

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2021



**NEXT MEETING
which should have been
on Saturday 19th June 2021
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
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Asst. Show Manager	LES RIX
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Asst. Show Secretary	Vacancy
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 2021

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.

Forthcoming Meeting dates
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID 19

NB: As you all know, the Meetings would have been arranged at the AGM. The following are the dates when the Meetings would have been held this year and show the same details as last year. They are of course all subject to change and / or cancellation.

2021

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

2022

Sat 15 th Jan	AGM
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The President's Comments

Regarding the present Lockdown, it's hard to work out how many people seem to meet. What I don't understand is the Government says only up to 30 people outside, but the Council says we can have up to 30 people inside. So who is right and who is wrong? We need more clarification before we attempt to open.

Another thing is about the jab. How do we see this working if someone has not had the jab? Will they be allowed to come to a meeting or not?

Personally I think that anyone eligible to have the jab and turns it down should not be allowed to come to the Club. This is for the safety of all Members and their families.

If we have to be patient and wait a little bit longer before we return to the Club, hopefully this will keep us all safe, so I think we should do just that – wait a little longer, and stay safe.

I have just had a read of this week's Cage & Aviary. In Club News it said that some Clubs are trying to open in June.

I personally think this is a bit early, especially with the speed the Indian Variant is spreading.

It was also interesting to read that some of the Clubs are not having an Open Show this year, but will go ahead with a Club Show. This, I think, makes common sense. Food for thought.

Birds

Barry and I have been hunting for Gouldians for quite some time. When we found some, although they were all very young, we decided to buy them and put them all in my aviary with two adult Cocks belonging to Barry. I think they are about 10-11 months' old. Some have gone to nest and are currently sitting on eggs.

I also had a single Fife Hen trying to go to nest,. I felt sorry for said Hen so I rang Barry to see if he had a spare Fife Cock. He had, so within an hour it was in my shed. I put it straight into the flight with the Hen. Needless to say they mated straight away. I am happy to say they immediately built a nest. She has laid five eggs and they are all full. Should hatch any day now. The point of this story is, if people can help one another out, good things can happen.

STOP PRESS.....

I have just had a week at my daughter's chalet. The weather was wonderful, so I would sit with a cup of tea and watch the birds. One morning as I was sitting there, about five Linnets came down, one was almost sitting on my toe, foraging in the grass and picking at the seed heads. There were several Pied Wagtails flitting around in the grass and every now and again they would fly up under the gutters to get insects and spiders. Goldfinches were also hopping round in the grass.

Blackbirds obviously had babies somewhere close as they had beaks full of worms and insects.

There were quite a few Starlings and Pigeons hopping and running around the grass, but the most birds around were obviously Gulls of several types.

Crows and Magpies were very wary and did not stay still for long, but on the whole, the birds seemed happy to be around humans. So you could see the birds in all their glory.

I know I have said before about these birds, but they are too beautiful not to mention again. I could sit all day and watch their antics in the wild.

Pete

The Club Secretary's Comments

June's meeting will not go ahead as the committee at the hall says the Council's guidance is that we can only have 30 people in the hall. I did ask if members could contact me and let me know their feelings or if they would or wouldn't come to the meeting. Only 14 people got in touch so there is no way of knowing how many people would turn up and if we would exceed the 30-person limit. If we had exceeded the limit this would have caused us an issue with who are the 30 that are allowed in? Is it the first 30 that arrive? The first 30 to arrive and have had both jobs? Either way I'm sure this would have upset someone and that's not what we are trying to promote at the club. So I think it's best not to open the club until all restrictions have been lifted. We will know by 21st June what the new rules will be, so not long to wait now.

Richard

Open Show

Hopefully this will be discussed at our August meeting.

Richard

Staging Fund

Here is an up-dated list of donations towards the new show staging (same as last month) –

Mark and Sally Logan donated cash = £500.00

Les Rix donated a Yellow Hammer = £50.00

Dave Mason donated a Pair of Redpolls = £60.00

Richard Wilson donated a Canary x Bullfinch = £210.00

Mick Pegram donated a Hospital Cage = £40.00

Lawson & Wells Partnership donated a Light Greenfinch Mule = £160.00

Fergus McCarthy donated cash = £200.00

Steve & Bill Wallis donated cash = £200.00

Steve & Bill Wallis donated a Goldfinch Mule = £145.00

Lawson & Wells Partnership donated a Cock Greenfinch = £40.00

Les Rix donated cash = £120.00

Richard Wilson donated Bullfinches = £120.00

John Young donated cash = £50.00

Nigel Breese donated a Pair of Goldfinches = £80.00

Barry and Fran Johnson donated cash = £100.00

Valerie Holmes donated cash = £100.00
Phil Perkins donated cash = £50.00
Mr & Mrs Ken Grigg donated cash = £75.00
Paul Jupe sold 4 Cock Greenfinches = £50.00
Pegram & Hussey Partnership donated cash = £50.00

TOTAL = £2,400.00

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

Update on New Staging

I received another quote for the staging which came in at over £7000 so still looking for a better option. I have emailed and phoned the company in Portugal hoping they may be back to work but I have had no response from them.

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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E-Mail: ma.herr@vogelringe.de

Members' Outlets

Bavister's Pet Centre

James Bavister

Telephone – 01268 544 336

Website - www.bavisterspetcentre.com

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Essex Bird Fancier

Mark Smithson

Telephone – 07983 108 383

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e-mail – essexbirdfancier@gmail.com

Direct Bird Products

Shane Evans

Please see information following their advert at the end of the Newsletter.

This year's Club Sponsor

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) or Barry (lukeira@btinternet.com).

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.

New Members

There were no new Members last month

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 159 members on the 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 is still leading the charge on our FaceBook page and Richard has 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.

John Emms

The Club would like to wish John Emms (of Walton on the Naze) a speedy recovery after his hip operation and hope that he is well on the way to recovery.

Nigel Breese

The club would also like to send their best wishes to Nigel Breese who has been unwell in Hospital, but thankfully back home now to recover. Hope you start to feel better soon Nigel.

“NEST PANS” by Brenda Kettle

Well, here I am again folks, writing another article for our magazine. Please accept my apologies if you are thinking 'Oh no, her again!' with seeing my name on articles, but, I am trying to supply 'information snippets' to help keep this magazine going, so my apologies! I also hope my tips may help some of our novices and maybe a 'veteran or two' in bird keeping!

I decided to write this in response to Paul's article in May, regarding the use of carbolic soap for securing nest felts into pans. Recently, this year, there were a number of questions on Facebook regarding – 'How do breeders secure their nest felts into their nest pans?' Surprisingly, there were quite a few responses in favour of using carbolic soap. I wonder how many members of this club do use carbolic soap to fix their nest felts in? Does your decision depend on the type of nest pan that you decide to use, and whether they are for British birds or canaries?

As you all know I keep Fife canaries and I personally would not use carbolic soap in my nest pans. My reason for this is, that I use plastic nest pans that have slots in them, so, for me, using carbolic soap is not a particularly good idea, as it may well squeeze through the slots. My concern would be, 'is it possible that the birds could ingest the soap and possibly cause problems?' Maybe a fellow member in this club may be able to answer that question?

Yes, some hens will rip felts apart even when supplied with copious amounts of nesting material, as well as plucking their chicks!! When I first started with birds a lot of time was spent over the winter months laboriously sewing the felts in by hand, but I didn't know any different then. It was down to a good friend of mine who told me his secret of felt securing which is very quick.

I use paper fasteners in the form of a round head with two prongs underneath, which can be purchased from Wilkinsons, or good stationers shops. I make an initial small hole in the felt then push the two prongs through the felt and a slot, before opening up the prongs underneath the pan. Job done, with very little effort being used.

NOTE: Before securing, the underside is smothered with brown diatom powder, then on the topside, for mite prevention.

As Paul says, rightly so, we all do things differently, so whatever works for you 'Stick with it', unless you pick up a good tip somewhere along the way which you may find to be easier for you.

Brenda

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

The winner from the March 2020 Newsletter was DAVID DAWKINS so this is still being held over until the Club re-opens to give David a chance to claim his winnings.

2021 Membership Subscriptions

The Club's year runs from January to December

2020 Subscriptions

Single - £15.00

Partnerships - £20.00

Juniors (to 16) – Free

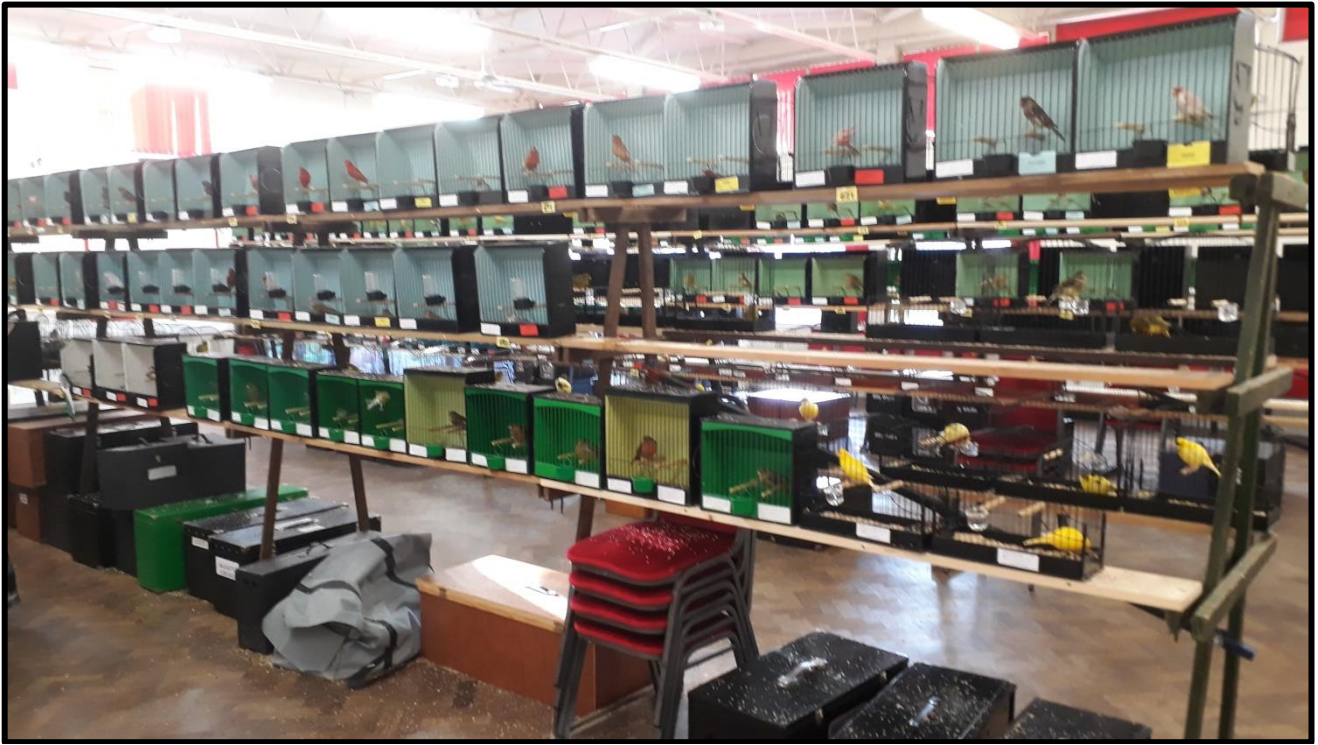
As mentioned by Richard in the October Newsletter, all 2020 paid up Members will get their 2021 Membership free of charge

If you have already paid your 2021 Membership Fee it will be carried over to 2022

Some pictures from our happy times in January 2020



Some pictures of our show in December 2019



New Club Sponsor

Direct Bird Products is this year's new 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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