

Something Fishy

The Newsletter of the Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society



Next Meeting
Monday 10th January

The mince pies were donated by our President Len Smith, the tea and coffee by Rab our Treasurer and the rest came out of the Club coffers.

The food hampers in the raffle were paid for by the Committee, but thanks go to Cliff and Keith for putting them together.

Last Month

Christmas meeting



We had a very good turnout for this meeting.

In the first half we had the pictures of the pond and home aquaria competitions, with the judges making comments about the ponds and aquariums.

Thanks to the judges for giving up their time on the day and for their comments this evening.

At the break there were Mince Pies, Crisps, Peanuts, Popcorn, Biscuits, Tea and Coffee.

A **Big, Big** thank you to everyone who took the trouble to bring photos for the photographic competition (here's a picture of Keith making his choice).



We had 43 photos entered in the competition - what a great turn out.

Every member there on the night had a chance to vote and I hope everybody did? The votes were counted and the result was as follows.

- 1st Barry Brown
- 2nd Rab Dingwall
- 3rd Tommy Hai
- 4th Rab Dingwall



This was the photo that won. It was taken at the Southend Sea Life Centre a couple of years ago. **I would also like to add that although Carole and my two daughters were there they were not allowed to take**

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The rest of the evening was taken up with mingling and chatting, the presentation of flowers and the raffle.

It was a good evening (not just because I won the photo comp) and I hope everyone enjoyed it. It was also good to see Mike and Kathy paying us a visit from America.

Good News



It was announced at the meeting that Mike Shadrack had become a Grandad and that Ken and Brenda had also become grandparents again. Congratulations to both parents and Grandparents from the Ilford Club.

Next Month

A two part meeting



The first half of the evening will be taken up with a video of the 2010

FBAS Festival of Fishkeeping, taken by Cliff and hopefully he will give comments along the way. The 2011 Festival of Fishkeeping will be held at a refurbished Sandy Bay Leisure Resort near Weston-super-Mare.

Dates this year are Friday 28th October to Sunday 30th October.

In the second half of the meeting there will be an open forum. So questions on any aquatic or pond worries will hopefully be answered by our very knowledgeable membership.



The question of the cost of the Newsletter has been discussed at committee on several occasions. With the increase in postage in April, it was decided that if any member would like to have the Newsletter by email rather than by post, they can let me know and give me their email address.

There are pros and cons to this, the Newsletter dropping through your letterbox is a timely reminder of club night whereas you might not log on to your computer that regularly and therefore may miss the reminder. However, the choice is yours.

Just some dates for your 2011 diaries and other things.



Magic Night May 14th

A proposed visit to Longstock in June.

The Club dinner (to be arranged).

A shop visit (to be arranged).

We are still looking for a Programme Secretary. Please give this some thought over the coming weeks and have a word with Ken at the meeting if you are interested.



I hope you got everything you wanted in your Christmas stocking and a few other things as well.

The Committee would like to wish all members and their families a very happy and prosperous New Year.

See you all Monday Barry