



# Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

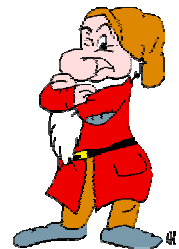
December 2004

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## Meeting Date - Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December

Last month **Malcolm Goss** did return with a talk on **Catfish** but arrived late enough to give our Chair a few palpitations, stressed him so much he could only manage 9 holes the following day.

We also saw the return of a very few Keyholes in the most recent Fry Rearing Competition. We know that one or two people were on holiday and a couple had other commitments but **2** entries out of **14** sets of fry taken away is a really poor show. We owe it to those who are generous enough to donate the fry to make a better effort. Next time round it would be nice to see them **ALL** return.



## Christmas Meeting

### A Letter from America

Mike Shadrack, you remember him don't you, has been asked to give us an insight into what he has been upto in the USA. There will be some fishy content from his involvement with the Niagara Frontier Koi and Pond Club but I suspect that there will be a few shots of slug free hostas

### Book Sale

Ken Bishop has kindly agreed to take over the duties of Club Librarian. He and Don and a few others have been sorting through our collection of tomes selecting those we should keep and those that we can offer to you at giveaway prices. Some may be old and little weather beaten but the info inside is still good. All money raised will be used to purchase some new volumes that individuals might not buy themselves because of cost. Suggestions please for the subjects you want to see.



## Magic Night February 19<sup>th</sup> 2005

Please note the **change of date**. It would seem that Andy of the Ilford Magic Society forgot that there was a Magic Convention in Blackpool the weekend that he had agreed to do a show for us. Fortunately the William Torbitt School were able to arrange a new date for us – **JUST LIKE THAT**

See Roger for your tickets – money with orders please.

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## Bracklesham Bay – October 2005

Places on this residential weekend, fast becoming a must for serious fish keepers in the UK, have almost all gone but you may be lucky. See Jan for more details on dates and how to book.

The show is however open to the public on the Saturday and Sunday and we hope to get either a small coach or arrange a fleet of cars for a club visit. The cars might be better because one day concentrates on coldwater and the other on Tropical. More detail later.

## Home Aquarium and Pond Competition dates 2005

In recent years we have had disappointingly few entries so the judges have been able to get round them all in one day.



## Home Aquarium Competition

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April

## Pond Competition - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June

We would love you to make more work for us so if there are enough entries they will be split into two groups (each with a set of judges) and a second date will be arranged for the judges to visit the best from each group.

**Entries to Don as soon as you like**



## Society Rules

A full set of rules is enclosed (in members newsletters). Please have a look as we may be discussing a change to rule 12 at the next AGM given the dearth of “thriving” societies in our local area – we being it! There is no hurry to change this rule because we hope that the Ilford Society (and at least a few of the current members) will still be here for our Centenary celebrations in 2034

## Membership Contact List

A few more of you have returned the forms sent out last month. I really do need the remainder to respond – even if it is to say that you don’t want any details published. I will only publish the details you authorise and the listing will only go to members.

See you on Monday

Rab

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