



Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

November 2005

November Meeting – Monday the 14th

Apologies. I am late doing this letter (busy time at work) and only have time for a few quick notes and thank you's. Hopefully back to the normal drivel next month.

Last month **Mike Shadrack** our in house auctioneer ably used his skills to part you and our guests from their cash raising some £229.00 for club funds. Thanks must also go to the runners, David Stock and Keith Winch and Ray Downer for helping me to keep track of the sales and to our Honorary Vice President Geoff Wade, whose tanks we raided for many of the fish sold.

The **Festival of Fishkeeping Weekend** took place last month and Ilford was well represented. This is becoming a very popular event, so if you want to go next year get your booking in early. Jan will have details of the 2006 show as soon as they are released.

Len Smith and Keith Winch flew the flag for the Society by attending a "Join a Club" day in Ilford last month organised I believe by the Arts Council.

This Month - Gary Steptoe – Fish I have kept since I was eight years old

No. Gary has not got any 40-year-old neon tetras. I rather think he is going to talk about the many species of fish he has kept and bred over the years with no doubt a few references to how the hobby has (and continues) changed since he was a lad.

Social Calendar

Saturday 14th January 2006 – Club Dinner

Ye Olde King's Head Chigwell

Len and Roger have arranged this year's repast. Time is short so please return your forms with cash or cheque as soon as possible. At the moment our hosts have quoted for a two-course meal but I will contact them in the next week to try to get us a three-course menu. Tickets are a fixed price of £20.00. The Club will cover the room hire.

Saturday 18th February 2006 – Old Tyme Musical Hall Evening

The William Torbitt Primary School Ilford 7.30pm

£10.00 including Fish or Chicken meal (Vegetarian option also available)

The entertainers, whose troupe name I can't find in my notes, do their thing for charity so a sizeable donation will be made from your ticket money. A ticket request is enclosed which should be given to Roger with your cheque or Cash as soon as possible.

Roger has a full programme booked up to August next year and I will print a new programme list for January.

See you on Monday the 14th

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