

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

June 2019



NEXT MEETING

Saturday, 15th June 2019

10am to 12pm

**A TALK BY AGATA WITKOWSKA
AN AVIAN VET FROM TRINITY VET CENTRE IN KENT**

SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING

**Dagenham and District
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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 2019

Single	£15.00
Partnerships:	£20.00
Juniors (to 16):	FREE

Forthcoming Meetings

SAT 15 th Jne 2019	A Talk by Agata Witkowska an Avian Vet from Trinity Vet Centre in Kent
SAT 20 th Jly 2019	TBC
SAT 17 th Aug 2019	Open Show preparation
SAT 21 st Sep 2019	Club Show League – Second Round – Any Bird Show
SAT 19 th Oct 2019	Club Show League – Third Round – Pairs Show
SAT 16 th Nov 2019	Young Stock Show
FRI 13 th Dec 2019	Staging for Open Show followed by Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw and Buffet
SAT 14 th Dec 2019	Open Show
SAT 18 th Jan 2020	AGM

May 2019 Meeting **The President's comments**

The last Meeting was, as you know, a Song Contest.

I wish someone had told Val, Fran and Barry it was for birds because all I could hear coming from the Canteen was these three trying to sing – sounded like cats being strangled or my wife singing in the shower (but that's another story). So nil points all round.

Being serious now. Fran has not been too well lately and was in hospital earlier in the week but got out of bed, made a bread pudding and was still at the Club Meeting making bacon rolls etc. I am sure you, like me, wish her well and a speedy recovery.

The Song Bird Contest was won by a lovely Yellow Norwich owned by Lee Wallis. So well done, not only to Lee, but to all who took the time to put up some birds.

Again we had a wonderful turn out – over forty people enjoying the lovely happy environment we seem to have at our Club. May this carry on into the future. It's so nice to see so many old and new friends enjoying the Club.

We have had another three new Members so, on your behalf I welcome them and hope they enjoy the Club.

I was reading in a Cage & Aviary magazine the other day about the people who helped at an Annual Show. They were all given a raffle ticket to win a bag of seed of their choice. I thought this was a lovely idea and I would like to see this adopted into our Show. Your thoughts on this please?

On a more serious note, nobody said anything about a dishwasher so I suppose it's carry on with the rubber gloves and hand cream. I hope you all realise what this is doing to my hands!!

Pete

The Secretary's comments

The song bird competition saw 21 birds being entered. It was a mixed selection of Fifes, Borders, Norwich Canaries, Goldfinches, Chaffinches, Mules and Hybrids.

The winner was Lee Wallis with his Norwich Canary that was just one vote in front of the two joint runners up Mick Pegram and Danny Rouse (one of our new Members). Well done to all that made the effort to enter, and all the Members who supported the competition and voted.

Richard



Lee with his winning Norwich

Pete's chit chat

My Birds

Help and advice required please.

As most Members will know I have been around birds all my life. Canaries at first with a few British. Then a lot of different Foreign of which I hand reared many.

On my doctor's advice I packed up breeding birds. I thought I had had my time with birds and for a few years I had none.

Then my grandson asked if he could have some Fifes. We went out and got him some cages and birds. Alas he did not keep his interest for long so I decided to get rid of most, just keeping a few Hens. I got rid of most of the cages and turned the shed into a flight 15' x 2' 6" x 4'. I know I have written about this before, but I need to paint a picture to get to my point which is.....

Most of my Canary Hens went to nest as soon as I put in the pans and were being chased by a Blue Gloster Cock and some British. I never really saw any of them mate but they did all have chicks, one Hen (a Gloster) I assume went with a Greenfinch Cock. He would not let any other birds come near the Hen or the nest. Unfortunately I will never know as the eggs, although filled, were dead in shell.

Another Hen (a Fife) I assume went with the Blue Gloster Cock. The reason I assume this is that one of the two young is a Var. White, whilst the other is a Var. Buff. None of the Fife Hens had any white young last year.

Another Gloster Hen has had three chicks with the Blue Cock.

Now comes the bit I am finding it hard to get my head round. The Goldfinch is not only feeding the two young in the first nest, but also the three chicks in the second nest, whilst chasing a Green Fife Hen who has three chicks. This Hen is going to nest for a second round. If the Goldfinch Cock was only feeding occasionally I could understand it, but it is going from nest to nest. Is this usual behaviour?

I also have a Cinnamon Hen with three chicks being chased by the Redpol Cock. This bird tries it on with any of the Hens.

I can't wait for the young to leave the nests so I can have a good look at them and try and decide what they are.

I may need someone with British to have a look with me.

Pete

For Sale

If you have any birds or equipment for sale either bring them to the Club or let Barry or Pete know so that they can be put in the next Newsletter.

Items wanted

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

A **Sierra Cock** is wanted by Roger Mignot. If you can help, please phone him on 07763 352 449

A **Cock Yellow Raza, clear or lightly variegated** is wanted by Les Rix. Two if available. If you can help, please phone him on 0785 224 9614.

A **Yellow Cock Cinnamon Fife, self or lightly variegated** Is wanted by Mick Pegram. If you can help, please phone him on 0770 907 6594.

An **African Grey (NOT a Timor)** is wanted by Ted Papendreas. If you can help, please phone him on 01708 443284.

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 April 2019

Raffle made:	£131.00	Members present:	36
Tea Bar made:	£51.30	New Members:	3
Donations	£11.00.	Guests	6

Raffle

Terry Hardie won the £50.00 from this month's Raffle

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

Football Card

Winning Team – Stoke. £20.00 was won this month by Wally Scott with £20.00 going to the Club. Thanks to Fergus for organising this again this month.

New Members

Mick Hurry	Gloster Canaries
Harry McDermott	British
Alan Anderson	No information available

The Club's Website

www.dagenhamcbs.com you can find out all about our club right back to 1935, Newsletters, Shows, our history and much more.

The Club can also be contacted by e-mail - info@dagenhamcbs.com

June 2019 Meeting

At our next Meeting on the 15th June we have an Avian Vet - Agata Witkowska from Trinity Vet Centre in Kent – coming to do a talk on a selected amount of topics which Members raised questions on. There will also be time at the end to ask questions.

Please do your best to come and support this meeting as we have tried for a couple of years to arrange a vet to do a talk.

It is very important to the Committee that we try to have something going on at every meeting to interest the Members. If you know of any speakers that you found interesting please let me know and we will try to book them for meetings in the future.

Richard

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 Fergus McCarthy.



International Ornithological Association

We have again received a cheque for £150.00 and 4 rosettes from the International Ornithological Association (IOA) for our Open Show this year. They have also offered a raffle prize for the Show of a year's FREE Membership to the IOA which includes your ring order for 2020.

Richard

Essex Bird Fancier

I have had a meeting with Mark Smithson of Essex Bird Fancier who has agreed to sponsor Dagenham CBS on a yearly basis. Essex Bird Fancier will have a full page advert in our monthly Newsletter, which now goes out to over 80 Members every month, also a full page in the Open Show Schedule and a stand at the Open Show. Their adverts will change from time to time showing the Members their latest stock items which can be ordered and delivered by post or collected at the monthly Club Meetings.

The Committee and Members would like to thank Mark and the team at Essex Bird Fancier for their commitment and support to Dagenham CBS.

Richard

2019 Membership Subscriptions

The Club's year runs from January to December.

Subscriptions

Single - £15.00

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Juniors (to 16) – Free

Members' Christmas Hamper Raffle

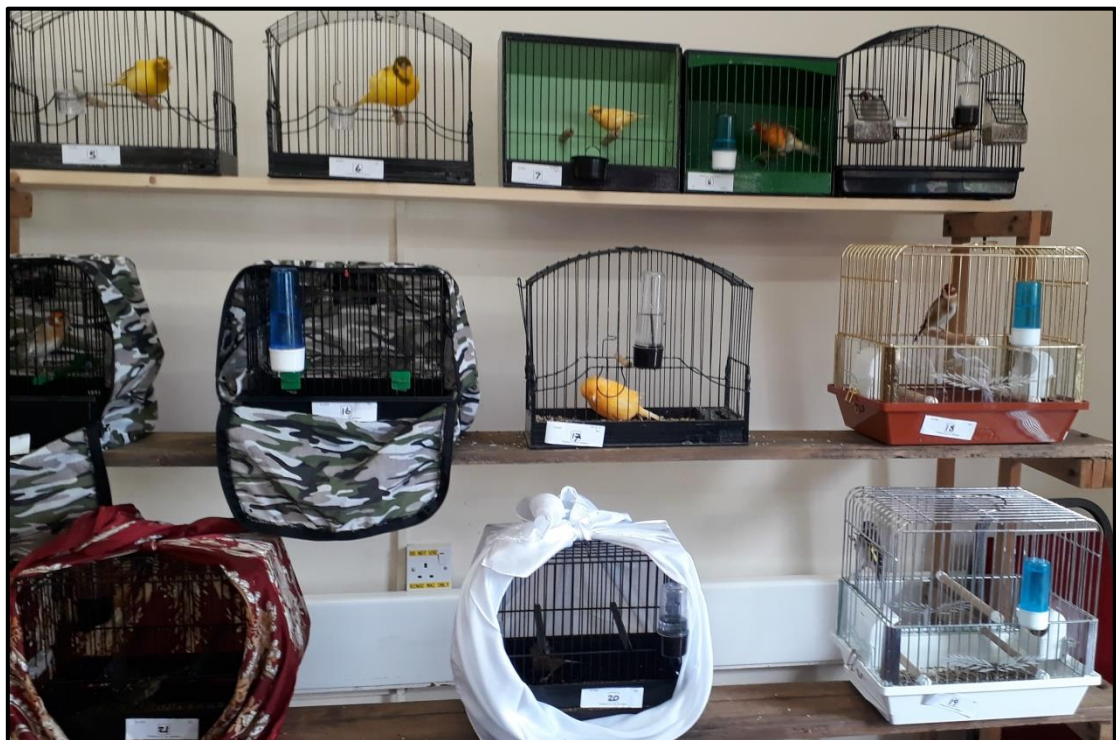
Don't forget to collect your free pink raffle ticket from Val at each Meeting you attend. This is for the draw in December.

Cage and Aviary Magazine

As mentioned previously, we have sent a Show Report and photos from the December Open Show to Cage and Aviary. We were advised that there is a long delay with photo reports, but, to date, we have not seen the article!!

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.

More Photos From Last Month's Meeting





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