

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

**APRIL 2024**



**NEXT MEETING**  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**10am to 2pm**

**SALES DAY**  
(This will be open to the public)

Please see inside for more information

**SALES TABLES AT EVERY MEETING**

**Dagenham and District  
Cage Bird Society  
Meetings held at  
Wantz Hall  
Rainham Road North  
Dagenham, Essex  
RM10 7DX**

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**All Committee Members 2024**

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| President           | PETER DECORT           |
| Vice President      | Vacancy                |
| Chairman            | BARRY JOHNSON          |
| Vice Chairman       | Vacancy                |
| Secretary           | RICHARD WILSON         |
| Asst. Secretary     | Vacancy                |
| Treasurer           | PETER DECORT           |
| Publicity & Raffle  | BARRY & VAL            |
| Newsletter          | BARRY & VAL            |
| Show Manager        | STEVE WALLIS           |
| Asst. Show Managers | LES RIX and DAVE MASON |
| Show Secretary      | GEOFF LOUTH            |
| Trophy Secretary    | LES RIX                |
| Canteen             | FRAN, VAL & BARRY      |

DICK LATHLEIFF, MICK PEGRAM & TED PAPANDREAS

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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**

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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 2024**

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| 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))**

**CAR PARK ENTRY CODE IS 0852# - PLEASE CHECK THE LIGHT TO THE LEFT AS YOU ENTER AND DO NOT ENTER IF THE LIGHT IS FLASHING**

## Forthcoming Meeting Dates

### 2024

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | Sales Day (10am to 2pm) open to the public                          |
| Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May  | Song Bird Competition   |
| Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June | Steve Chennels – Talk on medications                                |
| Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> July | TBC   |
| Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | TBC   |
| Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep  | TBC   |
| Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Club Show League – Second Round – Hen Bird Show                     |
| Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Young Stock Show (10am to 2pm)                                      |
| Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Staging for Open Show (This will be a work team only not a meeting) |
| Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Open / Annual Show (all day)  |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Christmas meeting & Raffle with buffet. (10am to 12pm)              |
| <u>2025</u>               |   |
| Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | AGM   |

### The President's Comments

Nothing from Pete this month

### The Secretary's Comments

**The March meeting** was the first round of the Dagenham CBS Show League, the Cock Bird Show, and what a great turn out it was with 14 Members taking part showing 45 birds in total. The winner with a Red Black Cobalt Canary was Mick Pegram. Well done Mick and congratulations. Thank you also to our judges, John Young and Paul Jupe. There was also a very good turnout of around 45 members & guests to support the show.

The results were as follows:-

**BEST BIRD IN SHOW – Mick Pegram**  
**Best British in Show – Davy Hunt**  
**Best Canary in Show – Mick Pegram**  
**Best Foreign in Show – Wally Scott**

| <b>DAGENHAM CBS SHOW LEAGUE 2024</b> |                            |                    |                  |                     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|                                      | <b>NAME</b>                | <b>Birds Shown</b> | <b>Cock Show</b> | <b>Total Points</b> |
| 1                                    | DAVY HUNT                  | 4                  | 460              | 460                 |
| 2                                    | SHANE EVANS & JAMIE TAYLOR | 4                  | 290              | 290                 |

|    |                     |   |     |     |
|----|---------------------|---|-----|-----|
| 3  | STEVE & BILL WALLIS | 4 | 240 | 240 |
| 4  | RICHARD WILSON      | 4 | 220 | 220 |
| 5  | LIAM ELLIS          | 3 | 205 | 205 |
| 6  | TOM SAGE            | 3 | 205 | 205 |
| 7  | ROGER MACK          | 3 | 195 | 195 |
| 8  | MICK PEGRAM         | 4 | 190 | 190 |
| 9  | STEVE TOOP          | 4 | 175 | 175 |
| 10 | WALLY SCOTT         | 4 | 150 | 150 |
| 11 | JIM GALBALLY        | 2 | 130 | 130 |
| 12 | BRYAN BROWN         | 2 | 25  | 25  |
| 13 | LAURIE BUTLER       | 4 | 20  | 20  |
| 14 | ALAN GREEN          | 1 | 5   | 5   |

### **April's Meeting**

This month's meeting will be a Sales Day open to the public. Details are below.

**If you have not booked a table, please note you will not be allowed into the hall until 11am**

To book a table call or message Jamie on 07999 354911 or Shane on 07376 669333

### **Trade Tables**

Our Club Sponsor Direct Bird Products will have a large stand, please call Shane with any items you want to pre-order so not to be disappointed.

Peter Colin's – Mealworms & Frozen

### **Breeder Tables already booked**

Laurie Butler – 2 x Tables

Davy Hunt – 1 x Table

Phil Perkins 1 x Table

Bryan Brown 1 x Table

Richard Wilson – 1 x Table

Jacob – 2 x Tables

Donna Coleman-Praytor 1 x Table

Jamie Taylor 1 x Table

Sales Day 20<sup>th</sup> April

- Trade stands and breeders' tables available

- Refreshments from 10am
  - Direct Bird Products will be there with a huge selection of items
  - Members' tables – £5 each
  - Non-members' tables – £10 each
  - Members' entrance is free
  - Non- members – £3 per person
  - Membership to the club is £15 per year and runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December
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- Sellers arrive 10am (no trading until 11am)
  - Buyers from 11am
  - Doors close 1.30pm
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- No seed or new plastic equipment to be sold at sale”

### **2024 Show Prize Money Fund**

There were two donations in March

Unclaimed Spot the Member £10.00

Show League entries £45.00

**Minus Show League Cash Prizes £60.00**

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| Dec | Unclaimed prizes (N/A) £60.00<br>Pete Decort donated £40.00<br>Mick Pegram donated £20.00<br>Unclaimed Spot the Member Prize £10.00<br>Barry Scott Robson donated £10.00<br>Richard Wilson donated £20.00<br>Les Rix donated £10.00 |
| Jan | No donations  |
| Feb | Mick Pegram donated £5.00<br>Nigel Breese donated £150.00<br>C&A Raffle £1,190.00<br>Unclaimed Spot the Member Prize £10.00<br>Sales Day door entrance fees £84.00<br>Sales Day Table sales £105.00                                 |

Total so far £1,709.00

Thank you to all who donate to the Club to help generate funds to go towards the prize money for the Club Shows. The amount raised last year was £1,094.50.

### **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. 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 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**

We have another Sponsor this year. Mooro's Events are based in Chigwell, Essex and have agreed to supply 2 bottles of drink for our raffle prizes every month in 2024  
Please see 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](mailto:george@standardlabs.co.uk)

Phone: 01959 573 719

(New Phone No Mar 2024)

#### **Wiltens Pet Centre**

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

Phone: 01268 726 216

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

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

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)

**Latchford Farm Aquatics, Upminster**  
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Phone: 01708 641363

### Items for Sale or Items Wanted

**FOR SALE: Len March** is selling his **collection of bird medals** (see photo below). Most are pre-war and some are from Europe. He would like £100.00 for them and this includes the case. If interested please contact **Len on 07572 516681** (1<sup>st</sup> entry)



## Normal Northern Bullfinches 2023 Bred

**Paul Jupe** has two pairs of Normal Northern Bullfinches 2023 bred, all four are siblings. Would anyone like to make a straight swap, ck bird for ck bird and a hen bird for a hen bird. Contact Paul on 07891 517797

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 the “For Sale” or “Items Wanted” 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 March 2024

|              |         |                         |    |
|--------------|---------|-------------------------|----|
| Raffle made  | £130.00 | Current Members present | 40 |
| Tea Bar made | £70.50  | Guests                  | 1  |
| Donations:   | 0.00    | New / Returning Members | 4  |

### Raffle

One of our new Members, **Liam Ellis**, won the £50.00 from this month's Raffle

**Our thanks to Vista Workspace Solutions  
for their sponsorship and the raffle prizes  
Thank you also to Les Rix for standing in for Barry  
and organising the raffle this month**

There was no Club Seed Raffle this month

### New and Returning Members

We had four new Members at the March Meeting  
Welcome to

**Selvon Dindyal, Liam Ellis, Brian Martin and Tom Sage**  
Selvon has joined in partnership with Kelvin Samuel

### 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 Group Page** – We now have 567 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.**

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.

### **Best Wishes**

We understand that **Sid Aldis**, **Steve Newman** and **Kelvin Samuel** have all recently been unwell. We send them and also **Glenn Lewingdon** our best wishes and look forward to seeing them at the Club.

### **"Going Light"** **An article by Jim Galbally**

Going light can be the bane of the bird breeder, particularly those of us that breed British Finches. What we know as "going light" is not in itself a disease, but a symptom of any number of diseases. Sick or injured birds often show their stress by lethargy, puffing up their feathers, eye squinting and lack of fear from predators.

In wild birds a disease known as Trichomoniasis (fat finch disease) is causing concern, particularly among Greenfinch and Chaffinch populations. The disease is neither viral nor bacterial, but is caused by a parasite, Trichomonas Gallinae. This bug is transmitted by infected parents feeding chicks or through contaminated garden bird feeders. This disease mainly affects the mouth, throat and nasal areas. In Pigeons it's known as canker.

Going light in captive birds, particularly British Finches, is more likely to be caused by a protozoa parasite called coccidia. The disease is known as

coccidiosis. The classic symptoms are similar to “fat finch disease”. This organism mainly affects the digestive system.

Although the bird may look “fat”, on closer inspection you will find a very light bird, with a pronounced razor sharp breast bone. This is the result of the infected bird burning up its own body tissue in an effort to keep warm. Adults often carry protozoa in their gut with no ill effects, although the organisms can multiply under stressful conditions, such as the moult, causing problems. Chicks and juveniles have an undeveloped immune system and are unable to cope with large numbers of the parasites. The disease is passed on through parents regurgitating food for the chicks, and contaminated food and water. Droppings are also a problem. Once in the bloodstream, these parasites cause liver damage, and although the birds spend much of their time eating, they will inevitably lose weight and die.

The condition can be treated if caught early, but prevention is better than cure. In the past we used a range of sulphur drugs to treat the condition. Nowadays there are a wide range of treatments on the market. My preferred treatment is Toltrazluril, which is the active ingredient found in Baycox. It is more expensive than Harkers Coxid, Easicox or Acox, but I’ve found these cheaper versions have little or no effect.

### **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.

As last month’s prize was unclaimed it was donated to the Club’s Prize Money Fund



## Nigel Breese

I attended Nigel Breese's funeral on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at Weeley Crematorium in Clacton. It was a beautiful service arranged by Nigel's wife Julie who was supported by family & friends. Julie thanked the club for the beautiful flowers that we sent. RIP Nigel. Richard



## 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 2024 subs to Pete (details at the front of the Newsletter)

**Cheques should be made payable to  
Dagenham and District Cage Bird Society**

Single – £15.00.....Partnership – £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 Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> December otherwise another ticket will be picked until a winner is declared.

The usual monthly raffle will also take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, with its £50.00 cash prize plus other prizes as normal.



## Bird Keepers Association

This year's remaining Sales Days are 28<sup>th</sup> April, 23<sup>rd</sup> June,  
15<sup>th</sup> September and 17<sup>th</sup> November

Venue: Cowdray Hall, West Thurrock, RM20 3JE

Further information relating to the BKA and their Sales Days can be  
obtained from Malcolm Thornton via the website [www.bkauk.org.uk](http://www.bkauk.org.uk)  
or by e-mailing [info@bkauk.org.uk](mailto:info@bkauk.org.uk)

Some Photos from last month's Meeting  
Thank you to Steve Wallis for standing in for Barry  
and taking the photos this month









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## 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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