

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

March 2018



NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, 17th March 2018

10.00am to 12.00pm

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

**1ST PRIZE OF £20.00 PLUS ROSETTE
ENTRY 50p PER BIRD – MAXIMUM 6 BIRDS PER MEMBER**

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

SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING

2018 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION IS NOW DUE

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Show Secretary	GEORGE PHILPOT
Asst. Show Secretary	Vacancy
Canteen	VAL, BARRY & FRAN

Committee:

Dick Lathief, 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.

2018 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Subscription rates for the calendar year 2018

Single:	£15.00
Partnerships	£20.00
Juniors	Free

Forthcoming Meetings

SAT 17 th Mar 2018	Club Show League – First Round – Cock Bird Show
SAT 21 st Apr 2018	TBC
SAT 19 th May 2018	TBC
SAT 16 th Jne 2018	TBC
SAT 21 st Jly 2018	Quiz – Other clubs to be invited (RW)
SAT 18 th Aug 2018	Open Show preparation
SAT 15 th Sep 2018	Club Show League – Second Round – Any Bird Show
SAT 20 th Oct 2018	Club Show League – Third Round – Pairs Show
SAT 17 th Nov 2018	Young Stock Show
FRI 14 th Dec 2018	Staging for Open Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet
SAT 15 th Dec 2018	Open Show
SAT 19 th Jan 2019	AGM

February 2018 Meeting

Our February Meeting was opened by our new Chairman, Barry. His first item of business was to tell everyone that the speakers, Richard Lawson and Eddie Wells, would not be coming as they had each lost their dad and the funerals were on the Thursday and Friday before the Meeting. We send both Members and their families our deepest sympathies. On a brighter note, I have been informed that they will do another date later in the year.

Also, our Secretary, Richard, wasn't at the Meeting. I was informed that he was away for his anniversary. We all hope he had a nice time. However, before he went away, he gave Mick the raffle prizes (cash and wine). I would also like to thank Beryl for donating a bottle of wine, and Ken Grigg for his donation of two wall clocks depicting Bullfinches.

Whilst I am thanking people, our thanks to Barry for doing the raffle and to Val and Fran for doing the teas.

Later in the Meeting, Fergus spoke about the possibility of raising funds from football cards. There were 30 teams on each card at £1.00 each. It was decided to give it a go and Fergus went round with a card. The winning team was Arsenal. One of our new Members, Nigel, won £15.00 with the rest going to the Club. Well done all.

Mick brought up the topic of trying to get more people at the Club. He spoke of putting an advert in the local newspaper. We didn't have a vote on this as other people brought up other ways of going about this, i.e. Facebook, free papers, a

banner outside the Hall. All these things we hope to look into before the next meeting.

On a lighter side, we had a selection of bird sundries brought in by Mick, also some nice British birds and some Canaries – Coloured and Fifes.

While I am rambling on...my grandson came round home the other day and asked me when we were going to get some new birds. When I kept Canaries he always liked the Fifes and Glosters so I said I would sort out the shed and try to get him some. So, if anyone has any spare birds please give me a ring on 01708 750035

He has re-awoken my love for the birds so what I intend to do once I have sorted him out is to make a course of small flights in my shed to house a couple of pairs of British Hybrids. I am well on my way to being ready – shed tidy and painted and some breeding cages in position and painted.

We had one new Member in February – David McClenaghan – and I can tell you he is easier to talk to than it is to say his name!!

While talking about Members, I was looking through the Members Book and I noticed there are several who have not paid their subs. I hope this is just an oversight which will soon be dealt with as this is the last Newsletter you will receive if you have not paid your subs.

Several of our Members feed the wild birds and they are telling me of the various birds coming into their gardens. Just a few are Goldfinches, Wrens, Robins, Doves and Pigeons. One even has Rose Ringed Parakeets – better known as Ringnecks. There are no coloured Ringnecks, just plain green, which is a shame.

If anyone has time to put pen to paper and tell me how their birds are doing, how close they are to breeding, or have they already started, I would be interested. Also let me know if you have any problems. I personally like, if not hearing about your birds, at least reading about them. Is the weather holding them back? Do you use light or do you let them come into condition naturally? I used to have no lights or heat. The one thing I did though was feed condition seed combined with a slice of apple, different green foods and peas mixed with soft food.

People start their season at different times. A few I know liked their holidays so they started in December, but they seemed to do alright. I was always quite

busy at holiday times going round friends and feeding their birds. I liked doing this because I could see all the different birds being bred – from Zebra Finches to Cockatoos – all manner of birds. I used to hand rear lots of birds – people used to bring them to me – but that is another story.

When I used to breed and hand rear my Cockatoos I had Medium Sulphur Crested, Gallas, Kings, African Greys and a few more. My daughter named the Cockatoos Bob & Molly. She used to play with Bob from outside one of his flights. She threw stones into his pond and he would bring them back to her. She could stroke him through the wire. He didn't like me very much! The birds had three flights that could be closed off, so I could inspect the nest box and feed. One day Bob was outside by his pool so I thought I would inspect the nest box (silly) I just opened the nest box and he was on my back pecking, biting and clawing. He would not get off but after a lot of swearing at him and shoving he went back into his flight. I went indoors. My wife said "What was all that noise down the garden?" When I told her she looked and said "Your head and back is smothered in blood and scratches." It taught me two things. To make sure the doors were shut and not to turn my back on Bob. But I still loved them.

Throughout the year I will tell you of my experiences with my birds.

Hope to see you all in March.

Peter Decort

Patronage
International Ornithological Association

Dagenham CBS has Patronage to the International Ornithological Association (IOA). Members who would like to join or purchase rings should contact the IOA direct at www.ioa-com-uk.org or Richard Lumley on 01653 697565 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday, or by email ruby@lordlumley.plus.com

All Affiliated Societies will be awarded three of the IOA's bespoke rosettes for their own shows to be awarded to IOA members.

Since writing the above I have been in contact with the IOA requesting possible sponsorship and I have just been told that they have donated £150 and some rosettes to the club.

Scots Fancy Specialist Club

Dagenham CBS also has patronage for the Scots Fancy Specialist Club (SFSC).

We have an **Open Patronage** system. This means that Fanciers can compete in the Scots Fancy section and **do not need to be a member of the SFSC**, but they hope that these Fanciers would consider joining the SFSC. May I also point out that we would not disqualify any fanciers showing Scots in a Dewar cage used for Borders or Fife Fancies (although they would need to fit smaller perches). The whole idea is to put the breed on show and encourage membership of the SFSC.

It is important to point out that anyone joining the SFSC is entitled to make use of their discounted Show Cage system and that they produce a Newsletter 3 or 4 times a year depending on the news available.

SFSC Members can advertise in the Newsletter free of charge.

Any members wishing to join the SFSC should please contact Ken Laurie at Lismore, 4 Well Road, Lanark, Scotland, ML11 9BN. Or telephone 01555 664813

Richard Wilson

For Sale

Norwich Canaries available – Pairs and Spare Hens. Good blood lines. Some Ferrys and Rigden. All enquiries to Richard on 07852 959 447.

If you have any birds or equipment for sale either bring them to the Club or let Pete know and we will put them in the next Newsletter

Treasurers Monthly Report for February 2018

Raffle made:	£55.00	Members present:	22
Tea Bar made:	£19.30	New Members:	1

David McClenaghan Canaries, Goldfinches, Mexican House Sparrows and others

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 2018 Meeting

The Meeting on 17th March is the first round of our Club League Shows.

The Dagenham CBS Show League has 3 rounds.

March	1 st Show	Cock Bird Show	(Cock birds only any species)
September	2 nd Show	Any Bird Show	(Cock or Hen any species)
October	3 rd Show	Pairs Show	(Cock and Hen same species)

Only one bird in a cage

Entry fee 50p per cage

Each Member can show no more than 6 birds in each Show

For this Show there will be an independent Judge.

These Shows are based on points for places. So, for example, if the total birds in any one Show is 30, then the first placed bird will get 30 points, second placed bird will get 29 points, third placed bird will get 28 points, down to the last placed bird which will get 1 point.

All Members' points from the 1st Show will create a League Table and the points from the 2nd and 3rd Shows will be added to it to create

THE DAGENHAM CBS SHOW LEAGUE CHAMPION 2018

Prizes for the League Winner £100.00 + Cup + Trophy

Second £50.00 + Trophy

Third £25.00 + plus Trophy

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