

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024



NEXT MEETING
Saturday 21st September
10am to 12pm

Jason Jermy
Softbills & Show Cage Decoration

Please see inside for more information

SALES TABLES AT EVERY MEETING

**Dagenham and District
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Meetings held at
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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 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 21 st Sep	Jason Jermy - A talk on Softbills & Show Cage Decoration
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

Once again we had a very good turnout of Members last month. It was slightly down on previous Meetings but what a happy crowd they made sitting together and having a chat before our speaker stepped up to give his talk.

Steve started by saying what he was going to talk about was in four parts. He spoke about inbreeding and the do's and don'ts. He said the main part was to breed brother to sister and visa versa and not to deviate from this plan. He was asked many questions to which he had the answers.

We had a break for tea and I spoke to Steve about inter-breeding. He said he had much more to say, as he had been on this journey for 20 to 30 years. So, if we wanted, he would come back again in the future and carry on with his talk. Steve was given a nice round of applause at the end of his talk.

Next month, Barry & Fran will not be at the Meeting so Val and I will need a bit of help. Les has already said that he will do the raffle, so we just need someone to take a few photos. Also, there will be no hot food that morning, but Val will be doing ham and cheese rolls and cakes.

Over the past few months I have had some Members come up to me and ask why we never have any meetings at all to discuss things that could be beneficial to the running of our Club. So, on their behalf I will ask the things they want to know.

- Firstly, why at our Shows is there not a rotation round the hall regarding positions of sections?

- Another question is regarding Best in Show. Instead of the usual debate between Judges could it not be decided on a points system?
- Or could Best in Show be scrapped and have just Best in Sections?

So, would it be possible to have an open meeting to discuss these ideas and any other matters which the Members would like to see or talk about?

I have recently been trying to get in touch with one of our old Members, Beryl Blake. Beryl was until recently one of our oldest Members, so if anyone can help me, I would be obliged.

This also applies to Mick MCarthy. The last I heard he was in an Old People's Home.

A couple of times lately I have seen a Member sitting on his own. When you see this why not go over and introduce yourself, as some new Members do not always know others at the Club.

It was nice to hear it was Ted Papandreas's 88th birthday. I think Ted is our oldest Member. All those present wished Ted all the best.

Ted and his granddaughter Emily



The Secretary's Comments

Last month's meeting was a talk by Steve Chennells regarding Inbreeding. It was very interesting and a real eye opener. There are 8 steps to this process. Steve covered the first 4 steps and just touched on step 5 before we ran out of time. Steve will be back early next year to complete this talk.

Steve is also going to write up the 4 seasons, the first is under the "Members' Info" section below.

A big thank you to Phil Perkins for repairing the brackets on the show staging shelves.

It's very important, when erecting the show staging, that the shelves are slotted on to the uprights before fixing the stabilizing bar between the uprights. If you put the stabilizing bar on first the shelves bend, which puts pressure on the brackets and they pop off.

August's Meeting

At the August club meeting, we discussed the advantages and disadvantages of Inbreeding, Steps 1 to 4 of the Foundation Stage of Inbreeding to stage 4 Cloning.

In the December issue of the club newsletter (space providing) I will reiterate what was said in the August meeting and at the February 2025 meeting I will discuss Linebreeding and the three line solution that offsets inbreeding depression, stage 5 though to 8 of the breeding program, with diagrams to help visualise what is being said. Steve Chennells

September's Meeting

At September's Meeting we have Jason Jermy who will be giving a talk on Softbills and Show Cage Decoration.

2024 Show Prize Money Fund

There was one donation in August:
Sales from items Glenn Lewingdon donated £12.00.

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 Prize £10.00
	Show League entries £45.00
	Minus Show League Cash Prizes £60.00
April	Sales Day – Door entrance fees £78.00
	Sales Day – Table sales £110.00
May	Song Bird Competition entries £17.00
	Minus prize money £20.00
June	Pete Decort donated £20.00
	Unclaimed Spot the Member Prize £10.00
July	Richard Wilson donated £25.00
	Sales from items Glenn Lewingdon donated £26.00.

Total so far £1,987.00

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

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

NEW ENTRY THIS MONTH

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

Team Dagenham

The BBC (British Bird Council) has invited Dagenham to become an affiliated member. The affiliated members are made up of all but one of the specialist British Bird and mule clubs in the country. We are the first CBS to be invited and we will have two delegates, Davy Hunt and myself, who will be present at all their meetings, discussing the future in the British bird hobby. We will liaise between our British Bird keepers/members at Dagenham and the BBC regarding all aspects of our hobby including show standards and rules.

Richard Wilson

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

Phone: 01959 573 719

(New Phone No Mar 2024)

Wiltons Pet Centre

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

Phone: 01268 726 216

**Gladwells Pet & Country Store
(Copdock Mill)**

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

St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 3PB

Phone: 01708 641363

Bird, Fish and pet supplies

Items for Sale or Items Wanted

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.

For Sale – A former Member, **Brian**, who lives in Dagenham, has mentioned to Pete, that he has some Cockatiels and Budgies for sale. If anyone is interested please contact **Brian** on **07712 101 394** (1st entry)

Wanted - **Donna & Karen** are looking for **Red Agates** and **Red Mosaics**. If you can help, please contact **Donna** on **07984 226 534B** (2nd entry)

Wanted – **Barry** is looking for an **elderly Hen Greenfinch** to keep his lonely Male Greenfinch company. Can anyone help please? If so, please contact **Barry** on **07516 091 070** (2nd entry)

Wanted – **Alan Green** is looking for some **Fife Canary Cages**. If you can help, please contact **Alan** on **0208 697 0885** (2nd entry)

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 2024

Raffle made	£117.00	Current Members present	31
Tea Bar made	£67.40	Guests	2
Donations:-		New / Returning Members	1
John Emms donated	£20.00		
Unclaimed Spot the Member	£10.00		

Raffle

Phil Perkins won the £50.00 from this month's raffle

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

Les Rix won the Club Members' Seed Raffle

New and Returning Members

We had one new Member at the August Meeting

Welcome to

Ella Wilcox-Smith who keeps Budgies

Our Club Membership is currently 111 made up as to
83 Single Members, 12 Partnerships (24 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 627 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.

John Emms

Barry has been in touch with John Emms who has been unable to come to the Club recently as his wife has been unwell. We would like to thank John for continuing to support the Club by his donation of £20.00 for Club

Funds, plus £10.00 for raffle tickets. So on behalf of the Members; we wish his wife, Joyce, all the best for a speedy recovery and hope that they will both soon be able to return to the Club.

Travel assistance required please

Can anyone help Len March and Alan Short to continue to come to the Club as neither of them drive and they will no longer be able to get their usual lift? Both live in Southend. Len is in Shoeburyness (SS3 9HU) and Alan is in Great Wakering (SS3 0BJ) but they can travel to a convenient pick-up point. **If anyone thinks they might be able to help, can you please ring Len on 01702 293 053 or Alan on 07927 454 412**

Len March

Thank you to Len for providing the following article

Understanding Coccidiosis

By Peter J. Brown Aka The Chicken Doctor

First State Veterinary Supply

Coccidiosis is one of the least understood of all Avian Diseases. The key to controlling Coccidiosis is to be on a control program that will keep the disease under control, yet allow sufficient natural immunity to develop. Because the oocysts that cause Coccidiosis are present everywhere, it is virtually impossible to be free of this disease.

Coccidiosis is caused by a Protozoan which is a single celled animal. When the Protozoa multiply in the bird's intestine, infection takes place causing intestinal damage. Cells that line the intestine that are used for digestion and conversion of feed into Amino Acids and other nutrients are destroyed by the ever-multiplying Coccidia. Some species of Coccidia can and do cause severe damage to the Intestinal lining and therefore make it difficult for the bird to absorb the necessary nutrients to nourish its body.

There are at least nine species of Coccidia known to infect Chickens. Every animal is affected by some species of Coccidia. All species of Coccidia are host specific. This means that Coccidia that are capable of infecting Chickens will not infect Turkeys and vice versa. Five of the nine species of Coccidia that infect Chickens can be very aggressive and cause permanent Intestinal damage if not properly controlled. Each of these species resides in a particular section of the Intestines. Eimeria acervulina resides in the upper part of the small intestine and is usually found in birds that are eight weeks of age and older. Eimeria necatrix usually found in

the middle areas of the small intestine and is usually responsible for the intestinal bleeding often seen with Coccidiosis and it usually attacks young birds. *Eimeria tenella* resides in the Cecal tonsil or blind pouches of the Intestine and usually causes what is called Cecal bloody Coccidiosis and is usually found in birds that are between five to eight weeks of age. *Eimeria brunetti* does its damage in the lower small intestine and the Cloaca or rectum of the bird. *Eimeria maxima* causes Intestinal damage in the middle to lower portions of the small Intestine.

Coccidiosis is spread by contaminated feed and droppings from infected birds. The infectious oocysts that cause Coccidiosis can be carried by man, litter, contaminated equipment and free flying birds. The main source of infection is the chickens itself. Birds that are infected with Coccidiosis will pass great number of infectious oocysts in their droppings. Even a bird that has recovered from a Coccidiosis outbreak will remain infectious as they are never really free of the disease. The oocysts are capable under the right conditions of surviving in the soil for periods of one year or longer. The oocysts that cause Coccidiosis thrive in wet surroundings and are easier to control if litter and or the ground is in a drier condition. It takes approximately four to seven days for an infection to take place in the intestines. It takes constant re-exposure to the infectious oocysts in order for immunity to Coccidiosis to develop. Immunity is not permanent nor is it guaranteed for the life of the bird. Immunity depends on constant re-exposure to the infectious oocysts, if re-exposure is not accomplished then immunity will be lost. There is no cross immunity among the different species of *Coccidia*. This means that in order for birds to develop immunity to all nine species of *Coccidia* they would have to be exposed to sufficient numbers of oocysts from all nine species. They would then have to be constantly re-exposed to all nine species of Cocci in order for immunity to be maintained. The severity of a Cocci outbreak will depend upon the numbers of oocysts that are ingested by the birds and their overall health and conditioning.

Controlling Coccidiosis and still allowing immunity to build is accomplished in the following way. Use Amprol/Corid powder in the birds drinking water at the rate of one teaspoon per gallon of water for seven days and 1/8 teaspoon of 3-Nitro-W as well. Then skip twenty-one days and then begin treating with Sulfadimethoxione at the rate of one ounce per two gallons of drinking water for five days. Then skip twenty-one days again and start the treatment all over again beginning with the AmproVCorid and the 3-Nitro-W powder. Continue this program until all birds are five to six months old or until the hens begin laying eggs and then discontinue the program and treat on an as needed basis. It is important to start the Amprol/Corid powder first and then use the Sulfadimethoxine as some species of Cocci

cause intestinal bleeding and the use of Sulfa drugs first, will contribute to the bleeding before it makes the situation better. It is also advisable to add 1/4 teaspoon of VITAMIN E to the water as research shows that VITAMIN E can help shorten the course of a Coccidiosis outbreak. When starting baby chicks, it is important to start this program no later than ten days of age as this disease will kill baby chicks very quickly. Newly developed technology has produced a new Coccidiosis vaccine that is both effective, safe and, affordable. It is really simple to use just mix the vaccine according to the directions that are provided with the vaccine and spray the vaccine on the birds feed that you are feeding for the day. It's that simple. If vaccination was done properly the birds will show mild symptoms of Cocci but should not be overwhelmed by the vaccine and immunity will build from there. No medication should be necessary for the life of the birds.

Some of the symptoms that you may observe during an outbreak of Coccidiosis are as follows: Ruffled feathers, droopy or sleepy-eyed appearance, birds may drop one or both wings, birds may become lethargic and reluctant to move even when prodded. Some birds may show an uncoordinated gate or appear to stagger or walk as though they are trying to step over something when there is nothing in front of them. Some birds may have a chilled appearance as well. There may or may not be blood in the droppings depending upon the species of Cocci that is affecting the birds. Weight loss as well as loss of appetite and mortality may also be observed.

Just a word of caution when using Sulfa drugs. Never use Sulfa drugs for longer than the suggested period of time. Never use two Sulfa drugs at the same time. Always use the proper dose for the drug being used. Always allow three weeks between the use of different Sulfa drugs, never use them back-to-back. The overuse of Sulfa drugs can and will if not properly used cause permanent and irreversible KIDNEY DAMAGE and RENAL SHUTDOWN (kidney failure). Use Sulfa drugs with confidence but with a sense of caution. It will be of value to use some 3-Nitro-W in with the Corid/Amprol powder when treating for Cocci. There is a synergistic effect when the two are used together. Synergistic just means that the ability of the Corid/Amprol powder to fight Coccidiosis will be improved if the two are used together.

Season 1 of 4 – “The Moulting Season”
By Steve Chennells

Moulting season is upon us, what changes should we consider...

This is not a regrowth of feathers, but a complete recycle, the temperature of the bird is going to slightly increase above normal, so it going to run a mild body temperature.

Birds moult is driven by hormonal changes, you will need to lower the protein levels between 12% - 15% at the commence of the moult.

Both energy and protein will cause a bird's body temperature to elevate during digestion; we want to try not to push the body temperature more than it already is.

We're looking for feeds that are less stressful on the digestive tract and the metabolism; this can make a huge difference in helping your birds through the moult.

Water based soluble vitamins with good amino acid content and Lysine, thiamine with addition of softfood will cover most requirements, once the bird's feathers have gone through the recycle process, then you need to give high quality protein feed coming out of the moult which is going to give the best feather growth.

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 otherwise the £10.00 will be donated to the Club.

As last month's prize was unclaimed it donated to the Club's general funds.



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

Shane Evans & Jamie Taylor are now running the BKA
The Sales Days are continuing and the remaining date for this year is
17th November

They are also organising the first BKA Premier All Varieties Show Day
which will take place on Sunday, the 8th December
Venue for all events is Cowdray Hall, West Thurrock, RM20 3JE

Further information relating to the BKA, their
Sales Days and the Show Day can be obtained from
Shane on 07376 669 333 or Jamie 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 last month's Meeting



This Year's Club Sponsors

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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