

Iford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

Please note that this meeting
Is a week earlier. This is due
To normal club night falling
On Easter Monday.

Next meeting
Monday 6th April
"Thank you"

Last Month

Peter Anderson



Peter gave a very good talk on a variety of different aquatic goods from non breakable heater/stats to a full blown CO₂ system.

Some of our members purchased a few things from Peter at very reasonable prices, so all in all a good evening. Thanks goes to Peter for fetching all that kit and to Dick Mills for projecting an even bigger Peter on the wall.

This Month

Paul Denham



Paul will be talking about the aquatic scene in Hong Kong.

I am sure this will be an interesting talk.

I am curious to find out if keeping fish out there is any different from over here? We will see.

Next Month

Club Auction



Just a reminder that the Club Auction is next month. More information in May Newsletter.

From the Chairman



Our Club has always been fortunate in having some members who are always on hand to give their assistance in various ways to help the Club.

Firstly, I would like to thank **Pat Slater** and **Keith Winch** who stepped in and made the tea at our last meeting. Particularly Pat, who had a worrying time recently with her grandson being seriously ill. Yet she still managed to purchase the refreshments, attend the meeting, make the tea, etc and wash up the crockery.

To those members who attended and supported our Magic Night on Saturday 14th March. We had an excellent evening and everyone seemed to enjoy the entertainment. We also managed to raise some much-needed funds for our Club.

Sincere thanks go to

Those members who kindly donated some of the raffle prizes.

Yvonne Hunt for running our excellent Raffle during the evening.

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Barry and Carole Brown who organised our food order for the evening.

Cliff Tayler who made sure that everyone got their fish/chicken supper.

To the four volunteers who helped a Magician in one of his routines.

And **Pete Riley** who was a good sport and went on stage to assist one of the Magicians in a very funny routine.

And last but by no means least, to **Ray Downer** for organising a splendid evening in such an efficient manner.

Fry Growing



These are the Rosy Barbs that Gino won the fry growing with last year.

This month (April) you will get a chance to purchase (at 50p I think? There I go again thinking!) 1 Corydoras and 2 Red Swordtails for this year's fry growing competition. These can be kept in most community tanks, so why don't you give it a go this year, it's only a bit of fun. Put them in your tank, grow them on and the judging will be towards the end of the year. There are a limited number of lots but I'm sure we will have enough to go round.

75 Years



There are a couple of things we are doing to celebrate the Clubs 75th year. One is Mike and Joy Brill have said they will open their garden for a

Club picnic on 8th August (more details and map nearer the time). The second is a Club dinner on the 17th October, probably Luigis unless another venue is found.

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Polo Shirts



Kevin will be bringing the sample shirts again to this meeting. This will give you the opportunity to see the quality and the size that will fit you. So if you are interested in ordering a polo shirt, please will you see Kevin either before the meeting or during the break. Thank you.

Glen Chantry Gardens

Saturday 23rd May



If you are interested and are free on that date, make a note in your diary. It will be a 10.30am meet at Glen Chantry's (near Colchester). Then afterwards either a visit to Mimmacks or Wayside Aquatics. More information next Month.

The Magic Night

Well what can I say, I thought it was an excellent evening's entertainment, (I did say it was a night not to miss). I hope everybody enjoyed it. It was great to see



Pete entering into the spirit of things, standing in the middle of the hall shuffling an imaginary pack of cards, then going up on stage using his hand as a gun shouting out bang! Bang! Before moving onto using a banana. (you've never got a camera when you want one have you?) Well done Pete. And remember, if anyone asks you to blow a whistle for them - Don't!

See you all on Monday

Barry

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