



# Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

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## February Meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Last Month Ken Wrightson kicked off the New Year with a talk on breeding fish, which appropriately followed the presentation of our annual breeder's trophy. Congratulations to Dudley Turner who took first prize and to Ken, Frank Keeping and Bill Baker. I might have missed it while I was setting up the equipment but I can't recall our being told what fish these 4 were breeding. I'm sure that it would interest the members so I will find out for next month.

Also last month 40 of us had a very pleasant evening in Ye Olde King's Head in Chigwell at the club's annual dinner handsomely arranged by Roger and Len. The next dinner is being arranged for this November – it's traditional month when it used to be the reward for the efforts made in staging our annual show in October. The move back to November will we hope encourage better attendance as it won't be following close on the heels of Christmas and New Year celebrations. The Social Committee would welcome suggestions for a venue.



Our friends from the Bowls Club



This month **Paul Mills**, from Wildwoods, is coming along to chat to us about Pond plants. Always a popular subject as we all want to know what will grow in our holes in the ground and what it will look like 6 months after we have bought the straggly thing in a pot. What I want to know is how do you get rid of frogbit (other than giving it to a friend!)

We are planning another round of shop visits in March. This time the Crews Hill area of Enfield is the target and one of the emporiums will be Wildwoods. Ken will announce the date at the February meeting.

The March meeting is on Marines and will judge the most recent fry rearing competition so bring back your best two black ~~phantoms~~ widows to that meeting.

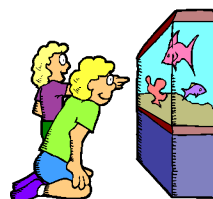
Also in March we have the **Olde Tyme Music Hall** evening (on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>). The Players are not charging a fee but expect us to make a generous donation to Charity and this we intend to do BUT we need to sell more tickets if it is going to be worthwhile. At the moment we will barely be covering costs so get your tickets NOW. Invite your friends and family for what in the past have been very enjoyable evenings. There will be a raffle with some very decent prizes (not our usual Tesco wine – but that is another discussion). Tickets are £10.00 including supper.



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**The Home Aquarium Competition** is on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> April and so far there are very few entries. Even if your tank is a mess now you have plenty of time to put it right before the judges call so get your entries to Cliff Tayler as soon as possible so that we can arrange judges. Please don't deny them their annual outing.

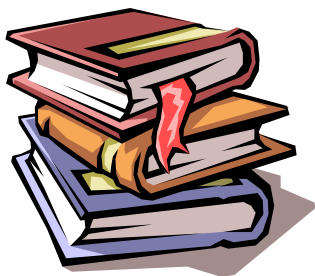


Roger Saltrick has received an invitation for our members to attend the May meeting of the **Goldfish Society of Great Britain** when Inspectors from the Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture are speaking about their research in relation to ornamental fish and will be outlining how goldfish keepers can assist them with essential research into the killer Goldfish Herpes Virus Cy HV-2. The meeting is on May 20<sup>th</sup> at The London City YMCA, Errol Street London EC1.

**The 2006 Festival of Fishkeeping** is to be held the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of October at its new venue Haling Island. Quite a number of members attended the 2005 event, sponsored by Rolf C. Hagen, which was hailed as "A supreme' combination of serious fishkeeping and light-hearted socializing; The best aquatic event of the year". Please see our FBAS representative, Jan Benson, for more details

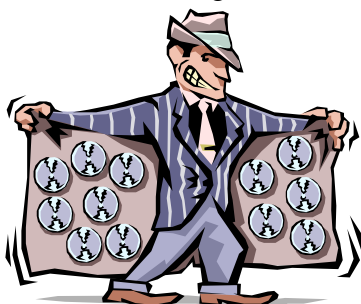
### **The Club Library and Club Shop**

The committee was informed last month that regrettably one key member will shortly have to give up his role and a second may have to. So we are looking for two more members to take up the reins.



Ken Bishop is moving house and will no longer have the space to store our Library. The job is not too onerous because the system has changed and the incumbent no longer has to lug all the books to each meeting. All they need is some (dry) space to store the books (4 small crates) and be able to take telephone or email requests to bring particular volumes to the next meeting. Ken has a list of all available titles and a record system to keep track of who has each book, video or DVD.

Barry, our shop manager, may have to give up his role in the summer and has warned us now to give us time to make alternative arrangement because his is a more demanding role. The incumbent needs: space (again dry) to store the goods, transport to collect goods from the wholesaler and to get them to meetings, time during normal work hours to get to the wholesaler and of course some inkling on how to keep the



books. If we are unable to find someone willing and able to take this on we might have to consider axing the facility. This would be a shame and will hurt all our pockets because as well as giving you the opportunity to obtain dry goods and equipment at discounted prices it manages to generate a nice little profit that helps to cover some of our other costs. Without it you will pay more in the shops and likely more in club subscriptions.



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If anyone is interested in joining the committee we would be pleased to hear from you. Even if you are not able to undertake these roles you may be able to cover some other function releasing one of the current committee to take on the shop or library.

Please all think about this.

On a lighter note, following my plea for articles last month I have received two submissions but having filled 3 pages today I am saving one of them for a future month. More would however be appreciated.

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As reported last year, this Society presented to the children's ward of the local hospital a furnished tropical aquarium. The pleasure and interest, which this has given to both patients and staff, resulted in a request for the Society's help in decorating the ward for Christmas as an aquarium. The idea was received enthusiastically, and the committee set to with gusto to produce cardboard cut-outs, painted as nearly as possible to natural colours, of Common and Fancy Goldfish, also various tropicals such as Flames, Platies, Fighters, Mollies and Barbs. These were dotted about the walls and windows with appropriate decoration in coloured paper to simulate plants. For the centre piece a small pool was built, illuminated round the water's edge, and stocked with plants and fish. Storks and other smaller creatures were placed around the outside.



The original tank 1947-1984

The hospital authorities, the Mayors of Ilford, Romford and Dagenham and various local celebrities who visited the hospital on Christmas morning all complimented our President, who was also present, upon the Society's effort. Needless to say the children were delighted with the novelty and the Society is conscious of a definite glow of satisfaction for time and trouble well spent

See you on Monday

Rab



The new tank presented in our Jubilee year 1984  
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