



Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society



**Next
Meeting
10th Dec**

Last MONTH

Geoff Wade, one of our Honorary Vice Presidents, gave us an insight into his diving experiences and while there was little in the way of “fishy content” he most definitely caught our attention with some very interesting tales and artefacts recovered from the deep. Thank you very much Geoff - Any chance you have been to the SS Politician and found a few bottles they missed?



This month – “A Christmas Special”

Last year’s semi-social was so successful we thought we’d try it again. So the first half of the evening will be business as usual with a slide show and video of the 2007 Pond Competition. Then either before the break or during it if there isn’t time, a video the Festival of Fishkeeping at Hayling Island. I had hoped to grab a still from that video of our entry that won the furnished aquarium competition but for some reason my software wouldn’t let me.



The “break” will then take up the rest of the evening with mince pies and sausage rolls courtesy of our President Len Smith, with (for those not driving) a glass or two of grape juice to wash them down.

Breeding Cup

The Breeders book for 2007 closes at this meeting so if you have not already advised Ken of any recent successes this is your last chance

Club Dinner – 12th January 2008

Ray Downer needs confirmed numbers and your cash at this meeting. There are still a very few seats left so if you have not booked your place yet – get in quick. The cost is £25 per head (which includes a bottle of wine per couple). If you want to bring your own liquid refreshment then please do.

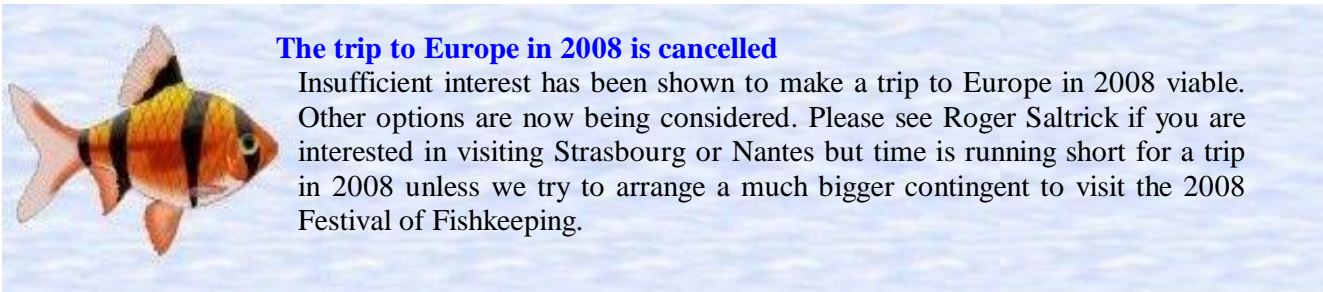
Black Mollies

The website continues to provide enquiries, this time from Jeff in Gants Hill who has some good Black Mollies to pass on. I’ve invited him to our next meeting but if anyone is interested then contact me for his contact details

Future Social events

January 12 th	Annual dinner
March 15 th	Quiz Night
March 2009	Magic Night





The trip to Europe in 2008 is cancelled

Insufficient interest has been shown to make a trip to Europe in 2008 viable. Other options are now being considered. Please see Roger Saltrick if you are interested in visiting Strasbourg or Nantes but time is running short for a trip in 2008 unless we try to arrange a much bigger contingent to visit the 2008 Festival of Fishkeeping.



On her Graduation as a BSc in Ocean Sciences

Fund raising appeal

My daughter, **Kirsty**, is planning to go to Fiji next year to work on a Marine Conservation project and has found that some major retailers on the web donate part of their sales if their sites are accessed via a charity link

All you have to do is register with Easy Fund Raising

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

And select your charity

Kirsty Dingwall – Frontier Fuji Conservation Project

After that provided you use the links on the Easy Fundraising site to reach your normal retailers (like Amazon) a small % of your spend will be donated by the retailer – it costs you nothing.

Time to Spring Clean!!!

This might be the season of goodwill but if I get my hands on the little so and so that thought disconnecting my filter return pipes would be a bit of fun... This is what greeted me on Tuesday morning this week.



It wasn't an accident, the pipes are a snug fit and take a bit of effort to remove. One possibly might have been an accident but not both. Fortunately apart from a few that provided an easy breakfast for an opportunist heron there were no major fish losses.



Best Wishes for a *MERRY CHRISTMAS*

See you all on Monday

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