

Iford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

Last Month

Martin Baker – Marines

In last month's Newsletter I said that Martin was the owner of Wickford Aquatics oops!

Mick Liggins owns Wickford Aquatics. Sorry Mick for the misunderstanding (I must pay more attention at the Committee meetings).



Martin gave a very good talk explaining about the basic equipment that you would need to set up a tank and, if you

had a tropical tank not in use, how you could use that equipment to set up a marine tank with the addition of a skimmer, and of course different decor.



Martin is a very knowledgeable aquarist (tropical as well as marines) and I am sure if you would like to have a go at marines, a visit to Wickford Aquatics and a chat with Mick or Martin will set you on the right track.

Thanks to Ray for supplying the pictures.

This Month

Dick Mills – Aquarama 2009

Dick, who has been a good supporter of our club and has talked on numerous occasions and on a variety of fishy subjects, is visiting us again. This time talking on Aquarama 2009.

Dick visited Aquarama 2009 earlier in the year, and has come back with a lot of pictures and videos of fish and equipment.

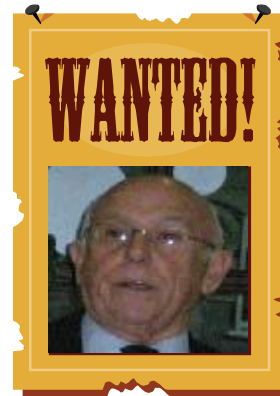
Next Meeting

Monday 9th November

This event takes place every two years, often showing what is new in the aquatic world, both fish and equipment. I am sure this will be an interesting talk with some excellent pictures. (No pressure there then Dick)

From The Chairman

That's Ken to you and me



Sorry Ken but this was the most recent picture of you I could find.

Ken wanted me to let you know that an updated list of members will be issued soon.

Also he wanted me to remind members about the Breeders book. Please could you let Ken know about any fish you have bred? If you could just jot it down on a piece of paper and give it to Ken he would be very happy.

Can You Help



only joking Brian).

Brian Lowe has bought a narrow boat (so we all know where to go if we want a cheap boating holiday,

Brian is looking for a gas fridge, well a 3 way fridge actually, gas, 240v and 12v.

If you can help, please see Brian.

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75th Anniversary Dinner

Friday 23 October

Well what can I say, if you did not manage to come to the dinner you missed a very good evening.



our 75th anniversary dinner.

I have only included a small selection of photos in the Newsletter, but if you want to see more, Rab took plenty and I am sure he will put them on the clubs web site in the near future.



My better half and I found the food to be very good, it was hot and well presented on the plate. I hope this was the same for everybody.



While the coffee/tea was being served the speeches began.

Ken started the ball rolling by giving credit to the members for making the club what it is today and reminiscing on the past. Ken mentioned there were apologies from Bob Essen and Dick Mills as they had previous commitments. He mentioned Don Taylor who organised most of the clubs foreign adventures, but could not be with us on the night. Ken thanked Ray Downer for organising everything for the dinner.



Ken then handed over to Len, who thanked all the invited guest for coming. Len not only remembered all the guest's names but their partners as well and all without the aid of notes, well done Len. There were plenty of people there who wished they could remember names as well as you.

Then it was the turn of Mike (who had come over from America) to respond on behalf of the guests. He said that most of his speech had been used by Ken and Len, but went on to say how the Club was a big part of his life for 25 plus years, and how the Club was more than just a fish club but a place to make and see friends. Mike also mentioned how good it was on this special occasion for all three Vice Presidents to be present Sam Bray, Geoff Wade and Mike Shadrack.



Dick Mills sent a letter on behalf of the FBAS (Dick is the President). Part of his letter congratulated us on our 75th year. He said to do this when other clubs memberships are falling is something to be very proud of, particularly with our societies above average attendances compared to those of others, and that the society was a credit to all its members.

Everybody who attended received a pen inscribed with dates etc in a presentation box and a book mark kindly made by Bill Rundle. (Thanks Bill). Thanks also to Rab for printing the tickets and menus.

I could go on but I've run out of space.

See you all on Monday Barry