

# **DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

**FEBRUARY 2026**



**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**Paul Jupe will be giving a talk**

**SALES TABLES AT EVERY MEETING**

**2026 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS  
ARE NOW DUE**

**Dagenham and District  
Cage Bird Society**  
Meetings held at  
**Wantz Hall**  
Rainham Road North  
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**All Committee Members 2026**

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| President           | RICHARD WILSON       |
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| Asst. Secretary     | RICHARD WILSON       |
| Treasurer           | DANNY GALLIMORE      |
| Publicity & Raffle  | BARRY, VAL & BEV     |
| Newsletter          | BARRY & VAL          |
| Show Manager        | DAVY HUNT            |
| Asst. Show Managers | LES RIX & DAVE MASON |
| Show Secretary      | GEOFF LOUTH          |
| Trophy Secretary    | LES RIX              |
| Canteen             | BARRY, VAL & BEV     |

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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**

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**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**

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**SUBSCRIPTION RATES JANUARY to DECEMBER 2026**

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Single</b>           | <b>£20.00</b> |
| <b>Partnerships:</b>    | <b>£25.00</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 or e-mail them at the addresses shown below.**

**Barry – [lukeira@btinternet.com](mailto:lukeira@btinternet.com) Val – [valkenh@btinternet.com](mailto:valkenh@btinternet.com)**

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## **Forthcoming Meeting Dates**

### 2026

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb  | Paul Jupe will be giving a talk                          |
| Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar  | John Martin – Show Cage Making                           |
| Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | TBC  |
| Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> May  | Song Bird Competition                                    |
| Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> June | TBC  |
| Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> July | TBC  |
| Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | TBC  |
| Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep  | TBC  |
| Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show          |
| Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov  | Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm) Christmas Raffle & Buffet |
| Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Staging for Open Show                                    |
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Open / Annual Show (all day)                             |

### 2027

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Jan AGM

## **A message from Peter Decort**

After retiring from the Committee at the AGM, I was pleased to see that several people had put their names forward for election on to the new Committee.

Firstly, welcome to Richard. Not only has he taken on the position of President, he will also be Assistant Secretary.

Your new Secretary will be Steve Chennells. He has been a club secretary of the Herts & Essex Glosters Society.

Your new Treasurer will be Danny Gallimore. I understand he works in the financial business so he will take to the job like a duck to water.

The other position to be filled was taken by Bev Kirby. (special thank you from Barry), She has taken on the role of doing the raffle, and also, where possible, she will help out in the canteen.

So may I once again thank those that have retired. On your behalf I say thanks to them.

But now we have this new Committee so again on your behalf I wish them all the best with their new positions. Best wishes and good luck.

PS If you need any help or advice just ask the ex-Committee.

See you at the next Meeting.

### **The President's Comments**

Firstly, I would like to thank our committee members of last year who have stepped down from their positions that they have held for many years. Your help and dedication to this club has never wavered and has helped to build the foundation of this great club, something you should be very proud of and you all deserve the right to sit out front and enjoy your hobby. Thank you so much.

2026 is looking to be a very turbulent year, DEFRA/APHA actions in bringing out new licensing for Bird Gatherings (Shows & Sales) has pretty much brought that side of the hobby to a standstill. Personally, I don't believe it is a conspiracy to end our hobby, but more about a government department not having a clue what our hobby is, or how we keep our birds. Who would have thought that? The Government not knowing what they are doing, whatever next. However, there is an Action Group that has been put together by our leading societies, NCA, BBC, IOA and Parrot Society to name but a few, they also have legal representation. A meeting with Defra is planned for the 9<sup>th</sup> February, so before you get this newsletter. We will do our best to keep you all updated.

### **The Secretary's Comments**

Regarding the new DEFRA-APHA rules, as a club, breeders and exhibitors we're in for ever-changing times regarding bird gatherings, shows and sales.

APHA has classified Canaries and Finches as high risk to bird flu contamination with no recognised infectious cases ever reported from any captive bird species other than Poultry and, most worryingly, no prior notice or consultation was given. We must not idly stand by. The most powerful message we can send, is to personally write to our local Member of Parliament to force pressure onto APHA to participate in dialogue.

Therefore, I have compiled a pre-phrased letter for you to fill in your name, address and signature and then send to your local Member of Parliament in London.

To find your local Member of Parliament you can go to [www.https://members.parliament.uk/members/commons](https://members.parliament.uk/members/commons)

## **January's AGM**

**Committee** - The current Committee stood down from their positions and the 2026 Committee Members were elected – See list at the beginning of the Newsletter.

**Accounts** – These were approved – see details below

**Monthly Meetings** - Suggestions were made for speakers, etc. for the monthly meetings which will be followed up by the new Secretary, Steve and/or his assistant, Richard.

**New Equipment** - The only outstanding item of equipment currently needed is the screen, which Richard is organising.

**Subscription Increase** - It was agreed that there would be no increase in subscriptions next year.

**Annual Show** – Nothing to report.

**Raffle** – Vista Workspace Solutions Ltd will no longer be supporting the monthly raffle as they have for the last 10 years. But, good news, we have put together a raffle club of Davy Hunt, Shane Evans, Danny Gallimore and Richard Wilson who will all donate prizes for the monthly raffle. Top prize of £50 cash will come from the sale of raffle tickets, so the members will see no difference to our quality monthly raffle.

**Any other Business** - None

| <b>DAGENHAM CBS</b>                 |        |                        |          |
|-------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|----------|
| <b>Profit and Loss Account 2025</b> |        |                        |          |
| <b>Expenses</b>                     |        | <b>Income</b>          |          |
| Hall Hire                           | 540.00 | Cage Birds Raffle      | 1,963.00 |
| Donation – Norwich 2024             | 60.00  | Sponsor – Direct Birds | 300.00   |
| Flowers                             | 30.00  | IOA                    | 100.00   |
| Donation – IOA                      | 100.00 | Club Raffle            | 2,242.70 |
| Speakers, etc                       | 276.00 | Kitchen                | 891.10   |
| Rosettes                            | 681.54 | Members' Donations     | 128.00   |
| Donation – B/B Mule                 | 100.00 | Subs 2025              | 1,430.00 |

|                         |                  |                 |  |                   |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| Club                    |                  |                 |  |                   |
| Cage Birds Raffle       |                  | 1,963.00        | Door – Show Day  | 164.00            |
| Christmas Raffle        |                  | 100.00          | Entries  | 647.00            |
| Stamps                  |                  | 957.70          | £10 subs   | 60.00             |
| Seed Raffle             |                  | 175.00          |  |                   |
| Kitchen expenses        |                  | 575.60          |  |                   |
| Newsletter expenses     |                  | 245.80          |  |                   |
| Donation – Norwich 2025 |                  | 60.00           |  |                   |
|                         |                  | <u>5,864.64</u> |  | <u>7,925.80</u>   |
|                         |                  |                 |  |                   |
| Jan 2025                | 14,694.91        |                 | Jan 2026   | 16,241.43         |
| Lloyds                  |                  |                 | Lloyds   |                   |
| Cash                    | 62.76            |                 | Cash   | 472.10            |
|                         |                  |                 |  |                   |
|                         | <u>14,757.67</u> |                 |  | <u>£16,713.53</u> |
|                         |                  |                 |  |                   |
|                         |                  |                 | Bank Charges approximately £86.00<br>i.e. Cheques & Cash |                   |

### **February's Meeting**

February should have been the first of the Club League Shows, but due to the new Defra and Apha Rules this will not now take place.

Paul Jupe has, however, been invited to be our Guest Speaker at the meeting so please come along and give him your support. Paul has been breeding Hawfinches for some years and has developed a reproductive line of birds which, those of you who know, is a challenging task.

### **2026 Show Prize Money Fund**

We start this year's fund off with £547.00 carried forward from 2025 plus a £50.00 donation from Jim Wall and £1,955.00 received from the Cage & Aviary Christmas raffle, making a total of £2,552.00. Thank you again to the Lawson & Wells Partnership, Les Rix, Danny Gallimore, Shane Evans and Richard Wilson for donating birds for the Christmas raffle. Hopefully we will get some more generous members to donate for this year's raffle.

Thank you to all who donate to the Club to help generate funds towards the prize money for the Club Shows. £2,467.00 was raised in 2025.

### **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](http://www.ioa-com-uk.org) For all rings call Richard Lumley on 01653 697565 or Email – [ruby@lordlumley.plus.com](mailto: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](http://www.vogelringe.de) Phone: 0049-721-686023

Fax: 0049-721-683029 -

E-Mail: [ma.herr@vogelringe.de](mailto: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](mailto: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 2026

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](mailto:george@standardlabs.co.uk)

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#### **Wiltons Pet Centre**

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

Phone: 01268 726 216

#### **Gladwells Pet & Country Store**

**(Copdock Mill)**

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

Phone: 01268 642 601

#### **DG Pest Control - David Galea**

(Club Member)

E-Mail [davidgalea@live.co.uk](mailto:davidgalea@live.co.uk)

Phone 01708 472172 or

07882 951 578 (Mobile)

[www.dgpestcontrol.co.uk](http://www.dgpestcontrol.co.uk)

#### **Latchford Farm Aquatics**

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### **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.

**Paul Jupe** has a **4-drawer unit on casters** which is ideal for bird room storage and he will bring this to the meeting. If you are interested, all Paul asks is that you make a donation to the Club's funds.



***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 January 2026**

|              |         |                         |    |
|--------------|---------|-------------------------|----|
| Raffle made  | £140.00 | Current Members         | 27 |
| Tea Bar made | £25.55  | Guests                  | 0  |
| Donations –  |         | New / Returning Members | 0  |
| Milton Savva | £10.00  |                         |    |

#### **Raffle**

Shane won the £50.00 cash prize.

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

### **New and Returning Members**

There were no new Members at the January Meeting but Pete has supplied details of three Exhibitors who joined via their Annual Show Entry forms so welcome to

**D. Allwright, B. Elliot and Darren Simber**  
And **Miley Copeland** has re-joined

Our Club Membership is therefore currently 113 made up as to

83 Single Members, 13 Partnerships (26 Members) and 4 Juniors

Pete has also supplied details of 6 Exhibitors who paid to enter the Show which will entitle them to receive Newsletters until March

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

The Club's **website** is [www.dagenhamcbs.com](http://www.dagenhamcbs.com)

You can find out all about our Club right back to 1935

Newsletters, Shows, History and much more

Richard has also added a new page to the Website which shows all the Club Show winners since 2016

The Club can also be contacted by **e-mail** – [info@dagenhamcbs.com](mailto:info@dagenhamcbs.com) or via our **Facebook** page

**Dagenham CBS Facebook Group Page** – We now have 868 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 winner was **Milton Savva** and he kindly donated his prize to the Club's funds.



## **Membership Subscriptions**

The Club's year runs from January to December  
If you are unable to get to the Meetings to pay your subs, you can  
contact Danny (details at the front of the Newsletter)

**Cheques should be made payable to  
Dagenham and District Cage Bird Society  
Single – £20.00....Partnership – £25.00....Juniors (to 16) – Free**

## **Members' Christmas Raffle**

The Members' Christmas Raffle this year of £100.00 will be paid by the Club. 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.

To win the prize you must be at the Meeting on Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **My Solution – by Paul Jupe**

I normally I keep my birds, i.e. British Finches, in aviaries 1.8 mts deep 1.8 mts high and 0.9 mts wide (six foot deep six foot high and three foot wide in old money). I find these a good size in my small garden. Due to the rushed nature of the erection and setting up of the aviaries after a house move, I have decided to take most of the flights down and re-erect them in a more orderly and uniformed manner. During the summer I lost a couple of sitting hens due to the heat and despite trying to create shade and a breeze using an upright oscillating fan many of the birds suffered. The new design will allow more air flow, create more shade and also make feeding and watering less arduous for me.

I don't like dirt floors. I prefer concrete or patio slabs. I throw a few handfuls of sharp sand onto the floor of each flight taking care that there is plenty of sand under perching places and I scrape the floor clean each fortnight.

I thought I could achieve much of the ground work over the Christmas and New year period. I work just three days a week and also get the

bank holidays off, so this would give me a couple of long weekends and a few extra days to lay the patio slab base in readiness to erect the aviary panels!! The work has taken me much longer than anticipated due to the frozen ground and this brings me onto my main point. The bulk of my birds are now being housed in my wife's 8x6 potting shed. There is plenty of light as the front of the shed is mostly glass, and most of the cages are of an all-wire construction and therefore the light passes through them onto the back wall where traditional doubles breeding cages are temporarily housed. We have electricity in the potting shed and I am using some LED lights to supplement normal daylight

The problem is that the sub-zero temperatures are freezing the twenty plus drinkers and now that I am back at work and leave and return in the dark, the frozen drinkers are a bit of a problem. Asking my wife to defrost twenty plus drinkers and also attend to the remaining flights outside is a bit too much to ask, even though she is always willing to help where she can.

Therefore, necessity being the mother of invention, and not having a suitable electric heater to hand, and only going forward with this stroke of genius after gaining permission from the misses first, I have set up the kitchen slow cooker (ie crock pot) in the recently commandeered potting shed. Half filled with water covering half an engineering brick bat and left continuously on a low setting this has given just enough heat to prevent the drinkers from freezing and the shed frost free.

I don't suggest that others follow my actions. Using a piece of electrical equipment in a way that is not intended is not to be encouraged or endorsed, but sometimes needs must!!

### **Bird Keepers Association**

The remaining 2026 BKA Sales Days are  
19<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> June,  
16<sup>th</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> October and 20<sup>th</sup> December

Venue for the Sales Days is Cowdray Hall, West Thurrock, RM20 3JE

The Southern Premier Bird Show will be on Monday, the 28<sup>th</sup> December  
Venue for the Show is Chelmer Valley High School in Chelmsford

**All subject to change or cancellation due to new DEFRA/APHA rules**

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](http://www.bkauk.org.uk)  
or by e-mailing [info@bkauk.org.uk](mailto:info@bkauk.org.uk)

### **Some Photos from the last Meeting**





## 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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