



Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

**Next
Meeting
9th June**



Last MONTH: Gary Steptoe on African Cichlids

I am always amazed by people like Gary who effortlessly display an almost encyclopaedic knowledge of their hobby but if we are to call ourselves serious fish keeper then we should all be aspiring to some of Gary's traits. We should find time to properly research our pets' physical needs so that we can keep them in better conditions and hopefully propagate them – for soon that will be our only source of stock. But wherever Gary finds the time to hold down a job, to keep Fish, Birds and Reptiles I am grateful that he still has time left to pass on his knowledge.

This month: Annual General Meeting

Reports from the Secretaries and Treasurer, followed by the annual election of officers will take care of the first half of the evening. Copies of the minutes of the 2007 AGM are enclosed in members' letters and will be taken as read.

There will be a few changes in the front line this year one of which being my giving up the Newsletter to someone else. So this is my LAST newsletter.

After the break we have a DVD about the Audobon Aquarium in New Orleans. The DVD was made before hurricane Katrina struck but I checked their website the other evening and if anyone is heading that way the aquarium did reopen and is on its way to re-establishing itself as one of the top aquariums in the USA

August Meeting:

It was suggested last month that there would not be a meeting in August and our Chairman quite rightly pointed out that that was not the time or place to give that information because it had not been discussed in committee. Well there **WILL BE A MEETING IN AUGUST** but not at the library because the Churchill Room will be closed while they relay the floor.

The August meeting will be in the residents lounge of Stoneleigh Court at the end of Herent Drive Ilford. The speaker will be Bob Esson on Line breeding Goldfish. There will be NO SHOP so get your supplies in July. Full details (and a map) in the August newsletter



Len Baker

Sadly I heard this week that Len passed away on the 26th of May
While he was a member of the Ilford Society for only a few years, Len was known by many of us for many years as a very active member of East London where he had great success with his Killifish and served on their committee.
He will be much missed and our thoughts go to his wife Brenda and family



Don't forget:

If you have not paid your subs you are not entitled to a vote at the AGM

Single £16.00 Family £22.00

Capel Manor College Bullsmoor Lane Enfield



We mentioned this venue last month and are now suggesting a group visit (by car convoy) in July. Sunday the 13th is proposed when the gardens have a "Country Fair". Meet in the car park at 10 a.m.



SLADAS - Southend, Leigh and District Aquarist Society

Auction of fish related items, Tuesday June 17th 2008, Start at 8.00pm.
At St. Andrews Church Hall, Southview Drive, Westcliff on Sea, SS0 9NN
All Welcome.

Pond Competition

The pond competition will now be judged on Sunday July 6th
The aquarium competition will be in September – date to be advised

New Member

Ilford welcomes its newest member: Paul Hilton from Basildon, introduced to us by Kelvin from Fishy Friends.



Fry Rearing

Ken's Rosy barbs were very popular. 21 quartets were taken away and he is looking forward to seeing the results of your efforts when they come back – probably in September.

And its goodbye from me ...

As I said earlier, this is my LAST newsletter. I took on the job as a "temporary" effort nearly nine years ago. It has mostly been a joy but in the last year or so I have been extremely busy at work and I have felt that I was not giving the bulletin the attention it deserves.

Someone has now expressed an interest in taking on the editorship and provided that you vote them in on Monday: **The hat is theirs.**

Wish them luck.



See you all on Monday

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