

Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society



Last Month

Something different



Last month I printed the Newsletter the day before the new ice age! The country was engulfed in snow for the next couple of weeks and the snow was particularly bad in the Midlands the weekend Ian was coming to us. I was not surprised to hear when I got to the meeting that Ian would not be able to make it.

Ian sent his apologies for not getting to the meeting but I am sure you can appreciate driving 400 miles in that weather was not a good idea. Ian will be coming to us later in the year.

As there was no time to arrange another speaker, it was decided to have an informal question and answer session.

Thanks goes to Derek Mills for suggesting putting the chairs in a circle. This was a good idea as (1) you weren't staring at the back of someone's head all evening (deciding if they needed a haircut or not) and (2) facing one another gave everyone the opportunity to join in the discussions.

A lot of things were covered from plants to water to algae to the economy. I hope members enjoyed it and maybe learnt something?

Next Meeting

Monday 9th March

This Month

Peter Anderson



Peter will be showing and talking about new products in the aquatic trade.

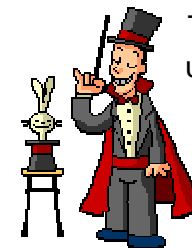
As you can see from the photo the club shop is always busy and well stocked with food and

equipment for you to buy at very good prices.

Well Peter will be telling us all about the new and must have things for our hobby. It should be interesting to see what the aquatic trade thinks we need to keep our fish.

Magic Night

14th March



The Magic night is almost upon us and the Committee would like to thank the members for their support.

Just a few things to mention:

Ray has allocated tables for each party so look out for your table.

Don't forget to bring your own drinks.

Can you please take home any rubbish from your table, as we can't put it in the school bins.

I'm sure like last time it will be a great evening. P.S don't forget to bring your meal tickets.

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Attention Attention

Please note that the April meeting will not be held on the usual second Monday of the month but on the **first Monday** of the month **6th April**. This is due to normal club night falling on Easter Monday.

The **May** meeting is now going to be the Club Auction night, not the November meeting. So you have only a few months to get things ready to bring. Could you please let non-members who **normally** attend know the change of date.

Woodford Aquatics



Thanks goes to Colin of Woodford Aquatics who has donated to the club around 25 copies of the Tropical Fish magazine.

These date from the later part of last year to the early part of this year and will be on sale at the club shop for 50p each. Woodford Aquatics can be found at 115/117 Maybank Road South Woodford.

Glen Chantry Gardens



The Glen Chantry Gardens are closing this year and the Committee wondered if members would like to visit there (not a coach, meet in the car park) then on to Mimacks the water lily specialists.

Glen Chantry is only open from the 15th May till 15th August this year (Fri,Sat,Sun) and from 10.00 – 4.00. Price are £3.50 Adult 50p children. Have a think about it and we'll have a show of hands at the next meeting to see how many members are interested.

Fry Growing



Hopefully the fry will be ready for the April meeting. This time it will be 2 red swordtails and 1 corydoras so they will be ok for the community tank. More info next month.

Dates For Your Diary



Roger's been very busy and has done a great job getting speakers for most of the coming year. This is what Roger has lined up for us.

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| 9 th March | Peter Anderson
New Products in the Aquatic Trade |
| 6 th April | Paul Denham
The Aquatic Scene in Hong Kong 2002 |
| 11 th May | Club Auction |
| 8 th June | A.G.M. |
| 13 th July | Ian Fuller
Breeding Catfish |
| 28 th July | Pond Competition |
| 10 th August | Richard Morris M.B.E.
The changes facing the management of Epping Forest |
| 14 th Sept | Garry Steptoe
Amphibians. Bringing some Newts, Frogs and salamanders |
| 20 th Sept | Home Aquaria competition |

Well that's all for this month

*See you all on Monday
Barry*

