

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2020



**NEXT MEETING
which should have been on
Friday, 11th December
followed by the Annual Show on
Saturday 12st December 2020
HAVE 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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President	PETER DECORT
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Treasurer	PETER DECORT
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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 2020

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.

Forthcoming Meeting dates during 2020
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID 19

Fri 11 th Dec	Staging for Open Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)
Sat 12 th Dec	Open Show (all day)
<u>2021</u>	
Sat 16 th Jan	AGM

The President's Comments and chit chat

They seem to be getting on top of the pandemic with a vaccine being found. Great. They say that the vaccine could be ready in some cases to be run out in certain areas by Christmas. Could mean us old farts could be at the top of the list. I understand some people are not going to take up the opportunity (my wife for one). I personally will be at the front of the queue. Those people who do not want the injection say they do not want it until it has been tried on more people to make sure it's safe. But surely the Medical Council will only go ahead when they know it's safe.

All this being said, perhaps there is sight of the Club re-opening.

This brings me to another point. What are we going to do to celebrate the re-opening? Perhaps a Table Show, or perhaps a Sales Morning? I personally will be very happy to be able to have a laugh and a chat (great) with everyone.

What I write will perhaps not meet with everyone's approval, but they are only my personal thoughts and are not done to offend people. If they do, I apologise.

On reading last month's Newsletter I was very disappointed. No disrespect to Barry and Val. but I was very disappointed in its format.

We have just had nine months away from the Club because of Covid and to think in all this time no-one (apart from Paul and Brenda) could find time to sit down and put pen to paper and write a short article about how they got into birds, or the type of birds they have kept, or changes they have seen in the bird world – good or bad.

Paul wrote about his "Crimson Assassin" and Brenda wrote a few bits about her time with birds and her experiences at work. Quite amusing but different,

Les wrote an article a while ago and I was hoping to see more.

Perhaps I am wrong, but in last month's Newsletter someone sent in a load of photos of Diplomas won by Members. I personally was bored with them, but they would have been better if there had been an article about the birds. ie: did they get bred by the said owner; how they went about breeding them; cage bred or flight bred; the way they were got ready for the Show. I am not knocking the people who won them but a bit more information about said birds would have been nice and made the Diplomas more interesting.

Come on boys and girls get writing and help Barry and Val with something to make the Newsletter more interesting.

You might like to know that I have just done a quick check on our cash flow for this year and it looks as if we are around £305 in profit. So not too bad.

To me it has been the worst time (this year) in not only our Club's history but for all Clubs.

So let's get it behind us and carry on making our Club, if it is possible, better than before.

I hope you and your families are well.

All being well we may be able to have a good Christmas and a great New Year.

So from Val, Barry, Fran and me, Have a smashing Christmas and a Great New Year.

See you soon and stay safe.

PS Don't forget, no subs next year (but you can make a donation to my Holiday Fund!!).

Pete

The Club Secretary's Comments

I would just like to wish all our members and their families a happy Christmas and hope we all have a better New Year, Stay well and keep safe and hope to see you all soon.

Richard

Staging Fund

Here is an updated list of donations towards the new show staging –

This month's donations (one)

Mr & Mrs Ken Grigg donated cash = £75.00

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 Willis 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

TOTAL = £2,300.00

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

It now looks like we will have to pay the 23% VAT which is the rate in Portugal, which will be another £600 so we now need around £3400.

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

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Members' Outlets

Essex Bird Fancier

Mark Smithson

Facebook and Ebay

Telephone – 07983 108 383

e-mail – essexbirdfancier@gmail.com

Bavister's Pet Centre

James Bavister

Website - www.bavisterspetcentre.com

Telephone – 01268 544 336

e-mail – info@bavisterspetcentre.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

Steve Wallis has **7 Molinari Italian Wire Cages** for sale. They are **Double Breeders** and measure 90cm wide x 47cm deep x 40cm high. All Food Containers, Perches and Wire Dividers are included. **£50.00 each or £325.00 for all.** If you are interested please phone Steve on **07914 851 966.**



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 anyone has **2 pieces (off-cuts) of twinwall polycarbonate sheets size 4ft x 2ft** please ring / message **Mick Pegram on 07709 076 594**. Thank you.

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 BOTH THE “FOR SALE” AND “ITEMS WANTED” SECTIONS WILL NOW 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 during the 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 131 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' Gallery (on Website)

This is proving to be more difficult than I first thought, and may incur more costs which I'm trying to avoid, so we may need to re-think this.

Richard

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.

Online Show

I entered 6 birds in the Native & Norwich online show on Facebook. I'm not sure how many birds were entered but my birds came second, third and fourth in the Mule & Hybrid Section and although it was interesting I don't think this is the future and how shows are going to go moving forward. Although the team who put it all together worked very hard, Facebook is not the right platform to host it on. It was very difficult to navigate through the different sections to see all the birds. Also, the presentation of some of the videos did not show the birds at their best.

Of course, the main downside to this for me was not actually being there sharing the room with other likeminded people, talking about birds and having a cup of tea with friends in the hobby.

Richard

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

The winner from the March 2020 Newsletter was DAVID DAWKINS so this is being held over until the Club re-opens to give David a chance to claim his winnings.

2020 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

Barry's Aviary

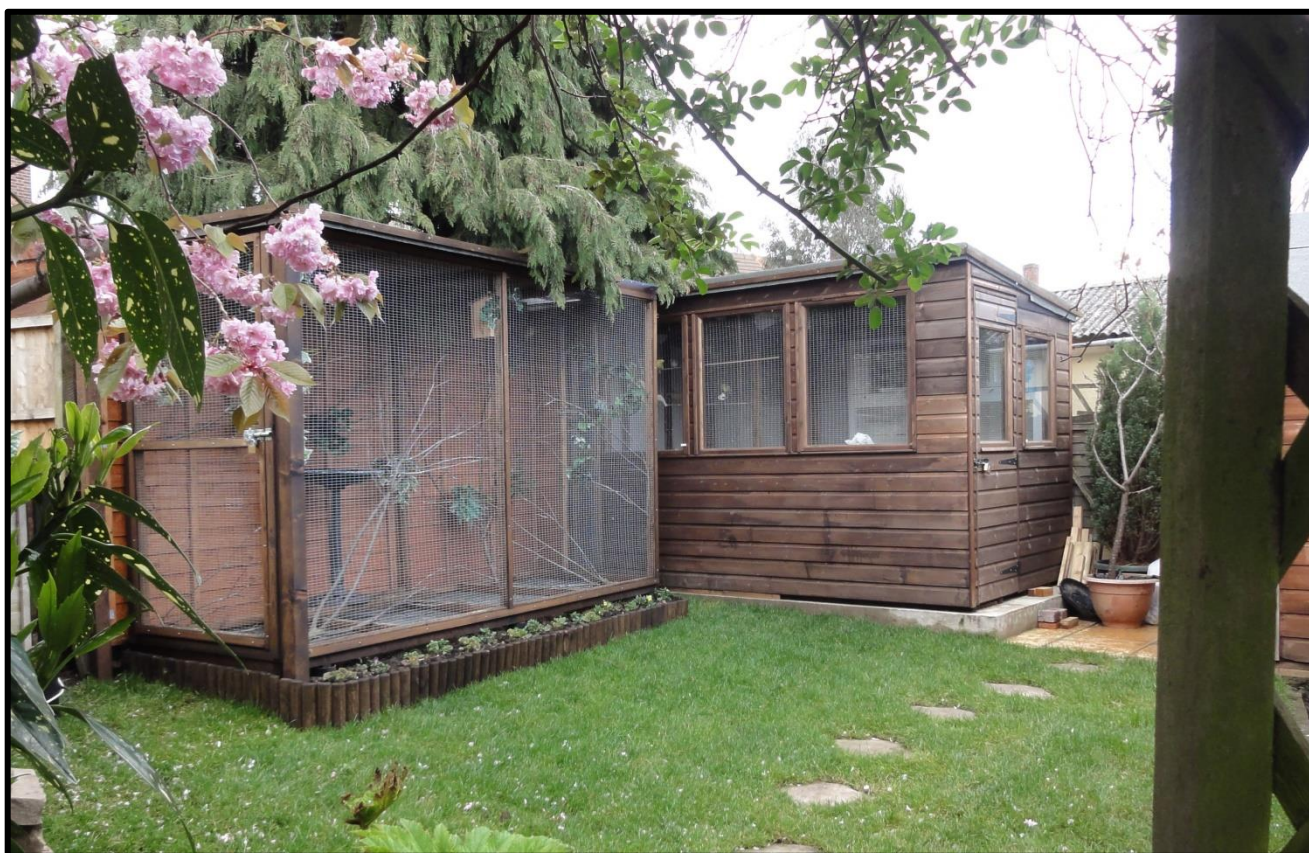
Following are a few pictures of my aviary and outdoor flight. It is made from a second hand shed which I altered by fitting some windows that are hinged from the top to prevent rain getting in when they are opened. There is an internal flight which is connected to the outside flight via a bob hole where the birds can come and go as they wish. This is left open all year round. In the winter it is heated with a small 4 fin oil filled radiator (bought from Dunelm) connected by a plug in thermostat set at 5 degrees and is efficient in keeping the birdroom from getting too cold. I keep a variety of different birds including different types of finches, canaries and one pair of budgies which I enjoy keeping as pets and like to watch them all year round. When the sun is shining especially in the summer our garden is filled with birdsong and our neighbours love it. I don't specifically breed for showing as my birds aren't quite up to spec as they normally pair themselves up in the flight so not producing true breed birds. I breed a few in cages to keep their true breed and if any of them look slightly promising I enter a few in the shows just for a bit of fun and to support the club. Fran helps me clean them out. While I am cleaning

the aviary she is washing all the feed and water containers. She is also called when the birds need their claws trimming as her eyesight is better than mine. Fran and I were both brought up with birds as both her dad and mine had aviaries and we inherited their birds. My dad sadly passed away in 1987 and one of the birds I inherited from him was a male red billed Quelea. I have no idea how long he had it but it only died last year in 2019 making it at least 32+ years old. We are very lucky because if ever we are away Val and her husband Ken look after the birds for us.

If anyone would like to put some information or pictures of their aviaries and setups in the newsletter please email either me or Val.

Email addresses can be found on page 6

Barry



The shed is 10ft x 6ft the outside flight is 11 ft x 3ft 8 inches and 6 ft high.





Merry Christmas



The committee would like to wish all our members and their families a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and keep safe. And we hope to see you all again in the near future when this terrible pandemic is finally under control.

