

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026



Saturday 21st March

**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

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**Dagenham and District
Cage Bird Society**
Meetings held at
Wantz Hall
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Dagenham, Essex
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All Committee Members 2026

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| President | RICHARD WILSON |
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| Chairman | BARRY JOHNSON |
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| Secretary | STEVE CHENNELLS |
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| Newsletter | BARRY & VAL |
| Show Manager | DAVY HUNT |
| Asst. Show Managers | LES RIX & DAVE MASON |
| Show Secretary | GEOFF LOUTH |
| Trophy Secretary | LES RIX |
| Canteen | BARRY, VAL & BEV |

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 JANUARY to DECEMBER 2026

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| Single | £20.00 |
| Partnerships: | £25.00 |
| 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

2026

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| Sat 21 st Mar | Club Show League – First Round – Cock Bird Show |
| Sat 18 th Apr | Sales Day – Birds and Equipment (Subject to Licence) |
| Sat 16 th May | Song Bird Competition |
| Sat 20 th June | John Martin – Show Cage Making |
| Sat 18 th July | TBC |
| Sat 15 th Aug | TBC |
| 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) Christmas Raffle & Buffet |
| Fri 11 th Dec | Staging for Open Show |
| Sat 12 th Dec | Open / Annual Show (all day) |

2027

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| Sat 16 th Jan | AGM |
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The President's Comments

What a great turn out for Paul Jupe's talk about Hawfinches, always good to hear about how other breeders keep their birds.

It's good to see that DEFRA have relaxed the licensing for shows & sales, this is because of the downturn in bird flu at this time of year. Later this year around November time the bird flu will increase, and DEFRA will put a stop on all shows & sales again. That's why we all need to support the NCA, BBC, IOA and others Action Group, by continuing to send letters to your local MPs, signing the online petition and donating to their GoFundMe page. The Action group needs to legally stop DEFRA from bringing our hobby to a stand-still as and when they feel fit, with NO scientific evidence, NO consultation to bird keepers and NO reasonable rules for our hobby to continue. It is so important that this is done legally by way of a government written agreement or through the courts, so do what you can to support the group, or this will happen every year.

The Secretary's Comments

Because of the DEFRA/APHA Licensing, we're having to have the Cock Bird Show one month later. I know it's a lot to ask so near the start of the breeding season, but please show your support to make this a success. Remember it's only a maximum of 4 Birds for the show (£1.00 per cage).

At February's club meeting, Paul Jupe was our guest speaker with 53 members and guests attending. If you're like me, I always learn something after a guest speaker, most interesting.

2026 Membership Subscriptions are now due. Any members who have not paid will be off the members' list next month.

DEFRA/APHA are granting permission for sales and shows at the moment, but the situation is temporary, so we all need to keep the motivation going. We must not move to a position of apathy.

March's Meeting

This is the First Round of the Dagenham CBS Show League 2026

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

As it is always difficult to book judges for our smaller shows, the highest placed British exhibitor and Canary exhibitor from last year's Show League will be our judges for this year and so on. This year's top exhibitors will be next year's judges.

Judges

Richard Wilson – British
Danny Gallimore (Assisted by Steve Chennells) – Canaries
Peter Decort – 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 member's scores will be added 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

2026 Show Prize Money Fund

The fund so far this year stands at £2,552.00. There were no donations last month.

Thank you to all who donate to the Club to help generate funds towards the prize money for the Club Shows. £2,467.00 was raised in 2025.

Most of the prize money for our shows is made on the Cage & Aviary Christmas Raffle. I am looking for members to donate a pair of birds again this year. As we are limited to only 4 pairs this year, the raffle team does not want too many birds of the same varieties, plus they need to be of a certain value as to make sense. Please let me know if you have something of interest. Thank you – Richard.

Members on other Committees etc.

IOA Committee

Richard Lawson & Eddie Wells

British Bird Council Delegates

Richard Wison & Davy Hunt

IFIN (Irish Fancy International)

Beverley Kirby (Secretary)

Are there any other members sitting on any committees at their specialist canary clubs? We would be interested to know what's going on so we can put it in the newsletter.

Useful Numbers and Contacts

Rings

IOA (International Ornithological Association) Website – www.ioa-com-uk.org For all rings call Richard Lumley on 01653 697565 or

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 and 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

BBC (British Bird Council). Call or e-mail for rings or Membership.

Phone: 0121 476 5999 Office open 9.15 - 12.00 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri.

E-mail - info@britishbirdcouncil.com

Membership – Adults & Partnerships £15.00: 60 or over £9.00: Juniors (under 16) Free.

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 – Davy Hunt

Mooro's Events are based in Chigwell, Essex and have again agreed to supply 2 bottles of drink for our raffle prizes every month in 2026
Please see their 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

Phone: 01959 573 719

(New Phone No Mar 2024)

Wiltons Pet Centre

95-97 Pound Lane, Bowers Gifford, Basildon, SS13 2HN

Phone: 01268 726 216

Gladwells Pet & Country Store

(Copdock Mill)

Lubbards Lodge Farm, Hullbridge Road, Rayleigh, SS6 9QG

Phone: 01268 642 601

DG Pest Control - David Galea
(Club Member)
E-Mail davidgalea@live.co.uk

Phone 01708 472172 or
07882 951 578 (Mobile)
www.dgpestcontrol.co.uk

Latchford Farm Aquatics
St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 3PB

Phone: 01708 641363
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Items for Sale or Items Wanted

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.

Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2026

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| Raffle made | £264.00 | Cash Raffle Prize | £50.00 |
| Tea Bar made | £53.30 | Stamps | £83.50 |
| Donations – Phil Perkins | £60.00 | | |

Attendance for February 2026

Current Members – 48 Guests – 2 New/ Returning Members – 3

Raffle

Ben Henry won the £50.00 cash prize.
**Our thanks to “The Raffle Team” – Davy Hunt, Shane Evans,
Danny Gallimore and Richard Wilson – for the raffle prizes**

New and Returning Members

There were three New Members at the February Meeting
Welcome to

Rob Barnard, Jim Burches and Rickie Pennell

Also, apologies to **Andrew Moore** who joined at the Annual Show and
was not included in last month's list

Our Club Membership is therefore currently 117 made up as to
89 Single Members, 12 Partnerships (24 Members) and 4 Juniors
although this will change as not everyone has paid their subs and
Newsletters will not be sent next month to those who haven't paid

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

Richard has also added a new page to the Website which shows all the

Club Show winners since 2016

The Club can also be contacted by **e-mail** – info@dagenhamcbs.com

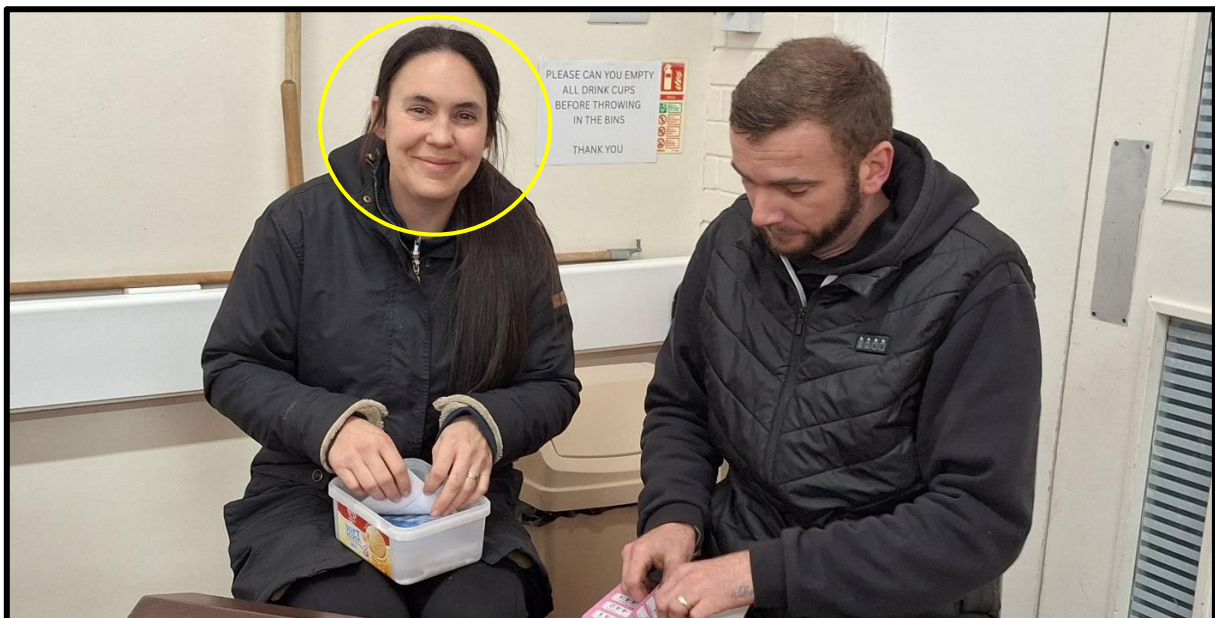
or via our **Facebook** page

Dagenham CBS Facebook Group Page – We now have 872 Members on the Group Page. Please give it a look, join in the banter and see the up-to-date news from the Members

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 prize must be claimed at the next Meeting or the £10.00 will be donated to the club.

Last month's winner was **Kevin Mills**.



Membership Subscriptions

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**Cheques should be made payable to
Dagenham and District Cage Bird Society
Single – £20.00....Partnership – £25.00....Juniors (to 16) – Free**

**You can also now pay by Bank transfer – but please remember to
include your name as the reference so that we know who's paid!!
Lloyds Bank Sort Code 30 99 50 Account Number 42556768.**

Members' Christmas Raffle

The Members' Christmas Raffle this year of £100.00 will be paid by the Club. Every Member who is signed in at the Meetings will receive one entry for each Meeting attended. This year the draw will take place at the November Meeting and the winner will receive a cash prize of £100.00.

To win the prize you must be at the Meeting on Saturday, the 21st November otherwise another ticket will be picked until a winner is declared.

The usual monthly raffle will also take place on that day, with its £50.00 cash prize plus other prizes as normal.

Bird Keepers Association

The remaining 2026 BKA Sales Days are
19th April, 21st June,
16th August, 18th October and 20th December
Venue for the Sales Days is Cowdray Hall, West Thurrock, RM20 3JE

The Southern Premier Bird Show will be on Monday, the 28th December
Venue for the Show is Chelmer Valley High School in Chelmsford

Further information relating to the BKA can be obtained from
Shane Evans on 07376 669 333 or Jamie Taylor on 07999 354 911
They can also be contacted via the website www.bkauk.org.uk
or by e-mailing info@bkauk.org.uk

Some Photos from the last Meeting







This Year's Club Sponsors

Direct Bird Products

Direct Bird Products 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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