

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

**May 2019**



**NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**10am to 12pm**

**SONG BIRD COMPETITION  
TO BE JUDGED BY THE MEMBERS**

**SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING**

**Dagenham and District  
Cage Bird Society  
Meetings held at  
Wantz Hall  
Rainham Road North  
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Asst. Show Secretary	Vacancy
Trophy Secretary	LES RIX
Canteen	FRAN, VAL & BARRY

Committee:

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 Members' meetings**

**Would officers and committee members please  
attend these monthly meetings starting from 10am  
on every meeting day.**

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**SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR  
2019**

<b>Single</b>	<b>£15.00</b>
<b>Partnerships:</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>Juniors (to 16):</b>	<b>FREE</b>

## Forthcoming Meetings

SAT 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Song Bird Competition
SAT 15 <sup>th</sup> Jne 2019	A Talk by Agata Witkowska an Avian Vet from Trinity Vet Centre in Kent
SAT 20 <sup>th</sup> Jly 2019	TBC
SAT 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2019	Open Show preparation
SAT 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep 2019	Club Show League – Second Round – Any Bird Show
SAT 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	Club Show League – Third Round – Pairs Show
SAT 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	Young Stock Show
FRI 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	Staging for Open Show followed by Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw and Buffet
SAT 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	Open Show
SAT 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	AGM

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## April 2019 Meeting The President's comments

The last Meeting was to be a talk by Kim Smith from Discount Pest Control but Richard got a call telling him that, unfortunately, Kim had broken down and was waiting for the AA to turn up.

Also, when Richard arrived at the Hall it was all set up for what looked like a Rock Concert, but it was for a Church Meeting over two days – Good Friday and Easter Sunday. So we had to work round it.

But you, the Members, in true style took it all in your stride. You all turned it into another good Meeting by all coming together, chatting, laughing and speaking on how the season had started.

Again I spoke to a few Members. One said he got started a bit late but had several chicks and many eggs due to hatch. These were Fifes. But people with larger breeds of Canaries have only just got started.

Pete

## **The Secretary's comments**

April's meeting was well supported by the Members. We had hoped to have a talk by Kim Smith from Discount Pest Control, unfortunately he phoned on the morning of the meeting to say he had broken down and was waiting for a recovery truck.

So we had no speaker. However all the Members chatted away, talking about how their breeding season had started. There were plenty of items for sale, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Greenfinches, Redpolls and some Norwich Canaries. We also had Brian from 3D Pets selling seed and equipment.

As from the May Meeting the very nice ladies in the kitchen have told me there will be bacon rolls on offer, so no need to rush about having breakfast before you get to the Club, have it when you arrive instead.

May's meeting is our Song Bird Completion, where the Members present vote for which bird's song they like the best, with the winner getting a Rosette and £20.00 cash. Last year the winner was a Goldfinch Mule.

At the June Meeting we will have an Avian Vet called Agata Witkowska from Trinity Vet Centre in Kent coming to do a talk. She has asked if there are any specific topics, illnesses or problems you would like her to cover. At the end of the Meeting we can do some questions and answers.

So if you have a subject you would like her to cover – for instance "Going Light" or "Antibiotics for birds" please let me know at the next Meeting so that I can email her with what we would like to hear about.

This will be a very interesting Meeting so please make the most of the chance to get your questions answered by an Avian Vet.

Richard

## **Pete's chit chat**

Recently I helped a Member (Barry) renew his bird shed floor but before we could start we had to put up another shed. This duly done Barry and Fran moved all the birds into cages and into the other shed. Barry wanted some special wood. For the price he could have got a new shed!! Eventually we had all we needed but the weather was not great, so it was a stop start event. All

round the bottom of the shed had to be replaced. After we got rid of all the rotten wood we fixed in new 2" x 1". To do this we had to jack the shed up. We then slipped in new joists. All new wood was creosoted – Barry likes to make sure it is well creosoted! All that was then left to do was to creosote the inside and outside of the shed, put in the new tongued and grooved floor, creosote it and let it dry.

However, in the meantime Barry found that one of the posts holding up the flight was rotting off. We had to dig out the post. No mean feat as he had set this in about two and a half feet of concrete. After many trials and tribulations we got it done.

This was all worthwhile because as soon as the birds were back home many went straight to nest and Barry now has eggs and chicks. Just goes to show how birds adapt to all the upheaval.

Not talking out of turn, I think that Barry has got it made. Fran gets stuck into anything Barry is working on. What a wife! I have been married for just under fifty years and I think my wife has been in my shed about ten times. Mostly she comes down to moan that I have borrowed something from the kitchen or I have walked some sawdust into the house or she has seen a mouse in the garden. She thinks we are the only home with mice in the garden. Please – no phone calls – or she may not cook me any dinner (only joking about dinner!)

As some of you probably noticed, we brought the new Club microwave and Hoover with us. All we need to get now is a dish washer. Failing this can I have some rubber gloves and some hand cream for my chapped hands? (Only joking!)

### **My Birds**

One of my Fife Hens is, I think, selling her body as when in the shed the other day I saw her being mated by a Fife. He was pushed aside by a Redpoll, who duly mated with her only to be pushed aside by a Greenfinch. If any eggs were to hatch what would they be?

Pete

**For Sale**

**Metal Cages** £40 (see photo below) 34.5 inches Wide x12 inches Deep x 51.5 inches High. If you are interested please phone Barry on 07516091070.



If you have any birds or equipment for sale either bring them to the Club or let Barry or Pete know so that they can be put in the next Newsletter.

**Items wanted**

**Two Goldfinch Hens** are wanted by Mark Logan. If you can help, please phone him on 01708 501926.

A **Sierra Cock** is wanted by Roger Mignot. If you can help, please phone him on 07763 352 449

A **Cock Yellow Raza, clear or lightly variegated** is wanted by Les Rix. Two if available. If you can help, please phone him on 0785 224 9614.

A **Yellow Cock Cinnamon Fife, self or lightly variegated** Is wanted by Mick Pegram. If you can help, please phone him on 0770 907 6594.

An **African Grey (NOT a Timor)** is wanted by Ted Papendreas. If you can help, please phone him on 01708 443284.

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.

### Members' Outlets

#### Bavister's Pet Centre

James Bavister

Website - [www.bavisterspetcentre.com](http://www.bavisterspetcentre.com)

Telephone – 01268 544 336

e-mail – [info@bavisterspetcentre.com](mailto:info@bavisterspetcentre.com)

#### Essex Bird Fancier

Mark Smithson

Facebook and Ebay

Telephone – 07903 822 886

e-mail – [essexbirdfancier@gmail.com](mailto:essexbirdfancier@gmail.com)

### Treasurer's Monthly Report for April 2019

Raffle made:	£119.00	Members present:	36
Tea Bar made:	£44.60	New Members:	1
Donations	£20.00	Guests	4

#### Raffle

Paul Jupe won the £50.00 from this month's Raffle

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

### **Football Card**

Winning Team – Burnley – £20.00 was won this month by Joanne C one of our guests – with £20.00 going to the Club. Thanks to Fergus for organising this again this month.

### **New Members**

Welcome to Danny Rouse who has Goldfinches

### **The Club's Website**

[www.dagenhamcbs.com](http://www.dagenhamcbs.com) you can find out all about our club right back to 1935, Newsletters, Shows, our history and much more.

The Club can also be contacted by e-mail - [info@dagenhamcbs.com](mailto:info@dagenhamcbs.com)

### **May 2019 Meeting**

Our next Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> May will be a Song Bird Competition with the winner being chosen by the Members.

This will be Dagenham CBS's second year of holding the Song Bird Competition and the rules are simple. So whether you like the field song of a Goldfinch, the vocal power of the Canary, Mule or Green Singing Finch, or maybe the chatter of the Zebra Finch or Budgie, there will be something for you. Everyone has a favourite.

Members can enter as many birds as they like free of charge. Birds can be in any suitable cage (it does not need to be a show cage). Each bird will be given a number and placed on the staging.

We can then all sit down and have a cup of tea and something to eat and talk about how the breeding season is going so far while all the birds are singing away.

At the end of the Meeting all Members present will be able to vote on which bird's song they liked the best and the winning bird will receive a rosette and a £20 cash prize.

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

Mick is donating £10.00 to the Member who is circled in the photo below and plans to do this each month. 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 John Young.



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**Mick Pegram's Mysterious Egg!!**

Mick has sent Barry this photo. The eggs in the photo are all from one clutch. Can anyone throw any light on why one of the eggs is so small? Please let Mick know at the next meeting or let Val, Barry or Pete know and we can perhaps explain it in the next newsletter.

This may be something to ask the Vet who is coming to give a talk at the June Meeting.



If anyone has any abnormal or interesting anomalies please let us know so we can put them in the Newsletter and perhaps get some answers.

### **2019 Membership Subscriptions**

The Club's year runs from January to December.

#### **Subscriptions**

Single - £15.00

Partnerships - £20.00

Juniors (to 16) – Free

## **Members' Christmas Hamper Raffle**

Don't forget to collect your free pink raffle ticket from Val at each Meeting you attend. This is for the draw in December.

## **Cage and Aviary Magazine**

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, we have sent a Show Report and photos from the December Open Show to Cage and Aviary. There is a long delay with photo reports, but it is expected to be in the magazine sometime during the next few weeks.

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Richard has provided the following information which may be of interest to our Members

### ***Rosehill Hatchery***

### ***Breeders & Hatchers of Domestic Fowl***

### ***High Quality Poultry Food***

### ***Dust Free Sawdust for Birds***

***Creephedge Lane  
East Hanningfield  
Chelmsford  
Essex CM3 8BP***

***Phone: 01245 401005***

***Fax: 01245 401006***

***Mobile: 07775 740 562***

***E-mail: [rosehill.hatchery@icloud.com](mailto:rosehill.hatchery@icloud.com)***

***ACS Agricultural Supplies Ltd***

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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.

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### More Photos From Last Month's Meeting

