

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024



NEXT MEETING
Saturday 16th March 2024
10am to 12pm

FIRST ROUND OF CLUB SHOW LEAGUE
“COCK BIRD SHOW”

ENTRY £1 PER BIRD – MAXIMUM 4 BIRDS PER MEMBER
(See inside for more information)

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER TO SHOW
(Membership can be paid for on the day)

SALES TABLES AT EVERY MEETING

2024 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE
IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID YOUR FULL 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
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Rainham Road North
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Trophy Secretary	LES RIX
Canteen	FRAN, VAL & BARRY

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 2024

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)

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Forthcoming Meeting Dates

2024

Sat 16 th Mar	Club Show League – First Round – Cock Bird Show
Sat 20 th Apr	Sales Day (10am to 2pm) open to the public
Sat 18 th May	Song Bird Competition
Sat 15 th June	Steve Chennels – Talk on medications
Sat 20 th July	TBC
Sat 17 th Aug	TBC
Sat 21 st Sep	TBC
Sat 19 th Oct	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
Sat 16 th Nov	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)
Fri 29 th Nov	Staging for Open Show (This will be a work team only not a meeting)
Sat 30 th Nov	Open / Annual Show (all day)
Sat 14 th Dec	Christmas meeting & Raffle with buffet. (10am to 12pm)

2025

Sat 18th Jan AGM

The President's Comments

At our last Meeting we had a Sales Day for birds and equipment. There were a lot of Canaries and British, just a few Foreign, but no Budgies. I personally was a bit disappointed in the latter birds.

I think the people who put birds and equipment up for sale do alright, but I think we need more punters through the door to make it viable. So, we will have to spread the word around more.

I personally was busy running round collecting subs from some Members who had not paid. Sometimes I think people forget or may even think they have paid, but you only have to ask me and I can say "Yes" or "No".

Unfortunately for those who have not paid by March there will be no Newsletter in the post for April. Sorry.

If you have decided that for some reason you will not be staying at the Club, I hope you have enjoyed the time you have spent with us. I will be sorry not to see you again. So may I, on behalf of the Club, wish you all the best with your birds and all you want from life.

I personally have retired from bird keeping but I still love to hear from people how their birds are doing, but, more importantly, how the breeding season has commenced. If you have any problems, please ask a Member

of the Club as we may have an answer or at least be able to help with your problem.

The family of a friend of mine who died a few years back has given me a lot of bird books – five or six full boxes. So, I will be putting them up for donations at the next Meeting I can get to.

This is my favourite time of year when most things break into life. The trees and plants start to waken from their winter sleep. The trees with flowers and leaf buds adorning their branches, the early spring bulbs and plants showing their heads and dancing in the wind. Even the rain seems to sparkle as the droplets land on the new leaves and we think everything is right with the world. Unfortunately, we know it really is not, but we can only take pleasure in what we can see around us.

I look out at the birds and see them getting their summer plumage, dancing and singing to attract mates, chasing each other around and getting a bit territorial. Then, before you know it, you see them collecting grass, fibres, twiglets, etc to build their nest and I think “Yes summer is just round the corner”. Some of the birds I love to watch are the Wood Pigeons. The way they chase around after the hens, then bobbing up and down. Then flying off and the antics start all over again. How wonderful nature is in its diversity.

As you know, Val, Barry and myself have an allotment at Collier Row. When we took over it was like a tip for the rest of the plots, but gradually, with a lot of work and with help from Val’s husband, Ken, we have it how we want it to be.

The first thing we did was dig out a pond. We put in some fish. Other people found newts on their plots and put them in the pond. The frogs came and it became a wildlife pond. We set aside a small area as a garden with a picket fence and borders with some shrubs. We put a line of fruit trees down one side and we filled the rest with raised beds. It has been hard work, but it was a lovely space to work on and rear the foods that we grow.

Because of the bad weather we have not been since before Christmas so when we do get back, we will have a lot of work catching up. I have started some seeds off in the shed, but because of the bad light they have gone a bit leggy so may not be any good and I’ll have to start again.

(NB – I only make the tea and do a bit of weeding and tidying up!! Pete, Barry and Ken do all the hard work. Valerie)

The Secretary's Comments

February saw the first of our sale days for this year (the second will be April). Thank you to our Sales Managers Jamie Taylor & Shane Evans for their work running up to the sale and on the day organising and managing the selling of tables. Also thank you to everyone who helped setting up the hall and also packing up and cleaning the hall. It was great to see Fran back.

March is the start of our Show League, all members welcome. If you're thinking of starting to show your birds, this is the ideal time to give it a go to get some experience under your belt. This show is for cock birds only. Hope to see you all there.

This week we had some sad news, our good friend and club member Nigel Breese passed away. Nigel had some health issues for some time but was always happy-go-lucky. He had a fantastic attitude to life, always had a smile on his face and a joke to tell. He was one of life's nice people who would always find time to ask how everyone else was. He will be missed dearly. RIP Nigel

I have been in touch with Avigenics the DNA people to see if they will come and do a talk at one of our vacant monthly meetings, just waiting on them to confirm dates, so watch this space.

March's Meeting

This is the First Round of the Dagenham CBS Show League 2024

As you know we have changed the format of the show to try to give a more balanced outcome.

Members can only enter the maximum of 4 Birds for each show (£1.00 per cage)

Judges

Paul Jupe – British
John Young – Canaries
Peter De Cort – Foreign

Judges will judge each section 1st to 15th. Any birds outside these positions will be awarded 5 points.

Points for each position are as follows – 1st = 150, 2nd = 140, 3rd = 130, 4th = 120, 5th = 110, 6th = 100, 7th = 90, 8th = 80, 9th = 70, 10th = 60, 11th = 50, 12th = 40, 13th = 30, 14th = 20, 15th = 10 points.

If there are less than 15 birds in a section the points will be diluted down as per the below examples:

- Only 5 birds in a section, 1st = 50, 2nd = 40, 3rd = 30, 4th = 20, 5th = 10 points.
- Only 3 birds in a section, 1st = 30, 2nd = 20, 3rd = 10 points

Best bird in show from the 3 sections will receive 25 bonus points.

All members' scores will be calculated together to create the Show League Table.

Prizes for each show

Best Bird in Show – £30.00 + Large Rosette

Best British – £10.00 + Rosette

Best Canary – £10.00 + Rosette

Best Foreign – £10.00 + Rosette

Prizes after both shows

1st Place – Shield + Trophy + £50.00

2nd Place – Trophy + £30.00

3rd Place – Trophy + £20.00

2024 Show Prize Money Fund

There were six donations in February:

Mick Pegram donated £5.00

Nigel Breese donated £150.00

C&A Raffle £1,190.00

Unclaimed Spot the Member Prize £10.00

Sales Day door entrance fees £84.00

Sales Day Table sales £105.00

Dec Unclaimed prizes (N/A) £60.00

Pete Decort donated £40.00

Mick Pegram donated £20.00

Unclaimed Spot the Member Prize £10.00

Barry Scott Robson donated £10.00

Richard Wilson donated £20.00

Les Rix donated £10.00

Jan No donations

Total so far £1,714.00

Thank you to all who donate to the Club to help generate funds to go towards the prize money for the Club Shows. The amount raised last year was £1,094.50.

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

Fax: 0049-721-683029 - E-Mail: ma.herr@vogelringe.de

This Year's Club Sponsors

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 details in the advert at the end of the Newsletter

Mooro's Events

We have another Sponsor this year. Mooro's Events are based in Chigwell, Essex and have agreed to supply 2 bottles of drink for our raffle prizes every month in 2024

Please see details in the advert at the end of the Newsletter

Members' Recommendations

Suppliers of Colour Food by The Standard Laboratory

Carrophyll Red/Orange/Yellow

Contact George Weeks
E-Mail: george@standardlabs.co.uk

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Wiltons Pet Centre

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DG Pest Control - David Galea

(Club Member)

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A big thank you to George Weeks of Standard Laboratories for his donations of Carophyll Red & Orange for our Annual/Open Show and also to Gladwells (Copdock Mill) for their donation of vouchers to the value of £50.00, again for our Annual/Open Show – both donations were greatly appreciated by Dagenham CBS

Items for Sale or Items Wanted

FOR SALE: Donna Coleman-Praytor has an **Aviary for sale** (see photos below). It is 9' x 3' with porch and security door. There is a feeding station above the door or it can be used for night box. Double meshed with tough polycarb covers with handles for easy use. Electrics installed with SM cable. Solid roof with sky light. Only 2 years old. Sensible offers only please. If you are interested, please contact **Donna on 07984 226 534**. Donna and Karen can help taking apart but transport to be organised by buyer. Location – Corringham, Essex.



If you have any birds or equipment for sale, or wanted, please let Barry or Val know, and they will add it to the next Newsletter.

Please note, adverts in the “For Sale” or “Items Wanted” section 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 February 2024

Raffle made	£185.00	Current Members present	51
Tea Bar made	£118.80	Guests	28
Donations:	0.00	Plus traders – not counted	
IOA Sponsorship	£200.00	New / Returning Members	4

Raffle

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

There was no £50.00 or seed raffle this month

New and Returning Members

We had two new Members and a new Partnership at the February Meeting

Welcome to **Tom Aldridge, Joe Coakley and Debbie & Nick Wilkins**

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 Group Page - We now have 539 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.

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.

Obituary

We are really sorry to have to tell you that one of our Members, Nigel Breese, died on the 22nd February. Nigel was a regular at our Meetings until his move to Clacton a couple of years ago, and, although he couldn't get to the Meetings, he continued to be a Member and kept in touch with many of his friends from the Club. We will miss Nigel and send our kind thoughts and condolences to his wife, Julie, and his family and friends. R.I.P. Nigel.



Nigel in a more happier time at one of our club shows 20th October 2018

“The 2024 Kent Show”
“A Thoroughly enjoyable, satisfying day out”
By Paul Jupe

Not a trophy, no firsts, no rosettes, not even a raffle prize, but what a successful day for me. Confirmation that things are back on track after two years of disastrous breeding seasons. Last year's 2023 breeding season may have helped to turn the tide.

Sunday the 18th of February was the London & Home Counties British Bird & Mule Club Show at Cuxton in Kent. A big thank you to Dave and Geoff for putting on such a well-run show and to Terry for his judging. Like all shows there is always an army of volunteers in the background, the stewards and other helpers who set up the venue then later, pack everything away at the end of the show. To the ladies in the kitchen supplying a constant flow of hot drinks to wash down the bacon and sausage rolls, thank you. And a big thank you to Dave's wife, who I only know as V, who was constantly busy throughout the show organising the prize monies and compiling the catalogue etc.

There are many unsung heroes throughout the country that give up their time and offer their skills freely to make each and every show the best it can be.

On a really busy birdie weekend with our Dagenham Sales Day on the Saturday, then on Sunday the BKA sales event in Thurrock and the show in Kent, many would have gone to their beds exhausted Sunday night. Sunday's Show Hall in Kent had a centre isle full of superb Mules and Hybrids with a huge variety of types, all a credit to their owners. There were fewer Norwich than I remember from previous shows, however all were of good quality. As is often the case these days Redpolls were very well represented and many of them were stunning, nice and dark and of good type. It was very satisfying to see some lovely softbills at the show. Softbills add an extra dimension to a show and are often really well represented at the Eastern Fed. show in March at Risby Suffolk. Most British hardbills were to be seen on the benches and, in particular, the Siskins shone in the same way they have done these past couple of seasons.

For me, and going back to the beginning of this article, I had the greatest satisfaction in receiving two seconds in the competitive Greenfinch cock classes. One from a flighted cock, which was an outcross that I was

pleased to have bred from. The other second place was a for a CYB cock Greenie which gives me confidence my breeding plans are back on track.

A thoroughly enjoyable and satisfying day out in Kent.

This Year's World Show

Congratulations to Steve and Bill Wallis on their achievements at this year's World Show. There were over 24,000 birds entered and Steve and Bill came away with the following awards. Well done both of you.

Yellow Hammer Stam Gold
Linnet Mule Stam Gold
Linnet x Bullie Stam Silver
Crossbill x Bullie Stam Gold
Crossbill mule Stam silver
Siskin Mule Single Gold
Crossbill Mule Single Bronze



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.

As last month's prize was unclaimed it was donated to the Club's Prize Money Fund



Membership Subscriptions

Your 2024 Subscriptions are due

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 2024 subs to Pete (details at the front of the Newsletter)

Cheques should be made payable to

Dagenham and District Cage Bird Society

Single – £15.00.....Partnership – £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

Saturday, the 14th December otherwise another ticket will be picked until a winner is declared.

The usual monthly raffle will also take place on the 14th December, with its £50.00 cash prize plus other prizes as normal.

Bird Keepers Association

This year's remaining Sales Days are 28th April, 23rd June,
15th September and 17th November

Venue: Cowdray Hall, West Thurrock, RM20 3JE

Further information relating to the BKA and their Sales Days can be obtained from Malcolm Thornton via the website www.bkauk.org.uk or by e-mailing info@bkauk.org.uk

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Malcolm Thornton for the free Dagenham CBS advert which he put in the BKA annual flyer

Some Photos from last month's Meeting







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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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