

Something Fishy

The Newsletter of the Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

Last Month

Hayling Island Video & Other Things



The evening kicked off with the presentation of the trophies and cards to the winners of last year's competitions. Sorry no photos, I

forgot my camera, but congratulations to all the winners - especially to Mike Brill for winning the pond competition and Dick Barnetson the home aquarium competition.

The evening continued with Cliff's video of the FBAS Festival of Fishkeeping, at Hayling Island. Thanks to Cliff and Ken for giving a running commentary as we watched the video. A video can only give you a little idea of what goes on, so I must get there one year. Ken did mention that there were plenty of bargains to be had on fish and equipment. Thanks to Cliff for doing the video, which he apparently took before breakfast to avoid the crowds.

After the break we had a question and answer session. Thanks to Gerry for bringing down a sample of algae from his tank, I'm still not sure if we got to the bottom of it?

This Month

Rock Pools



This month we have Chris Cheswright giving us a talk on rock pools. I'm

sure you can remember as a child going to the coast and looking into the pools left by the

Next Meeting
Monday 14th February

outgoing tide, seeing if you can find the little crabs, anemones and anything else left behind by the tide. Some of us in later life even used our children as an excuse to go scampering around the rock pools. But that's enough of me waxing lyrical.

Chris, a member of the Southend Aquarists Society (SLADAS) has given us plenty of excellent talks on a variety of subjects and I am sure this will be just as good.

Wanted

Programme Secretary



We are looking for a member of the Society to take up the important position of Programme Secretary.

No experience needed, names and contact numbers of speakers will be provided and plenty of

help from Roger and other members of the Committee.

The successful candidate will need to come to the Committee meetings, which are held once a month at Gants Hill, where we talk about all Club matters including future talks.

The AGM is in June and we would like to get someone in place then or even better before if we can. We hope members will give this some thought

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Magic Night

Saturday 14th May

The magic night is in May, so I am giving you plenty of notice to put the date in your diary.

This really is a night not to miss.

Anyone who has been to the previous ones will know how good they are.

The first part of the evening is usually taken up with the magicians coming round the tables to do some close up magic. In the second half of the evening the stage is used for the bigger magic acts.

The venue is William Torbitt School on the corner of the Eastern Avenue (A12) and Aldborough Road North.



The time is 7.30pm for 8.00pm start.

The ticket price is £10.00 per head and it is a bring your own eats and drinks evening.

Ray is ready to take names and numbers as from this meeting.

Please try to support this club event I'm sure you will not be disappointed.

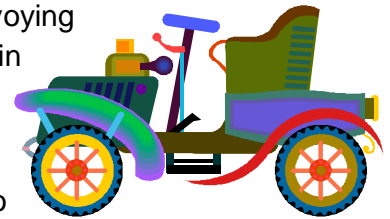
Visits

We have some visits planned for this year.

Here is the list so far;

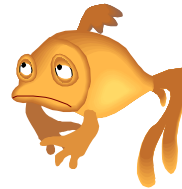


Longstock, (date to be arranged) but sometime in June. This will not be a coach trip as it is too expensive, but a car outing, either meeting locally and conveying down or meeting in the car park at Longstock.



We also hope to visit Wholesale Tropical's in April and Fishy Friends in August. More info nearer the time.

Home Wanted



Ray had a phone call from a lady called Diane who is shutting her pond down and has some goldfish she no longer wants. Diane lives in the Woodford area and if you are interested she can be contacted on

Club Competitions

Yes this is your chance to win a cup/cups. All you have to do is enter either or both of the Clubs competitions.



Pond Competition

17th July

Home Aquaria Competition

18th September



I hope everybody's got over all the festivities and are back to the daily grind but at least there are the Club meetings to look forward to.

Please try to come to the Magic Night it is a great evening. Names to Ray and please give some thought to the Programme Secretary's Position.

See you all on Monday Barry