

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025



**NEXT MEETING
Saturday 19th April
10am to 12pm**

**STEVE CHENNELLS
Line Breeding**

(See inside for more information)

SALES TABLES 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
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 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR
2025**

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

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Forthcoming Meeting Dates

2025

Sat 19 th Apr	Steve Chennells will be giving a talk on Line Breeding
Sat 17 th May	Song Bird Competition
Sat 21 st June	Andy Early will be giving a talk on old variety canaries
Sat 19 th July	TBC
Sat 16 th Aug	TBC
Sat 20 th Sep	Rickie Pennell will be giving a talk on Pine Crossbills
Sat 18 th Oct	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
Sat 15 th Nov	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm) Christmas Raffle & Buffet
Fri 12 th Dec	Staging for Open Show
Sat 13 th Dec	Open / Annual Show (all day)

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Sat 17 th Jan	AGM
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The President's Comments

Our last Meeting was a sales Day. I didn't count the number of tables sold, but it must have been around 18-20 with quite an array of different birds and equipment. I hope all sellers sold some of their birds and equipment.

Barry got a pair of Java Sparrows, and he got off to a good start as they laid an egg before we left the Hall.

From what I could see most people present were Members of Dagenham. Although there were many people present, the raffle and tea bar did not do as well as the previous meeting. But, still, what we did take helped swell the Club Funds.

Talking about funds, as I have said before, we have started to pay fees on the money in and out of the bank account and this month it was £20.00. I know it's not a lot, but it is something we have never paid before.

Richard has had another set of keys to the hall cut, so if Richard is not on time(!) Danny will be able to open the Hall.

Les donated his £10.00 from winning the Spot the Member in the to Club funds. Thanks Les.

Next month we have Steve Chennells giving a talk on Line Breeding so we will be able to use our new speaker system again. With a bit of luck, we will have a full hall with people asking many questions. So do your best to come along.



Some sad news. We recently lost one of our older Members, Beryl Blake. She and her husband, Ted, joined the Club in the sixties and were members for over fifty years. They bred quite a diverse section of Foreign, and I bought my first Foreign from them – normal Bourkes and Turquesines.

Their back garden was full of aviaries, all of which contained various Australian birds. Also in the back garden they had a large square fish pond. It was so deep you could stand shoulder deep in it and it was full of large Goldfish and Coi Carp.

Later in life they changed to Canaries, ie Staffords and Lancashires and when Ted died Beryl moved to a much smaller house so all the birds were sold.

When speaking to Beryl's daughter, she said her mum used to look forward to our Club Meetings and always said it was a happy and wonderful Club.

Beryl died from dementia and lung cancer aged 93. Her funeral was on the 4th April at Corbets Tey and Barry, Fran and I attended.

The Secretary's Comments

Thank you to everyone who came to support the sale, there were lots of birds and equipment up for grabs but not many people spending money. I think we will rethink this for next year whether it should be continued.

Unsung Heroes

This month's Unsung Hero is Mick Pegram. Mick has been a member at the club for many years, keeping British birds and now coloured canaries. Since I became secretary 9 years ago Mick has been one of the mainstays

of the club and has always been of great help, always there to help set up for meetings and always there to clean up and put away. Mick is also very generous donating money for "Spot the Member" and donating birds for the Christmas Raffle making hundreds of pounds for the club. He also often donates prizes for the monthly raffle. All in all Mick is a top bloke and a credit to this club. Thank you Mick.



April's Meeting

This month Steve Chennells will be giving a talk on Line Breeding. This is a continuation of the talk he gave in August last year and he has sent in the following recap of that talk as a reminder....

At the August 2024 club meeting, we discussed the advantages and disadvantages of Inbreeding, Step 1 to 4 of the Foundation Stage. By adhering to this breeding formula, the breeder will never need to introduce any outside blood from other breeders.

We discussed the genetic effects of inbreeding, linebreeding. We also discussed how inbreeding can result in the fixation of both deleterious (negative consequences) as well as advantageous genetic traits. Examples are given of the general reduction in wellbeing and fertility that result from inbreeding (known as inbreeding depression), as well as traits that have been improved through inbreeding.

Special note of interest: All breeders who maintain a single breed of bird are practicing some degree of inbreeding. However, the level of inbreeding varies considerably with different breeding strategies and goals.

Most people abandon a family once they begin to notice serious faults, and believe that the family is weak or genetically contaminated. Not knowing

better, they panic and get rid of the family, only to start over with something new. A family that expresses sudden genetic faults, or health issues (not related to disease), is an indication that your birds are bred too close, and requires a little in family genetic diversity, or an infusion of new blood from within your own strain.

Stage 1, (Foundation stock) many of you are not able to get great birds from great breeders; you are forced to start where you are, with what you have. Or get the best birds possible from family and friends. However, the birds we get are most likely the product of In and In breeding or outcrossing. My foundation program was created for breeders like you, who are interested in creating your own strains. I'm here to tell you that it is certainly possible.

Stage 2 (maximising the genetic value of your foundation birds) preferably healthy, vigour and without defects, when initially breeding brother x sister you would potentially save years of additional backcrossing.

Back-crossing is used when the parents (the cock and hen are half siblings) or are not related, and the offspring are not meeting your expectations, or more importantly, the offspring are not measurably in some areas better than their parents. Back-Crossing is used when we need to get more from ONE of the parent birds, whichever one you deem superior to the other, you must back-cross to one of the offspring, this may be fruitful on just one breeding or multiple times. You must use the next generation to breed back to the mother or father, for the best results, you must dispose of the rejected partner, never to be used again in the future within your mainline of your inbreeding program.

Stage 3 (inbreeding) By breeding brother to sister, in successive generations, you "lock-in" their characteristics and traits. This is known as Fixation of Traits, as a breeder you will do this (inbreeding: brother to sister) two or three times, consecutively. The closer they can inbreed, especially in the beginning of their program, the better they can "Fix" or "Lock" the genes. As long as you do not experience a lack of vigour (the first signs of "Inbreeding Depression") they will be able to handle the close inbreeding. Remember, the offspring will visually indicate the worth of the parents and not the worth of the offspring.

In Stage 3, we mentioned that you can inbreed brother to sister consecutively, for a number of generations. Well. this is very true at this

Stage. If you've begun Stage 3 with the brother or sister that has the right type, conformation, and expresses the correct performance ability, health & fertility/hatchability, and represents his breed and variety, and you are breeding him to his best brother or sister, expressing the same qualities, you are in great shape!

Stage 4, helps you "Transition from inbreeding to line-breeding" and establishing multiple lines that prevents you from inbreeding to the point of reaching inbreeding depression, a very important stage, make sure you do this stage explicitly, you are accurately setting up the next Stage of the Foundation Program.

Once you have achieved suitable fixation and uniformity, and have bred and acquired at least two generations of offspring, from these continuous inbreeding – we will select our birds to head our line-breeding programs. However, it's important, at this time, to set up a minimum of 3 lines for stage 5 (line-breeding).

Start by selecting the best Cock bird (let's call him Adam Red) from this final "Stage 4 Generation" and breed him to his mother. And, select the best 2 Hens (let's call them Eve White and Eve Blue) and breed them back to their father.

We now have the 3 lines required for the line-breeding program in stage 5.

Special Note: Their mother and father are no longer part of the program. We will move forward with Adam Red and Eve White and Eve Blue. They will head the new line-breeding programs

Before we can move to stage 5, these birds must be of the highest quality, and worthy of cloning. Once we have birds worthy of cloning, these birds will now become your new starting point, and will head your line-breeding program in stage 5.

At the April 2005 meeting I will discuss Linebreeding and the three line solution that offsets inbreeding depression, stage 5 through to 8 of the breeding program, with diagrams to help visualise what is being discussed.

2025 Show Prize Money Fund

The following donations were made in February and March

February

Cock show entries	£59.00	Minus £100.00 prize money.	
Mick Buckland	£16.00	Alan Green	£20.00
2 x Bus Stops	£30.00		

March

Mick Buckland	£10.00	Sales entry	£48.00
Table Sales	£130.00	Allan Morton	£10.00
IOA	£100.00		

We have a total of £2,372.00 so far this year

Thank you to all who donate to the Club to help generate funds towards the prize money for the Club Shows. £2,267.00 was raised in 2024

Team Dagenham

Myself & Davy Hunt are Dagenham CBSs Delegates for the BBC (British Bird Council). We are the first of any CBSs to be asked to be involved in this way and sat in on our first meeting at last week's AGM.

The committee was very keen to know how Dagenham operates and feel they can learn a lot from us. Also on the agenda was the Bird Registration, see below for guidance –

There has been a lot of debate about this registration and it has developed and changed as DEFRA worked on its implementation, but its introduction has been inevitable.

It is now a legal requirement as of 1st October 2024 to register your birds under the circumstances detailed below (1st September in Scotland)

It is quite straightforward and simple to register.

It is for the protection of the poultry industry and of course for human health as well.

There is a registration phone number you can use OR fill in the forms from the links below.

APHA Registration Helpline: 03000 200 301

Keepers of LESS than 50 Birds

When you DO need to register:

You DO need to register passeriformes (softbills and Finches / Canaries)

- If they are kept in aviaries with a certain amount of access to outside air, that can include the sides of aviary being open mesh
- If your birds are taken outdoors at any time, to be taken to bird gatherings or shows, they MUST be registered.

When you DO NOT need to register:

You do NOT need to register passeriformes (such as softbills and Finches / Canaries) if they are both

- fully housed in a dwelling (your home or another indoor structure such as a bird room / shed)
- with no access to the open air

However - If your birds are taken outdoors at any time, to be taken to bird gatherings, sales or shows, they MUST be registered.

Keepers of MORE than 50 Birds

You MUST register if you have 50 birds or more:

You are required by law to register any premises where you have 50 or more birds, whether they be inside or outside.

Please go to britishbirdcouncil.com for more information.

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. 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

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 2025
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

Phone: 01268 726 216

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

Gladwells Pet & Country Store (Copdock Mill)

Phone: 01268 642 601

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

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

For Sale – Len March and Alan Short have **2 wire cages** for sale. They are **1m long, 15" high and 15" deep** and are **£20.00 each**. If you are interested, please phone **Len on 07572 516 681**. (1st entry)



For Sale – George Philpot's friend, Ken, has **20 Quiko Plastic Double Breeding Cages** for sale at **£30.00 each**. They come complete with all accessories including drinkers, feeders, nestpans, etc. If you are interested, please contact **Ken on 07979 661 645**. (2nd entry)



Wanted – Len March and Alan Short are looking for **Red Ivory Hen Canaries**. If anyone can help, please phone **Len on 07572 516 681**. (1st entry)

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.

Please note, adverts in this section 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 & Attendance for March 2025

Raffle made	£175.00	Current Members present	58
Tea Bar made	£117.70	Guests (paid at door)	16
Donations:-		Plus Traders – not counted	
Les Rix	£10.00	New / Returning Members	2

Raffle

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

Thank you also to Danny Gallimore for helping with the raffle

There was no £50.00 or Members' Seed Raffle this month

New and Returning Members

There was one new Member and one returning Member at the March Meeting so welcome to

Les Bates who keeps a mixed selection of birds and welcome back to **Trevor Holdgate** who keeps Borders

Our Club Membership is currently 105 made up as to 75 Single Members, 13 Partnerships (26 Members) and 4 Juniors

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 Group Page – We now have 788 Members on the Group Page. Please give it a look, join in the banter and see the up-to-date news from the Members.

Members' Info.

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.

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 **Les Rix** and he kindly donated the £10.00 to the Club's funds.



Membership Subscriptions

The Club's year runs from January to December
If you know anyone who is unable to get to the Meetings, they can send their 2025 subs to Pete (details at the front of the Newsletter)
Cheques should be made payable to

Dagenham and District Cage Bird Society

Single – £15.00.....Partnership – £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. This year the draw will take place at the November Meeting and the winner will receive a cash prize of £100.00 donated by Vista Workspace Solutions.

This year the Club is also adding £100.00 to the Christmas Raffle. This will be split as to £60.00 for the second name picked and £40.00 for the third, so there will be three individual winners.

To win one of these prizes you must be at the Meeting on Saturday, the 15th 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 2025 BKA Sales Days are
20th April, 15th June, 17th August, 19th October and 21st December

The Premier Bird Show will be on Sunday, the 7th December

Venue for all events is Cowdray Hall, West Thurrock, RM20 3JE

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



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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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