



Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

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March Meeting – Monday 13th

Last Month **Paul Mills** gave us a general talk on pond husbandry with some emphasis on the newer innovations and products on the market that can help make our hobby easier. His employer, Wildwoods, would have been proud of him. Paul will be back sometime later with a talk on pond plants (which is what I was told last month's talk was supposed to be!)

A visit to Paul's place of work, Wildwoods, and other aquatic establishments in the Crew's Hill area is planned for Saturday the 25th of this month. Meet in Wildwoods car park at 10:00 a.m. (See attached map).

This month **Brian and Sue** from **Coral Garden Aquatics** will be delivering their talk on Keeping Marines. I am very much looking forward to this talk because I really do want to put my big tank back into service – I just never seem to have the time.



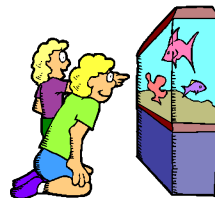
Time also seems to be a problem for Worthing Aquatics who were to give us a talk on Koi in May but have now cancelled. Roger is trying to rearrange the schedule so that April will be a talk from Mike Shadrack and the Discus talk will be in May

Fry Rearing

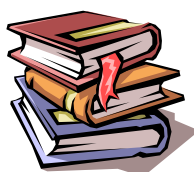
Those of you who had the Black Widow fry need to get your nets ready to bring back your best two to this meeting.

Don't forget the **Olde Tyme Music Hall** evening (on Saturday the 18th). The Players are not charging a fee but expect us to make a generous donation to Charity and we have pledged a minimum of £200.00 so we need to sell more tickets. 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. Tickets are £10.00 including supper.

The Home Aquarium Competition is on Sunday the 23rd April. There are still not too many entries and time is running short. Ours is reputedly one of the largest societies in the country so surely we can muster at least 10 presentable aquariums!



The Club Library



Brian Waters has kindly offered to take over the Library. If you want to borrow a book from our list just call Brian and he will bring it to the next meeting. If you have not got a current list get one at the meeting.



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ILFORD

The Club Shop

The future of the club shop was a worry to the committee because it one of the major facilities that has been available to members for over thirty years and is not a job that can be confined to meeting nights. The shop manager needs to have particular qualities and facilities so the committee was very pleased when Dudley Turner, who supplies our frozen bloodworm, kindly offered his services. Dudley will be working with Barry over the next few months taking over the shopping at the warehouse and running the books. Ray and Barry will however continue with the sales on club nights.

**The Committee wishes to express their sincere thanks to Brian and Dudley.
Committees don't run clubs – the members do.**

AQUARIST

And talking of members, I have been a little remiss of late and have not asked you to extend a welcome to the more recent additions to our numbers:

Eddy Seingier of Ilford and,
Bob Schofield of Hatfield who is also a member of Dunstable A.S.

Final reminders:

Fry Rearing (at meeting)	March 13 th
Old Tyme	March 18 th
Shop visits	March 25 th
And	
Home Aquarium Competition	April 23 rd

Last year's winner



Richard Barnetson

See you on Monday

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THE CONVERT

One Saddy nite as I was goin'
Where a super film was showin'
I 'appened for to pass a shop
Wot 'ad some things that made me stop
Some fish, they was a lovely sight
A-swimmin round that Saddy nite

I couldn't 'elp but step inside
An' ask the bloke to put me wide
'Ow I could keep some for meself
Just in a bowl up on a shelf :
It made that feller laugh all right —
'E bust 'isself that Saddy nite.

"Look 'ere" ses 'e. "It's plain ter me
You want a bloomin' tip or three".
'E told me 'ow these fishes came
From tropic lands; 'e knew the name
of every blessed one by sight
I learned a bit that Saddy nite.

'E showed me proper tanks to use
An' wot aerators I should choose
A thermo-wotsis heater too,
Wiv plants an' sand an' all the do,
The 'ole thing lit wiv special light
I bought the lot that Saddy nite.

Now Platty Peaceless is my friend
I like it 'cos it breeds no end;
An, I've got Corridors an' Tets
An' Danny Rerios as pets,
I don't go places or get tight
I'm in my *fish house* Saddy nite.

"Silurus"

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