



Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

June 2005

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June Meeting – Monday the 13th

Last month we had our first real opportunity to put our new toy (digital projector) to the test when **Vic Boreham** of the Crouch Valley section of the BKS brought along two videos of his Koi keeping exploits. Some quite amazing filtration systems but I can't help thinking that with a much reduced stocking level, less intensive feeding, and plants in abundance they could have green water like the rest of us.

This month – AGM and Aquarium Competition review



After the business of the AGM the new toy gets its second outing when **Mike Brill** will give a judges report of the Home Aquarium Competition aided by a digital slide show. We took about 150 pictures on the day but have reduced the show to the 36 best shots plus a few from last year so you can see the "improvements".

Fry Rearing

Ken's Cherry Barbs proved to be very popular as 30 bags of fry were taken away. Ken will let us know when he wants your best two brought back.

Pond Competition – Sunday 26th June

Not many entries as yet – please see Don as soon as possible if you want to enter. It was suggested that we revert to two visits – June when marginals are at their best and July when the lilies should be in full flower. The lilies are out so we are **sticking to one visit in June**

Forthcoming Outings

The trip to the gardens of Beth Chatto and Glen Chantry is now planned for Saturday the 18th of June (not the 19th as was originally suggested because Chattos is closed on Sundays). We plan to meet at Glen Chantry at 11.00 a.m. and then go on to Beth Chatto where there are facilities for a picnic lunch. We will arrange car sharing at the June meeting but if you plan to travel in your own transport see the attached map.

Other Events

Also on the 18th of June is the Bristol A.S auction. Roger has the details.



Hanover 2005

Despite problems totally outside of our control the trip was (I think) a great success and two of the travellers are putting together a lighthearted report for next month's newsletter. A few members brought fish back and they all survived the trip, the fish did too!

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Europe 2006

Despite saying that he did not want to organise any more trips Mr Taylor presented the Hanover coach party with two ideas for next year before we even got to Harwich! The majority appeared to favour a cruise from Amsterdam to Rotterdam and Antwerp. This gives us a few logistical problems in the travel arrangements and will be a bit more expensive than previous trips BUT you will save on eating out, as all meals are included. Overall the cost should not be too different – unless you always eat at McDonalds. More detail at the AGM.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome back **Laurie Lewis** who was encouraged to rejoin the club after his son joined last month. When was this taken Laurie?



We are also very pleased to welcome **Margaret Morris** who has been a very good friend of the society for many years and is an active member of the Bowls club whose support has been invaluable to the success of our European trips.



Apologies to Keith Winch who asked me to put something in the newsletter a couple of months ago. I seem to have lost the paper you gave me.

See you on Monday

Rab

Margaret Walters

A memorial ceremony is to be held on the 14th of July at Gillwell Park. The club will make a donation to the Woodland Trust – a gift of trees – as a living memorial. A collection will be made at the AGM meeting.



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Berlin Zoo Aquarium

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