

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020



NEXT MEETING
which should have been on
Saturday 16th May 2020
10am to 12pm
HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE
CORONAVIRUS

(Please see inside for more information)

SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING

2020 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Dagenham and District
Cage Bird Society
Meetings held at
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Committee Members 2020

President	PETER DECORT
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Vice Chairman	Vacancy
Secretary	RICHARD WILSON
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Treasurer	PETER DECORT
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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 2020

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.

Forthcoming Meeting dates during 2020
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE
CORONAVIRUS

Sat 16 th May	Song Bird Competition
Sat 20 th June	TBC
Sat 18 th July	TBC
Sat 15 th Aug	Open Show Preparation
Sat 19 th Sep	TBC
Sat 17 th Oct	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
Sat 21 st Nov	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)
Fri 11 th Dec	Staging for Open Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)
Sat 12 th Dec	Open Show (all day)
<u>2021</u>	
Sat 16 th Jan	AGM

The President's Comments

Nothing from Pete this month, but he's ok.

The Club Secretary's Comments

I do hope all you members are keeping well and safe.

The breeding season has now started and some of you should be seeing some results. If you would like to share them with a few photos please send them to Barry and he will do his best to put them in next month's newsletter.

Our Facebook page is going to be changed so that you can join the Group and add pictures and stories to the page yourself. I am new to Facebook so I needed some help to make the changes. But what I have learnt is that it is a great form of communication. Talking about communication, last month I asked if you would share your phone number for the club's website so that all members can keep in touch. Sad to say not one member called me to agree which is a shame. I'm not quite sure of the reason for the lack of interest to do this. Personally I have a large Friends & Family circle and work colleagues to talk with on a daily basis, but some of our members live alone or are on lockdown with very little social interaction. We are all witnessing difficult times, so please go out of your way to call two people a day, just for 5 minutes to

ask how they are, what they are up to, how the birds are going. You can make a difference.

My breeding season so far

I put my nest sites in around the middle of April. Some feeders took to making nests straight away with a nest of Fifes and 2 nests of Red Factors now being fed well by the parents.

I had clutches of Greenfinch Mule and Siberian Bullfinch also, but both were clear, however both have now made another nest so let's see what happens this time round.

My Linnet Mule pair, Canary x Bullfinch pair and another pair of Bullfinches both laid their 3rd & 4th eggs this morning. Other Mule & Hybrid pairs are moving nesting material around but no good nests. My Greenfinches and Siskins are doing nothing at the moment.

Richard

Staging Fund

We had a Goldfinch Mule that was donated to the club by Steve & Bill Wallis which I raffled on Facebook making £145.00 for the club.

Here is an updated list of donations towards the new show staging –

Yellow Hammer donated by Les Rix = £50.00
Pair of Redpolls donated by Dave Mason = £60.00
Canary x Bullfinch donated by Richard Wilson = £210.00
Hospital Cage donated by Mick Pegram = £40.00
Light Greenfinch Mule donated by Lawson & Wells = £160.00
CASH donation by Fergus McCarthy = £200.00
CASH donation by Steve & Bill Wallis = £200.00
Goldfinch Mule donated by Steve & Bill Wallis = £145.00
Cock Greenfinch donated by Lawson & Wells partnership £40.00

TOTAL = £1,105.00

If you or someone you know would like to help with a donation please get in touch, every little bit helps.

In regards to the new staging we have another couple of avenues to follow up so will have more news next month but please see article below.

Update on New Staging

Fergus McCarthy put me in touch with a friend called Dave Rands who has purchased new show staging for his bird club. It is white metal, each bay is 6ft wide and 4 shelves high both sides, so you get 48 show cages on each bay. The unit concertinas out and the shelves clip on (no nuts & bolts) then each unit butts up to the next unit as they are all free standing. Dave said that one person can put up one unit in less than 5 minutes. Each unit is 120 euros (£110) plus a collection charge ??????. To use the same footprint as our staging we would need 15 units which holds 450 show cages, but because of the 4th level it would give us a capacity of 720 cages in the same footprint, we would also need 5 units for judging stands, so I think 20 units could do it for around 2,400 euros (£2,200) plus collection charge. It's a big difference from our first estimate of £6,500.00. The Committee will have a conference call to discuss.

Richard

Dagenham CBS – Information request

I am still looking to complete the Club's History on our Website and am missing information between the years 1979-1998 and 2006-2015. If anyone has got any information relating to the Club during these years, for example, news, photos, show results or any other information, would you please let me know? Other than these breaks in years I have researched and have found something for each year since 1935.

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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Seed & Equipment

Club sponsors Essex Bird Fancier are open for your orders and are happy to post your orders to you, call Lisa on 07983 108383 or Email – essexbirdfancier@gmail.com

Items for Sale

Several pairs of Glosters and some single Cock Birds (Consorts and Coronas). If you are interested please ring **Fergus McCarthy on 07961 803 100** and make him an offer.

Would you please let Barry or Val know if you want your advert changed or removed from next month's list? Thank you.

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

Owl Finches (Bicheno's Finches) a pair and a single Hen are wanted by **Barry Johnson**. If you can help please phone him on **0751 609 1070**.

A **Rosa Bourke Hen** and a **Rock Pennant Hen** are wanted by **Roger Mignot**. If you can help, please phone him on **07763 352 449**. He is also still looking for a **Blue Pennant Hen** and a **Mountain Parakeet Hen**.

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

Would you please let Barry or Val know if you want your advert changed or removed from next month's list? Thank you.

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.

The Club's Website, etc

The Club's **website** is www.dagenhamcbs.com where 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 – or via our **Facebook** page.

Don't forget to keep checking the Website and Facebook for Richard's updates

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

The winner from the March Newsletter was DAVID DAWKINS so this is being held over until the Club re-opens to give David a chance to claim his winnings.

2020 Membership Subscriptions

The Club's year runs from January to December so your 2020 subscriptions are now due.

Subscriptions

Single - £15.00

Partnerships - £20.00

Juniors (to 16) – Free

If anyone knows any Members who want to pay their subs they can still send a cheque to Pete and will be put back on the mailing list.

Below is a picture sent in by Richard. This egg was laid outside of the nest by a first year Red Factor hen, it is very strange as the egg has formed but is out of its shell ! she has laid a further 3 eggs in the nest and two of them have hatched. She must have known the first egg was not right. If it had hatched it may have resembled the picture below right (sent in by a Member), Has anyone experienced this before ?.



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