

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

**MAY 2022**



## **NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

**10am to 12pm**

**Song Bird Competition  
To be judged by the Members**

**SALES TABLE AT EVERY MEETING**

**Dagenham and District  
Cage Bird Society  
Meetings held at  
Wantz Hall  
Rainham Road North  
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Newsletter	BARRY & VAL
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Show Secretary	GEOFF LOUTH
Trophy Secretary	LES RIX
Canteen	FRAN, VAL & BARRY

Dick Lathleiff, Mick Pegram and Ted Papandreas

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**Meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month at 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 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022**

Single	<b>£15.00</b>
Partnerships:	<b>£20.00</b>
Juniors (to 16):	<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))**

## **Forthcoming Meeting Dates**

### **2022**

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Song Bird Competition
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> June	TBC
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Dave Mason will be giving a talk on Breeding Birds for Exhibition
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Keith Ferry will be giving a talk on Norwich Canaries
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	TBC
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Staging for Open / Annual Show followed by Christmas Raffle Draw and Buffet (8pm to 10pm)
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Open / Annual Show (all day)

### **2023**

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	AGM
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## **The President's Comments**

Our last Meeting was a talk by Steve Dominey. I think all present enjoyed Steve's talk and he got a nice round of applause at the end.

A few years back we had people come to give talks and they brought some birds with them. They would then tell you about the finer points of the specific breed to show what was needed in said birds. One of the best speakers, if not the best, was Jimmy Rutter. He would bring his own Bird Show and could tell you about each bird's good points and what to look for in each bird.

In some ways I wish we could go back to those days.

We used to have little evening shows. The Members used to talk about the birds they had brought along. Would it not be possible to arrange something like this once again? (Just a thought).

At the Meeting our Secretary put up for auction a Mule in a cage. This was to start his plan to help raise money for the Annual Show. I believe the bird and cage sold for £50.00. So well done Richard.

On another note, the new Bird Sale opened at Noak Hill. Barry, Fran and I went along to see what it was all about. For myself I was disappointed that there were not more birds for sale. On the plus side, Shane was there and he took up a large corner of the Hall with a good variety of seed, soft foods, live foods, and bird related equipment. So this was a

plus. When we arrived there was quite a queue of people waiting for the doors to open. I daresay like me some were disappointed, but I hope, like me, they will go again to give this new venture a chance of getting up and running. So may I wish the people running this all the best.

Recently I bought in two pairs of Exhibition Zebras. I did this because my aviary is full of Gouldians. I am hoping that these two different types will get on. Although the size and colours have changed immensely, the squeaking call they have is still the same. When I read Cage Birds there seems to be a big following of these little birds. When you see the new colours and size you can see why. I am looking forward to breeding some. Will let you know how I get on.

I recently hung a small mirror down the garden. To my amazement when looking out the back door I saw a Blue Tit hanging on the front fighting its shadow. He or she was there for some time. It comes back frequently and has started coming to the back door and hanging off the window sills. It also sits on the door handle looking in. We have lived in this house for 50 years and this is the first time we have seen this. We have had a squirrel come in the back door and help himself to peanuts, but not birds.

Pete

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

April's meeting was very well accepted by the members present. Steve Dominey gave a talk about Yorkshire and Fife Canaries along the finer points of type and the stance of the bird. Lots of questions were asked and answered. Thank you to Steve for a first class talk.

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May Committee Members Pete, Barry, Fran, Val, Steve, and myself attended the funeral of Mark Logan. Funerals are always sad affairs; however Sally and her family gave Mark a fantastic send off, only fit for the kind of person Mark was. Mark was one of life's good people, kind and very generous and always had time for anyone. I'm sure he will be missed by everyone, RIP Mark.

Richard

### **Show Prize Money Fund**

Thank you to the following people, who were the first to support the club in generating prize funds to go towards the club shows –

Micky Moffet – Donated Cages – £95.00

Laurie Butler – Donated carry cage – £30.00  
Richard Wilson – Auction Mule – £50.00  
Lee Everist – Cash Donation – £15.00  
Steve Wallis – Cash Donation – £15.00  
Sales table – Drinkers – £5.00  
Richard Wilson – Cages – £50.00

TOTAL = £260.00

Richard

### **Thank You**

A big thank you to Laurie Butler of LB Plastic Cages for donating a lovely double plastic travelling bird cage which realised £30.00 which is going towards our Annual Prize Money Fund. Thanks Laurie from Dagenham CBS Members.

If anyone would like to buy any of these cages you can contact Laurie on 0792 663 5087

### **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

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, 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](http://www.vogelringe.de) Phone: 0049-721-686023

Fax: 0049-721-683029 -

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

### **This Year's Club Sponsor**

#### **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 the details in his advert at the end of the Newsletter.

## Members' Recommendations

### **Suppliers of Colour Food by The Standard Laboratory**

Carrophyll Red/Orange/Yellow

Contact George Weeks

Phone: 01959 576 998 or

E-Mail: [george@standardlabs.co.uk](mailto:george@standardlabs.co.uk)

### **Wiltons Pets**

Phone: 01268 726 216

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

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).

## Items for Sale

**Mick Moffatt** has some more items for sale with all proceeds to go towards the Club's Annual Show prize money. These are:-

- **Plastic Treble Cage** - approximately 3ft - with sand trays and dividers (no perches) – £30.00
- **Set of 4 British no3 Show Cages with carry box** – £40.00
- **2 Budgie/Foreign Show Cages with carry box** – £25.00

All in good condition – please see photos below. If you are interested please contact **Mick Pegram** on **0770 907 6594** and he can bring the items to the next club meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> entry)

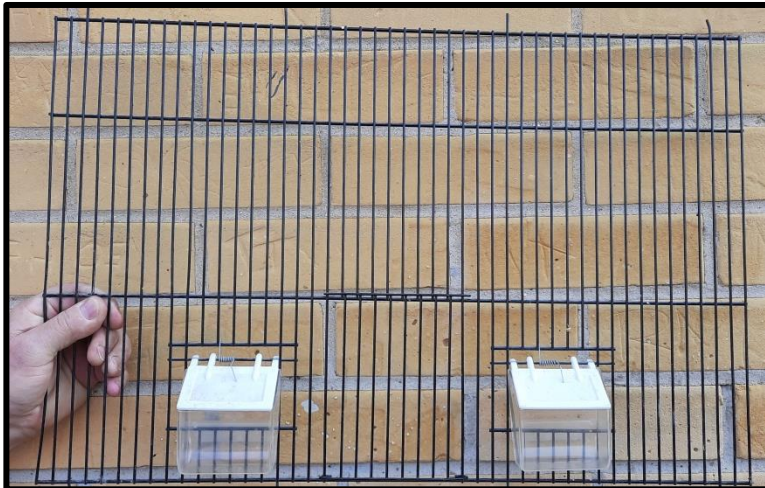


**Mick Pegram** has the following items for sale (see following photo) **11 Fife/Border Show Cages with drinkers/perches** and **1x4 Cage Carry Box** £100.00 to go. No offers. If you are interested please contact **Mick** on **0770 907 6594** (1<sup>st</sup> entry)





**Fergus** has for sale **10 Cage fronts complete with feeders. Size 24 inches long x15 inches high** and a flight **5 feet long x 2.5 feet wide x 4 feet 10 inches high** made of aluminium which has been painted black. Please note legs can be shortened.  
Cage fronts are £50 O.N.O. Flight is £100 O.N.O. Photos Below.  
If you are interested please phone Fergus on **07961 803100**



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

**Barry** is looking for a **Hen Bullfinch** not necessarily for breeding, just to keep an older bird company so can be an elderly bird that you no longer need. If you can help please contact him on **0751 609 1070** (1<sup>st</sup> entry)

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.***

## Treasurer's Monthly Report for April 2022

Raffle made:	£128.00	Current Members present:	30
Tea Bar made:	£52.70	Guests :	4
Donations	£00 (Sales)	New / Returning Members	2

## Raffle

Barry won the £50.00 from this month's Raffle

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

## New Members

There was 1 New Member in April  
Welcome to Chris Aldis  
and welcome back to Mark Landers

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

**Dagenham CBS Facebook and Group Page**: We have 215 Members on the Group Page. Please give it a look and join in the banter and the up to date news from the members.



## **Members' Info.**

Mick Pegram is still dealing with most of the posts on our Facebook page. Please don't forget to let Richard have your contact details if you are happy for them to be put onto the website page. This will allow members, especially those who are not on Facebook, to stay in touch and give advice and help to other members who keep the same species or share the same problems.

### **"Oh Well It's Only Nature" – by Les Rix**

Right yet another rant. Now with technology available in inordinate abundance, today I read with interest some of the posts that the bird loving fraternity of the UK enjoy posting on a daily basis, and why not, after all we all do it. I myself love the posts of completely wild birds feeding from people's hands. Also the ones where most of the people who obviously spend the majority of their monthly hard earned on wild bird seed and such like (again) nothing wrong with that, it's excellent, keep it up (but don't use white bread).

Now I have this inborn need to burst their bubble from time to time "why" I have no idea, because I can I suppose. Ie, I had a woman comment that she has a pair of blue tits nesting in a box in her garden. They have been coming for years she said, at least 5 she said. That was it, this was my time to shine and I'm gonna ruin your day so, via a private message, I inform her that at least 50% of blue tits never reach their first birthday and that the average lifespan of a blue tit is 18 months to 2 years so it's not the same pair sweetheart I informed her. Guess what – she's having none of it. "I know what I'm talking about" she said so I just type "LOL OK" and go about the rest of my day with a victorious grin on my boat safe in the knowledge that it was me in the right so now I'm happy. I'm not rude just borderline arrogant I suppose.

Anyway the real reason I decided to put pen to paper today is this:-

The countless photos that people decide to put on various sites of birds of prey tucking into a pigeon (let me tell you "people" is not the word I wanted to use trust me, but out of respect for the ladies in the club I did not use the word I wanted to). Also to save face by way of an apology. Now we all know birds of prey eat pigeons (fact) and we accept this goes on but these bird loving imbeciles file it in their numb brains as (OH

WELL ITS ONLY NATURE) and that's fine because that's exactly what it is, but day after day they still feel the ridiculous need to carry on posting pictures of the demise of a poor unsuspecting pigeon. "REALLY" but this sad scene is accepted as (OH WELL ITS ONLY NATURE). So someone please explain to me why it is that when a magpie steals a chick or eats a clutch of eggs people cannot file this in their heads as (OH WELL ITS ONLY NATURE). Why does it have to be so catastrophic that it almost becomes the end of the world as we know it? These imbecillic people that witness this have a nervous breakdown yet the next morning there they are posting photos of a majestic looking bird of prey turning a pigeon into breakfast or have I missed the fundamental point somewhere (OH WELL ITS ONLY NATURE) but when the badly named magpie does this it's a 100% no no. By the way who did put the great in Britain!!

Now as an angler I have witnessed many many times Carrion Crow, Rook, Jay, Jackdaw, all take young cygnets and ducklings with no mention on social media from anyone, but when the magpie does exactly the same news will travel from Lands End to John O'Groats via bird loving social media in a matter of minutes. They need to remember that the magpie needs to eat to survive. It never asked for or even wanted this bad rep it has. Humans gave him that undeserved Monica but no-one says (OH WELL THAT'S NATURE). Now I'd love people to remember the fact that the domestic cat is responsible for a high percentage of songbird mortality. Not sure about the numbers but it's high. I do know that when your cuddly feline steps over your threshold it is no longer a cuddly feline. From that moment on it becomes a formidable predator that wouldn't hesitate to kill at any given moment (thank God for spellcheck) but there isn't anything we can do so we accept it as normal behaviour for the species. No mention on social media by the way. Wake up and smell the coffee people the magpie unfortunately has become a victim of its own success. OK maybe it does contribute to the demise of a small percentage of birds but the good they do is dealing with a good amount of vermin and also cleaning up roadkill but it has without question become a scapegoat for sure. So next time you witness a Maggie taking a small chick cut him/her a bit of slack and salute him on his way aye. And file this (HEY ITS ONLY NATURE).

RANT OVER. Sorry this has turned into an epic novel but as I said before, my heart really does lie with Corvids and remember that that Maggie is as entitled to that chick as any bird of prey is entitled to a pigeon. Thanks Les

## **Open Letter from Paul Jupe**

Dear members, I was reading the April newsletter and looking through the forthcoming meeting dates section. It's great to see most of the dates filled with planned events for our enjoyment. Guest speakers are always a source of inspiration and the knowledge they pass on benefits the club and its individual members.

I was disappointed I was unable to attend the March meeting, but pleased to read that the talk by Mr Ric Ochet on crossbills was so well received. I shall look forward to the Dave Mason and Keith Ferry talks with eager anticipation.

However I was fortunate that at a separate event last week I listened with great interest to a talk by two ladies from the Woodland Trust. Miss Theresa Green discussed much about the flora and fauna of the Langdon Hills Country Park and Ms Nesta Robins gave a very interesting talk about a project involving the local community and the recent Great British bird watch.

Great job committee, keep up the good work.

Regards Paul Jupe

### **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 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 RalphTiah.



## **Membership Subscriptions**

The Club's year runs from January to December  
so 2022 Subscriptions are due

If you know anyone who is unable to get to the Meetings they can send  
their subs to Pete (details at the front of the Newsletter)

Cheques should be made payable to Dagenham & District CBS

Single – £15.00.....Partnerships – £20.00..... Juniors (to 16) – Free

## **Members' Christmas Raffle**

Richard is continuing the Members' Christmas Raffle again this year. Every Member who is signed in at the Meetings will receive one entry for each Meeting attended. The draw will take place at the December Meeting and the winner will receive a cash prize of £100.00 donated by Vista Workspace Solutions.

To win the prize you must be at the Meeting on Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup> December otherwise another ticket will be picked until a winner is declared.

The usual monthly raffle will still take place on the Friday night, with its £50.00 cash prize plus other prizes as normal.

## **May 2022 Meeting**

Our next Meeting is on on the 21<sup>st</sup> May and will be the Song Bird Competition with the winner being chosen by the Members.

This will be the third time Dagenham CBS has held the Song Bird Competition and the rules are simple. So whether you like the field song of a Goldfinch, the vocal power of the Canary, Mule or Green Singing Finch, or maybe the chatter of the Zebra Finch or Budgie, there will be something for you. Everyone has a favourite.

Members can enter as many birds as they like (50p per bird). Birds can be in any suitable cage (it doesn't need to be a show cage). Each bird will be given a number and placed on the staging.

We can then all sit down and have a cup of tea and something to eat and talk about how the breeding season is going so far while all the birds are singing away.

At the end of the Meeting all Members present will be able to vote on which bird's song they liked the best and the winning bird will receive a rosette and a £20 cash prize."

### **A few pictures from the April Meeting**







## **Romford Bird Sale**

The Romford Bird Sale will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Noak Hill Victory Hall, Romford, Essex, RM4 1LD. For more details see their Facebook page or ring Jamie Taylor on 07999 354 911

## **Club Sponsor**

**Direct Bird Products** is this year's 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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