

Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

This Month

The Annual Club Auction



Ken will be doing his usual grand job trying to get everybody to part with their money.

This meeting will be run differently to our normal meetings. We will be having refreshments early (8 – 8.15) so don't be late or you will miss out! This will allow the auction to run smoothly (we hope) without stopping for refreshments half way through the evening.

If anyone participating in the auction could take the time to write out a list of their items, and give to Rab, it would be very helpful.

Auction Rules and Conditions

The Committee would appreciate it if nobody touches the bags of fish before the meeting starts at 8.00pm. If you do lift up items for a closer look, please put it back where you got it from, don't mix up the lots.



Please treat live items with respect.

- ✓ All fish should be properly bagged and labelled with the name of fish (not Goldie, Reg, Spotty etc thank you)
- ✓ Plants should also be suitably packaged and labelled.
- ✓ Your items (unless donated to club funds) should be in boxes with your name or with labels with your name on.
- ✓ Equipment should be clean, tanks should not have mouldy gravel or cobwebs

Next Meeting
Monday 11th May

- ✓ No out of date food please.
- ✓ If there is a reserve price – let us know.
- ✓ If buying cold water fish please bring your own bucket or something suitable to transport your purchases home.
- ✓ Please be careful with water as we don't want to stain the new parquet flooring do we?.
- ✓ If you bag fish up from a container in the hall please bring a towel or something to mop up any water that is spilt. Thank you.

As you can see the Club Auction is earlier this year so could you please let the people who normally attend the auction of the change of date, and if anybody would like to donate anything to the club for the auction it would gratefully received.

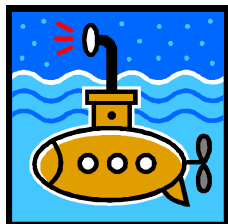
Thank You

Thanks to Cliff Tayler and Jim Humphreys for supplying the fish for the fry growing competition. We will let you know later in the year when to bring them back for judging.

Thanks also go to Dick Barnetson who has taken over looking after the Library tank in the Ilford Central Library.

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Annual Subs



It's that time of year again when subs are due. Well actually they were due in April but I forgot to put it in the March/April newsletters but Rab will be happy to renew your membership at the meeting.

Subs are £18.00 single & £25.00 family.

June Meeting



The AGM is fast approaching so please find enclosed a nomination form. The present committee are prepared to stand again (I think) but if anybody would like to accept the challenge of a position on the committee then please get another member to nominate you and hand the form to the Membership Secretary.

Proposed Rule Change

It will be proposed that the end section of rule 12, if passed by the membership, (wording to be decided) will read something like "The Society shall give all remaining proceeds to a charity/charities which shall be decided at the final dissolution meeting."

Don't panic! We are still a thriving society with some money in the bank. But we have to get things voted on at the AGM before we can alter the club rules. The Committee have been meaning to amend this rule for a few years.

Polo Shirts



The polo shirts have been ordered and are on their way to us. I am not sure if they will be ready for collecting at this meeting or next.

Glen Chantry Gardens

Saturday 23rd May



This is the last year the gardens will be open to the public.

Members of the club who are interested in visiting are going to meet in the car park of Glen Chantry's at 10.30am on 23rd May.

Glen Chantry can be found at:

Ischams Chase, Wickham Bishops,
Witham, Essex. CM8 3LG 01621 891342

I've put the post code in for those who have Sat Navs and a phone number for those who get lost.

After having a good look round the gardens in the company of likeminded people, it was thought it might be nice to visit somewhere fishy on the way home, (for those who wanted to) so Swallows at Rayleigh was chosen. Here there is a good selection of Marine, Tropical, Coldwater fish, Koi, plants etc and a café to have an afternoon cup of tea.

75 Years

Club Dinner

The Club Dinner is now to be held on the 24th October at a venue yet to be decided. More news nearer the time.



Just enough room to remind you that the pond competition is on 28th June. Names to Dave Stock please.

See you all Monday

Barry