DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER MAY 2016



NEXT MEETING ~ FRIDAY 20th MAY 2016 <u>MEMBERS PANEL EVENING</u>

Talking about their birds and set-ups
Phil Heath – Norwich Canarys
Paul Cimbruzzi – Gloster Canarys
Linda O'Malley – Foreign Birds
Colin Cummings – Greenfinches & British

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Meetings held on the third Friday of the month at 8pm 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 2016

Single £10.00

Couples £10.00 Juniors Free.

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Forthcoming Meetings

20th May Members' Panel Evening by Phil, Linda, Paul & Colin

17th **June** Talk by Vet William Lewis (TBC by James)

15th July Quiz Night & Open evening

19th **Aug** Discussion regarding the Open Show, (Special Free Entry

Money Raffle £50.00+)

16th **Sept** Pairs Show (2nd league show, points awarded)

21st **Oct** Any Bird Show (3rd & Final League Show, Points Awarded)

18th Nov Young Stock Show.

16th Dec Food & Wine & Xmas raffle, Preparation for staging the

open show

17th Dec Open Show 2016

20th Jan 2017 AGM

April 2016 Meeting

This was our Bring and Buy Sale and what a great night it was for everyone who attended. A big thank you to everyone who donated items and also the buyers who reached deep into their pockets to buy some good quality used items.

'Sotheby's' at Dagenham CBS

Towards the end of the evening, and once all purchases had been made, our resident auctioneers Richard & James started to auction off any unwanted items not already sold.

The buy of the night went to Steve Wallis who purchased two cock Norwich Canaries, both in show cages for £5.00 each, these were donated by Phil Heath who kindly gave the full sale price to the club.

We also had a Silver Cock Redpoll purchased by Mike (Smudge) Smith for £5.00 which was donated to the club by new member Mark Smithson.

It was nice to see the hall filled with members having a good time and raising money for the club while grabbing a bargain along the way.

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Treasurers Monthly Report for April 2016

Bring & Buy Sale - £94.00 Number of members present – 36 Raffle made – £86.00 Tea Bar made – £27.00 New members – 3 Donations - £0.00

A warm welcome to our new members -

Mr Scott Wall from Enfield Mr & Mrs Stubbs from East Ham Mr Mark Smithson from Harlow

Forthcoming May 2016 Meeting

We had hoped to get William Lewis a local veterinarian to come to the club to give us a talk on bird diseases, illnesses and treatments but unfortunately Richard, Val, Barry & Fran have all tried to make contact and have left messages to try and arrange for William to attend our May meeting night with no luck. So, we have brought forward our June meeting, Members Panel Evening, we will now look to have a Vet booked for our June meeting night.

Members Panel Evening

Thank you to the panel who have volunteered, Phil Heath – Norwich Canary's Paul Cimbruzzi – Gloster Canary's, Linda O'Malley – Foreign Birds and Colin Cummings – British birds.

The panel have many years' experience of keeping, breeding and showing birds at a very high level and will be telling us their ideas and how they do it. They will be talking about the birds they keep, set up's, feeding, breeding and showing standards of their chosen species. Hopefully they may be able to bring with them some of their birds as examples if their breeding plans allow.

So please come and support your club and ask the panel any questions you may have, we will also have another fantastic selection of raffle prizes and of course Brett & Dick in our Michelin Star Tea Hut.

The Club's Website

We visited the Valance House archive collection in Dagenham to hopefully regain some of the club's lost history. Once it is retrieved it will be placed onto the Club's website www.dagenhamcbs.com once placed on the website it will be impossible for it to be lost ever again.

We are aware that not all members have internet access or may not up to speed when it comes to computers, so each month we will include pictures, articles or news that we have managed to find regarding the history of the club.

At Valence house we found the archive manuals for the Barking & Dagenham Post Newspaper. As you may know Dagenham CBS used to have a marque at the Dagenham Town Show every year to hold a bird show from 1951 to around the early 1980s and the show schedules were printed in the Dagenham Town Show program up until the late 1970's. From then onwards the club had just an advert.

We have found most of the programs for this period, each program shows who the Club Secretary was for that year and the show schedule.

In 1951 there was only 45 classes but by 1969 there was 137 classes.

CAGE BIRD SECTION

Staged by the Dagenham Cage Bird Society and the Romford and District Cage Bird Society.

This is the second occasion on which Cage Birds have been seen in the Three Towns Show.

The colourful display of many varieties of Budgerigars and Canaries together with a number of our native British Finches and Foreign Birds of exotic beauty, shows what a pleasing addition they can make to any home or garden.

The Stewards and Officials will be pleased to offer any advice on all aspects of bird-keeping in cage or aviary.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Champion

Novice

Above is an extract from the 1951 program and at this point it was the Three Towns Show (joint show for Romford, Dagenham & Hornchurch) and was held this year in Central Park, Dagenham.

The program shows that the marquee was organised by Dagenham CBS in

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partnership with the Romford & District Cage Bird Society. The Club Secretary in 1951 was a Founder Member, Mr E Chester of Church Elm Lane, Dagenham.

In 1952, Dagenham 'went it alone' by holding the first ever Dagenham Town Show and the Club continued to organise and show in the Cage Birds marquee which was situated at the back of Dagenham Fire Station throughout the 1950's, adding features such as aviaries and club members offering advice to the public.

Secretaries throughout the 50's were:-

1951 – Mr E Chester, of Church Elm Lane, Dagenham.

1952 – Mr A H Cramphorn, of Fourth Avenue, Romford.

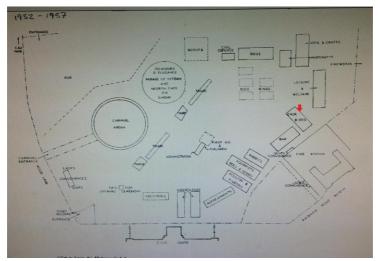
1953 – G W Clark, of Bede Road, Dagenham.

1954 – Mr H Roffe, of Bonham Road, Dagenham

1955 – E Bissenden, of Reede Road, Dagenham.

1956 & 57 - Mr J F Clifford, of Melville Road, Rainham

1958 & 59 Mr & Mrs Roffe, of Bonham Road, Dagenham



(Map showing the layout of the Dagenham Town Show throughout the 1950's)

The Club History

James Bavister has very kindly provided us with his research on the Club's History going back to the 1930's and we will be uploading these and many other items currently being researched onto the website in the near future. So if you have access to the website, keep checking in to learn more about our history.

If you don't have access to the Internet don't worry because many of these great memories will be featured in future newsletters. We are still investigating so if anyone comes across any interesting facts, please let us know.





James came across this picture of a rare solid silver cage bird society medal from Dagenham 1936 Annual Show for Best British. The hallmark is Birmingham 1933 and the medal weighed 16.7g, was in good condition and measured 3.2cms (1.5 inches).

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