

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023



**NEXT MEETING
Saturday, 17th JUNE
10am to 12pm**

**MALCOLM THORNTON
FOREIGN FINCHES**

(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 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

Meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month from 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 2023

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

2023

Sat 17 th June	Malcolm Thornton – Foreign Finches
Sat 15 th July	Imperial Bird of Prey Academy
Sat 19 th Aug	Jim Galbally – Weeds, Seeds & Live Food
Sat 16 th Sep	Lawson & Wells Partnership – Our Birds
Sat 21 st Oct	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
Sat 18 th Nov	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)
Fri 8 th Dec	Staging for Open Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)
Sat 9 th Dec	Open / Annual Show (all day)

2024

Sat 20th Jan AGM

The President's Comments

Another great morning at the Club, with over forty Members present for the Bird Song Contest which was very good with a diverse lot of birds on display. The Members present all seemed in good spirits and were having good chats with all.

As you will know, Barry and Fran were on holiday so it fell to Val and me to manage the kitchen. Firstly may I apologise to all Members who normally have bacon rolls or hot dogs and those that came expecting bread pudding. Val and I couldn't manage it all, but I must thank Val for preparing cheese and ham rolls which were sold out in no time at all. Thank you Val.

We drafted in three other Members – Steve to take photographs, Micky to do the raffle and last, but not least, Dick to fold the raffle tickets. They all did a great job so thank you very much lads.

As your Treasurer I would like to report that Richard has arranged some insurance for the Meeting Days and Show Days at a cost of £174.00. He has also bought some more staging which will be delivered soon. The cost to the Club will be around £2,000.00.

We also have a Raptor Morning booked costing £250.00.

What with stamps for the Newsletters now costing between £50 and £60 this just goes to show how much it costs to run a Club these days.

But we are very lucky, with all the raffle prizes being donated and nearly all food and drinks also being donated, we have a pretty good income every month which offsets a lot of our costs. Thanks also to those that donate birds, etc.

Birds – Once again it seems that Members are having a hit and miss season so all you can say is keep at it, and hopefully it will all come right in the end.

I am having no joy at the moment as my Zebras and Gouldians have gone into a moult, so maybe I will have some luck later in the year.

I have been told recently of a couple of people packing up birds, the reason, I have been told, is because of the price of food going up. This seems strange to me. Surely the best way to deal with the price problem is to cut down on the amount of birds you have and only keep the best.

I remember many years ago, I think I was about eleven years old, and I had to go into hospital. When I came home my Dad had sold our birds and equipment. I was so disappointed. I had four sisters and the shed was now a play room for my sisters as there was not enough room in our house. When he saw the disappointment in my face and heard the way I felt my Dad immediately returned the shed to a Bird Shed and bought in new birds and cages.

I tell this little story just to show that cost is not always the reason to stop with your hobby. It could be something to do with your life at home, and it makes you lose interest. There are many reasons, I know, as I have been through this. People may need our help, understanding and support not only in our hobby, but in life as well. So when you talk to people in that situation show some understanding and see if there is any way you can support them.

The clubs I have been a member of, especially Dagenham, have been a great support to me and the good friends I have made are a great comfort when things are hard. It is a comfort when you know that you have friends you can turn to for help and advice.

Pete

The Club Secretary's Comments

At the May Meeting we had our singing competition. NO I don't mean Pete on the piano singing Roll out the barrel. This was for songbirds. Thank you and well done to the members who took part and brought in a

bird or two. Thank you also to all the members who took part in the voting for best singing bird. Thankfully this process did not go on as long as the Eurovision song contest, but I think our winner could have given their winner a run for their money. Our winner was Jim Galbally with a lovely Goldfinch Mule. Well done, Jim.

Richard

June's Meeting

At June's meeting, we have Malcolm Thornton doing a talk on Foreign Finches. Malcolm promises to bring his laptop this time, so we hope to have a bit of a slide show as well. Malcolm will be talking about the birds he keeps and his set-up at home and about how he does things which is always interesting as it's good to hear how other people keep their birds in this great hobby. Please show your support as always.

Richard

Show Prize Money Fund

There were six donations in May:-

Sales Day Income – £361.00

Donna Coleman-Prayter & Karen Brampton from 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

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

TOTAL to date = £763.50

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 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. 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

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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Latchford Farm Aquatics, Upminster

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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 & Attendance for May 2023

Raffle made	£154.00	Current Members present	40
Tea Bar made	£63.50	Guests	2
Donations	£0	New / Returning Members	1

Raffle

Shane Evans won the £50.00 prize this month

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

Kevin and Ray Mills won the seed raffle this month

**Thank you to Mick Pegram for selling the raffle tickets this month and
to Dick Lathleiff for folding them**

New and Returning Members

There was one new Member at the May Meeting
Welcome to **Robert Hoadley** who keeps Norwich & Fifes

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 452 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 **Jamie Taylor**



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
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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 8th 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
17th September and 19th November
Please see the poster/flyer with this newsletter

Some Photos from last month's Meeting

Thank you to Steve Wallis for taking the photos at the May Meeting





**Unfortunately Jims winning bird was a bit camera shy and hid behind the rosette. Picture of his Goldfinch Mule is top left
Congratulations also to 2nd place winners S & B Wallis with their Siskin Mule and 3rd place winner Milton Savva with his Goldfinch Mule**





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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these dates to change.

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