

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021



**NEXT MEETING
which should have been the
Song Bird Competition
on Saturday 15th May 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
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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 15 th May	Cancelled
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 15 th Jan	AGM
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The President's Comments

As Boris has lifted some more restrictions on what we can do and how we can meet, if nothing else goes wrong, it looks like we may be able to meet soon.

I had a phone call from Richard who in turn had had a phone call from the Committee of our Hall. The outcome is that they have re-opened the Hall and they wanted to know when we would be able to return to our Meetings. After a short talk it was decided, all being well, we would look forward to re-opening the Club in July or August. We hope this meets with your approval.

I am sure Richard will have more to say about this. He will obviously have some do's and don'ts on how we can proceed.

Hopefully all Members who are eligible for the Covid vaccination will have had at least their first dose, and preferably their second, which will help protect themselves and others when the Club re-opens.

If you have any concerns about when and how the Club will be re-opening, please get in touch with Richard. Hopefully he will be able to address your concerns.

I don't know much about how your breeding season is going, but I hope all is well.

I was personally very sorry to read about Ken Grigg retiring from bird keeping after so many years, but I hope he will not stay away from our Club because I and many other Members will always be glad to see him. His contribution to our Club has been enormous and we need more Members like him.

Pete

The Club Secretary's Comments

With the lockdown restrictions being lifted each month, it is now the question when we should start to have our monthly meetings again. Currently we can only have up to 30 people present and as we normally have 35-40 people turn up on meeting days this may be a problem. On 17th May it is likely the government will lift more restrictions in terms of how many people you can have in a space. If you think of a restaurant or an aeroplane, these industries will not survive with only 30 people in them.

So, the question is.....

How comfortable do you feel coming back to the club? This could be as early as June but, like everybody else we will have to abide by whatever rules are in place at that time. So please text or call me on 07852 959447 and let me know if you would come to the next meeting. We can then gauge how many members we can expect to attend.

I have posted the same question on our Facebook page so members can give their views.

There are no wrong or right answers to this question as we are all different and everyone will have different concerns.

Richard

Open Show

This will be discussed in our August meeting.

Richard

Staging Fund

Here is an up-dated 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
Paul Jupe sold 4 Cock Greenfinches = £50.00
Pegram & Hussey Partnership donated cash = £50.00

TOTAL = £2,400.00

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

We are waiting for a price from a guy who made the staging for Trent Valley BS. It is made of Aluminium box section, so strong but light weight, four tier shelving to give us more capacity.

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

Fax: 0049-721-683029 -

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

e-mail – essexbirdfancier@gmail.com

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

Richard Wilson has the following for sale:-

- **2 sets of 4 Norwich show cages in carry box £40.00** each.
- **2 x 2018 Buff Norwich Hens & a 2020 Yellow Norwich Cock £120.00** for the trio.
- **Pair of Yellow Bullfinches £200.00** (2018 Hen & 2016 Cock) very fit in excellent condition.

If you are interested please contact **Richard** on **07852 959447** (2nd entry)

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

Alan Anderson is looking for a **Black Headed Red Siskin Hen**. If you can help please contact him on **07889 000 056** or you can e-mail him at alananderson42@hotmail.co.uk (2nd 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.

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 149 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.

“Lifelong Learning”
(A story of carbolic soap and the Internet)

by Paul Jupe

Having kept birds in one form or another for around fifty years, mostly as pet birds, I have always done things my own way. That is not to say that my way is the only way. I've always tried to learn from others and I like to take aspects of other bird keepers methods and practices and adapt them to my own setup.

I've enjoyed keeping various canary breeds and have had a passion for British Finches throughout the whole time. Over the years I have kept birds in cages, in small sheds, in small aviaries and in large planted mixed aviaries all with varying degrees of success and failure. Keeping British birds purely for the enjoyment of seeing them close up and breeding in captivity I rarely bothered to ring them, then around six or seven years ago I joined the Basildon CBS and also the BBC and purchased rings. Since then I have been able to participate in the local show scene, which has opened a whole new aspect of bird keeping to me, which I enjoy very much.

I am a great advocate of bird accommodation with plenty of fresh air, sunlight and only protecting the birds from the very worst of the elements, although these days I have made their enclosures a little more comfortable for my own benefit. Natural green food is given as much and as often as possible, although these days it seems harder and harder to maintain a clean safe supply. Like many bird keepers I usually have a bag in my coat pocket just in case I spot a nice clump of fresh dandelion, chickweed or other edible weed or berries. Often in the past and to the greatest embarrassment of my children I would collect these green foods from the borders of front gardens locally when going about our daily business.

It pays to have an open mind. For years I have used plastic coated garden wire to secure nest felts into nest pans, this works well enough, but the more determined birds peck at the felts and often all that remains in the nest pan is a small fragment of felt attached to the wire !!

I don't use social media, face book, etc, it works for some but not for me. Nevertheless I find YouTube very useful particularly if you need to fix something or get ideas. I picked up on a YouTube channel from C&A birds, called O C Aviary, produced and presented by a very enthusiastic young man, Oliver Crowther. Oliver demonstrated how he glues his nest felts in using carbolic soap, something I had heard about, but never seen. I bought a block of carbolic soap, grated it, added a little warm water to some of the grated soap, smeared it onto the reverse of the nest felt and

pressed the felt into the nest pan and left it to dry for about an hour. Apparently the carbolic soap has the added benefit of repelling mite.

Fifty years of bird keeping and there's still plenty to learn, well done Oliver for demonstrating this in such a modern way.

It really does pay to have an open mind, we can learn from the young, as well as the not so young.

Paul Jupe.

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

Some pictures from our show in February 2020





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.

