

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2021



NEXT MEETING

Saturday 18th September 2021

10am to 12pm

(Please see inside for more information)

SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING

Dagenham and District
Cage Bird Society
Meetings held at
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President	PETER DECORT
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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

2021

Sat 18 th Sep	Photo Quiz
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 Annual Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)
Sat 11 th Dec	Annual Show (all day)

2022

Sat 15 th Jan	AGM
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The President's Comments

As you will know by now, we did re-open our Club. We had a few phone calls from Members who could not get to the Club re-opening but none were down to the Virus. But we had about twenty-five Members present. All obeyed the Covid Rules set out in our last Newsletter. Everybody signed in at the door and wore their masks.

Our Secretary spoke about one or two things, but in general Members sat around chatting and catching up. A pleasant morning was spent by all those present.

One very nice thing was that Shane Evans sponsored the Club to the tune of £300.00. For this on your behalf I say "Thank You" to Shane.

Shane had a stall out with bird food and equipment. I think he sold some bird food so don't forget you can phone Shane and place your order and pick it up at the next meeting.

Hopefully this will be the start of the Club getting back to normal and from myself I wish to thank those Members who turned up.

Pete

The Club Secretary's Comments

The August Meeting was our first Meeting back since the pandemic. Thank you to all the Members who came along and abided by our new rules of wearing a mask while out of their seat. It worked very well and is in place for everybody's safety.

September's Meeting will be a photo quiz for Members to test their knowledge of the bird world. Prizes will be up for grabs for the winners.

We will also have some Members bringing in some old bird related memorabilia for the rest of the Members to look at.

Richard

Annual Show

Our sponsorship of £150.00 with the IOA may be in jeopardy as they only normally sponsor Specialist & Open Shows, but our Members, Eddie Wells & Richard Lawson, who are on the IOA committee are pressing for the award to still come to us at their next meeting at the end of September.

Please see below the list of our Judges for this year's Show –

Foreign Birds – Janet Ralph
British Birds – Craig Walker
Mules, Hybrids & Siberian – Craig Walker
Norwich Canaries – Terry Kendall
New Colour Canaries – TBC
Gloster Canaries – Fred Riches
Border Canaries – Gary Macbeath
Yorkshire Canaries – TBC
Fife Canaries – Gary Macbeath
AOV & Lizard, Irish Canaries – Fred Riches

Richard

Staging Fund

Here is the current list of donations towards the new Show Staging. There were two more donations this month – so thank you to:-

John Young donated cash = £50.00

Phil Perkins donated cash = £20.00

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 = £2,470.00

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

As previously mentioned, I received another quote for the staging which came in at over £7000 so still looking for a better option. I have emailed and phoned the company in Portugal hoping they may be back to work but I have still had no response from them.

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
Facebook and Ebay

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Direct Bird Products

Shane Evans

This year's Club Sponsor

Please see information following their advert at the end of the Newsletter.

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

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

Terry Hardie is looking for some **wire mesh measuring 900mm x 2mts with 1\2 slots for a wire door**. If you can help please ring Terry on 07305 843 540. (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.

Treasurer's Monthly Report for August 2021

Raffle made:	£102.00	Members present:	25
Tea Bar made:	£17.60	Guests :	3
Donations	£20.60	New Members	0

Raffle

Wally Scott won the £50.00 from this month's Raffle

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

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 165 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 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.

John Scott

Included with this Newsletter is a separate article which is a copy of an interview with Wally Scott's Dad, John, published in Cage & Aviary Birds in 1984. Our thanks to Mick Pegram for sending it to us.

Pete's Chit Chat

I wrote before about Barry lending me a Yellow Cock Fife. The Green Hen immediately went to nest and hatched four chicks. All fledged and were feeding well. In the meantime, the parents went back to nest. She laid five eggs. While she was sitting, three of the first chicks died one after the other for no apparent reason. I checked all usual things but could find no reason.

By now the next set of eggs had started to hatch. Four of the five eggs hatched. All grew well. They fledged and are growing well and feeding themselves.

By now the Hen had gone back to nest again. This time she laid five eggs and has hatched all five. All babies are doing well and are growing strong.

Unfortunately, one of the second round chicks died in what appears to be the same way as the first three. The third round chicks, as I write this article, are between 13 and 15 days old and are doing well.

Note, while I have been losing young Canaries, I have hatched some Gouldians. These are also doing well with none lost. As I write, the Hen is running around with nesting material. If she does lay again, I will remove the eggs.

I only have one flight so all the Gouldians and the one pair of Canaries and young, and Gouldians and young are all together in this flight. This is why I do not understand only young Canaries dying.

Pete

“What Would You Have Done?” By Paul Jupe

This is the scenario, two flights 6 x 3 ft in a block of five, two pairs of Northern Bullfinches and other finches in the three other flights. Both Bullfinch pairs have young, three in flight A and five young in flight B. Flight B is two or three days ahead of flight A, both pairs of parents are feeding well and brooding the young closely at night. Flight B has all five young rung and it is around day five for the three young in flight A, they are ready to be rung. I place two BBC E sized rings on two in the nest, the third chick is a little smaller and an E ring would probably be too large, so I decide to place a D ring. The hen Bullfinch then returns to the three freshly rung young in flight A and all seems well.

Later at the evening feed two of the freshly rung chicks from flight A are on the floor and bleeding from their rung leg, obviously the hen Bullfinch has tried to remove the rings. The two chicks on the floor are alive, I foster one under a hen Greenfinch next door who is sitting on clear eggs and I place the other in the nest of five Bullies in flight B. The third Bullie chick in flight A is unharmed so I leave it. Sadly in the morning the one remaining chick in flight A is dead in the nest, clearly the hen Bullfinch had not returned to the nest and the chick died of cold overnight. In addition the chick placed

under the hen Greenfinch was also dead the next day, however the chick placed with five others in flight B survived.

How could I have done things differently?

1. Perhaps I should have disguised the rings? In the past I have covered the white numbers and size letter of the BBC rings with black marker pen. Some people cover the ring with a rubber band. Because the other pair had not worried about the rings I didn't think to hide the white markings.
2. Should I have waited to around day six or seven and then placed the rings when the hen is less fastidious about cleaning the nest?
3. Perhaps my priority should have been to save the third chick that was unharmed, as you may remember the third chick in flight A was the smallest of the three but I didn't think it would have been able to compete with the larger chicks in flight B. I should have remembered that Bullfinch hens are prone to lose interest in smaller clutches of ones and twos.
4. I could have put all three chicks under the Greenfinch and just hoped for the best. The good thing was that the chick in the nest of five survived and left the nest, as did the five original occupants of the Bullfinch nest in flight B.

Without the benefit of hindsight what might you have done?

Paul

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

The winner from the March 2020 Newsletter was DAVID DAWKINS so due to the Covid Pandemic this is still being held over until David is able to return to the Club and claim his winnings.

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.



2021 Membership Subscriptions

The Club's year runs from January to December

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Single - £15.00

Partnerships - £20.00

Juniors (to 16) – Free

As mentioned by Richard in the October 2020 Newsletter, all 2020 paid up Members will get their 2021 Membership free of charge

Members' Christmas Raffle

Richard is continuing the Members' Christmas Raffle. This year, every Member who is signed in at the Meetings will receive one entry for each Meeting attended (including August). The draw will take place at the December Meeting and the winner will receive a cash prize of £150.00 donated by Vista Workspace Solutions.

To win the prize you must be at the Meeting on Friday, the 10th 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.

Ted Papandreas



All those at the August Meeting congratulated Ted on reaching his 85th birthday which was a few days before the Meeting. Congratulations again Ted.

A few of pictures from our August meeting





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.



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