



Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

100th
Edition

Actually it's my 104th – I wasn't paying attention and while I have enjoyed the experience I do feel that is time that a fresh point of view was applied to the production of this monthly missive. So would all would be journalists out there please give some thought to taking over following the AGM in June. No prior experience is required and we supply the printer. All you need is a computer with some word processing software and some fresh ideas.

[Nomination forms will be sent out next month]

Last MONTH

Dick Mills regaled us with his tales and Videos of Aquarama 2007, one of the world's premiere trade shows. Quite a lot of innovation on the equipment front, some wonderfully colourful guppy strains and unfortunately the usual mess of dyed and misshapen fish that the Far East seems to think we want. I didn't however hear Dick mention LED lighting which I was considering for a marine tank – cooler running temperature, splash resistant, lower power so cheaper to run. Sounds good until you get to the price tag - \$4000 for a 4 foot tank!

Dick also mentioned the FBAS 70th anniversary Dinner

The FBAS celebrates its 70th year with an anniversary dinner on Saturday the 22nd of November. The venue is the Mill Rythe Holiday Village, Hayling Island (where the Festival of Fishkeeping is held). Cost is £30 for the dinner only or (and this is a bargain) £45 for dinner and overnight accommodation and breakfast.

Next
Meeting
14th April

This month – Mark Evenden of Devotedly Discus

Roger claims that Mark last spoke to Ilford on Discus in February 2006 but my newsletter records say that Paul Mills from Wildwoods had that spot. Mind you 2006 was not our greatest year for getting things to run smoothly. The newsletters do tell that in July 2006 we did finally get a talk on Discus but from Dougall Stewart who had originally been booked for February, then April and finally made it in July. I think Roger is right in saying Mark has been before but I think it was before 2000.

Pond and Home Aquarium Competitions - 2008

The Pond competition will be on the 1st of June – Entries to Cliff Tayler please.

Quiz Night – March 15th

On a very dark wet Saturday night 84 people, eager to show how much (or little in some cases) they knew, descended upon Wanstead Cricket Club to subject themselves to the mercy of the Grand Inquisitor Mr Ray Downer.

Well done Ray for a very entertaining evening that raised £300 for club funds





Outings, Other Events & Bits n Pieces

Wholesale Tropicals

A private evening visit to this popular shop in Roman Road, Bow has been arranged for 7p.m. on Monday the 29th of April – More details on Monday.

Portsmouth Open Show – 27th April

At the Hudson Bar, Mill Rythe Holiday resort, Hayling Island

Portsmouth 60th Anniversary Dinner – 28th June 2008

A few members are going – ask Roger for details and cost.

Library

I am advised that a new listing of available titles is available – ask Brian or Christine for a copy



Fry Rearing

The next round is being arranged for the May meeting when Ken Wrightson will be bringing along some of his Rosy Barb fry for raising. So you have plenty of time to get ready!

Finally

It is nice to get some feedback on the newsletter so this month I was very pleased to hear from a long standing member.

I speak of Vic Price who records indicate joined the club in 1952 and who had been made a life member for his services as club Secretary and President (before we made it a life post) and then ceased to be an active member sometime before I joined the club in 1979. I have never met Vic but I did hear how he was from time to time as I used to work with his son, Mark

Vic had read the piece about Len Smith's 90th birthday celebrations and wanted to pass on his best wishes

Where was I last Month?

I was in Dorset.
The picture was of the cliffs known as "Old Harry Rocks"

Where will I be this month?



Vic wrote:

Thank you for the regular supply of newsletters which are read with interest. It appears that the committee and supporting members are doing excellent work successfully running the club. Pleased to read the news of Len Smith who I remember from my active days at the club. Please convey my congratulations and best wishes to Len and my best wishes to all members for your continuing success.

He even enclosed a donation – thanks Vic.

It's nice to hear that you are still following the clubs progress.

See you all on Monday

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