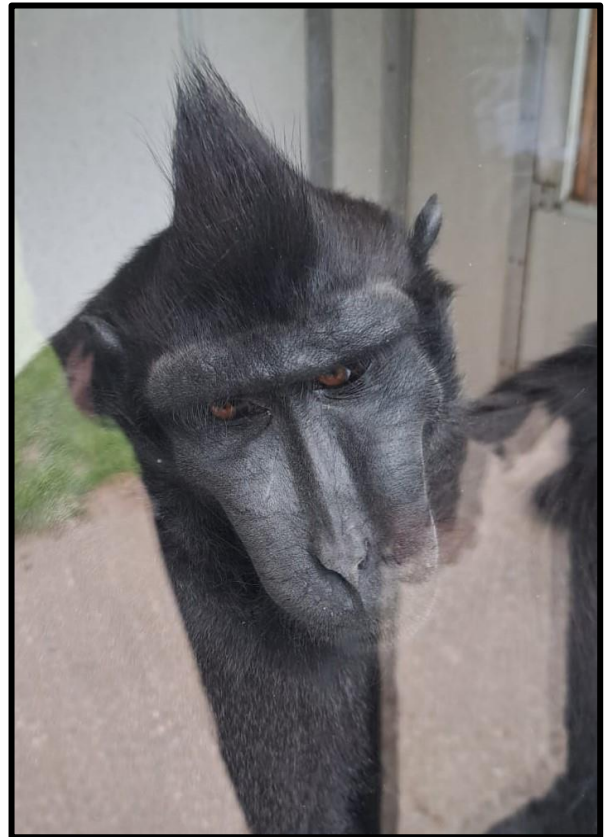








Some Pictures at Trigby Zoo taken by Pete's daughter Jannine



## 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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circumstances beyond our control require  
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