

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



**Saturday 13th December
ANNUAL SHOW**

Last date for entries is Friday 5th December 2025

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER TO SHOW

(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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Newsletter	BARRY & VAL
Show Manager	DAVY HUNT
Asst. Show Managers	LES RIX & DAVE MASON
Show Secretary	GEOFF LOUTH
Trophy Secretary	LES RIX
Canteen	FRAN, VAL, BARRY & PETE

**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
2026**

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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LEFT AS YOU ENTER AND DO NOT ENTER IF THE LIGHT IS FLASHING**

Forthcoming Meeting Dates

2025

Fri 12th Dec Staging for Open Show (this will be a work team only)

Sat 13th Dec Open / Annual Show (all day)

2026

Sat 17th Jan AGM

The President's Comments

I hope that many of our Members got to the last Meeting which was our Young Stock Show and I hope you enjoyed the day. Unfortunately, as I was unwell, I didn't make the Show, so I don't know how many birds there were and who won what, so I will leave it to Richard to fill in the blank spots.

Our next Meeting is our Annual Show. We will be having a get together on Friday night to put up the staging and get ready for the Show on Saturday so if you have an hour or two to spare on the Friday night come along and give a hand. All welcome.

It will soon be time for our AGM and as you will have read in the last few Newsletters, some of our Committee Members will be standing down after doing their roles on the Committee for many years, and, I must say, doing a marvelous job for us, so we will be looking for replacements for them.

If you feel you would like to take on a role to help run the Club please step forward. I am sure the outgoing Member will give you as much help as possible to settle into any role you would like to take on.

For now, I hope to see many of you at the Annual Show.

The Secretary's Comments

As I come into my last month of ten years as your Club Secretary, I would like to thank my fellow Committee Members who helped and supported me throughout that time. All the Members of the Committee are key to the running of this great club. They not only give up their free time, but most donate food to the kitchen, raffle prizes and money to help the club and keep it financially stable. There was a time in our 90 years when the club struggled financially and for members to be interested and bothered to turn up but we have come a long way and are now used as an example for other clubs around the country to be run the same way as us.

At the AGM I will be standing down, but I will stay involved, maybe in another role on the Committee, or to help support and advise the new Secretary. However, I will be standing down on that day whether there's a replacement for me or not.

A big thank you goes out to all the Members who helped set up and pack away at every meeting, it's always the same ones, you'd be surprised how many people don't even take their cup back to the canteen or put their chair away.

A special thank you to our President, Peter De Cort. Pete is also standing down at the end of the year and by God he deserves to. Pete is an inspiration to us all. He has served this club for 70 plus years and has done every job on the Committee bar none, he has given his all and has only ever wanted the best for this club. I for one have called on Pete many a time for his expertise and he has only been too willing to advise or help every time. Pete will now sit out front at meetings with no jobs to do and enjoy his time at the club which is the very least he deserves. Thank you, Pete you should be very proud of your achievements.

November's Young Stock Show

Thank you to everyone who took part. Well done Dave Mason winning Best Bird in show for the second year running and also winning Best British Bird in show, Tom Sage winning Best Canary in show and Chloe Brown winning best Juvenile in show.

Young Stock Show Results

	CATEGORY	WINNERS
1	BEST BIRD IN SHOW	Dave Mason
2	BEST BIRD IN SHOW	Dave Mason
3	BEST BRITISH MULE, HYBRID, SIBERIAN	Dave Mason
4	BEST CANARY	Tom Sage
5	BEST FOREIGN, P/LIKE, BUDGIE	N/A
6	BEST CHAMPION HARDBILL	Wally Scott
7	BEST NOVICE HARDBILL	Davy Hunt
8	BEST CHAMPION SOFTBILL	N/A
9	BEST NOVICE SOFTBILL	N/A
10	BEST CHAMPION MULE	Wally Scott
11	BEST NOVICE MULE	Davy Hunt
12	BEST CHAMPION HYBRID	Dave Mason
13	BEST NOVICE HYBRID	Bryan Brown
14	BEST CHAMPION SIBERIAN	Paul Jupe

15	BEST NOVICE SIBERIAN	Carl Hall
16	BEST CHAMPION NORWICH	Dave Mason
17	BEST NOVICE NORWICH	Rob Hoadley
18	BEST CHAMPION YORKSHIRE	N/A
19	BEST NOVICE YORKSHIRE	N/A
20	BEST CHAMPION GLOSTER	N/A
21	BEST NOVICE GLOSTER	N/A
22	BEST CHAMPION AOV/LIZARD	Wally Scott
23	BEST NOVICE AOV/LIZARD	Tom Sage
24	BEST CHAMPION RAZA	N/A
25	BEST NOVICE RAZA	Tom Sage
26	BEST CHAMPION CINNIMON	N/A
27	BEST NOVICE CINNIMON	N/A
28	BEST CHAMPION BORDER	N/A
29	BEST NOVICE BORDER	N/A
30	BEST CHAMPION FIFE	N/A
31	BEST CHAMPION NEW COLOUR	Ben Henry
32	BEST NOVICE NEW COLOUR	N/A
33	BEST CHAMP FOREIGN HARDBILL	N/A
34	BEST NOVICE FOREIGN HARDBILL	N/A
35	BEST CHAMP FOREIGN SOFTBILL	N/A
36	BEST NOVICE FOREIGN SOFTBILL	N/A
37	BEST PARROTLIKE	N/A
38	BEST BUDGIE	N/A
39	BEST JUVENILE BIRD	Chloe Brown
40	BEST NOVICE FIFE	Steve Toop

December's Annual Show

13th December – This is the Club's **Annual Show** and the following is a brief summary of the arrangements:-

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

Show Manager – Davy Hunt and **Assistant Show Managers, Richard Wilson and Les Rix**, – Welcoming the Judges, watering of birds, staging of birds and Show Hall management.

Stewards – Richard Wilson, Simon Collins, Dave Hammond, Kevin Moyland, Alistair Phillips-Hill, Karen Phillips Hill, Jason Coventry, Rob Hoadley, Graham Gallimore, Michael Buckland, Danny Gallimore, Andy Calvesbert, Tom Sage and Neil Prentice. Stewards should be at the hall for 7.30am. Thank you all for asking to help.

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 (£3.00) – Pete

Raffle – Barry

Members & Guests Contact Details – Val

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

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.

Please let Richard know if you will be able to help put the staging up on the evening of Friday the 12th December ready for the Annual Show on the Saturday.

Please note this will be a work team only and not a normal meeting.

All Members should already have their Show Schedules but further copies are available to download from the Club's Website or the Facebook Group page.

2025 Show Prize Money Fund

There were no donations made in October so the total remains at £2,467.00 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

Members on other Committees etc.

IOA Committee

Richard Lawson & Eddie Wells

British Bird Council Delegates

Richard Wison & Davy Hunt

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 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

Phone: 01708 641363

St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 3PB

Bird, Fish and pet supplies

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.

Wanted – A friend of **Laurie Butler** is looking to get back into keeping birds again following ill health and a family bereavement and Laurie is looking for someone who has some **Fifes** for sale. If you can help, can you please ring **Laurie on 07926 635 087** (2nd entry)

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 November 2025

Raffle made	£163.00	Current Members present	37
Tea Bar made	£60.30	Guests	5
Donations –	£10.00	New / Returning Members	0
Unclaimed Spot the Member			

Raffle

Davy Hunt won the £50.00 from the raffle.

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

There was no Club Members' Seed Raffle.

New and Returning Members

There were no new Members at the November Meeting
Our Club Membership is currently 109 made up as to
79 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 860 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 prize was unclaimed so has been donated to the Club's funds.



Membership Subscriptions

The Club's year runs from January to December
If anyone 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 and District Cage Bird Society**
Subs will be increasing in January 2026 to
Single – £20.00....Partnership – £25.00....Juniors (to 16) – Free

Members' Christmas Raffle

Congratulations to the Winners of the Christmas Raffle

First Prize	Ted Papandreas	£100.00
Second Prize	Ben Henry	£60.00
Third Prize	John Martin	£40.00

Bird Keepers Association

The remaining 2025 BKA Sales Day is
21st December

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

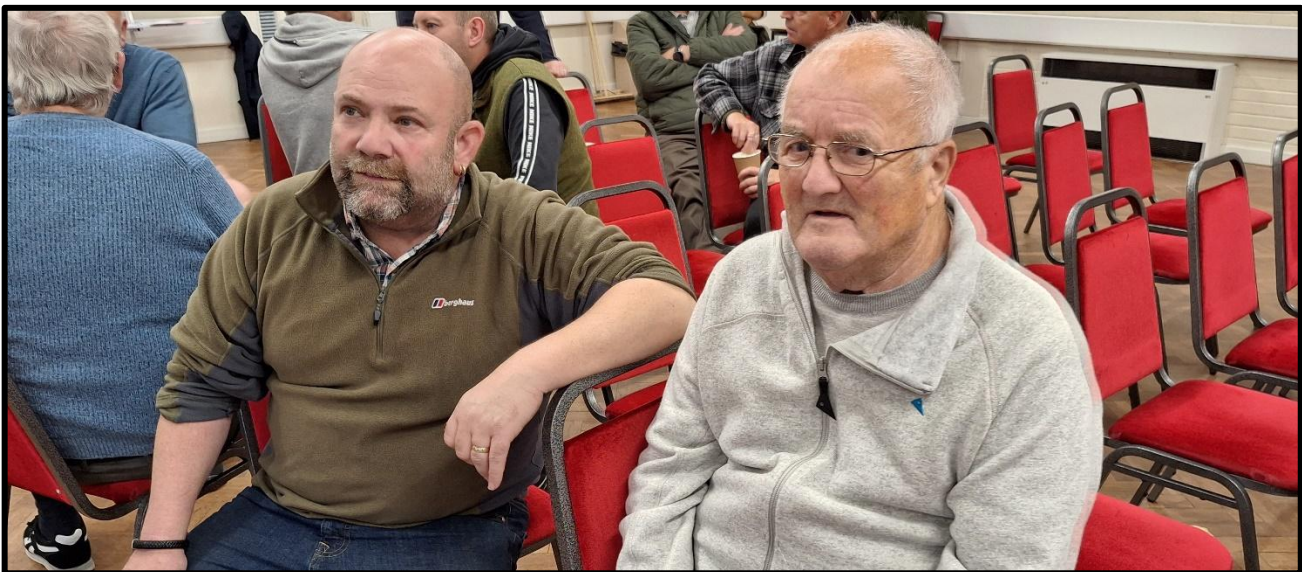
Venue for all events is Cowdray Hall, West Thurrock, RM20 3JE

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







Thank You

Thank you to Ted's wife, Valerie, for helping out in the Canteen



Thank you Richard for the lovely spread

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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