



Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

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September Meeting – Monday 11th

Last month Peter Cottle royally entertained us with a report of his collecting trip to India where we hear his group discovered at least one, possibly two, new species of fish. I wonder, will they be named “petersii”? An excellent evening, with just the right mix of travel stories and fish.

Coincidentally my plea for material turned up this – keep them coming...

World's smallest fish discovered

(From Forest Leaves – the newsletter of Epping Forest Conservation Volunteers)



It was reported in January that the world's smallest fish has been discovered in acidic swamps in Sumatra. Named **Paedocypris progenetica** and measuring just 7.9mm it is a

miniature member of the carp (Cyprinid) family and is thought to be near the lowest possible limit for a multi-cellular creature. The females are only big enough to produce a few eggs at a time but the males have enlarged pelvic fins with very large muscles thought to be used to grasp the female during sex. A zoologist at the Natural History museum said that it was one of the strangest fish he had ever seen



More info on the web at http://www.nhm.ac.uk/about-us/news/2006/jan/news_7501.html

This month sees the return of yet another old friend, Gary Steptoe, who will be talking of his experiences with Rift Valley Cichlids.

Hérons

I lost one of my Koi to a heron a few weeks ago so I thought I'd add to the existing deterrents with a Heath Robinson affair. Hard to tell if it is working because as far as I know the Koi was the first loss I've had this year. I wouldn't notice a goldfish or five going missing – does anyone want some?



Social Events

The Old Time Music Hall Evening – 14th October at the William Torbitt School

Ken Wrightson writes: We have sold 40 tickets so far but as all profits are going to charity we obviously want to raise this total to ensure that we hand over a good cheque to the charity concerned. (*Of course it will be good – What we want is a BIG cheque. Editor/Treasurer*) If you have any family or friends who would wish to come please invite them and let Ray Downer know the numbers and their food preferences. We only have THIS meeting to firm up the final numbers so please see Ray at the meeting.

Cost is £10 per head and includes fish or chicken supper. You will need to bring your own drink and a black bag for your tables rubbish – which we would thank you to take home with you.

