

Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

Last Month

Ian Fuller Breeding Catfish



This was an excellent talk, with good clear photo's and a very knowledgeable speaker.

It was good of Ian and Mark to fetch a selection of fish with them and these were eagerly snapped up by members.

Thanks to members for making the effort (as you can see from the photo) to come to this meeting there were 39 of us. This is the reason why Ian and Mark don't mind driving the 300 to 400 mile round trip to visit us. At most of the other clubs they go to, they're lucky if they get a dozen people in the audience.

I think we should give ourselves a pat on the back as we are getting a reputation for not only being one of the oldest aquatic societies in the country but also one of the best supported.

This Month

Richard Morris – Challenges facing the management of Epping Forest



Richard, a Verderer of Epping Forest, visited us a number of years ago and gave a very interesting talk on the Forest and the work of the Verderers who look after it. I know it's not FISH but I promise you will enjoy it and learn something to boot.

The above text was borrowed from the club website (thanks Rab). I hope some of the talk will be about the ponds

Next Meeting

Monday 10th August

Picnic at Mike's

Saturday 8th August



Don't forget the picnic is **this Saturday from 3.00pm** weather permitting. If the weather is looking a bit iffy, I am sure Mike won't mind you giving him a call, (phone number on the map) but please only phone if it is really necessary. Fingers crossed we will have lovely weather.

75th Anniversary Dinner

Friday 23rd October



The Clubs 75th dinner will be held at Luigis in Beehive Lane Ilford, (map and directions nearer the time).

Time is 7.30pm for 8.00pm and the cost **ONLY £15.00** per head, Drinks extra. This is for a four course meal, obviously this menu would cost a lot more but the Club is subsidising the meal to encourage more members, family and friends to attend.

The committee think this is great value for money and we hope the membership think so too.

Please find the menu and order form in the back of this newsletter, names to Ray Downer please. If a vegetarian meal or a dietary requirement is needed, have a word with Ray. Please try to come, it will be a good evening with good food and good company.

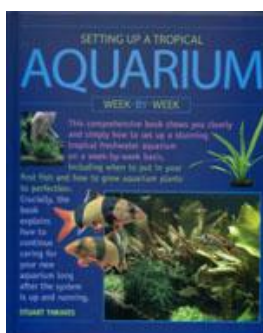
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Thank You

Yes a big thank you to Kelvin at Fishy Friends in Basildon, for donating a very large tub of Aquarian flake food to the Club shop.

And to Colin of Woodford Aquatics for donating a selection of Tropical Fish magazines to the Club, which were given out to the members at last month's meeting.

New Book in the Library



This book Setting up a Tropical Aquarium week by week, (that's a very long title isn't it) by Stuart Thraves, is apparently one of Interpets bestselling books (according to their web site). I think Mike recommended this book

so look out for it in the Club Library.

Home Aquaria Competition

20th September



The home aquaria competition is fast approaching in fact it is next month. So now is the time to put the finishing touches to your tank. Don't think your tank is not good enough - it could be the winner. So names to Dave please. You have only this meeting and the next to enter. Good luck.

Club Outing to Fishy Friends

Wednesday 19th August



On Wednesday the 19th August at 7.30pm Kelvin at Fishy friend has agreed to open his shop in the

evening for the benefit of Ilford members. There will be a good selection of Fish and plants and a 10% discount as well. Kelvin is a member of our club and is always donating things to the society so it would be nice if members could support this outing. The address is Fishy Friends, 73 Southernhay, Basildon, Essex. SS14 1EU 01268 271442

Fry Growing Competition



This is just to let you know that the fry growing competition will be judged at the September meeting. You can bring 2 Swordtails and 1 Cory (or just 2 Swords or just 1 Cory).

Tanks will be supplied. Please try to bring the fish back as it is interesting to other members to see the different growth rates, and who knows you might win.



What happened to that hot summer they promised us?

Have you tried the new pond sticks in the club shop? If you have Cliff would like to know what you think of them.

See you all Monday

Barry