

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022



NEXT MEETING

Saturday, 16th April 2022

10am to 12pm

**Steve Dominey will be giving a talk on
Fife & Yorkshire Canaries**

SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING

**Dagenham and District
Cage Bird Society
Meetings held at
Wantz Hall
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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

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 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

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.

Barry (lukeira@btinternet.com) Val (valkenh@btinternet.com)

Forthcoming Meeting Dates

2022

Sat 16 th Apr	Steve Dominey will be giving a talk on Fife & Yorkshire Canaries
Sat 21 st May	Song Bird Competition
Sat 18 th June	TBC
Sat 16 th July	Dave Mason will be giving a talk on Breeding Birds for Exhibition
Sat 20 th Aug	Keith Ferry will be giving a talk on Norwich Canaries
Sat 17 th Sep	TBC
Sat 15 th Oct	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
Sat 19 th Nov	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)
Fri 9 th Dec	Staging for Open / Annual Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)
Sat 10 th Dec	Open / Annual Show (all day)

2023

Sat 21st Jan	AGM
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The President's Comments

At our last Meeting Richard engaged a speaker. About 30 people turned up to listen to Mr Ric Ochet give his talk on Crossbills. I have not seen the Members so quiet. They asked some questions and at the end all Members said thank you in the usual way.

Birds

Two weeks ago myself and my family went to my daughter's chalet in Yarmouth to do some work on the chalet. Whilst having a relax from working I took a walk. As I was walking along the road I could hear Goldfinches and Greenfinches. It was the Greenfinches that got my attention, sitting on the roof tops and phone wires. Because it is some years since I last saw Greenfinches I just stood watching them. Then, to my amazement, they flew down within feet of me, foraging in the grass, pulling it up, then flying off with it in their beaks. I continued to stand there and watch the Goldfinches on the same area of grass they were not pulling up the grass, just feeding.

I walked a bit further down the road. I then took, what I thought was a short cut between the caravans and was amazed at the amount of Blackbirds wandering around on the grass. It was amazing,

All around were Pied Wagtails not more than a few feet from me and taking no notice of me.

Needless to say, my short break took me over an hour before I got back to the chalet.

Recently, with Barry and Ken's help, I took the roof of my bird shed. The weather forecast was for a sunny day, so I was up early and started to remove the roof. We had to be a bit careful because our Gouldians were starting to go to nest. Anyway, we got the roof done without too much disturbance to the birds.

I then, as previously said, went to my daughter's chalet, and left Barry in charge of the birds. When I came home I was amazed to see young Gouldians in the box. This goes to show how much noise you can get away with.

Our next Meeting is a talk by Steve Dominey. The topic will be Yorkshires and Fifes. I hope you can get to the Club and show Steve some support. See you there.

Pete

The Club Secretary's Comments

At the March meeting we had the pleasure of Ric Ochet talking about Crossbills. It was a very interesting meeting with many members asking questions. Ric's knowledge and his connections with other breeders of Crossbills throughout Europe was evident and was explained and presented very well.

April's meeting will be Steve Dominey talking about Fifes & Yorkshire Canaries. It's fantastic that we have so many fanciers agreeing to come to the club and talk about how they do it and what works for them, so I hope you can make this month's meeting, I'm expecting a good turn out from the Fife men this month.

Richard

PRIZE MONEY FUND

My new goal is to raise funds for the prize money for our club shows which is the highest in the country and it is important that we keep ourselves at the top. In the show scene prize money attracts some of the best showmen in the country and the best showmen attract the best competition and that's why the Dagenham CBS show is the one to win in the show calendar. I know it will probably be the same people who help

raise these funds so it's lucky we are blessed with so many generous members.

I will be bringing a 2021 Goldfinch mule in a cage to be auctioned at the April meeting after the raffle to start the ball rolling.

We also have some cages for sale donated by an old member – Micky Moffett – and organised by Mick Pegram, with all proceeds going to the PRIZE MONEY FUND.

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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This Year's Club Sponsor

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 the details in his advert at the end of the Newsletter.

Members' Recommendations

Suppliers of Colour Food by The Standard Laboratory

Carrophyll Red/Orange/Yellow

Contact George Weeks

Phone: 01959 576 998 or

E-Mail: george@standardlabs.co.uk

Wiltons Pets

Phone: 01268 726 216

Gladwells Pet & Country Store

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.

Items for Sale

Mick Moffatt has some more items for sale with all proceeds to go towards the Club's Annual Show prize money. These are:-

- **Plastic Treble Cage** - approximately 3ft - with sand trays and dividers (no perches) – £30.00
- **Set of 4 British no3 Show Cages with carry box** – £40.00
- **2 Budgie/Foreign Show Cages with carry box** – £25.00

All in good condition – please see photos below. If you are interested please contact **Mick Pegram** on **0770 907 6594** and he can bring the items to the next club meeting (1st entry)



Mick Moffatt has several **books** for sale – see the flyer with last month's Newsletter – and all proceeds will go to the Club. If you are interested please contact **Mick Pegram** on **0770 907 6594** (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

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 March 2022

Raffle made:	£98.00	Members present:	29
Tea Bar made:	£37.30	Guests :	1
Donations	£11.00 (Sales)	New / Returning Members	3

Raffle

Ray Mills won the £50.00 from this month's Raffle

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

New Members

There were three New Members in March
Welcome to Tony Gilder, Lee Everest and Paul Stapley

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 213 Members on the Group Page. Please give it a look and join in the banter and the up to date news from the members.

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.

Down Sizing – How Difficult It Is

From Paul Jupe

Previously I had plenty of space, with twenty flights, mostly 6x3 feet with a couple of 6x6 and I also enjoyed having a 12x20 feet shed with a few flights and some cages.

British finches need a bit of space when you keep them in flights and when I started keeping Pied Greenfinches as well as maintaining a stud of normal Greenfinches, I simply built more flights.

There are so many different wonderful species of British finch it's hard to limit one's collection to just a few breeds.

I thought it might be nice to try and breed a few hybrids, so I acquired a few European Bullfinches and some cock Goldfinches. Although I enjoy the Sib bullies, I soon thought it would be great to have some native bullies also.

I've always enjoyed keeping some of the smaller finches, such as Siskins, Linnets and Redpolls and before you know it, I have eighty birds in flights and some cages!!

And now I have moved house I have but ten 6x3 flights, what to keep? My 2021 breeding season was abruptly stopped due to the house move so I only bred a very few young. My best looking young Pied Greenfinches did not flourish and I lost them one by one before the moult, therefore I shall only keep normal Greenfinches in the future. I kept the young Greenfinches in family groups in flight cages and fear they might have experienced stress and that may have been the cause of their demise.

I have had the greatest breeding success with sib bullies rather than the native bullies and shall concentrate on sibs this year. Some of my most reliable pairs are not as young as they used to be. It's very difficult to let successful pairs go, but bullies only have a relatively short breeding life.

To maintain my interest in hybrids this year I shall keep a mixed group together in a couple of flights, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Linnet and Redpoll and see if I get lucky. My preferred method of hybridisation is to have one pair to each flight, but without the space that would be impossible.

Keeping a couple of flights for hybrids, selecting just a few pairs of Greenfinches and a few pairs of Bullies only leaves a couple of flights free for other birds. Fortunately I have three all wire flight cages, that, if successful, I can house some young!!

So downsizing what to keep? The best young unrelated pairs would be sensible, and there are a number of old favourites that have a degree of sentimental attachment, a few geriatrics, some with a foot missing or a dropped wing, plus the inevitable hen hybrid. What to do?

Mark Logan



It is with great sadness that we need to inform you of the passing of Mark Logan, one of our loyal members. Mark had been a very active member in the staging fund and many other events and will be sadly missed by all his friends at the club. Our thoughts are with Sally and his family.

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 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 Val.



Membership Subscriptions

The Club's year runs from January to December
so 2022 Subscriptions are due

If you know anyone who is unable to get to the Meetings they can send their subs to Pete (details at the front of the Newsletter)
Cheques should be made payable to Dagenham & District CBS
Single – £15.00.....Partnerships – £20.00..... Juniors (to 16) – Free

Members' Christmas Raffle

Richard is continuing the Members' Christmas Raffle again this year. Every Member who is signed in at the Meetings will receive one entry for each Meeting attended. The draw will take place at the December Meeting and the winner will receive a cash prize of £100.00 donated by Vista Workspace Solutions.

To win the prize you must be at the Meeting on Friday, the 9th 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.

A few pictures of our members at the March Meeting





Romford Bird Sale

To be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Noak Hill Victory Hall, Romford, Essex, RM4 1LD. For more details see the Facebook page or ring Jamie Taylor on 07999 354 911

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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