

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2021



**NEXT MEETING
which should have been the
on Saturday 20th March 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
Wantz Hall
Rainham Road North
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Committee Members 2021 (subject to change)

President	PETER DECORT
Vice President	Vacancy
Chairman	BARRY JOHNSON
Vice Chairman	Vacancy
Secretary	RICHARD WILSON
Asst. Secretary	Vacancy
Treasurer	PETER DECORT
Publicity & Raffle	BARRY & VAL
Newsletter	BARRY & VAL
Show Manager	STEVE WALLIS
Asst. Show Manager	LES RIX
Show Secretary	GEORGE PHILPOT
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 20 th Mar	Cancelled
Sat 17 th Apr	TBC – Possibly AGM
Sat 15 th May	Song Bird Competition
Sat 19 th June	TBC
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 15th Jan AGM

The President's Comments

I always seem to be thanking the same people for taking the time to put together something to go in the Newsletter for us all to read. It would be nice to hear from some of our old or new Members. As I have said before, it helps Val and Barry put together the Newsletter. I am not asking for you to write a book, just a few lines or a page would be nice. But, thanks again for those that do write.

Barry arranged for the flowers and a card from all at Dagenham CBS to be sent for Fred's funeral.

After listening to Boris, his statement on lockdown implies, if I heard him correctly, that the Club will not be allowed to restart (open) again until July at the earliest. So, at the moment, July may be our next Meeting

Pete

The Club Secretary's Comments

With all adults to be vaccinated by 21st July it is looking like we could be having meetings in possibly July or August this year and a good chance of

our Open Show in December taking place. I'm sure there will be a number of rules we will have to abide by and rightfully so. The health and wellbeing of our members must be our top priority. As the Prime Minister's road map unfolds in to what will be the new normal, we will be able to set out any necessary procedures in line with those rules on how we can meet safely as a group.

Richard

Open Show

If the August meeting goes ahead, we will plan the Open Show at this meeting as usual.

Richard

Staging Fund

Here is a 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

TOTAL = £2,300.00

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 am not getting any answers via phone calls or emails from the company in Portugal who makes the staging. So with the help of Micky Pegram we

are getting some prices from metal fabricator companies in the UK. We have the specification sheets showing all the details so we are hoping for a like for like quotation. Update next month.

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

e-mail – info@bavisterspetcentre.com

Essex Bird Fancier

Mark Smithson

Telephone – 07983 108 383

Facebook and Ebay

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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

Brenda Kettle has **24 x metal canary cage fronts**, available. They are 16" wide x 12". In very good condition & sturdy, just require painting. Plus 4 more, same size, that require 1 spot weld/repair on one downward wire. They have 2x horizontal cross bars with 1x plus 2x feeder holes. If interested please contact Brenda on **01268 543334**. She is not asking for money for herself but would like a **donation to go to the club**.

Paul Jupe has **four normal coloured 2020 Cock Greenfinches** for sale. They are split for pied but do not show pied other than the odd feather. They are of good size and type. They have characteristic white toes and could be useful out crosses in an existing strain or for mule or hybrid production. **£15 each with the proceeds going to the staging fund.** If you are interested please contact Paul on **07891 517 797.**

Mick Pegram has a **winnower** for sale (see photo on next page). This was given to him by a non Member and the **proceeds will go to the staging fund.** If anyone is interested and would like to make an offer please contact Mick on **07709 076 594**

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

Barry has recently been speaking to **Dave Gray** who is looking for a **Siberian Bullfinch Hen** and a **pair of Goldfinches.** If you can help **Dave** can you please ring him on **07507 599864**

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 142 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.

"Memories" by Pete Decort

In my many years at Dagenham CBS I have met some truly wonderful people and made some lifelong friends – and they have to be friends to put up with me!

In the past I have run coach outings not only to The National, but to zoos and also outings where we had trips around the Essex countryside, finishing at different pubs that were doing BBQ nights. But one of the best things we arranged was when we had Disco Nights. These were mainly at Fords Social Centre at Rush Green and they earned quite a bit of money for our Club and for Rainham CBS. I had a very good friend who was well in the know at Fords. Some of you may remember him – Denis Morley. He arranged the hall and I and some others sold tickets. People flocked

to get these and it was nothing to sell 150–200 tickets. I knew a DJ called Manhattan Sound. By knowing all these people we saved a lot of money. People from the Club used to bring family and friends. These were great nights.

At Rainham Club we would have Club Party Nights and Christmas Parties for the Members' children. All the children used to get Christmas presents. Alas, like many other Clubs, all gone. Shame.

In the meantime, me and a mate of mine got an allotment. Unfortunately he died not long after so I was left on my own. After a while I got to know people running the Allotment Shop so I got involved in helping out there.

This was one of the best things I ever did, because I met two of the nicest people you could ever wish to meet. You might have guessed who they are – Val and her brother Barry. Barry had birds so he and Val came to the Club and you know what happened then. They got more and more involved.

Back at the Shop, amongst other things, we used to sell some bird seed and flowers. Soon we had like a mini pet shop. I started to sell some birds there and equipment. I also brought seed and plants to the Club for sale.

During this time, through the birds, we met a chap who had a Plant Nursery so we used to buy a lot of plants from him for the shop. If we ran short of plants then, with his permission, Barry and I used to go to the Nursery and help ourselves to what plants we required and when we next saw him we would pay for them. You would not find people so trusting now. Alas he died a year or so ago. Another good friend gone.

But I am happy to still have Barry and Val and of course Barry's wife, Fran. I can honestly say that without Barry over the past few years not only would I be lost, in a lot of ways, so would our Club. So, long may It continue. Thanks Barry, Val and Fran.

Because I have been a Member of our Club for so long, I have seen many Members come and go. Alas, too many have gone forever.

“My other hobby” (apart from bird keeping) by Brenda Kettle

It was after we moved from Enfield in 2002 that I purchased my first computer which got me thinking about pursuing my other hobby ‘Researching my Family Tree’. My tree on Ancestry has almost 8000 names listed for the 4 main lines starting with my grandparents.

Well, what an eye-opener it has been. On a couple of occasions in my research my eyes have popped out of my head on the end of stalks at what I was reading!!

My dad’s line, the Poffleys’, appear to have originated from East Garston in Berkshire with some of them moving down to North London. With help from a new found cousin we have traced that line back 9 generations. In that line, my 2nd great grandmother, Mary Plumb, was born in 1842 in Buckland, Herts, and died 1 May 1910, but it was where she died that was an eye opener – Broadmoor Asylum – and buried in an unmarked grave! Well, what did she do to finish up there?

At the end of June 1901 she was in Holloway Prison, charged with wounding her daughter, Martha Helen Poffley, with the intent to murder her and cause GBH! Martha, known as Ellen, was woken up by her mother trying to cut her throat with a razor, then later, her mother attempted to cut her own throat! She was found guilty at the Old Bailey and detained as a criminal lunatic in Holloway, later being sent to Broadmoor. Her husband, James, died in 1893, aged 52, and Mary was left to bring up their 9 children on her own. It was through her conviction at Broadmoor I managed to obtain photographs and further information of Mary. When I saw them I did feel so saddened for her. She looked so haggard like she’d had an extremely hard life. Strange as it is, out of her 5 daughters, 3 of them also appear to have finished up in some form of institution or asylum.

My second eye opener was on my mum’s side of the family, the Greenwoods. In particular Christopher Samuel Greenwood 1861-1941, a great uncle to me, born in Holborn. An optical glass cutter by trade, married, had 3 children, 2 of whom died very young, as well as his wife. From 1891 he was diagnosed as being ‘lunatic’ in the North

London 'Colney Hatch Asylum'. I obtained information which included a photo of him, wow, sporting a full beard and 'spotty complexion' also being a redhead. That is strange, as my grandmother had 8 children and one of them was a redhead! Christopher, although 'lunatic' was classed as being very friendly, always willing to help others, never caused any problems and thought of himself as 'Jesus'! Sadly, his only surviving son, also named Christopher, committed suicide by car exhaust fumes in his car in 1965.

It has been a fantastic journey, actually meeting up with other 'cousins' along the way and exchanging information between us. I will of course understand, when we are all able to meet up again, if you decide not to sit next to me!!

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

Following a few pictures from previous meetings, smiley faces
Lets hope we can get back to this again soon





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.

