

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2020



NEXT MEETING
which should have been on
Saturday 20th June 2020
10am to 12pm
HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE
CORONAVIRUS

(Please see inside for more information)

SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING

2020 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Dagenham and District
Cage Bird Society
Meetings held at
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Trophy Secretary	LES RIX
Canteen	FRAN, VAL & BARRY

Committee:

Dick Lathleiff, Mick Pegram and Ted Papandreas

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 Members' meetings

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

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

The President's Comments

I am sorry I didn't write anything in last month's Newsletter, but without the Club running it is hard for me to find things to write about. But I will give it a go. So if I can try so can you. So sit down and put pen to paper, even if it's only to tell us how this virus is affecting your life, not only with the birds, but your home life.

I don't have many birds but I have a Goldfinch and a Redpoll Cock. One of our Members had a few spare Fife Hens which he gave me so I am interested to see if I can get a few Mules.

Also I bought some Gouldians from James – 3 Cocks and a Hen. They were all in a flight. I didn't hold out any or much hope of them breeding, but just to see I knocked up two nest boxes of different sizes and shape. I was astonished to see one of the Cock Birds almost straight away gathering up nesting material but I never saw the Hen carrying any nesting material. He was in and out of the nest box constantly. After a while she started to disappear into a nest box for long periods. I must admit after a week or so I had to have a look. To my disbelief there were four eggs. So I didn't look again. Then one day the Hen was out in the aviary. When I looked at her closely she had an egg hanging from her rear end feathers. I caught her but the egg was just hanging there so I thought I'd check the other eggs which should have hatched by then. No luck they were still in the nest box, partly buried, but I hope she will have another go later.

So to the garden. In our small turning over the past few years we have had a lot of new neighbours (I think the old ones moved to get away from

me). Having said that, the new neighbours were all young and have now had families. So I got to thinking about my front garden. I have always liked ornamental things so little by little I have changed the front garden into an “ornamental zoo” so the toddlers in the street can come in and look around and see what’s there. The other day one of the neighbours was standing there pointing out to her daughter the different animals, birds and butterflies that were hiding in the flowers (lovely). But it’s not only the children I see stopping and looking in the garden, it’s adults as well. So if it makes people smile and be happy in these sad times, I am happy as well.

While I am wittering on I must say thank you to Richard for all the information in the last Newsletter.

It will be nice to see the Club open again but unfortunately we do not know how long this will be.

So, for now, I wish you and your families well and hopefully will see you all soon. Stay well.

Pete

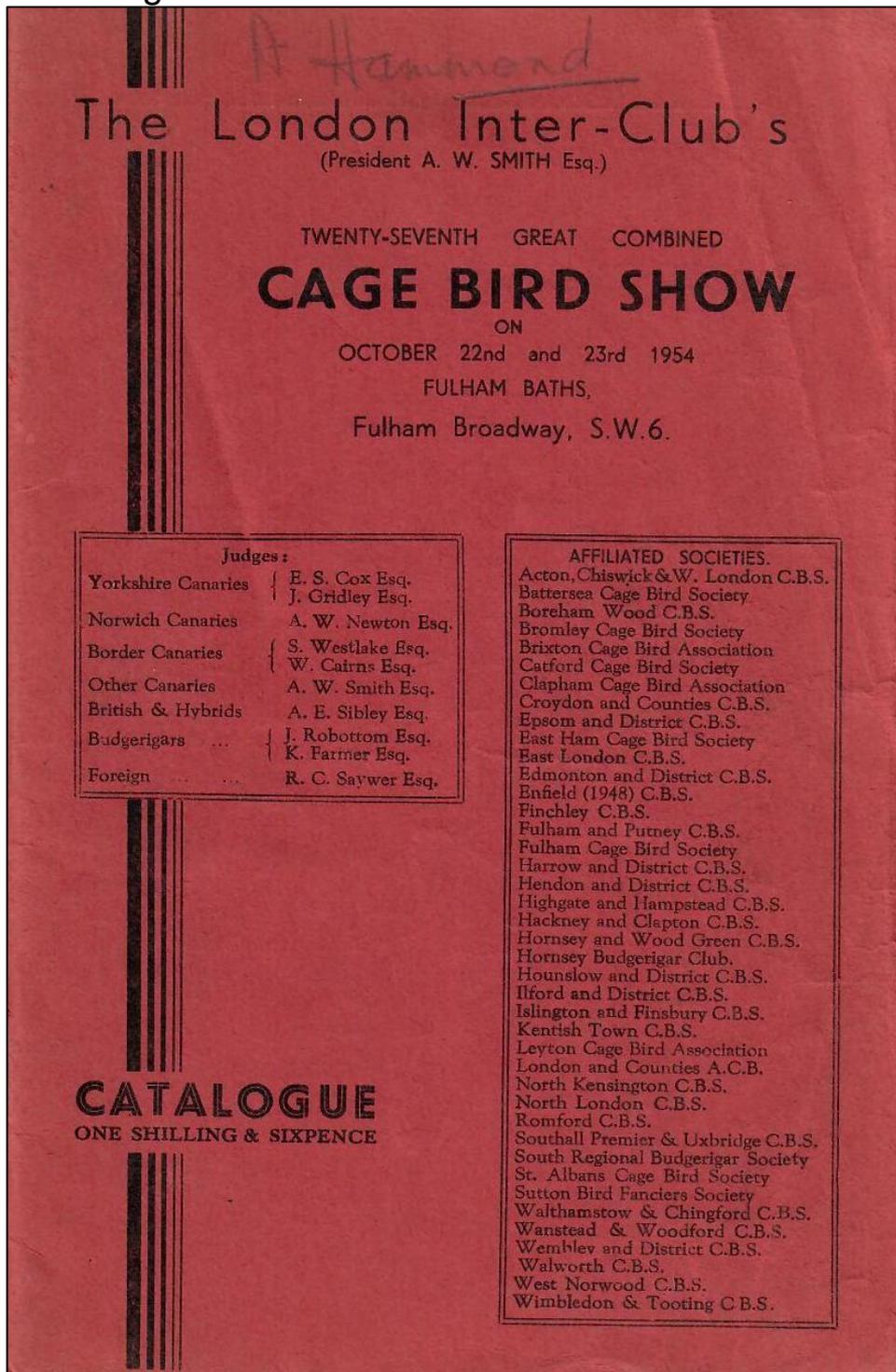
A photo of Pete’s front garden



The Club Secretary’s Comments

In the 1990’s most of our members lived within a 5 mile radius of where the club had its meetings – Heath Park Hall, Rusholme Avenue, Dagenham, with 70% of its members living in Dagenham and 30% of its members living in the surrounding areas of Romford, Barking, Rainham and Ilford. Of course in the 1990’s we had other Bird Clubs still running in local areas such as Romford CBS, Barking CBS, Rainham CBS (Phoenix) which all had an overlapping membership shared with Dagenham CBS. The end of the 1990’s and early 2000’s saw a sharp decline in the number of bird clubs being able to maintain their status and by 2005 when the Bird

Flu Pandemic hit the world not many clubs managed to survive it. To think back in the day nearly every London Borough had a bird club, close to 120 clubs within a 12 mile radius of the centre of London. As you can see from the photo of the London Inter Club Show Book 1954, there were 41 London clubs that took part in the show, sadly Dagenham CBS was not included but I'm sure you'll recognise some of the clubs that did take part, many of which are no longer in existence.





So where are we now? As you can see from the map our membership has widened geographically with members from as far as Northamptonshire, Deal in Kent, Alton in Hampshire and Colchester in Essex. In fact only 11 members live in Dagenham as of the 2019 membership. So the question may be how and why did Dagenham CBS evolve through this period when many clubs failed and fell away from the hobby. In 2019 the Club has kicked on again, recently relocating to a new venue, increasing its membership year on year and is seen by other clubs as a model for success and now in 2020, our 80th year, the world has been hit by the Coronavirus which will change the way we live for many years to come. What changes it makes to our hobby we will have to wait and see, but one thing is for sure, Dagenham CBS will be ready to open its doors when it's safe to do so.

Richard

Staging Fund

There's no change to the staging fund and the total stands at £1,105.00

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

The committee has agreed to order 22 bays of show staging at a cost of around 120 euro per bay plus we will contribute to the expenses for collecting of the staging by Dave Rands in September, so we will have it for our Young Stock Show and Open Show.

Richard

Dagenham CBS – Information request

I am still looking to complete the Club's History on our Website and am missing information between the years 1979-1998 and 2006-2015. If anyone has got any information relating to the Club during these years, for example, news, photos, show results or any other information, would you please let me know? Other than these breaks in years I have researched and have found something for each year since 1935.

Richard

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

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Seed & Equipment

Club sponsors Essex Bird Fancier are open for your orders and are happy to post your orders to you, call Lisa on 07983 108383 or Email – essexbirdfancier@gmail.com

The International Glosters Breeding Association (IGBA)

I have recently had a letter from Mr Adrian Short, on behalf of the IGBA

Mr Short is the Patronage Secretary. He sent us three rosettes for presentation at our Show. He would like us to send the results after the

Show so they can be entered in their Year Book. I will forward the letter, with the address, etc. to Richard. So for more information please contact Richard.

Pete

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

We had one New Member this month.
So please welcome John Emms to our Club.

The Club's Website, etc

The Club's **website** is 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 – 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

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 so your 2020 subscriptions are now due.

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.

Copy of a Member's recent e-mail to Richard

Thank you for the continuing newsletters despite there not being any meetings. It's particularly pleasing when that envelope drops from the letter box onto the doormat. The familiar envelope and sticky label on its reverse are an immediate giveaway to its contents. Putting a newsletter together each month is not an easy task especially in these difficult times, but I believe it is still a great way to keep us all connected even though we are unable to have our regular meetings. Often in the newsletter members

are asked if they would like to contribute articles, thoughts or any other comments on subjects that may interest them and the wider membership, rarely are any submitted. I know this to be true as I often compose the Basildon newsletter. I have detected frustration in some of your articles regarding the disappointment felt when other CBS's have failed to support Dagenham's annual show when Dagenham have given other annual shows so much support. I also could detect frustration with the "nil response" to the request for an exchange of phone numbers recently, but club members are as equally fickle as any group in society. I know on a personal level that I have spoken to many members and that those members have spoken to other members. The jungle drums are still beating, rest assured. Nevertheless I get the point about members who may have smaller social circles than ourselves needing to keep in contact.

These comments are in support of all of those that work so hard to make the club a success and not written as a criticism. Keep up the good work.

Back to the birds. I have kept Hawfinches for the past seven or eight years with varying degrees of failure!! Sadly I have not been able to breed any successfully, there's always been a disaster along the way. This year I witnessed a phenomenon with a pair of hawfinches that I have never seen before. The cock bird a 2019 bird went to the freshly replenished D cup and picked out a juicy fat wax moth lava and ate it, he then returned a second time and took another then hopped back onto the perch. The hen then joined him and the cock offered the wax moth to the hen, she took it eagerly and immediately disappeared to the back of the flight. The hen is much more of a nervous disposition than the cock. Nevertheless the hen returned to the perch beside the cock and presented the wax moth back to the cock after only nibbling the smallest portion of the wax moth. The cock then took the wax moth nibbled another tiny piece and presented it back to the hen. This happened eight to ten times before the single wax moth was gone. This is a great sign, as normally it's all about blood and broken feathers before one finally gains dominance over the other and settle prior to breeding. Fingers crossed

Paul Jupe

Thank you Paul for the comments about the Newsletters. They are much appreciated.

Valerie

Mark Logan

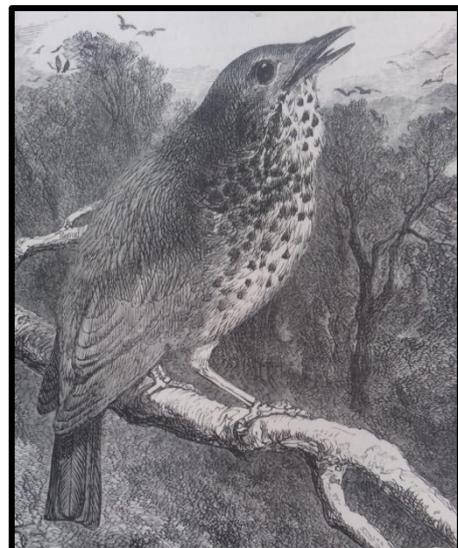
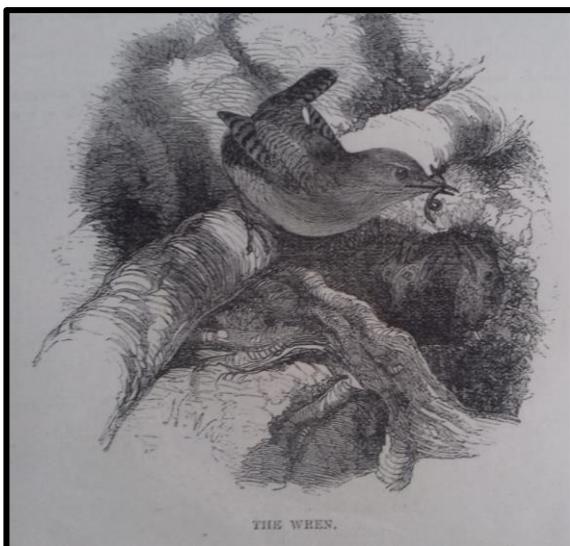
Mark Logan has been very unwell and at the time of speaking with Sally he was in Guy's Hospital awaiting treatment. The Committee & members would like to wish Mark a speedy recovery and hope to see you soon.

Richard

Can you spot Mick Pegram??



Below a few more photos sent in by Mick Pegram



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