

**DAGENHAM & DISTRICT
CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2017**



NEXT MEETING ~ FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2016

NEW START TIME 7.30PM TO 9.30PM

Discussion on Open Show dates

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

PLEASE PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP,
THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER FOR NON-
PAID MEMBERS

**Dagenham and District
Cage Bird Society
Heath Park Hall
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PRESIDENT

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Mr. Mick McCathy

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Committee Members 2017

President	PETER DE CORT
Vice President	vacate...
Chairman	MICK McCATHY
Vice Chairman	vacate...
Secretary	RICHARD WILSON
Asst. Secretary	vacate...
Treasurer	PETER DE CORT
Publicity & Raffle	BARRY & VAL
Show Manager	TONY STUBBS
Ass Show Manager	MICK McCATHY
Show Secretary	STEVE WALLIS
Asst. Show Secretary	RICHARD WILSON
Canteen	MICK MACATHY

Committee:
Dick Lathief, Ted Papandreas, Steve
Roberts

**Meetings held on the third Friday of
the month at 7.30pm at Heath Park
Hall – Rusholme Avenue – Dagenham
– Essex RM10 7PR**

**Committee Members meetings
Would Officers and Committee
Members please attend these
monthly meetings starting from
7.30pm on every meeting night.**

**Subscription rates for the calendar
year 2017**

**Single £10.00
Couples £10.00 Juniors Free.**

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Forthcoming Meetings

- 17th Feb 2017** Discussion on possible change of date for Open Show in December.
- 18th Mar 2017** Cock Show – 1st Show in Club Show League
- 15th Apr 2017** Bring & Buy Sale
- 19th May 2017** Talk on Owls (TBC by Fran)
- 16th Jun 2017** TBC
- 21st Jul 2017** Quiz Night
- 18th Aug 2017** Planning Night for Open Show plus free Money Draw
- 15th Sep 2017** Any Bird Show – 2nd Show in Club Show League
- 20th Oct 2017** Pairs Show – 3rd Show in Club Show League
- 17th Nov 2017** Young Stock Show
- 15th Dec 2017** Free Christmas Hamper Draw & Buffet Night

January 2017 Meeting

This was our 2017 AGM, with a fair attendance from Members, the meeting was opened by Club Secretary Richard Wilson who thanked the Committee and Members for their help throughout 2016.

2016 had its highs and lows, from the introduction of our Members Show League and staging a successful Open Show in December to the sad loss of two fantastic members Brett Mason & Phil Heath.

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Peter De Cort then gave his Treasurer's Report which the Members read and agreed. The Club is very financially healthy with just short of £4000 in its Bank account and cash in hand, this has been helped by Vista Workspace Solutions being our sponsor. All Committee Members then stood down from their posts so that a new Committee could be elected.

Your new Committee is as follows:-

President - PETER DE CORT
Chairman - MICK McCATHY
Secretary - RICHARD WILSON
Treasurer - PETER DE CORT
Publicity & Raffle - BARRY & VAL
Show Manager - TONY STUBBS
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Committee:

DICK LATHIEF, TED PAPANDREAS, STEVE ROBERTS.

After much debate the Members then agreed the activities for this year's meeting nights. The following was agreed :-

February – Meeting to discuss the possible change of date for our Open show in December.

March – Cock Show, the first show of our Dagenham CBS show league.

April – Bring & Buy Sale.

May – Talk on Owls (TBC by Fran)

June – TBC

July – Quiz Night

August – Planning night for Open Show, plus free money draw.

September – Any Bird Show, 2nd show of the Show League.

October – Pairs Show. 3rd show of the Show League.

November – Young Stock Show.

December – Free Christmas Hamper draw & Buffet night.

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The Members discussed bringing the Open Show forward to Saturday 9th December or Sunday 10th December as it was felt that the 2016 Open Show was too close to Christmas, Richard will check dates of other shows and report back to the members at our February meeting for a decision.

It was brought to the attention of the members that the hall has changed ownership, which now means that our rent has more than doubled for the year, they have also imposed the following rules: –

- No Smoking or Vaping inside or within 1.5 meters outside of the hall or a £100 fine to the Club.
- All furniture must be put away after use and all floors swept and hall left clean after use.
- No vehicles to be parked on the forecourt in front of entrance or in the bus stop.
- No Alcoholic/glass bottled drinks are to be taken into the halls.
- Our hire start time for meeting nights is 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

We have written an email to the new owners with regards to the above and are awaiting a reply.

We have also written a letter the Chief Executive at the local council in regards to the rent increase, there has been no reply at the time of writing this newsletter.

It was suggested that we should increase our subscription for membership to the Club in 2018 to £15.00 for singles and partnerships, Juniors will stay free and this was agreed by all attending members.

The Club is looking to lay on a coach to either Stafford or Newark this year, Richard is gathering information and prices and will update the members at the next meeting.

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We also talked about how we can increase our Membership, and how the Members should try harder to encourage people they know who have an interest in the hobby to join the Club. Dagenham CBS is a special Club with lots to offer, don't let it become like some of our other local Clubs that struggle to get 10 people to their meeting nights, once these Clubs close their doors to their Members, that will be them finished, no more bird club, nowhere to go and share your hobby with likeminded people.

Apologues to Bill Wallis who donated shields for the Open Show which we failed to present to the winners on the day, however luckily Bill won a couple of them and the others have now been given out, we will get it right this year.

A big thank you to Mick McCathy who will donate tea, coffee, milk, sugar and cakes at the tea bar for all meeting nights in 2017 which will help club funds.

February's newsletter will be the last one sent out to members that have not paid their 2017 subscription.

Treasurers Monthly Report for December 2016

Number of Members present – 17

Raffle made – £43.00

Tea Bar made – £13.50

New members – 0

Donations - £200.00

£100.00 from Leon Schaller & Son Ltd (Vista's Landlord)

£100.00 from Stuart Maurice Accountants (Vista's Accountants)

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February 2017 Meeting

This meeting we will discuss and confirm if we are moving the date of our Open Show, talk about our possible coach trip, update on the hall and the management team that are now in charge.

Dates for Your Diary

Stafford – Sunday 5th March 2017

Newark – Sunday 9th April 2017

Newark – Sunday 5th November 2017

Parrot Society Shows

Summer Show - Sunday 2nd July 2017

National exhibition – Sunday 8th October 2017

Help Bird Keepers Show – Sunday 3rd December

25th Gouden Ring Show 2nd – 3rd December 2017

Club Website

If you have any information about the Club, news, items for sale, stories to tell, let Richard know and he can put them on the website for everyone to see. Over the years we have lost much of our history but once it has been entered on to our website it can never be lost again.

www.dagenhamcbs.com

If you don't do computers, ask a family member or friend to show you the Club's website. Most of you are on there for the rest of the world to see, so why not see it for yourself, after all your making history!

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