

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024



NEXT MEETING
Saturday 18th May 2024
10am to 12pm

SONG BIRD COMPETITION
To be judged by the Members

Please 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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Trophy Secretary	LES RIX
Canteen	FRAN, VAL & BARRY

DICK LATHLEIFF, MICK PEGRAM & TED PAPANDREAS

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 2024

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

2024

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

2025

Sat 18 th Jan	AGM
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The President's Comments

At our last Sales Day we had a marvellous day with many sales tables with many species of birds and equipment.

I know these are only my thoughts, but could we not have two sales days, close together, but one in early Spring and one after the moult when there should be plenty of birds for sale when people sell off the birds they will not be using in the next breeding season? Surely this would bring in more people looking for birds for their next breeding season.

Notes: On looking at our Newsletter re: do's and don'ts for the Sales Day, I noticed the last paragraph said "No Seed or Plastic Equipment". Surely this is wrong. You are more or less saying our biggest Sponsor cannot be there to sell his seed and some plastic equipment!

Also, another Member cannot sell his plastic cages or other plastic and I believe someone else was also selling plastic nest boxes.

I think that paragraph should be re-worded or removed completely.

Perhaps we could have another Sales Day this year in September. Or, perhaps re-arrange our Hen Bird Show to September and go with a Sales Day in October when, hopefully, the moult should be over.

If anyone agrees, perhaps we could talk about this at our next Meeting.

Also, I noticed, that many Members were in the Hall way before time. Before our next Sales Day I would like to see it made clear that only those helping out on the day will be allowed in the Hall before the appropriate time.

What I have said is not said to make light of all that's done to try and help with the day's events.

However, once again, may I praise all those that arrange the Sales Days and all those that help get it ready and clear up after.

The Secretary's Comments

April was our second & final Bird Sale of 2024. There were lots of people in attendance and a nice buzz around the room. Well done and thank you to Jamie Taylor and Shane Evans, our sale managers, who liaised with the sellers and did lots of advertising running up to the sale. These sales give the members a chance to sell their stock or equipment and buyers to find that missing bird they need before the breeding season.

May's Meeting

Our next Meeting is on the 18th May and will be the Song Bird Competition with the winner being chosen by the Members.

This will be the fifth time Dagenham CBS has held the Song Bird Competition and the rules are simple. So whether you like the field song of a Goldfinch, the vocal power of the Canary, Mule or Green Singing Finch, or maybe the chatter of the Zebra Finch or Budgie, there will be something for you. Everyone has a favourite.

Members can enter as many birds as they like (£1.00 per bird). Birds can be in any suitable cage (it doesn't need to be a show cage). Each bird will be given a number and placed on the staging.

We can then all sit down and have a cup of tea and something to eat and talk about how the breeding season is going so far while all the birds are singing away.

At the end of the Meeting all Members present will be able to vote on which bird's song they liked the best and the winning bird will receive a rosette and a £20 cash prize.

2024 Show Prize Money Fund

There were two donations in April
Sales Day – Door entrance fees £78.00
Sales Day – Table sales £110.00

Dec Unclaimed prizes (N/A) £60.00
 Pete Decort donated £40.00
 Mick Pegram donated £20.00
 Unclaimed Spot the Member Prize £10.00
 Barry Scott Robson donated £10.00
 Richard Wilson donated £20.00
 Les Rix donated £10.00

Jan No donations

Feb Mick Pegram donated £5.00
 Nigel Breese donated £150.00
 C&A Raffle £1,190.00
 Unclaimed Spot the Member Prize £10.00
 Sales Day door entrance fees £84.00
 Sales Day Table sales £105.00

Mar Unclaimed Spot the Member £10.00
 Show League entries £45.00
 Minus Show League Cash Prizes £60.00

Total so far £1,897.00

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 For all rings call Richard Lumley on 01653 697565
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, 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

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

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Contact George Weeks

E-Mail: george@standardlabs.co.uk

Phone: 01959 573 719

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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

Phone 01708 472172 or

07882 951 578 (Mobile)

www.dgpestcontrol.co.uk

Latchford Farm Aquatics, Upminster

Bird, Fish and pet supplies

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** (2nd entry)



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 (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 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 April 2024

Raffle made	£148.00	Current Members present	53
Tea Bar made	£133.10	Guests	26
Donations:		Plus Traders – not counted	
Mick Pegram	£4.00	New / Returning Members	5

Raffle

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

There was no Members' £50.00 or Club Seed Raffle this month

New and Returning Members

We had five new Members at the April Meeting

Welcome to **Patrick Arnold**

Oliver Balaam who keeps Budgies, Canaries & Finches

Anthony Clarke who keeps Harz Rollers

Michael Spooner who keeps British & Norwich and

Stewart Whiting who keeps small British Softbills

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 588 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.

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. Last month's winner was Roger Mignot.



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

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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. 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 14th December otherwise another ticket will be picked until a winner is declared.

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

Bird Keepers Association

This year's remaining Sales Days are 23rd June,
15th September and 17th 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 or by e-mailing info@bkauk.org.uk

Some Photos from last month's Meeting











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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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