

# Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

# Happy New Year

Next Meeting

Monday

12<sup>th</sup> January

## Last Month

### The Christmas Meeting

For those members that could not attend the meeting and the West Ham supporters who thought they were going to have a more enjoyable time watching the Happy



Hammers (Oh dear, Spurs fans take it easy on them!) rather than coming to the meeting, this is

what you missed.

The first half (just as in football) we had a DVD on the Barcelona Aquarium. This was a good DVD. It showed a short sequence on how the



aquarium was built and that it was opened in September 1995. It holds 6 million litres of water.

(don't fancy doing their water changes, I hope they use more than a siphon and bucket!). It had the obligatory tunnel where sharks swim over your head, although this one was 80 metres long. There was plenty of fish on view and you could even swim with the sharks (qualified divers only) for 300 Euros. The only disappointment was, as with most of the big aquariums, there was not anything about freshwater tropical fish, but that apart, well worth a visit if you're in Barcelona.

After the Barcelona Aquarium DVD we started our drinks and snacks. The sausage rolls and mince pies were disappearing fast as was the wine. The peanuts, crisps, popcorn and pretzels also took a bashing. The tea and coffee was also flowing well.



It was good to see everyone chatting away, enjoying the pre Christmas atmosphere.

The only worrying thing was that some people said to me that they actually read the newsletter, (this means I will have to find some interesting things to put in it and watch what I write about people Ha Ha!)

The evening concluded with a small auction of items donated by Tom Glass (a member of the Hendon Club) who, like me, is feeling his age and was giving up the hobby. We received them via Terry of Wholesale Tropicals who thought the club & club members might benefit from the items. Well there was all manner of things from power heads to an Eheim filter with integral heater all boxed and in excellent condition. Well with a little arm twisting by Ken we managed to raise £75 which the club gave to Yvonne and Dave Hunt who were collecting money for The Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital. So all in all a good evening all round. I hope the members enjoyed it?

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## This Month

### Aquarium & Pond Competitions



Ken's tank



Geno's pond

This month we are having a review of the Home Aquarium and Pond Competitions.

I'm sure there will be plenty of friendly banter from the members when the judges explain the reasons why one tank/pond was better than another.

The evening will be rounded off by our President (Len) presenting all the cards and trophies (providing they were brought back) to all the winners.

## Magic Night

### 14<sup>th</sup> March



This really is not a night to miss. We have had to wait 4 years before they could fit us in again (Feb 2005) that's how popular they are.

This is not just a stage show. Last time the first half of the evening saw the magicians come round the tables performing their tricks (close up magic).

Please support this evening if you can. I'm sure you will not be disappointed. The evening will now be a Fish/Chicken and chips supper as voted for by the members.

Please see Ray with names and numbers at the January meeting. Money can be paid then.

The February meeting will be your last chance to book a place - don't miss out! All monies must be paid at this meeting as we have to know how many are coming to order the fish/chicken chips.

**Venue** William Torbitt School on the corner of the Eastern Avenue (A12) and Aldborough Road North.

**Cost** £12.50 which includes the fish/chicken supper.

Where else could you get an evening's entertainment and a meal for £12.50?!

## Club Dinner

### 10<sup>th</sup> January



Well you have probably had enough turkey for a little while, so I'm sure the meal at Luigis will be a pleasant change. As I said before I will be at a pantomime (Dick Whittington) but I am sure the dinner will be a great success and I hope everybody has a great time.



I hope Members and their families had a good Christmas and Father Christmas managed to fill your stockings with plenty of goodies.

The Committee would like to wish the Members and their families a contented and prosperous New Year.

Happy Fishkeeping

*See you all on Monday*

*Barry*