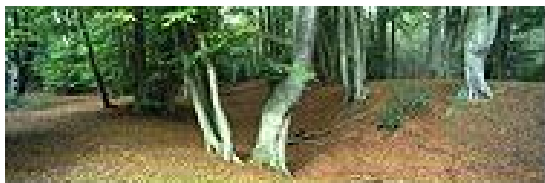


# Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

## Last Month

### Richard Morris- Epping Forest



I wasn't at the meeting as I was ragworting over at the stables where the girls do their horse riding, but I understand that it was a very interesting talk, even though there was nothing about the ponds or the fish, oops.

## This Month

### Garry Steptoe on Amphibians



I am not quite sure what Garry will be fetching with him, but it will be a selection of amphibians, many of which he has bred. Garry has been a good supporter of our Club and has given us many talks on fish. Amphibians are another love of Garry's and I am sure this will be another excellent talk. I know it is not fish (but it is very close). Roger was asked if we could have a talk on this subject

## Fry Growing Competition



The Fry growing competition will be judged at this meeting. You can bring 2 Swordtails and 1 Cory or just 2 Swords or just 1 Cory. Each class will be judged separately.

Tanks will be supplied. Please try to bring the fry back as it is interesting to see the different growth rates.

## Next Meeting

# Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009



The Clubs 75<sup>th</sup> dinner is fast approaching.

The location is Luigis in Beehive Lane (directions in next month's Newsletter).

Time 7.30pm for 8.00pm.

Good company and a four course meal for only **£15.00** per person. (Drinks Extra)

Missing off the menu was what goes with the chicken breasts, I've just been informed it will be a selection of vegetables.

If a vegetarian meal or a dietary requirement is needed, have a word with me.

Don't forget to give your name, numbers and menu requirements to me please. Please try to come, I'm sure it will be a good evening.

## Home Aquaria Competition

20<sup>th</sup> September



This meeting will be your last chance to enter this year's competition, so why not give it a go. Your tank is probably better than you think it is and if you don't enter you can't win!

Names to Dave please.  
Good Luck.

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## Some Odds and Ends

**There** will be no Club Library at this meeting.

I have got the pond competition results, but I have been sworn to secrecy.

If anybody is interested there are 5 large goldfish and 2 little ones needing a home. They reside in a pond in Barkingside but their owners are moving. If you are interested phone Kate Harper.

Martin from Wickford Aquatics will be giving a talk on marines at the October meeting

## A Big Thank You to Mike and Joy

Well if you could not make it to the Clubs 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic here's what you missed!



The weather was really good as you can see from the photos. It was nice to see a good turn out by members and their families. When we first arrived, we all met in the gazebo which was well stocked with a selection of drinks .

This is the view of the pond from the gazebo. It is in amongst all those marginal plants (honest). Just to prove it, here is just a section of it.



Mike talking to members about the pond.



Just couple of pictures to show that Mike does have fish in his pond.

Here's a picture of some of just a small selection of Mike's succulents in his greenhouse.



Here's Mike's new project - an even bigger greenhouse for his succulents.



In another part of the garden Mike and Joy had arranged tables and chairs under a pair of marquees for us to eat our picnic. Not only that but supplied a huge bowl with a mixture of strawberries, raspberries and blueberries with cream if wanted. A great way to round off our food.



Mike organised 12 games for us to play at the cost of £1. We all had a good laugh and the winner (I don't know how) was my better half, who won £5 with Mike donating the rest of the money (£20) to the club. It was a great afternoon/evening and the committee would like to thank Mike & Joy for all their hard work.



Mike tells me his Pool Frogs are breeding. Ken asked me to include an article from the Tropical Fish Mag.

*See you all Monday Barry*