

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

March 2019



NEXT MEETING

Saturday, 16th March 2019

10am to 12pm

A TALK BY COLIN LEASK FROM BIRDS FIRST

SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING

**2019 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS
ARE NOW DUE**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR SUBS THIS WILL BE THE LAST
NEWSLETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE PENDING PAYMENT**

**Dagenham and District
Cage Bird Society
Meetings held at
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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
2019**

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

Forthcoming Meetings

SAT 16 th Mar 2019	Colin Leask from Birds First.
SAT 20 th Apr 2019	TBC
SAT 18 th May	Song Bird Competition
SAT 15 th Jne 2019	TBC
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

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

Once again a fantastic meeting. Plenty of birds on display, I think around 56, of various types, i.e. Canaries, British and Foreign, of which our Judge on the day, Ken Grigg, gave the top spot to a lovely Crossbill x Bullfinch owned by Bill Wallis. This was a beautiful bird of size and colour showing great type. A well deserved winner.

Having said that, Ken had a hard time coming to this decision as there were many lovely types of birds on display.

So WELL DONE to all those who put birds in

Away from the show side of the day, it was so nice to see the Club growing, with two new Members so, from all Members, "welcome".

We had over 40 Members and Guests at the Club. How many other Clubs can say this, but what makes it even better is the atmosphere, i.e. chatting, laughter, a general feeling of goodwill for all our Members.

Other things are happening, for instance the sales table – lots of various things for sale, with plenty of donations going to the Club which will enable us to do many other things for the good of the Club and the Members.

So please carry on giving this Club your full help at all times.

On the lighter side, I was having a bit of banter with Nigel who brought up that I won the fifty quid at the last Meeting. When I pointed out he had won this himself a few months back, he just laughed and walked away. Then, low and behold, who won the fifty quid this month? – NIGEL. Lucky. Yea. Ha Ha.

It falls to me again as the Club's Treasurer, to remind those who have not paid their subs. This I hope is a pure oversight. But under the rules of the Club, the March Newsletter is the cut-off point. So, if you find a red dot against your name on the envelope then, according to my records, you have not yet paid.

I do this, not to humiliate you or anyone, but just as a matter of courtesy.

If you think I have made a mistake and you think you have paid, please ring me on 01708 750036

If you do not intend to rejoin I hope you have enjoyed your time with us.

Thank you

Pete

The Secretary's comments

The Cock Bird Show

The Show was well supported by over 40 Members turning up this year to show their support. 11 exhibitors showed 55 birds. A big thank you to Ken Grigg who judged the birds and said how difficult it was with so many quality birds on show.

As Pete said above, the winner was Bill Wallis with a Crossbill x Bullfinch which helped him to get to top spot on the leader board. Top 10 positions for the Cock Bird Show are as follows –

1 st	Bill Wallis
2 nd	Steve Wallis
3 rd	Bill Wallis
4 th	Steve Wallis
5 th	Wally Scott
6 th	Mark Logan
7 th	Roger Mack
8 th	Barry Johnson
9 th	Richard Wilson

10th Bill Wallis

The League Table so far....,

Dagenham Show League 2019 (After First Round)				
	Name	Birds Benched	Total Points	Average per bird
1	Bill Wallis	6	277	46.1
2	Steve Wallis	6	258	43
3	Richard Wilson	6	199	33.1
4	Wally Scott	5	166	33.2
5	Mark Logan	5	123	24.6
6	Roger Mack	6	106	17.6
7	Fred Thorn	6	100	16.6
8	Les Rix	4	96	24
9	Barry Johnson	6	95	15.8
10	Nigel Breese	4	89	22.2
11	Kevin Leach	1	31	31

Sales Table

Can all members please remember to pay their 10% commission to Pete for any items sold. If there are any unsold items please take them back home with you.

If you have pre-arranged to meet someone at the club regarding a sale/swap of a bird then of course there is no commission to be paid.

The committee does not, and will not, police the rules of the sales table. We would like to leave it to the good nature and honesty of our members to do the right thing.

Richard

Pete's chit chat

By now most of you will have sorted out your sheds, painted your cages, conditioned your birds and are ready for the season ahead.

Probably some people with lights and heating will have already paired their birds and started. To those people I wish them well

Myself I will probably wait about another month to start. I only have a few pairs of Glosters caged. I do not know if I will have any luck with the aviary but the birds seem to be fit and healthy. I have three British Cock Birds and five Fife Hens all in together. So I will wait with baited breath to see what happens.

This is the part of the year I rely on a friend (Barry) to take charge when I go to my daughter's chalet.

I do not wish to blow my own trumpet, but he did them last year and did a great job. I hope that anyone else who takes quite a few holidays a year have someone like I have.

If not perhaps we can make up some sort of rota and get Barry to do them all.

Only joking – get your own friend!!

Away from birds and the Club, Val, Barry, myself and Val's husband, Ken, have an allotment which we go to two or three times a week,.

It has taken about three years to get it how we want it. We have put in a pond, fenced part of it off with an archway and covered the archway and most of the fencing with thornless blackberry bushes. We have fruit bushes and trees of all types, and raised beds take up quite a bit of room.

As usual, Val makes the tea but this is only if it's not too cold. If it's cold she doesn't want to get out of bed. But that's another story.

It's not all work at the allotment because – you may have noticed - Barry likes a lot of tea. When I say a lot, I mean gallons, so one of our greenhouses has been turned into a "Tea Room" where anyone can come and have tea with us. So it's like another club.

Will have to stop writing now – got to go for tea!!

Pete

For Sale

Flight for sale £50.00 – see photo below. If you are interested please contact Roger Mack on 07732 381 602



Included with this Newsletter is a poster for **Essex Bird Fancier** from one of our Members, Mark Smithson, Please contact him if you are interested or have a look on his Facebook page or E-bay Site. Details are on the poster.

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

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

Softbill Show Cages or Fronts. Please phone Phil Perkins on 07890 328 507

If there are any birds or equipment you want please let Barry know what you are looking for so that it can be added to the next Newsletter.

Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2019

Raffle made:	£123.00	Members present:	40
Tea Bar made:	£47.85	New Members:	2
Donations	£35.00	Guests	3

Raffle

Nigel Breese won the £50.00 from this month's Raffle

**Our thanks to Vista Workspace Solutions
for their continued sponsorship and the raffle prizes
Thanks also to Fran for an additional raffle prize**

Football Card

Winning Team – Rangers – £20.00 was won by our Secretary, Richard – with £20.00 going to the Club.

New Members

Welcome to the new Members who joined at February's Meeting

David Galea	Canaries
Richard Mehegan	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

March 2019 Meeting

The Meeting on 16th March will be a talk by Colin Leask from Birds First. Colin is kindly travelling down from Scotland especially to give his talk to the Club.

He will be revealing some amazing information on what is killing our chicks and adults during breeding. Why we breed more cocks than hens and vice versa. How we can keep our birds living longer for less and will also focus on Health, Environment and Nutrition

Please come along and give your support. Bring along your friends and relatives – especially if they are interested in birds. It should be a very good meeting and it would be nice to have a big turnout to welcome Colin. Members of other Clubs are welcome to come.

If you are in touch with Members of other Clubs please feel free to invite them as well.

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

Mick is donating £10.00 to the Member who is circled in the photo below and plans to do this each month. The winner will be circled 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 Phil Perkins.



2019 Membership Subscriptions

The Club's year runs from January to December so your 2019 subscriptions are now due.

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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.

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.

Pictures from the Cock Show. The first show in our club league.





**Bill
with
his**



**winning Crossbill x Bullfinch
Ken for judging our show**

Our thanks to



