

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022



NEXT MEETING

Friday 9th December 2022

8pm to 10pm

**CHRISTMAS BUFFET EVENING
FREE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW
PREPARATION FOR THE ANNUAL SHOW THE
FOLLOWING DAY**

**ANNUAL SHOW CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES
MONDAY, 5TH DECEMBER**

(Please see inside for more information)

SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING

**Dagenham and District
Cage Bird Society
Meetings held at
Wantz Hall
Rainham Road North
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Committee Members 2022

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Treasurer	PETER DECORT
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Newsletter	BARRY & VAL
Show Manager	STEVE WALLIS
Asst. Show Managers	LES RIX and DAVE MASON
Show Secretary	GEOFF LOUTH
Trophy Secretary	LES RIX
Canteen	FRAN, VAL & BARRY

And DICK LATHLEIFF, MICK PEGRAM & 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 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

Fri 9th Dec Staging for Open / Annual Show followed by Christmas Raffle
Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)
Sat 10th Dec Open / Annual Show (all day)

2023

Sat 21st Jan AGM

The President's Comments

As you will all know, our Meeting in November was the Young Stock Show. I, for one, thought that because of the bird flu epidemic we would not get many entries, but thankfully I was wrong and I believe there were about 140-150 birds on show ranging from Foreign, Canaries and British. Not only was the Show a success, but we had a lot of Members turn up and it turned out to be a wonderful morning. Once again I leave it to Richard to tell you who won what.

Our next Meeting is our Annual Show so if it is half as good as our Young Stock Show it will be a great day. But not to forget we have a Meeting on the Friday night before the Show. This is a special night when Members not only get together for a chat and help get the Hall ready for the Show, we have a special Christmas Raffle, so I hope to see as many as possible there.

I will shut up now, but before I do may I on behalf of all the Committee wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Best wishes to you and your families from all at Dagenham CBS.

Coming up in January is our AGM. This is a time when you can have your say on how the Club is run and if there are any changes you wish to see made. If there is anything you would like to see changed please let Richard know.

In the meantime may I say that Subs will be due at the end of December so if it's possible please do your best to pay then, as it is horrible having to sort out who has paid and who hasn't. Not only for the Treasurer, but for those that do the Newsletter. Still Grumpy!!

Pete

The Club Secretary's Comments

This year's Young Stock Show was again very well supported with 137 birds benched from 19 exhibitors, our best entry for some years. Firstly I

would like to thank our judges Colin Cummings (British, Mules & Hybrids), John Martin (Canaries) and Peter Decort (Foreign), all of whom are members of Dagenham CBS, and all a credit to our club and the hobby. Without people like these the club shows just wouldn't happen. Thank you to the Show Team and the people who helped set up and, more importantly, the ones who always stay behind and help pack up. Also our canteen team, who always work so very hard every month. It should never be forgotten that all of the above are paid up members as well, who give their own time to make the club the success it is. So please give a thought to these people and give a hand where you can. The more that help the less everyone has to do.

Well done to this year's winner Wally Scott, winning with a Hen Greenfinch, a very deserving winner on the day.

Richard

YOUNG STOCK SHOW SPECIALS LIST 2022

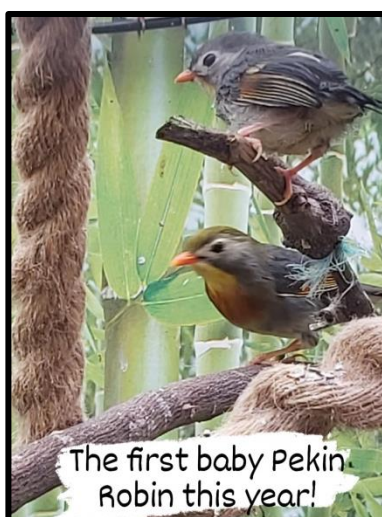
No.	CATEGORY	PRIZE	WINNER
1	BEST BIRD IN SHOW	Shield	Wally Scott
2	BEST BIRD IN SHOW	Rosette, £50.00	Wally Scott
3	BEST BRITISH MULE, HYBRID, SIBERIAN	Rosette, £10.00	Wally Scott
4	BEST CANARY	Rosette, £10.00	Roger Mack
5	BEST FOREIGN, P/LIKE, BUDGIE	Rosette, £10.00	Dindyal & Welch
6	BEST CHAMPION HARDBILL	Rosette, £5.00	Wally Scott
7	BEST NOVICE HARDBILL	Rosette, £5.00	Davy Hunt
8	BEST CHAMPION SOFTBILL	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
9	BEST NOVICE SOFTBILL	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
10	BEST CHAMPION MULE	Rosette, £5.00	S&B Wallis
11	BEST NOVICE MULE	Rosette, £5.00	Davy Hunt
12	BEST CHAMPION HYBRID	Rosette, £5.00	S&B Wallis
13	BEST NOVICE HYBRID	Rosette, £5.00	Davy Hunt
14	BEST CHAMPION SIBERIAN	Rosette, £5.00	S&B Wallis
15	BEST NOVICE SIBERIAN	Rosette, £5.00	Davy Hunt
16	BEST CHAMPION NORWICH	Rosette, £5.00	Richard Wilson
17	BEST NOVICE NORWICH	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
18	BEST CHAMPION YORKSHIRE	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
19	BEST NOVICE YORKSHIRE	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
20	BEST CHAMPION GLOSTER	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
21	BEST NOVICE GLOSTER	Rosette, £5.00	Dave Russell
22	BEST CHAMPION AOV/LIZARD	Rosette, £5.00	N/A

23	BEST NOVICE AOV/LIZARD	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
24	BEST CHAMPION RAZA	Rosette, £5.00	Les Rix
25	BEST NOVICE RAZA	Rosette, £5.00	Peter Norris
26	BEST CHAMPION CINNAMON	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
27	BEST NOVICE CINNAMON	Rosette, £5.00	Jamie Taylor
28	BEST CHAMPION BORDER	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
28	BEST NOVICE BORDER	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
30	BEST CHAMPION FIFE	Rosette, £5.00	Roger Mack
31	BEST NOVICE FIFE	Rosette, £5.00	John Emms
32	BEST CHAMPION NEW COLOUR	Rosette, £5.00	George Philpot
33	BEST NOVICE NEW COLOUR	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
34	BEST CHAMP FOREIGN HARDBILL	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
35	BEST NOVICE FOREIGN HARDBILL	Rosette, £5.00	Dindyal & Welch
36	BEST CHAMP FOREIGN SOFTBILL	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
37	BEST NOVICE FOREIGN SOFTBILL	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
38	BEST PARROTLIKE	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
39	BEST BUDGIE	Rosette, £5.00	N/A
40	BEST JUVENILE BIRD	Rosette, £5.00	Angel Keenan

Thank You

A big “Thank You” to Rocky (as well as other Members and Non Members) who helped clear up after our Young Stock Show! It all helps when the tidying up has to be done. To all Members please consider giving 10 minutes after the next Show to give a hand so we can all get home to our families after a busy day!

Mick Pegram



Picture left
Malcolm Thornton's
First baby Pekin Robin
this year. Baby & Dad
See article further on
in this newsletter

The first baby Pekin
Robin this year!

Show Prize Money Fund

There was one donation last month:-

Unclaimed Spot The Member – £10.00

Micky Moffet donated cages – £95.00

Laurie Butler donated a carry cage – £30.00

Richard Wilson auctioned a Mule – £50.00

Lee Everist donated £15.00

Steve Wallis donated £15.00

Sales Table – drinkers – £5.00

Richard Wilson donated cages – £50.00

Martin Nye donated £30.00

Valerie Holmes donated £20.00

Shane Evans donated a Twite Mule – £20.00

May's Song Bird Show entry fees – £8.00

Charlie Aldis donated £10.00

Tara Boddington donated £6.50

Dave Hunt donated Canaries – £100.00

Richard Wilson donated a carry case – £20.00

Mick Pegram donated £10.00

Fran Johnson donated £10.00

Barry Johnson donated £20.00

John Young donated £20.00

Mick Pegram donated £60.00

Dave Hunt donated £20.00

George Philpot donated £20.00

Les Rix donated £25.00

Steve Toop donated £10.00

Mick Pegram sold various items and donated £30.00

Jim Galbally donated £10.00

Malcolm Thornton donated £20.00

Barry Johnson donated £20.00

Richard Wilson donated £10.00

Steve Wallis donated £20.00

Richard Wilson donated £20.00

Peter Norris donated £10.00

Micky Moffett donated £10.00

Sales Table – £5.00

Hen Bird Show entries – £19.50

TOTAL = £854.00

Thank you to all for their donations to the Club to help generate funds to go towards the prize money for the Club Shows

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

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 (Essex)

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

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.

Trevor Prior has an **Aviary for sale for £150.00** (See photos). It is 7' 1" long x 4' 5" wide x 6' 8" high. Collection will be from East Ham (E6 1QZ). If you are interested please contact **Trevor on 07815 432 024** (1st entry)



Kevin Mills has **six cages for sale @ £10.00 each**. Also a **box and four cages for £40.00** or **all for £80 (ten cages and box)**. If you are interested please contact **Kevin on 07904 608 729** (2nd entry)



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 and Attendance for November 2022

Raffle made:	£170.00	Current Members present:	36
Tea Bar made:	£96.50	Guests :	12
Donations	£00 (Sales)	New / Returning Members	3

Raffle

Richard won the £50.00 from this month's Raffle

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

Steve Wallis won the bag of seed donated by the Club.

New Members

We had three new Members in November
Welcome to **Steve Smith** who keeps British, **Trevor Prior** who keeps
Budgies and **John Lee** who does not currently have any birds

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 279 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.

Steve Roberts

It has come to my notice that we haven't seen a good old Member for a long time – Steve Roberts. I've been talking to him on the phone over the last 3-4 weeks. He has been seriously ill for all of this year and hospitalised for some time at one point. He is home now but has got a long way to go for full recovery fingers crossed. I know there are Members that know Steve as I do and am sure that they and all at Dagenham CBS wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him at the Club for a cuppa and a catch-up. Fingers crossed for you Steve. Take things steady day by day. Good Luck Mate

Mick Pegram

This Year's Experience With My Pekin Robins **(Red-billed Leiothrix)** **by Malcolm Thornton**

Pekin Robins are native to Southern Asia but are now feral in some parts of southern Europe. The cock bird has a distinctive song and provides a useful way of sexing these birds

My breeding pair consisted of a hen supplied by Jon Cook from Evesham. Jon wished only for a pair of Gouldians to exchange for his softbill hen bird even though he was offered & refused a cash adjustment! What a star! Gareth Woods filled the vacancy of a cock bird.

The birds were introduced to each other in May 2022. I was intent on making their 6ft x 8ft x 6ft high enclosure suitable for them and purchased three bamboo plants which I planted in buckets from B&Q. Although I installed a canary nest pan amongst the bamboo they invariably constructed their own nests which can be a problem as they are definitely not structural engineers!

After approximately three months (patience is a virtue) the hen seemed to be missing. Fortunately she was sitting tight on 3 eggs. Counting about 12 to 14 days in an effort to estimate when the first babies would appear I ensured a plentiful supply of a mixture of crickets, hermetia calcium worms & wax worms together with a supply of insectivorous food.

A tiresome task but so necessary is to cut the heads of the worms to avoid the babies trying to digest the chitin which can build up in the babies digestive track & cause a blockage

A recent discovery for me is the fruit perle morbide which my Pekin Robins love and which proved to be a useful vitamin supplement.

Even after the care & attention the first two nests produced 5 babies but all died within a few days after leaving the nest rather prematurely.

Again the hen was found sitting tight on 3 eggs but this time one of the three babies survived and perched successfully.

The pair proved to be very fertile, but for some reason they let two of their babies die. Perhaps the cock bird was too keen for the hen to return to the nest!!

It is a known fact that Pekins become very territorial once breeding starts and the removal of fledglings after approximately 14 days should be considered rather than losing them!

I have now witnessed the hen sitting on 4 eggs!! Crossing everything this time in the hope that I will see 3 babies join the present baby on the perch!!

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 prize was unclaimed so the £10.00 was donated to the Club's Prize Money Fund.



Membership Subscriptions

Your 2023 Subscriptions will be due in January

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 2023 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.

December's Meeting – The Club's Annual Show

The following is a brief summary of the Annual Show arrangements:-

IMPORTANT NOTICE – With the heightened control in the UK due to the Bird Influenza (Bird Flu) we cannot accept any exhibitor's birds for our Show or for sale at our hall if the Exhibitor/Member lives in a 3km

Protection Zone. You can find out if you live in a 3km zone by looking on DEFRA's website where they have an Interactive map of the UK showing all hot spots. Biosecurity measures will be in place at the Show and the Committee are in touch with DEFRA & APHA following their updates and advice.

Show Secretary – Geoff Louth – Receiving and booking in of birds and sorting out special awards.

Show Manager – Steve Wallis and **Assistant Show Manager – Dave Mason – Richard Wilson**. Welcoming the Judges, watering of birds, staging of birds and Show Hall management.

Stewards – Richard Wilson, John Young, Mick Pegram, Davy Hunt, Alistair Phillips-Hill, George Philpot, Ralf Tiah, Wally Scott and John Welch. Stewards should be at the hall for 7.30am

Stewards please be aware that your services will be needed all day, first to arrive, last to leave!!

Stewards' Duties – Initial watering (half full) and staging of birds once booked in. Assist with delivering the birds to the Judge's bench

Once all birds have been judged and have been returned to their correct section in order – 1st to last – fill up all water drinkers and sweep floors ready for opening to the public.

Check water and sweep floors throughout the duration of the Show

At lifting time Stewards should stand at all exits as no birds are allowed to leave the hall until the Show Manager has given the all clear.

Once the hall is empty, dismantle staging and return it to the storeroom.

Canteen – Fran, Val and Liz – The canteen will be serving hot food and refreshments all day in the lounge for Members, Exhibitors and the general public and also in the main hall when the Show is open to the public (from 1.30pm). They will also be arranging the Judges' lunches and refreshments. **Barry and Pete** will also be helping during the morning when they've nothing else to do!!

Entrance Door (£2.00) – Pete

Raffle – Barry

Members & Guests Contact Details – Val, Barry and Pete

This is a full day and very hard work so thank you to all the Stewards and others who have volunteered.

Please remember to come and help put the staging up for the Annual Show on Friday 9th December. We will be doing the Christmas Raffle for £100.00 – BUT you must be at the meeting to win the prize. There will also be a buffet laid on for after the staging is up, so the more that help the quicker we can all enjoy ourselves. There will be the usual monthly raffle too (£50 first prize)

If you are unable to help or show your birds on the day, then please come and visit the Show and bring your family and friends to support the Club.

Richard

A few pictures from the November Meeting







Bird Keepers Association

The next sale date is the 19th February 2023 and a flyer should be available to send with the January Newsletter.

Club Sponsor

Direct Bird Products is this year's 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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