

Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society



Next Meeting Monday
10th November



This Month

Foods and Nutrition



What do you feed your fish? This month Mike Brill will be explaining the pro's and con's on a variety of different foods, from live foods to dry foods. I'm sure it will be an interesting talk, and who knows you might even learn of something new to give to your fish.



will be supplied.

Don't forget **Fry growing** (Rosy Barbs) bring back 2 fish from the fry you bought at the May meeting, tanks

There will also be a table show at this meeting for **Any Variety Livebearers** Guppies, swordtails, Patties etc. Tanks will be supplied you just bring your fish.

Last Month

Annual Auction



Phew! That's the auction over for another year. Thanks must go to Ken for keeping everybody happy with his chit chat (stopping him talking is the hard part). It's not an easy job at the front to sell the lots to people who want something for nothing. Well done Ken you did a great job. Thanks to the Girls for getting the refreshments early, to the Boy's (Boy's! ha ha) who collected in the money, to Roger and Cliff for getting the fish from Geoff

Wades, to Geoff for donating all those fish, to everyone who donated items to the club, to all that came and parted with their money (although some lots went far too cheaply) and to Rab for working out that the club made £192.40 (without a calculator). This may seem a lot but it only covers the hire of the Library rooms (oops sorry The Churchill Rooms) for a couple of Meetings.

Annual Dinner

Saturday 10th January 2009



This is food, not just any food, but Luigis food, (sounds familiar), where was I oh yes, please find enclosed Menu, order form and details of the club's annual dinner.

If Members, their family and friends wishing to partake in this gastronomic feast could please fill in the attached form and return it with the appropriate payment to Ray Downer, as soon as possible.

Please note **No refunds** can be given for cancellations after the December Meeting, sorry.

Parking can be a little difficult in that part of Beehive Lane, but there is usually room to park in the road opposite - Emerson Road.

I'm sure it will be a great evening, sorry I won't be there as I will be at a Pantomime (oh no you won't - oh yes I will!).

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Water



Word on the street is that some Water Companies are adding Nitrite to the water supplies (up to point 5), to make it safer to drink. No good for fish though. I don't know which water companies are doing this but you can phone your supplier to find out if they are one of them.

Some say that the water has a higher concentration of chemicals at the weekend but I think it is all done automatically 24/7. I'm sure someone will tell me if I'm wrong!

What can we do as fish keepers to counteract this? Here are some of my ideas. R O water, running water through a polyfilter or using a Nitragon (I know this removes 90% of nitrates from tap water but not sure about Nitrites). Just a few of my initial thoughts, these may not work (someone will tell me) but I'm sure we can ask some of the members in the know on Monday for their opinions and recommendations. You never know this subject may cause some debate amongst members.

Next Month

Social Evening



The December Meeting will include showing pictures of the Home Aquarium/Pond competitions, I think?

Refreshments will be..., you'll have to wait, I'll tell you in next month's newsletter, (I don't want you getting too excited!). All I will say is that Len (our President) and Rene his good wife are probably beavering away in their kitchen at this very moment.

Magic Night

Saturday 14th March 2009



Great news the magicians have been booked and so has the hall, all it needs is **you**. This is certainly a night not to miss, so book early so you won't be disappointed. Names and numbers to Ray Downer please.

The venue is William Torbitt School.

Tickets are £7.00

Bring your own drinks and eats.

More info nearer the time.

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Next Year



Quite a good likeness I thought. I've looked into my crystal ball and I see a tall blonde, beautiful.....there I go again!

I see Roger has been busy booking speakers for your delight. These include Bill Rundle, Ian Fuller and Garry Steptoe to name but three.

Oh by the way I didn't see the winning lottery numbers. (But would I have told you if I had?)



See you all on

Monday

Barry