

Iford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

First Year

Well can you believe it; I have been editing the Newsletter for a year, where has that year gone?

I've had no complaints so far, but I am assuming that some members actually read the Newsletter. I hope that members who do read it have found it informative and light hearted.

I hope I have not upset anybody with my comments, it is only done tongue in cheek with the hope that it will give you something to smile about in these troubled times. That's enough of me waffling on; I'd better get on with this month's News!

Last Month

The AGM



The AGM was quite painless really. The only change to the committee was Dave Stock stepping down as Deputy Chair, but will still be our Show Secretary. I am pleased to say that Ray Downer has bravely stepped into the breach to do the Deputy's job as well as all his other Club commitments. Thanks Ray.

It was good to see so many members having a go at judging the fish (I know the picture is an old one but I forgot to bring my camera) and as expected the members disagreed with the judge's 1, 2, and 3. (Sorry Mike).

Thanks go to Ken, Kevin and Cliff for bringing the fish, to Mike for judging and the members for entering into the spirit of things and having a go.

Next Meeting
Monday 13th July

This Month

Ian Fuller Breeding Catfish



As you know Ian was supposed to come to us at the beginning of the year, but the snow in his part of the country was particularly bad, so he was unable to get to us.

Ian's talk this time will be on breeding Cat Fish - not just Cory's, but other varieties of Cats as well.

Ian has written books on Cat Fish as well as writing articles for the Aquatic press. Ian's talk last year was excellent and I am sure this one will be no different.

As I've said before, Ian comes a long way to give us a talk. The round trip to us is 300 to 400 miles. It would be nice if members could try to get to this meeting to show our appreciation of someone willing to travel all that distance to give us a talk.

Home Aquaria Competition

20th September



Now is the time to start preparing your tank for the competition, don't think your tank is not good enough, it might be the winner. Names to Dave nearer the time please.

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Picnic at Mikes

Saturday 8th August After 3.00pm



Nice photo Mike, better than last month's I think?

As I mentioned last month Mike and Joy are opening their garden for the Club to hold a picnic as part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations.

I have included a map of how to get to Mikes along with the post code (for sat navs) and phone number in case you have difficulty reading the map.

Mike and Joy are kindly supplying tables and chairs for us to sit on and tea, coffee and cold drinks to help the food (yours) go down.

Mike needs to know who is going and this meeting will be your last chance to let Mike know. So name and numbers to Mike please.

There may be a box at the entrance for donation to a charity of Mike and Joy's choice.



This picture is just a small section of Mike's pond, if you want to see the rest you'll have to come to the picnic. I am

sure you won't be disappointed.

We hope the weather will be kind to us, fingers crossed, but if it is pouring down with rain (I thought I was very polite there) then of course the picnic won't take place.

Please don't turn up at Mike's this Month (July) oops.

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The Clubs 75th Anniversary Dinner

Friday 23rd October 2009



Luigis will be the venue for the Anniversary dinner. We had a long discussion at the last committee meeting and

decided that Luigis would be the preferred choice. Thanks go to everyone who came up with suggestions and visited some of the venues.

The dinner will be held on Friday 23rd October 7.30pm for 8.00pm. A menu will be sent out nearer the time. I think (there I go again thinking) there will be a choice of a couple of starters, 4 main courses, something from the dessert trolley and coffee. Drinks will be extra.

You will be pleased to know that this evening will only cost each person £15.00. That is because the club is subsidising the meal (well that is unless Rab wants to go on holiday again this year - only joking Rab)

If enough Members, family and friends go, we will be able to have the front of the restaurant that has the man playing the piano Ooooo. Where else could you go to have this sort of meal with such great company (they made me put that last bit in) for only £15.00.

Put the date in your diary so you don't forget. More information nearer the time



See you all

Monday

Barry

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