



# Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

October 2004

Last month **Malcolm Goss** failed to return with a talk on **Catfish**. Seems that there was a breakdown in communications but Roger hopes that we will now have this talk in November as Garry Steptoe regrettably is unable to attend. Roger will collar Malcom at the Dinner on Friday.

This month is of course our **Annual Auction**, which will again be ably conducted by our travelling joint chair Mr Michael Shadrack. A few reminders are required for this meeting:

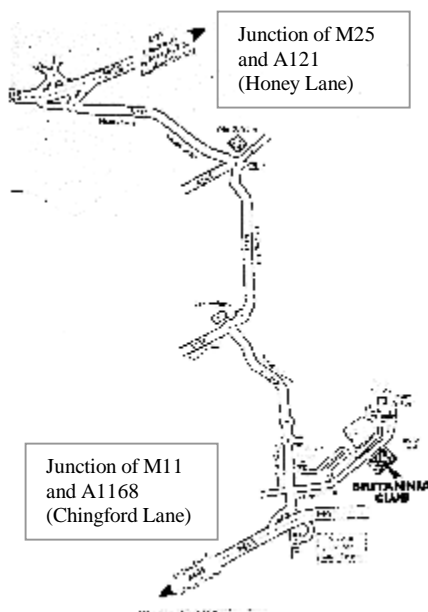
### For Sellers:



- Make sure that fish and plants are securely bagged or in suitable containers.
- If your goods are not being donated then please mark your lots to assist the auctioneer
- The Club will deduct 10% of the sale price (20% non-members) as a commission but you can of course give more if you wish.
- All efforts will be made to pay you on the evening but we do have time constraints and settlement may not be possible until next meeting.

### For Buyers:

- Bring suitable bags or containers to carry home your purchases. I'd recommend a dry towel to wrap around any fish bags (and to mop up any water spill)
- When viewing the lots please ensure that you replace items in their original boxes.
- Bring change – No £20 notes please – and please avoid bidding in 5p stages – it makes for a very slow evening.



### Annual Dinner – 70th Anniversary - 8th October

#### The Britannia Club, Bank of England Sports Ground, Debden

There are now nearly 90 people coming to the dinner so it should be a very good evening. Directions for getting to the venue are shown on the left and are on the back of your tickets. If you are coming and haven't yet got your tickets (or haven't paid for them) we can sort it out on the night. Dinner is a 7:30 so get there for 7:00 if you can.

### Wholesale Tropicals

220 Bethnal green Road, London E2

An evening visit to this excellent aquarium shop has been arranged for the 26<sup>th</sup> of October (members only). If you have not been before it is thoroughly recommended. Full details on Monday.

### New Member

Please welcome Mr A K Sumpter of Wanstead to our ranks.

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## Where have all my Rudd gone?

For weeks a few months ago all of my pond fish were shy of swimming in open water having been scared by a heron but apart from the Orfe who remain a bit skittish they have all regained their confidence and eagerly look for food whenever I approach the pond. Until this weekend that is. The Orfe are out and about with apparently no cares but the Rudd appear to have gone into hiding.

It's possible that the heron has had all 5 of them but I think that unlikely given that no other fish (more easily seen and caught) appear to be missing – so where are they?

Has anyone else's fish gone walkabout?



## Boulogne Aquarium Visit

As we could not get enough interest in a coach party for a day trip across the channel Don has been acting as taxi driver taking groups of three over to France. I believe he made four trips. If you were not one his passengers you missed out. It was well worth a visit as the following may show:



We went via Calais but there is now a direct FAST ferry (pictured) from Dover to Boulogne



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is not published on the web**

See you on Monday

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