

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2021



**NEXT MEETING
which should have been
on Saturday 17th July 2021
10am to 12pm
HAS 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
Wantz Hall
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Committee Members 2021 (subject to change)

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Vice Chairman	Vacancy
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Asst. Secretary	Vacancy
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Publicity & Raffle	BARRY & VAL
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 2021

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.

Forthcoming Meeting dates
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID 19

NB: As you all know, the Meetings would have been arranged at the AGM. The following are the dates when the Meetings would have been held this year and show the same details as last year. They are of course all subject to change and / or cancellation.

2021

Sat 17 th July	Cancelled
Sat 21 st Aug	Open Show Preparation
Sat 18 th Sep	TBC
Sat 16 th Oct	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
Sat 20 th Nov	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)
Fri 10 th Dec	Staging for Open Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)
Sat 11 th Dec	Open Show (all day)

2022

Sat 15 th Jan	AGM
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The President's Comments

At last the restrictions are to be lifted and we will be able to open our Club once more.

However, I personally think this is a bit too fast. With the amount of new cases rising daily and hospital admissions also rising daily it just seems a bit hurried. I think we should wait a few months more till we have all had our second jab.

We should then have a Committee Meeting and decide the way forward.

Unfortunately there will still be some of our Members who, in my opinion, will still be silly enough to not have taken up the chance to have their jabs. So if we do open, will these people be welcome to our Club or not? (I think not.) We need to be thinking about keeping everyone safe.

Also, what will happen about face masks? Will we still be asking for these to be worn or not? It appears most people seem to think they should be. I personally don't like wearing a mask, but if it keeps just one person safe, then I think this should carry on (inside or in crowded places).

I was talking to James the other day. As most of you know, he is Secretary of Basildon CBS. They have had a vote and Basildon will not open again till February 2022. Should we be following this example?

When we do re-open we will have a lot to discuss.

As you all will realise, we have not been taking any money into the Club by means of Raffles, Teas, Donations or Subs, but we have still been sending out Newsletters at quite a cost. Stamps alone are approximately £800.00 over two years.

All being said, it has been a hard couple of years so, on your behalf may I say "Thanks" to Val and Barry for all the hard work they have continued to do. Thank you.

Pete

The Club Secretary's Comments

On Monday 19th July Boris will put an end to most if not all restrictions. This will include social distancing and how many people you can have in in-door venues. This of course will be too late for our July meeting but will allow us to have our August meeting and we will know what rules, if any, will be in place.

I have seen Pete's comments and no doubt everyone will have a different point of view of what they are comfortable with in terms of rules for meeting up again. It is difficult to exclude people who have not had both vaccinations for whatever reason, whether it be through choice or for medical or religious reasons. Unless the government make it a law to have it, there is not much we can do, so I'm sure it will come down to each individual member's point of view and what they are comfortable with, and if they want to attend the meeting.

I for one am happy to start attending club meetings again and I'm not suggesting for a minute that it should be right for everyone to do the same. It's for you all to decide what's best for you. If you're worried about mixing with other people or people who have not been vaccinated then please wait until you are happy to come back.

It goes without saying that if you feel unwell or have any symptoms please stay away and seek medical advice.

We are a forward thinking established club, together we can find a way to what will be the new normal way of life and how the club will move on in the future.

Richard

Open Show

Hopefully this will be discussed at our August meeting.

Richard

Staging Fund

Here is an up-dated list of donations towards the new show staging (same as last month) –

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 Wallis 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
Mr & Mrs Ken Grigg donated cash = £75.00
Paul Jupe sold 4 Cock Greenfinches = £50.00
Pegram & Hussey Partnership donated cash = £50.00

TOTAL = £2,400.00

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

As mentioned last month, I received another quote for the staging which came in at over £7000 so still looking for a better option. I have emailed and phoned the company in Portugal hoping they may be back to work but I have had no response from them.

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

Phone: 0049-721-686023

Fax: 0049-721-683029 -

E-Mail: ma.herr@vogelringe.de

Members' Outlets

Bavister's Pet Centre

James Bavister

Telephone – 01268 544 336

Website - www.bavisterspetcentre.com

e-mail – info@bavisterspetcentre.com

Essex Bird Fancier

Mark Smithson

Telephone – 07983 108 383

Facebook and Ebay

e-mail – essexbirdfancier@gmail.com

Direct Bird Products

Shane Evans

This year's Club Sponsor

Please see information following their advert at the end of the Newsletter.

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

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 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.

New Members

There were no new Members 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 161 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' 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.

Mark Logan

Our best wishes go to Mark Logan who has been ill in hospital for the last few months.

“A Fostering Story” by Paul Jupe

I echo Brenda's concerns from the June newsletter and hope that I also don't provoke the response, oh no, not him again. But here goes.

Bird keeping for many of us is a series of highs and lows with intermittent periods of calm. This year my own breeding season has been cut short due to an imminent house move, so the few young I have been able to breed have become very precious. I found it necessary to foster out one of four pied Greenfinches.

Whilst ringing the four young I realised one was much smaller than the others and would probably not survive. I placed the chick under a hen greenfinch who was sitting on five clear eggs. I removed three eggs leaving two. The rearing of the chick has been a success and the chick has just left the nest, it is very light with dark marking around each eye and a dark mark on its neck and is sharing the flight with a recently acquired pair of Skylarks. Why? Well that's another story.

The larks have made a nest, which is a depression on the ground in one corner of the flight. The depression was much deeper than I expected. However the larks have filled the depression generously with dried grasses and moss. My fostered pied greenfinch has adopted the larks cosy nest as its own and is very happy to sit in its new ground level home and call/beg food from its mother in its warm bed. The chick reminds me of a human teenager, eating its meals in its own room, I wonder if it also plans to put posters on the aviary wall?

I shall have to be content with the few successes that I have gained from this disrupted breeding season. I hope your highs outnumber the lows this year and when we finally get the chance to meet again, we can recount those stories of the past year to one and other, the lows and the highs, the failures and the successes, the disasters and the triumphs.

Good breeding to you all.

Paul

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

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

2021 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

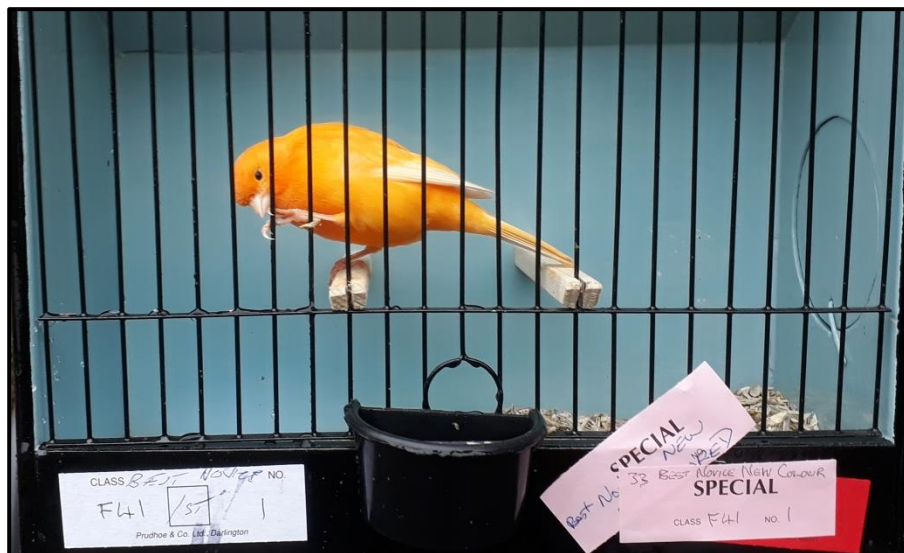
If you have already paid your 2021 Membership Fee it will be carried over to 2022

Some pictures from our happy times in October 2018





Some pictures of our show in December 2018



Canteen

From the 4 of us in the canteen, we are happy to reopen but all we ask is will you please wear a face covering when you come to order your teas etc. We are all still a little nervous about the rising cases. Thank you.

Fran, Val, Pete & Barry

New Club Sponsor

Direct Bird Products is this year's new 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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