



Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

February 2005

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February Meeting – Monday the 7th - **A WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL**

The meeting is earlier than usual because some sub committee of the Council are having a meeting and apparently there are not enough rooms available in the town hall – so they debunk a regular hirer of 30 years standing. **Just who is serving who?** I wonder if some community minded person will bring the problems we have with the car park to their personal attention.

Last month **Gino** gave us part 2 of his Pond Construction / Filtration talk which again was very well received and again showed how eager you all are to learn from an expert. Perhaps we can persuade Gino to start work on a Pond Maintenance diary.



This month Dick Mills on Keeping and Breeding Angels
If the Discus is the King of aquarium fishes then the Angel is undoubtedly the Queen. Always popular with the beginner the Angel is still a challenge for the experienced aquarist.

We will be taking a few minutes to present the annual trophies for the Pond and Home Aquarium competitions postponed from last month because of Cliff's absence. I hear that he is back home and feeling much better.

Speaking of the competitions. This year's dates are:

Aquarium – Sunday 17th April Pond – Sunday 26th June

In recent years we have had disappointingly few entries. I send out over sixty newsletters every month so I assume you all have at least one tank or pond. It is not about winning. We all have different ideas and these competitions are a chance to share and learn from each other's experiences. Lets give the judges some real work this year. Don would like your entries as soon as possible so we can arrange judges.

Hanover 2005

We will have to pay the Hotel deposits this month to ensure reservation of our Hotel rooms so would be obliged by receipt of your next payments of £100 per head. Your final payment, also £100, will be needed in March. All payments to Don: cheques to be made payable to "Ilford Aquarist Society". If you have not yet got a copy of the itinerary then please call Don or myself.



A new programme for 2005 is enclosed

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I don't really have much more this month except to remind you to see Jan as soon as possible if you want to book a place on the Bracklesham Bay weekend. There are only a few places left but you can still attend on day tickets.

The committee spent most of their time at this month's meeting discussing their new toy and what we could do with it. For those that were not at the January meeting – we now have a Digital Projector (I finally gave in and loosened the purse strings). You can now look forward to big screen videos (when speakers don't turn up) and we can make up slide shows from digital cameras that more of us now have – though it will be a while yet before these are as good as slides.

I did however receive an email from Mike with a set of pictures of deep-sea creatures washed up on the beach by the Tsunami disaster in S E Asia. Here is an example (with apologies to the owner of the shot). Its titled "Chimaera pup"



Don't forget: Magic Night February 19th 2005

William Torbitt Junior School, Newbury Park
7.00pm for 7.30pm start

And the Club Meeting is a week **EARLY** on the 7th of February

See you on Monday **Rab**

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