

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

November 2019



NEXT MEETING

Saturday, 16th November 2019

10am to 2pm

YOUNG STOCK SHOW

**BEST BIRD IN SHOW £50.00 + MEMORIAL SHIELD
ENTRY 50p PER BIRD**

**THIS SHOW STARTS AT 10AM AND FINISHES AT 2PM
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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 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

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

At our last Meeting we had our Pairs Competition won by Bill Wallis with a lovely pair of Bullfinches. Second was a lovely pair of Irish Fancy benched by Barry and Fran Johnson.

The event was slightly down with 17 pairs, i.e. 34 birds. Member numbers were also slightly down – 33 Members and six visitors attended.

Still it was a very happy Meeting with a lot of laughter and banter going on.

I have to say thanks to Barry for getting off his sick bed and bringing Fran, Val, Marilyn and me to the Club. Because if he had not done this we could not have got to the Club with all the things we have to bring. Also he managed to put three pairs of birds in the Show. Well done Barry.

Also a big thank you to Bill for making sure he sent in some birds even though he is still unwell.

Well done both of you.

Our next Meeting is our Young Stock Show. You will find your Schedule included in this Newsletter.

We have, as usual doubled up on the Meeting time so please do your best to pop along and support your Club. Time approximately 9.30 through till 2.

Look forward to putting names to some faces.

Pete.

October 2019 Meeting **The Secretary's comments**

All Members' points from each of the Shows have been used to create a League Table and the points from the 3rd Show have now been 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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The Final League Table is therefore.....,

Dagenham Show League 2019 (after all three Rounds)							
	Name	Birds Shown	Cock Show	Any Bird Show	Pairs Show	Total Points	Average per bird
1	Bill Wallis	18	277	208	82	567	31.5
2	Steve Wallis	18	358	155	52	465	25.8
3	Richard Wilson	18	199	191	48	438	24.3
4	Fred Thorn	18	100	121	54	275	15.2
5	Barry Johnson	18	95	78	58	231	12.8
6	Les Rix	14	96	86	48	230	16.4
7	Nigel Breese	10	89	106	0	195	19.5
8	Wally Scott	5	166	0	0	166	33.2
9	Mark Logan	5	123	0	0	123	24.6
10	Roger Mack	6	106	0	0	106	17.6
11	Dick Lathleiff	6	0	45	0	45	7.5
12	Kevin Leach	1	31	0	0	31	31

As you will see, the winner of the 2019 Dagenham CBS Show League was Bill Wallis, 2nd was Steve Wallis, and 3rd was Richard Wilson. So WELL DONE to the winners and all who took part and supported the Club.

This year's League was again dominated by the British Bird Keepers for the fourth year running.

**Overleaf is a photo of Lee Wallis accepting the Trophies
on behalf of his brothers
Bill & Steve**



Next year we will make some changes to the Show League by only having two Shows, a Cock Show in February and a Hen Show in October. There will be more prizes from 1st to 5th places plus best average score.

We must give Ken Grigg a massive thank you for judging all 3 shows this year.

Next year we will ask local CBS's if they will send a team of judges – 3 or 4 members to judge our Show League shows.

We in turn will volunteer to judge their club shows or table shows. Anyone wishing to be part of the Dagenham CBS Judging Team please let me know at the Young Stock Show. This will be good experience for anyone thinking about judging at some point as well as learning about the fundamental points of all show birds like have they got all their toes, nails, eyes are good, type, colour and size. Remember it's your opinion, everyone has one. But this way the pressure is off you, as the team of judges pick the winners not the individual. Then maybe one day when you have gained experience and confidence you can go off on your own.

The best judges in the country all had their first show at some point in their lives and remember NO Judges NO Shows.

Richard

Pete's chit chat

In last month's Newsletter it was asked if I could give some information on some of our past Members. Memory permitting I will try.

Firstly I did not know that Mr Pegram had been a Founder Member of our Club. I also did not realise he was approximately 100 (One hundred) years old. He looks very well for that age!!

**Old photo of Mick Pegram
(Didn't know they had coloured photographs in 1935!!)**



Regarding Life Members, we have only three – myself (Peter Decort), Ray Vassey and Richard Wilson.

Longest serving Member of the Club is me. I have been a Member since I started coming to the Club with my Dad approximately 65 years ago. When I was old enough I served the Club in every position the Club has. Many years ago I used to go out in a van to pick up Members' birds for the Annual Show.

My Dad was Secretary of the Club for 20 or so years. My Mum and three of my sisters used to run the kitchen for Meeting nights and Show Days. When you think of it, we used to have four Shows a year plus the Dagenham Town Show. But that's another story.....

When my Dad died I took over the Secretary's job for about 25 years. In those days the Secretary served in all the positions. When I took over it was on the understanding that others took over some of the other positions at the Club.

I am a bit ashamed to say I was not as good a Secretary as my Dad because he lived and breathed Dagenham Bird Club till his last breath (literally his last breath).

The Secretary before my Dad was Len Nunn. I think he was Secretary for going on 30 years. Len was a Budgie man all his life.

Other budgie people were, Peter Cobb, who was also Secretary for Purfleet Bird Club, Mr Davies along with his wife, and also Ernie Siggton who was one of the biggest Budgie breeders in the country.

At one time we had a Budgie Section to match any Club in the country. One year we even had Geoff Capes come along and judge our Show.

Some other names of Budgie breeders of the past that come to mind are listed below. I don't remember them all.

Mr J. Caton	Mr W. Clark	Mr A. Howas
Mr and Mrs Bold	Mr A. Fuller	Mr W.A. Rudd
Mr F. Webb	Mr M. Clark	Mr Anzara

As you will see we used to have a wonderful section on Budgies. Wouldn't it be nice to see that again at our Club?

Over the coming months I will try and remember other people.

For Sale

4 Norwich Show Cages – £10 each. If you're interested please contact **Paul Jupe** on **07891 517 797**.

Would you please let Barry or Val know if you want your advert changed or removed from next month's list? Thank you

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**.

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 October 2019

Raffle made:	£104.00	Members present:	33
Tea Bar made:	£40.05	Guests :	6
Donations	£25.00	New Members	0

Raffle

Mick Hurry 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 – Notts Forest – £20.00 was won this month by Davy Heys with £20.00 going to the Club. Thanks to Fergus for organising it this month.

New Members

There were no New Members this month.

The Club's Website

The Club's website is www.dagenhamcbs.com where 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

November 2019 Meeting

This is our Young Stock Show for Members only. Below is the Show Schedule and Specials List. Entries will be 50p per cage. Normal Show Rules apply.

Please book your entries in on the day, at 10 am SHARP, using the entry form which is enclosed with this Newsletter

The meeting date is Saturday 16th November 2019 at the usual venue from 10am to 2pm

PLEASE NOTE LONGER TIME FOR THIS MEETING.

Our Judges for the Young Stock Show are:-

Dave Mason – British, Mules & Hybrids
 Peter Decort – Foreign
 John Martin – Canaries

Young Stock Show Schedule

Dagenham CBS Brett Mason & Phil Heath Memorial Young Stock Show 2019			
CYB BIRDS ONLY AT THIS SHOW		50p per entry	
CHAMPION		NOVICE	
Class No.	BRITISH BIRDS	Class No.	
1	HARDBILL COCK	11	
2	HARDBILL HEN	12	
3	SOFTBILL COCK	13	
4	SOFTBILL HEN	14	
5	MULE COCK	15	
6	MULE HEN	16	
7	HYBRID COCK	17	
8	HYBRID HEN	18	
9	SIBERIAN COCK	19	
10	SIBERIAN HEN	20	
	CANARIES		
21	NORWICH COCK	35	
22	NORWICH HEN	36	
23	YORKSHIRE COCK	37	
24	YORKSHIRE HEN	38	
25	GLOSTER COCK	39	
26	GLOSTER HEN	40	
27	AOV/LIZARD COCK	41	
28	AOV/LIZARD HEN	42	
29	BORDER COCK	43	
30	BORDER HEN	44	
31	FIFE COCK	45	
32	FIFE HEN	46	
33	NEW COLOUR COCK	47	
34	NEW COLOUR HEN	48	
	FOREIGN BIRDS		
49	HARDBILL COCK	57	

50	HARDBILL HEN	58	
51	SOFTBILL COCK	59	
52	SOFTBILL HEN	60	
53	PARROTLIKE COCK	61	
54	PARROTLIKE HEN	62	
55	BUDGIE COCK	63	
56	BUDGIE HEN	64	
	JUVENILE BIRDS		
65	ANY JUVENILE BIRD		
	SPECIALS LIST		
No.	CATEGORY	PRIZE	DONATED
1	BEST BIRD IN SHOW	Shield	Steve Wallis
2	BEST BIRD IN SHOW	Rosette, £50.00	Vista
3	BEST BRITISH MULE, HYBRID	Rosette, £10.00	Vista
4	BEST CANARY	Rosette, £10.00	Vista
5	BEST FOREIGN, P/LIKE, BUDGIE	Rosette, £10.00	Vista
6	BEST BRITISH HARDBILL	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
7	BEST BRITISH SOFTBILL	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
8	BEST MULE	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
9	BEST HYBRID	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
10	BEST SIBERIAN	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
11	BEST NORWICH	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
12	BEST YORKSHIRE	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
13	BEST GLOSTER	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
14	BEST AOV/LIZARD	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
15	BEST BORDER	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
16	BEST FIFE	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
17	BEST NEW COLOUR	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
18	BEST FOREIGN HARDBILL	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
19	BEST FOREIGN SOFTBILL	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
20	BEST PARROTLIKE	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
21	BEST BUDGIE	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS
22	BEST JUVENILE BIRD	Rosette, £5.00	Dag CBS

As well as our Young Stock Show this month we were hoping to have a Members only Auction of Birds and bird related items after the birds had been judged. However we need to give this some greater thought to include more people, so maybe a one day membership of £1.00 just for this day will be available.(paid up members FREE of course). It will be busy so we can't do it along side of anything else. So maybe March 2020 will be a good time for it.

It will take a lot of planning and help, Auctioneer, Stewards, advertising, admin person, someone on the doors and of course items to auction. I have some ideas and am interested in yours. Please come and see me at the next meet.

Richard

December's Open Show

If you would like to support or sponsor any part of the Show please get in touch with Richard or the Show Secretary, George Philpot.

Additional copies of the Schedule will be available at the November Meeting or you can contact Richard.

Don't forget Entries must be in by Monday the 9th December

A Date for your Diary **(from Brenda Kettle)**

Essex Kent & Counties Fife FCC - SUNDAY 1 DEC 2019

Bobbing Village Hall, Sheppey Way, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8PL

Show Secretary: Jim Delaney - 0208 855 5167
jamesdelaney60@gmail.com

Entries close FRIDAY 22 NOV 2019

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 Ted Short and he kindly donated the £10.00 to the Club. Thanks Ted.



We have joint winners this month sharing the prize

2019 Membership Subscriptions

The Club's year runs from January to December.

Subscriptions

Single - £15.00

Partnerships - £20.00

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.

Essex Bird Fancier

Their advert is at the end of the Newsletter. Members can have their orders delivered by post or they can be collected at the monthly Club Meetings.

Raffle

Anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize for any Meeting, and especially the Annual Open Show, will be more than welcome and appreciated. Thank you.

Mick Pegram's Advice

Sparrowhawks are about so be careful if you hang your birds outside and, for those with aviaries, think about double wiring if not already done.



Photo of a Sparrowhawk attacking a Collared Dove sent in by Mick Pegram

Falling In Love Again

OK. Right. Most of you that really know me will know that my heart lies with Corvids and without insulting anyone's intelligence, that's Crows. I am not now, nor have I ever considered myself an expert on birds, or anything else for that matter, which is the reasoning behind this article. Because if you can learn from this and the true reason I can learn from you, then the purpose of this article is well and truly served.

Early 2019 I was introduced to a small Canary, the Raza Español by a mate of mine – not mentioning any names (Leo Wallis) – and from that moment on I was smitten, totally in love with this little bird. I thought it would never happen because in the forty odd years I have kept birds, I have never felt this way about any of them (except my Jays) and let me tell you, I've kept just about everything over the years. I have finally discovered where I need to be

Now the Google research that I've done proved to be quite unhelpful really. There is very little info about the Raza Canary. There is limited info but it doesn't tell you what you really need to know, as the Raza Español is a horse race which happens in Spain annually rather like the Grand National in the UK, because the words "Raza Español" mean "Spanish Race" and that is all you get in the main. Like I'd be interested in that!

Anyway, enough waffling.

As I said before, I'm fishing for information. So anything you have would be greatly received.

Most people know that a Hen Canary is more than capable of rearing a nest of young. I found this not to be the case as single mums often abandoned the

brood. They definitely do better as a pair as the Cock bird is a brilliant feeder as well as the Hen.

These small Canaries are so prolific I was getting six eggs per nest and all six eggs were fertile, but, sadly, I was averaging three chicks per nest, but all six would hatch. If every chick had survived I would have bred over 50 young Razas. But, unfortunately, this was not to be. As it stands I ended up with 23 young birds which I considered a successful year. I have no idea why I was losing half of every nest. Still don't. Any ideas? I use E.M.P. Egg Food mixed with Versele Laga Germination Soak Seed and to that I add Perle Morbide (Green). I found once I started using Perle Morbide the chicks seemed to come on in leaps and bounds. I feed a lot of green food. Always have. Plus herbs that grow in my garden i.e. Sage, Mint, Rosemary, Oregano, etc, Petite Pois, Carrot and Spinach. Twice a week I feed a finger drawer of Condition Seed. My main feed is Wiltons Own Canary Mix. Pretty bog standard really. To this I add Pin Head Oatmeal. This seems to do them, as anyone who comes in my Bird Shed always makes a comment on how nice my birds look which is heart warming.

Now water. "What of it?" I hear you say. But something I have always done is, once a week I add Marmite to the water and during Winter I put Honey in it too. Apart from the usual husbandry I keep them clean, keep them well fed and watered. They pretty much do the rest themselves.

Grit, in my mind is very important. I know that some bird keepers have other opinions on this, but I always use Oyster Shell mixed with Charcoal. Pretty bog standard but it works for me. But, that said, what works for me may not necessarily work for you.

Well I hope you find this article interesting. Any ideas or info you think may be useful to me would be appreciated.

Well thanks for reading it through

Les (Rix)

PS I forgot to mention that I put Apple Cider Vinegar in the water every two weeks.

(Good article Les – thanks for sharing your experiences with the Members.

Barry)

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



Above Pairs Show winner a pair of Bullfinches sent in by Bill Wallis



Some of the Members' birds that were for sale

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