

# Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

## Last Month

### Garry Steptoe on Amphibians



Although I have no intention of keeping amphibians, I found Garry's talk on the subject very interesting.

As you can see



from the photos Garry fetched along quite a selection for us to look at.



Salamanders, Newts and frogs were all present for some members to pull funny faces at.

Garry is very passionate about his amphibians (as well as his fish and parrots etc etc) and this came across in his talk. An interesting talk that may have encouraged some members to try their hand at them?



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

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October



I am glad to say that the 75<sup>th</sup> dinner has been very well supported and at this meeting you will need to see Ray to pay any money owed and to **collect your tickets.**

**Date** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

**Time** 7.30pm for 8.00pm

**Place** Luigi's Restaurant, 1-5 Beehive Lane, Gants Hill, Ilford.

## Next Meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

I have included a map with this newsletter for those members who are going to the dinner. There is very little parking outside Luigi's, but there is plenty of parking opposite in Emerson Road (see map).

The committee thought as this was our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner it would be nice if the men dressed appropriately and refrained from wearing T shirts or polo shirts, Ken will talk more on this at the meeting.

Ladies I'm sure you will look great whatever you wear?

Don't forget to tell the waitresses of any meal preferences, such as how you would like your steak cooked rare/medium/well done. If the meal comes with a sauce and you are not sure about it, ask if you can have the sauce in a separate container.

Ray and Ken are working on a table plan so everybody will know where they will be sitting.

Don't forget that drinks are not included in the price, and will cost extra.

Because of the number of members/family we have going, we hopefully will have the front of the restaurant which has a pianist (I think).

If so I would ask members to refrain from singing as we may want to go back again in the future.

Joking aside I am sure we will have a great time with good food and company to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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## This Month

### Martin Baker - Setting Up A Marine Tank



Martin, the owner of Wickford Aquatics, is going to give us a talk on how to set up a marine aquarium without spending a

fortune.

An economy version that won't cost an arm and a leg. So if you were thinking it was too dear to try marines, this could be the meeting for you.

If you would like to visit Wickford Aquatics you will find them at the:

Alpha Garden Centre, 238 London Road, Wickford, Essex, SS12 0JX. 0845 632 1913

As well as selling tropical's/marine/koi and coldwater fish, Martin also specialises in buying and selling used aquarium equipment making it an interesting shop to visit.

### Fry Growing Competition



There was a very poor turnout for the fry growing competition, with only three entries.

We realise that it is not always easy to catch the fish, especially if you only have a community tank to put the fish in, but it would have been nice to see a few more fish. Hopefully there will be a better turn out next time.

Thanks to Ken for judging. The winner of the Swordtails class was Keith and the Corydoras class was won by Cliff.

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## Fishy Friends Open Evening



I didn't have enough room in last month's Newsletter to thank Kelvin for opening his shop to members. I

think the evening was successful, as there were plenty of members there with carrier bags full of fish and plants.

The Committee would like to thank Kelvin for opening his shop to the members and laying on food and drink for us to enjoy whilst considering what our next purchase would be. Thanks also to Kevin who helped bag up lots of fish and plants.

Fishy Friends is well worth a visit and if you show your Ilford membership card you will also get a 10% discount. Now that can't be bad can it?

Fishy Friends can be found at 73 Southernhay, Basildon, Essex. SS14 1EU 01268 271442



Just a couple of things to mention. Firstly there's the Festival of Fishkeeping (9 – 11 October) at Hayling Island in Hampshire. Some of our members are going for the weekend but you can go just for the day and it is free.

Secondly, the club shop will only have dry food and frozen bloodworm at this meeting.

As Garry was delayed getting to the meeting, Ken told us about his new pond in such detail that I feel I know his pond intimately. Well done Ken.

*See you all Monday Barry*

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