

# **DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

**MARCH 2022**



## **NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**10am to 12pm**

**Ric Ochet – Keeping Crossbills**

**SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING**

**2022 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID YOUR SUBS FOR THE  
CURRENT YEAR THIS WILL BE THE LAST  
NEWSLETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE PENDING PAYMENT**

**Dagenham and District  
Cage Bird Society  
Meetings held at  
Wantz Hall  
Rainham Road North  
Dagenham, Essex  
RM10 7DX**

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**Committee Members 2022**

President	PETER DECORT
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Treasurer	PETER DECORT
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Newsletter	BARRY & VAL
Show Manager	STEVE WALLIS
Asst. Show Managers	LES RIX and DAVE MASON
Show Secretary	GEOFF LOUTH
Trophy Secretary	LES RIX
Canteen	FRAN, VAL & BARRY

Dick Lathleiff, Mick Pegram and Ted Papandreas

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**Meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month  
at 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  
2022**

<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

### 2022

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Ric Ochet will be giving a talk on keeping Crossbills
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Steve Dominey will be giving a talk on Fife & Yorkshire Canaries
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Song Bird Competition
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> June	TBC
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Keith Ferry will be giving a talk on Norwich Canaries
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	TBC
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Staging for Open / Annual Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Open / Annual Show (all day)

### 2023

Sat 21st Jan      AGM

## The President's Comments

On behalf of all our Members I would like to say "Thank You" to all those who supported with donations towards buying the new staging and to Richard for all his hard work sorting it all out.

As you will all know by now, the new staging has arrived. A few of us met at the lock-up. We removed most of the old staging so that we had a place to store the new lot. While we were there, Richard showed us how easy it was to assemble and take down. I would say each section took about five minutes.

So on your behalf may I say thanks to Richard, Steve, Les, Barry and Ken for their help at the lock-up. Thank you.

Our February Meeting was a Cock Bird Show. There were a lot of nice birds on display – British, Canaries and Foreign. The top bird on the day was a beautiful Sudan Song Sparrow in marvelous condition. This bird was picked out by all Members present.

Although I didn't count how many birds were on show, I believe for a change there were more Canaries than British. This was nice to see, so well done to all the Canary people. But it's not really about which Section shows the most birds, but to see all the different varieties was lovely. Well done all.

Sometimes when I write pieces for the Newsletter, people may think I am an old moaner and a scrooge. Sometimes I think I am myself!! But my only concern is what I think is best for our Club and it's Members. I have been a Member of our Club since I was a child i.e. for about 70 years. I have served in every capacity in the Club and have enjoyed every one.

Years ago they regarded our Club as "The Decort Club" because my Dad was Secretary and Treasurer, my Mum and Sisters did all the catering and I was Show Manager, with many other roles, and we all loved serving the Club and it's Members. So, although a lot of my family have passed away I hope that I can serve the Club for many more years in their memory.

Club business: One or two Members are a bit unhappy that we do not have any Committee Meetings to sort out some of the finer things in running the Club so I spoke to Richard about having some Meetings during the course of the year. It was decided we would have a Committee Meeting now and then after a Club Meeting on the Saturday. I hope this is alright for all Committee Members. We will try and let everyone know in the Newsletters.

Over the last month or so I have been reminding Members that subs are now due. Those who have not yet paid will only get a March Newsletter. After this they will only get another once they have paid their subs. We are sorry to have to do this but we have just had a year free to all Members so please pay your subs by post to me or at a Meeting.

For those who have not yet paid I hope this is just an oversight and that I'll receive your subs shortly. If you are not sure if you have paid, just give me a ring. If you stop getting a Newsletter you will know you have not paid.

If you are not going to return to the Club I, for one, am sorry but I hope you have enjoyed your time with us and that you find another Club to join. Personally I would like it if you could either write to me or phone me to let me know why.

I am sorry to have to say this, but I have one person wasting my time sending me cheques for subs and entries to the Annual Show, not once, but twice, so I had to go to the bank twice, only to see them bounce. Do they think this is funny or fair, because I do not. If they join another Club I hope they treat it with more respect than they did ours. I can see why some Committee Members give up. Why should they give their time to be treated like this?

Let's put this aside. I have taken my "grumpy pill" and feel much better.

### **Birds**

As you will remember, I have got Gouldian Finches and am looking forward to the coming breeding season.

I do not use heating or lighting in my bird room, so you can understand my surprise the other day when I noticed a young Gouldian in the flight calling out for food. Usually when they are born, after a few days you can hear them in the box, but not a cheep did I hear. Up to the time of writing this he is doing fine.

So with this in mind may I wish everyone a successful breeding season. I look forward to seeing some of the young birds that are bred this year.

Before I shut up may I wish all our Members a Happy and Healthy New Year. We have not seen a few of our older Members, so I hope they are well and safe and look forward to seeing them soon. Best wishes

Pete

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

February was our first show in the Dagenham CBS Show League and what a great turnout it was, with 16 members showing 55 birds and 29 members and guests taking part in the judging competition. Well done to all that took part.

Richard

### **New Staging**

The new staging was used for the first time and looked fantastic, strong and sturdy, the guys soon got to grips with erecting it and should be much quicker as time goes on, well done to all that helped.

Richard

### **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 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](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**

Carrophyll Red/Orange/Yellow

Contact George Weeks

Phone: 01959 576 998 or

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

**Wiltons Pets**

Phone: 01268 726 216

**Gladwells Pet & Country Store**

Phone: 01268 642 601

**DG Pest Control.- David Galea**

(Club Member)

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

Phone 01708 472172 or

07882 951 578 (Mobile)

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

**Items for Sale**

**Mick Moffatt** has several **books** for sale – see the flyer with this Newsletter – and all proceeds will go to the Club. If you are interested please contact **Mick Pegram** on **0770 907 6594**.

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**

**Roger Mignot** is looking for a **Hen Rock Pebler** and **2 pairs of Swift Parakeets**. If you can help Roger please ring him on **07763 352 449** (2<sup>nd</sup> entry)

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 for February 2022**

Raffle made:	£119.00	Members present:	34
Tea Bar made:	£39.40	Guests :	4
Donations	£47.50	New / Returning Members	0
Entry Fees	£27.50	Prize Money	£40.00
Spot the Member	£10.00		

Thank you to Alan Todd, Phil Perkins, Jim Galbally and Ralph Tiah for their donations.

### **Raffle**

Terry Hardie won the £50.00 from this month's Raffle

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

### **New Members**

There were no New Members in February.  
Apologies to Dave Russell, one of our New Members in January, for getting his name wrong!!

### **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 213 Members on the Group Page. Please give it a look and join in the banter and the up to date news from the members.

**February's Cock Bird Show**

**BEST BIRD IN SHOW – Barry Johnson**  
**Best British in Show – Steve & Bill Wallis**  
**Best Canary in Show – George Philpot**  
**Best Foreign in Show – Barry Johnson**

**Judging Competition Winner – Dick Lathleiff out of 29 Judges**

<b>Dagenham Show League 2022 (after First Rounds)</b>						
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Birds Shown</b>	<b>Cock Show</b>	<b>Hen Show</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Average per bird</b>
1	Barry Johnson	4	315		315	78.7
2	Steve & Bill Wallis	4	264		264	66
3	Richard Wilson	4	226		226	56.5
4	George Philpot	4	164		164	41
5	Mick Pegram	4	138		138	34.5
6	Paul Jupe	4	120		120	30
7	Wally Scott	4	118		118	29.5
8	Jamie Taylor	3	64		64	21.3
9	Dave Russell	4	62		62	15.5
9	Les Rix	4	62		62	15.5
11	Dick Lathleiff	4	60		60	15
12	Bill Friend	2	54		54	27
13	Shane Evans	3	50		50	25
14	Jimmy Friend	2	46		46	23
15	Jim Galbally	2	34		34	17
16	Phil Perkins	3	22		22	7.3

**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**

The £10.00 held over from the March 2020 Newsletter for DAVID DAWKINS has now been donated to the Club.

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 winner was Peter Norris.



## **Membership Subscriptions**

The Club's year runs from January to December  
so your 2022 Subscriptions are now due

If you are unable to get to the Meetings you can send your subs to Pete  
(details at the front of the Newsletter)

Please make cheques payable to Dagenham & District CBS

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 9<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.

### **Romford Bird Sale**

**To be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
2022 dates are as follows**

9 <sup>th</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> June
9 <sup>th</sup> July	13 <sup>th</sup> August	10 <sup>th</sup> September
8 <sup>th</sup> October	12 <sup>th</sup> November	10 <sup>th</sup> December

£5.00 per table with one wrist band. Additional bands £2.00. (No pre sale selling)

Entry is £2.00 at 10am. Membership must be bought before the sale at £3.00 per person. (No birds to be sold in the car park)

Sellers from 9am. Buyers @ 10am

Venue: Noak Hill Victory Hall, Romford, Essex, RM4 1LD

For details check out the Facebook page or ring Jamie on 07999 354 911

### **A few pictures of our members at the February Meeting**







### 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.

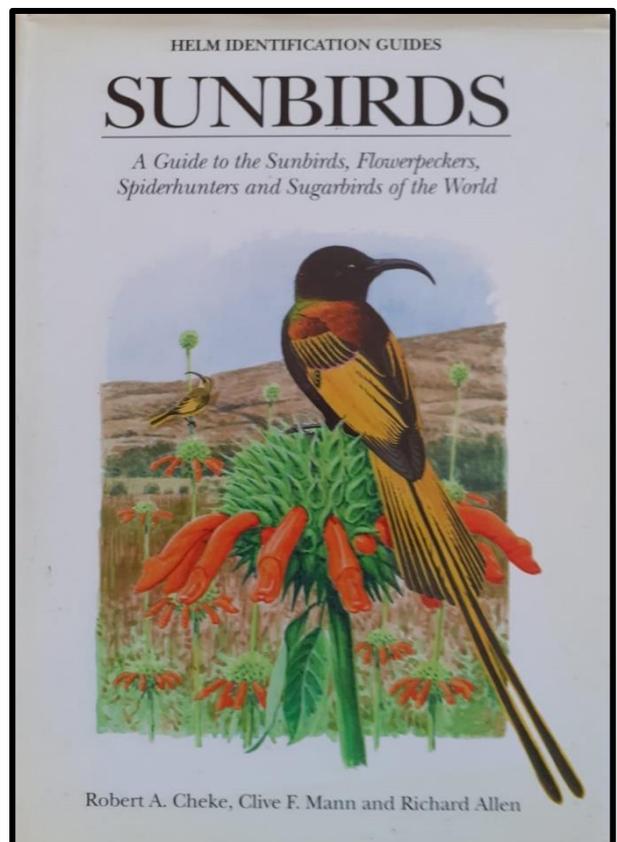
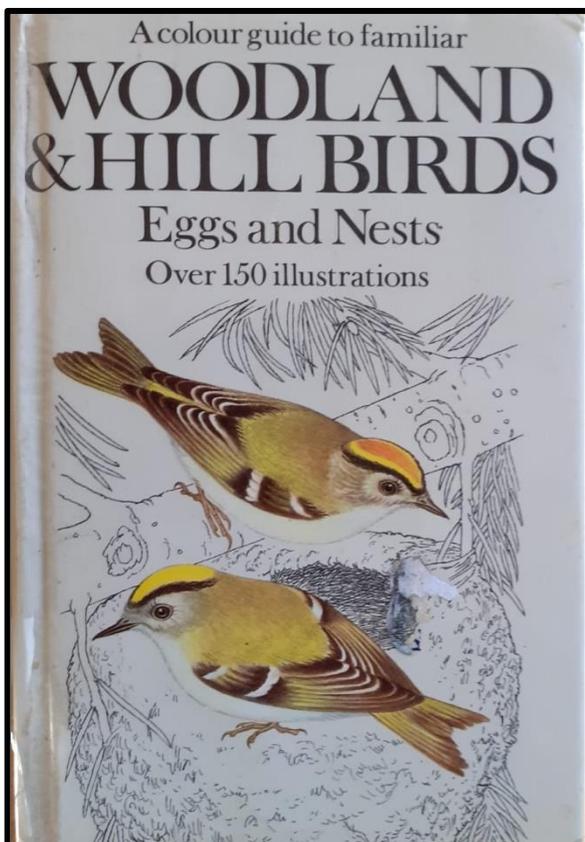
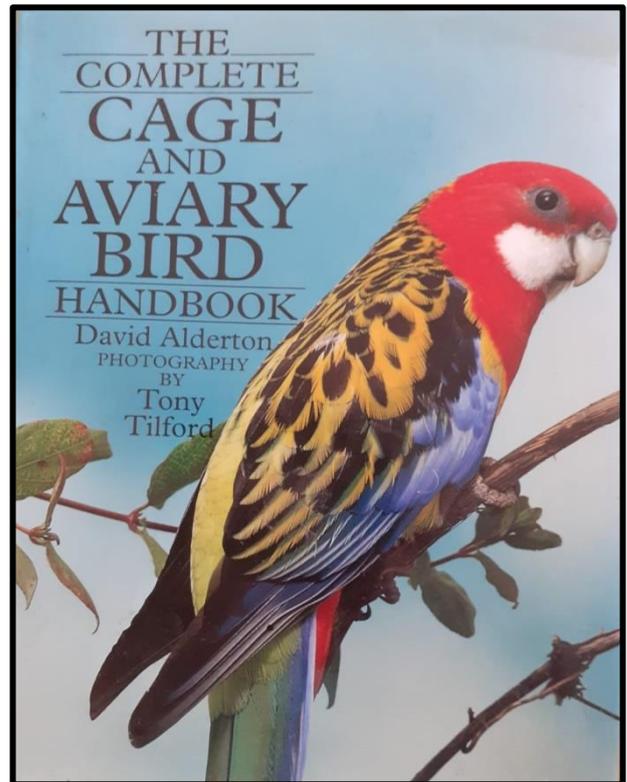
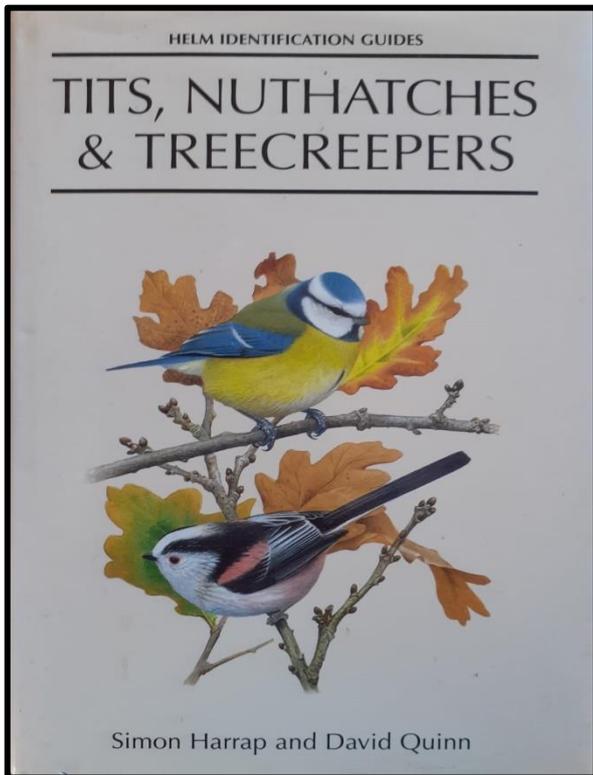
Members can contact them by calling **Shane Evans** on **07376 669 333** or message on Facebook Direct Bird Products.

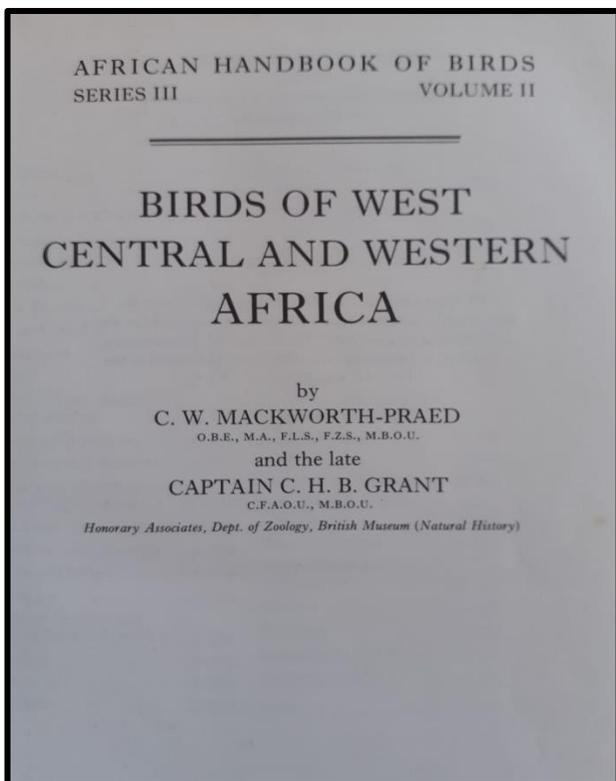
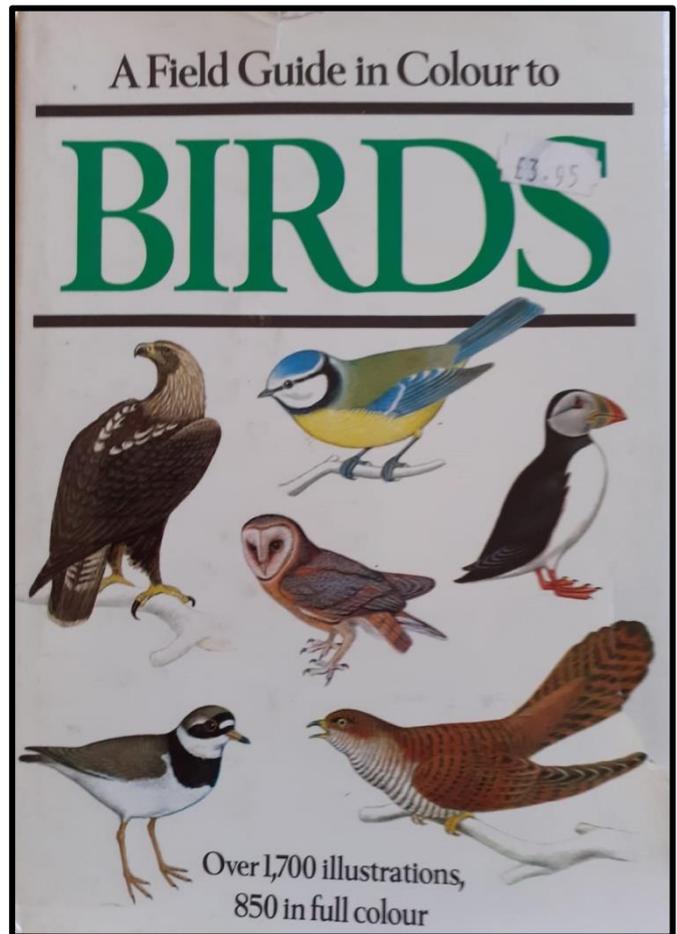
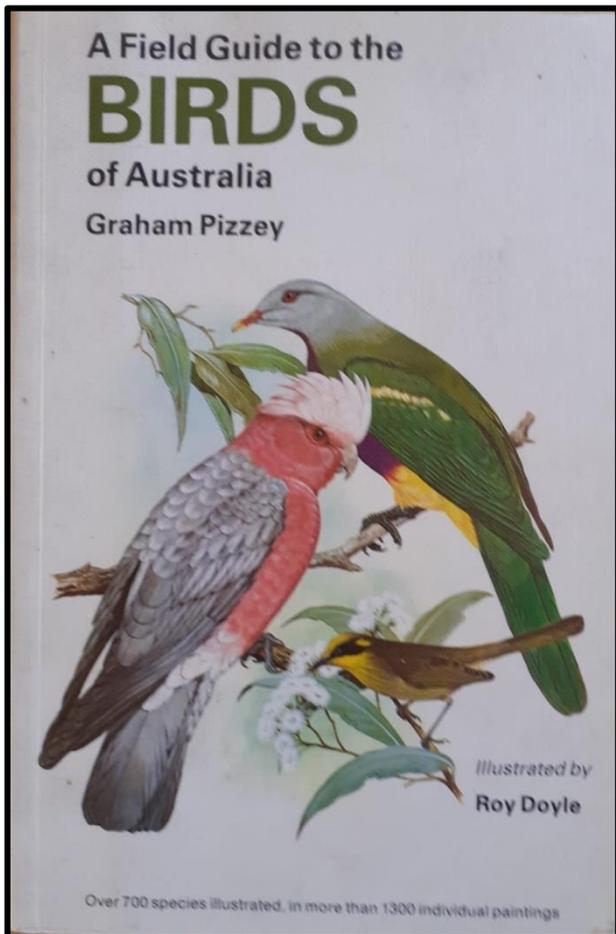


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If you would like more information about any of these books please contact Mick on the phone number overleaf