

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025



**NEXT MEETING
Saturday 20th September
10am to 12pm**

**RICKIE PENNELL
Pine Crossbills**

(See inside for more information)

SALES TABLES AT EVERY MEETING

**Dagenham and District
Cage Bird Society
Meetings held at
Wantz Hall
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**Meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month
from 10am to 12pm at Wantz Hall, Rainham Road
North, Dagenham, Essex, RM10 7DX**

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**

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR
2025**

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

**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 Val – valkenh@btinternet.com

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Forthcoming Meeting Dates

2025

Sat 20 th Sep	Rickie Pennell will be giving a talk on Pine Crossbills
Sat 18 th Oct	Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show
Sat 15 th Nov	Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm) Christmas Raffle & Buffet
Fri 12 th Dec	Staging for Open Show
Sat 13 th Dec	Open / Annual Show (all day)

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Sat 17 th Jan	AGM
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The President's Comments

Nothing from Pete this month

The Secretary's Comments

This is my 10th year at being the club's secretary and I have seen some major changes bringing the club into the 21st century, so at the end of the year I will stand down as secretary as it is time for a new voice, new ideas and someone with new drive to continue steering the club in the right direction. In my time there have been a lot of changes, moving meetings from Friday evenings to Saturday mornings and changing halls after over 50 years at Heath Park, the introduction of the club's website, Facebook page and show league. With the full support of our committee the club has grown from less than 20 members to over 100 members and we are seeing record numbers of entries at our shows. Dagenham CBS is known throughout the country as the best CBS in the UK thanks to the incredible dedication of Team Dagenham spreading the word while traveling and supporting bird clubs & shows all over the country.

Thank you to everyone for your help over the years, it's been an honour. I will still be at the club supporting the committee & members where I can and hope the club continues leading the way.

At the July meeting we had Shane Evans and Jim Gallbally talking about how and when they got into birds, how much the hobby has changed and how they keep their birds now. Thank you both for giving your time and sharing your story.

Next Meeting

Our next Meeting is on the 20th September when Rickie Pennell will be giving a talk on Crossbills. Rickie came to the club a few years back and has extensive knowledge about crossbills, this will be one not to miss.

2025 Show Prize Money Fund

There were no donations made in August so the total remains at £2,467.00 so far this year

Thank you to all who donate to the Club to help generate funds towards the prize money for the Club Shows. £2,267.00 was raised in 2024

Members on other Committees etc.

IOA Committee

Richard Lawson & Eddie Wells

British Bird Council Delegates

Richard Wison & Davy Hunt

Are there any other members sitting on any committees at their specialist canary clubs? We would be interested to know what's going on so we can put it in the newsletter.

Useful Numbers and Contacts

Rings

IOA (International Ornithological Association) Website – www.ioa-com-uk.org For all rings call Richard Lumley on 01653 697565 or Email – 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 and is very helpful. The quality of the rings is excellent.

Website – www.vogelringe.de Phone: 0049-721-686023

Fax: 0049-721-683029 - E-Mail: ma.herr@vogelringe.de

BBC (British Bird Council). Call or e-mail for rings or Membership.

Phone: 0121 476 5999 Office open 9.15 - 12.00 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri.

E-mail - info@britishbirdcouncil.com

Membership – Adults & Partnerships £15.00: 60 or over £9.00: Juniors (under 16) Free.

This Year's Club Sponsors

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 details in the advert at the end of the Newsletter

Mooro's Events

Mooro's Events are based in Chigwell, Essex and have again agreed to supply 2 bottles of drink for our raffle prizes every month in 2025
Please see their details in the advert at the end of the Newsletter

Members' Recommendations

Suppliers of Colour Food by The Standard Laboratory

Carrophyll Red/Orange/Yellow

Contact George Weeks

E-Mail: george@standardlabs.co.uk

Phone: 01959 573 719

(New Phone No Mar 2024)

Wiltons Pet Centre

Phone: 01268 726 216

95-97 Pound Lane, Bowers Gifford, Basildon, SS13 2HN

Gladwells Pet & Country Store (Copdock Mill)

Phone: 01268 642 601

Lubbards Lodge Farm, Hullbridge Road, Rayleigh, SS6 9QG

DG Pest Control - David Galea (Club Member)

E-Mail davidgalea@live.co.uk

Phone 01708 472172 or
07882 951 578 (Mobile)

www.dgpestcontrol.co.uk

Latchford Farm Aquatics

St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 3PB

Phone: 01708 641363

Bird, Fish and pet supplies

Items for Sale or Items Wanted

Wanted – Denis Price is looking for some **Bengalise**. If you can help, please contact Denis on **07508 236 689**. (2nd entry)

Wanted – Jim Wall is looking for **Border Canaries, Greens, Cinnamons and Variegated Cocks and Hens**. If you can help, please call Jim on **07858 722 043** with details of what you have. He is willing to pay for a courier as he is in a wheelchair and house bound. (2nd entry)

If you have any birds or equipment for sale, or wanted, please let Barry or Val know, and they will add it to the next Newsletter.

Please note, adverts in this section 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 & Attendance for August 2025

Raffle made	£116.00	Current Members present	27
Tea Bar made	£44.40	Guests	0
Donations – Sales	£5.00	New / Returning Members	0

Raffle

Ben H won the £50.00 from this month.

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

Terry Hardie won this month's Club Members' Seed Raffle

New and Returning Members

There were no new Members at the August Meeting
Our Club Membership is currently 109 made up as to
79 Single Members, 13 Partnerships (26 Members) and 4 Juniors

The Club's Website, etc

The Club's **website** is 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
or via our **Facebook** page

Dagenham CBS Facebook Group Page – We now have 818 Members
on the Group Page. Please give it a look, join in the banter
and see the up-to-date news from the Members.

Members' Info

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.

Newsletters

We currently have 12 Members receiving their Newsletters via e-mail. If you would like your Newsletter e-mailed rather than sent in the post, please let Valerie know by e-mailing her at valkenh@btinternet.com. You can always change your mind if you decide later that you would rather receive a hard copy.

Some Thoughts and Reflections from Paul Jupe

We are regularly reminded of the value of keen observation of our birds. Early observations can sometimes be really helpful in seeing potential problems in our birds.

Mark Jones (a regular contributor to the Cage and Aviary Birds, and friend of Dagenham CBS) has mentioned in a number of his articles how he has made early interventions with medications and has successfully brought sick birds back to good health and how those early observations can be so helpful. I have read on many occasions how other contributors have said the same, and it is good advice.

Over the many years I have kept British Finches in outdoor aviaries I try to create a habitat that is safe and comfortable for breeding purposes. Cover in the form of sprigs of conifer is used to create suitable nesting sites and thereby can reduce the opportunity to clearly observe the birds. When checking on the birds in the aviary I find my gaze is automatically directed towards the floor, just in case of any overnight casualties. This is as opposed to looking up at the perches, which seems a little negative, but has been ingrained in my bird keeping psyche.

Recently however, just by chance, whilst during my busy morning feeding regime, prior to leaving for work, I happened to notice a really uplifting site, when I saw a hen Bullfinch carefully discarding one half of an eggshell from a fresh hatching. I stood still and watched the cock Bullfinch clearing a faecal sac from the edge of the nest and deposit it at the other end of the flight. Later both cock and hen were seen feeding the young in the nest.

The parent birds were fully invested in bringing up those young and subsequently brought up two healthy rounds of chicks. None of this is exceptional, but in the rush of life it's rewarding when you can enjoy those positive observations.



On reflection, yes, it is important to make those observations, to look out for early signs of illness or other dangers. We have a duty to our birds to be ever vigilant. However, I feel I may have been guilty of looking so intently for the negative, that I may have missed out on seeing some of the simple and positive pleasures that bird keeping can offer on a daily basis. Thank you and take time to enjoy your birds.

Paul Jupe. Dagenham CBS member and Basildon CBS secretary.

PS Just a little reminder: Basildon CBS meet at 19:30 on the second Monday of the month at Felmores Community Centre. Felmores Park, Basildon. Adjacent to the Watermill Pub / Premier Inn hotel.

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 prize must be claimed at the next Meeting or the £10.00 will be donated to the club
Fran won last month's prize.



Membership Subscriptions

The Club's year runs from January to December
If you know anyone who is unable to get to the Meetings, they can send
their 2025 subs to Pete (details at the front of the Newsletter)

**Cheques should be made payable to
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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. This year the draw will take place at the November Meeting and the winner will receive a cash prize of £100.00 donated by Vista Workspace Solutions.

This year the Club is also adding £100.00 to the Christmas Raffle. This will be split as to £60.00 for the second name picked and £40.00 for the third, so there will be three individual winners.

To win one of these prizes you must be at the Meeting on Saturday, the 15th November otherwise another ticket will be picked until a winner is declared.

The usual monthly raffle will also take place on that day, with its £50.00 cash prize plus other prizes as normal.

Bird Keepers Association

The remaining 2025 BKA Sales Days are
19th October and 21st December

The Premier Bird Show will be on Sunday, the 7th December

Venue for all events is Cowdray Hall, West Thurrock, RM20 3JE

Further information relating to the BKA can be obtained from
Shane Evans on 07376 669 333 or Jamie Taylor on 07999 354 911
They can also be contacted via the website www.bkauk.org.uk
or by e-mailing info@bkauk.org.uk

Some Photos from the last Meeting





This Year's Club Sponsors

Direct Bird Products

Direct Bird Products 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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