

# DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

**February 2020**



**NEXT MEETING**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
**10am to 12pm**

**FIRST ROUND OF CLUB SHOW LEAGUE**  
**COCK BIRD SHOW**

**ENTRY 50p PER BIRD – MAXIMUM 4 BIRDS PER MEMBER**  
**(See inside for more information)**

**YOU MUST BE A MEMBER TO SHOW**  
**(Membership can be paid for on the night)**

**SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING**

**2020 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE**

**Dagenham and District  
Cage Bird Society  
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Asst. Show Secretary	Vacancy
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Canteen	FRAN, VAL & BARRY

Committee:

Dick Lathleiff, Mick Pegram and Ted Papandreas

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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**

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**Committee Members' meetings**

**Would Officers and Committee Members please  
attend these monthly meetings starting from 10am  
on every meeting day.**

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**SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR  
2020**

<b>Single</b>	<b>£15.00</b>
<b>Partnerships:</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>Juniors (to 16):</b>	<b>FREE</b>

**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 Meetings**

SAT 15 <sup>th</sup> FEB 2020	Club Show League – First Round – Cock Bird Show
SAT 21 <sup>st</sup> MAR 2020	Members' Auction of Birds & Equipment (10am-2pm)
SAT 18 <sup>th</sup> APR 2020	TBC
SAT 16 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2020	Song Bird Competition
SAT 20 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020	TBC
SAT 18 <sup>th</sup> JULY 2020	TBC
SAT 15 <sup>th</sup> AUG 2020	Open Show Preparation
SAT 19 <sup>th</sup> SEP 2020	TBC
SAT 17 <sup>th</sup> OCT 2020	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
SAT 21 <sup>st</sup> NOV 2020	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)
FRI 11 <sup>th</sup> DEC 2020	Staging for Open Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)
SAT 12 <sup>th</sup> DEC 2020	Open Show (all day)
SAT 16 <sup>th</sup> JAN 2021	AGM

## **January 2020 Meeting (AGM)** **The President's Comments**

As you all know, our last Meeting was our AGM. We had 35 Members turn up. I did hope that a few more would turn up and have a say in what they would like to see done and how our Club goes on in the future so I draw the conclusion that you, or should I say a large proportion of you, are happy with whatever happens at your Club.

I would like to say on behalf of your old and new Committee thanks for turning up to those who did. By the way your Committee is the same as it has been for some years.

So on behalf of the Members I say a big "Thank you" to all those hard working people.

One thing I was hoping to see as your Treasurer was that all at the Meeting paid their subs for 2020. This is approximately half of our Members for last year.

For all those that haven't paid yet, if you can't get to the Club please send your subs to me (Pete) at the address on the first page of the Newsletter,

At the last minute the hall managers got in touch with us to tell us that we may have no electrics for our Meeting. So, after a few phone calls it was decided to go ahead with the Meeting and perhaps only have cold drinks and cake at this meeting. However, Fran made up some rolls and brought some milk. This turned out to be a good decision because the electrics were on. So thanks girls for having the kitchen open. Mind you it did have a good ending as one of our Members came in the kitchen and started kissing the girls, nothing for Barry or

me!! I will be sending photos to the Member's wife unless I get a certain amount (dig deep). No name – but you know who I mean.

The Meeting – This was mainly about new staging. Richard said this would cost about £6,500.00 and that he was trying to get a Lottery Grant. He also asked how we feel about having an Auction in March with all auction money going towards the cost of the staging. This was agreed. He also said that some Members had already pledged some birds for the Auction so if anyone else has something to give towards the Auction please get in touch with Richard.

Richard also spoke about how his company was going to sponsor our Club this year. They will be carrying on with the monthly raffle and also the small shows, but the Annual Show will be down to the Club, i.e. prize money. So if anyone knows of anyone who would like to sponsor the Annual Show please get in touch with Richard or me. It doesn't matter how large or small an amount you would like to sponsor the Show with, it will all help.

I won't go on any more as I think Richard will say more in his Secretary's Report.

However, before I close, may I, on behalf of all the Members, thank everyone who sponsored our Club in whatever capacity in 2019. THANKS.

Pete

**January 2020 Meeting (AGM)**  
**The Club Secretary's Report**

Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM.

Barry opened the meeting. Peter's Treasurers Report was agreed and passed. All of last year's Committee was re-elected and we went on to agree our monthly schedule which is shown above. We still have some months to be confirmed but the members put up some good ideas.

It was agreed that the Open Show be brought forward one week as we did last year to the second Saturday of the month 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

All paid up members for 2020 received their new club pin badge which has been recreated from the old badge which was from the 60's. The new badge is slightly larger and has 1935 – 2020 to commemorate our 85 continuous years as a cage bird society.

We talked about the changes to the Show League which is explained in more detail of how it will work in the next part of this Newsletter and how difficult it was to get an all round judge to judge all species, let alone trying to get one for each section. All members present shared their views and we had a good debate where we voted that the members would judge the Show League Shows.

It was also explained how Vista was going to change the way it supported the club, There will be no change to the raffles as I believe this is good for the club and equally good for the members/winners. At this point we should also thank some regular members who also donate prizes for the raffle (you know who you are).

The Christmas buffet will stay the same but instead of the free Christmas draw for a hamper it will be a £150.00 cash prize. However you need to be at the meeting to receive the prize or it will be re-drawn until we have a winner (that will be nice right on top of Christmas).

Vista will not be donating prize money to the Open Show, so this will need to come from the club funds. However we will be increasing prize money for the Show League.

We then had a debate about new show staging as our current staging is around 60 years old made up from hand me downs from Barking CBS, Romford CBS and Rainham CBS to name a few. It's old, dangerous and just not fit for purpose. It's an accident waiting to happen.

We have had a quote of £6500.00 for new lightweight aluminum clip together staging from a company in Italy like what they have at the world show.

Now this is where everyone got excited, and rightly so, it's a big number but the facts are – we do need new staging and we need a sensible plan. So this is the plan so far –

1. We need to get more cost-effective quotes from other companies here and abroad to get the best possible deal. Mark Smithson, Wally Scott and I are already looking into this, but if you have a solution then let me know.
2. We need to start fund raising for this as a separate project so to start the ball rolling all profit made from our Members' Auction in March will be put to this project. After the AGM an anonymous member donated £500.00 to go towards the staging. There will be an update each month regarding any news about the staging and the fund total.
3. If you have any other ideas on how we can raise money for the staging fund please let me know.
4. I have already applied for a Lottery Grant on behalf of the club and will look into other possible grants.

The club can now be found on Facebook as we hope to capture a new audience of possible new members.

Members' Auction for March.

We are arranging a Members' Only Bird & Equipment Auction on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 which will be advertised in Cage & Aviary and Dagenham Post, and will be put on Facebook and on the club's website.

All paid up members enter for free, there will be day membership available at £2.00 adults, under 16's free. You can enter lots which will incur a 10% commission to the club if sold. If not sold you take it home. The Auction will be run under DEFRA guidelines and we have already notified The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) as per Government legislation.

We have already had the following donated to the club where 100% of the sale proceeds will go to the club fund for new show staging –

A Pair of Greenfinches from the Lawson & Wells Partnership  
A Pair of Redpolls from Dave Mason.  
A Pair of Red Factor Canaries from Ken Grigg.  
A Canary x Bullfinch from Richard Wilson  
New Dolinari Breeding Cage from Essex Bird Fancier.  
A Goldfinch Mule and a Pair of Siberian Bullfinches from the S & B Wallis Partnership.  
A Yellowhammer Hen and a Goldfinch Mule from Les Rix.

If you have something you would like to donate for the Auction or make a cash donation, or you may know a business that could help in any small way, please let me know.

Thank you so much to the people who have already donated items for the Auction or have made a cash donation. You people are the reason why this club is so special and stands out from so many other CBS's.

The key to the Auction working is getting enough items to sell and enough people into the hall to bid on them. So do your best to enter some items or birds you no longer want and make yourself some money or come and bid on some items you may want. Guaranteed they'll be some bargains there.

Richard

### **Pete's chit chat**

At the AGM when I asked one or two questions regarding certain things on the Agenda I was accused of trying to keep the Club in the past. I wish those people knew as much as I know about running a CBS.

Most of those people have never run or had anything to do with running a Club or they would realise that when I say something it is for the sake of the Club. A Club I have been a Member of as far back as I wish to remember.

Yes, things have changed. Little things to most, but I think some things should stay the same. For example, reading out Minutes of previous Meetings and Minutes of the previous AGM.

At the AGM – having the respective Members of the Committee i.e. Chairman, Secretary, President and Treasurer giving a short summary of how, in their opinion, the previous year had gone. I think it's nice to be reminded of what happened at previous Meetings and the AGM.

It would be nice to have Minutes recorded so that when something crops up in the future you have something to look back on to get answers.

You, the Members, together with Richard's company's sponsorship, have made this Club financially sound. For this I will personally be forever grateful, but please never think I live in the past. Memories are a lovely thing to have, especially in a Club like ours. So please do try and remember the past and look forward to new things and ventures the Club will have in the future.

I have been Treasurer for around 30 years. When I first took over we only had about £500.00 in the bank and it took about the next 25 years to get the Club up to just over £4,000.00. But we still had a few coach outings, a bag of seed every month and the pack of paint brushes.

When I look back, as I do sometimes for comparisons from then to now, although we now have a lot of money, Dagenham CBS was one of the best Clubs, if not THE best, in those days. Please never forget the old days and some of the good times we had. All the different speakers, the film shows all about birds. It would be nice if someone had a TV or video recorder. If not, perhaps the Club could buy one, and then we could have TV mornings regarding all types of birds, domestic and wild.

Please try to think of something that would be of interest to Members of our Club. If you have any ideas please let Richard know. I will shut up now or Barry will moan at me for wittering on.

PS I still have some old Members names to come.

Pete

### **Items for Sale**

**Yorkshire Show Cages** for sale (second hand and need a paint up). 19 in total £10.00 each or a sensible offer for the lot. Please ring **James Bavister** on **01268 544 336**.

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

**Owl Finches (Bicheno's Finches) a pair and a single Hen** are wanted by **Barry Johnson**. If you can help please phone him on **0751 609 1070**.

A **Rosa Bourke Hen and a Rock Pennant Hen** are wanted by **Roger Mignot**. If you can help, please phone him on **07763 352 449**

A **Blue Pennant Hen and a Mountain Parakeet Hen** are also still wanted by **Roger Mignot**. If you can help, please phone him on **07763 352 449**

**Two Goldfinch Hens** are wanted by **Mark Logan**. If you can help, please phone him on **01708 501926**.

**Would you please let Barry or Val know if you want your advert changed or removed from next month's list? 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.

### Treasurer's Monthly Report for January 2020

Raffle made:	£98.00	Members present:	35
Tea Bar made:	£30.50	Guests :	3
Donations	£6.00	New Members	0

### Raffle

Davy and Tommy Heys won the £50.00 from this month's Raffle

### Football Card

Winning Team – Hearts – £20.00 was won by Steve Kettle with £20.00 going to the Club. Thanks to Fergus for organising it this month.

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

### New Members

There were no new Members this month

### February 2020 Meeting

**This will be the First Round of the Dagenham CBS Show League 2020**



## **Sponsored by Vista Workspace Ltd**

This year we have made changes to our Show League in the hope to make it a more level playing field by solving the problem of finding judges and achieving more member participation.

So instead of 3 Shows there will only be 2 shows this year, The Cock Show (Cock Birds only) on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February and The Hen Show (Hen Birds only) on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

### **NEW RULES**

Members can only enter the maximum of 4 Birds for each show (50p per cage)

This year the members will judge the birds. Exhibitors are permitted to judge BUT CANNOT VOTE FOR THEIR OWN BIRDS. This will be checked when the scores are collated.

Each Member/Judge who wants to take part will receive a judging card that they will print their name on at the top and write the cage number of the birds they think are best from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>.

Here are the scores each of those birds will receive 1<sup>st</sup> = 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 8 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 6 points, 4<sup>th</sup> = 4 points and 5<sup>th</sup> = 2 points. Any birds that do not receive any votes at all will get 1 point.

After all Members/Judges have finished judging, all of each bird's points will be added together to find their total score to see what bird has won.

### **Prizes for each show**

1<sup>st</sup> place = £30.00 + Large Rosette

2<sup>nd</sup> place = £20.00 + Medium Rosette

3<sup>rd</sup> place = £10.00 + Small Rosette

Best Canary with most points = Small Rosette

Best British with most points = Small Rosette

Best Foreign with most points = Small Rosette

Judging competition winner = £20.00. This will be the Member/Judge who has picked the correct order 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> on their score card the same as the final result. If there is more than one winner the score cards will go into a hat to pick one winner. If there are no correct winners, it will go to a count back, with any score cards that have all the right 3 birds but in the wrong order put into the hat.

### **Prizes after both shows**

1<sup>st</sup> Place = Shield + Trophy + £100.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Place = Trophy + £80.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Place = Trophy + £60.00  
4<sup>th</sup> Place = Trophy + £40.00  
5<sup>th</sup> Place = Trophy + £20.00

### **The Club's Website, etc**

The Club's website is [www.dagenhamcbs.com](http://www.dagenhamcbs.com) where you can find out all about our Club right back to 1935, Newsletters, Shows, our history and much more.

We also now have a Facebook page

The Club can also be contacted by e-mail - [info@dagenhamcbs.com](mailto:info@dagenhamcbs.com)

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

Mick is donating £10.00 to the Member who is circled in the following photo and plans to do this each month.

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 Roger Mack.



### **2020 Membership Subscriptions**

**The Club's year runs from January to December so your 2020 subscriptions are now due.**

#### **Subscriptions**

Single - £15.00

Partnerships - £20.00

Juniors (to 16) – Free

## **Members' Christmas Raffle**

Don't forget to collect your free pink raffle ticket from Val at each Meeting you attend. This is for the draw in December. The winner will receive a cash prize of £150.00 donated by Vista Workspace Solutions.

To win the prize you must be at the Meeting on Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup> December otherwise another ticket will be picked until a winner is declared.

## **Essex Bird Fancier**

Their advert is at the end of this Newsletter. Members can have their orders delivered by post or they can be collected at the monthly Club Meetings.

## **Raffles**

Anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize for any Meeting, and especially the Annual Open Show, will be more than welcome and appreciated. Thank you.

## **Dates for your Diary**

If you belong to other Clubs and would like a short entry in our Newsletter for their Shows, etc. please let Val or Barry have the club name, show date, and contact details.



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