

Something Fishy

The Newsletter of the Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

Last Month

Pete Cottle – Danios



Pete gave an interesting talk on the danio and devario families.

He talked about the countries he had visited to collect them and some of the environments they live in. He then continued with how to breed, feed and look after them. Pete dealt with these aspects as a general overview. I think it would have been better if he had shown some of the more popular varieties in more detail, it would also have been nice to see some of Pete's tanks and how they were set up.

But still a good talk, from a very knowledgeable aquarist. I believe Pete also managed to sell some of his books to the members.

This Month

Ray Downer - How I Started In Marines

Ray's talk will be on how he started in marines, the setting up and maintaining the marine tank.



Ray has always kept marines for as long as I have known him, from the native species to the more exotic.

Marines are another interesting aspect of the hobby and maybe Ray's talk will get other members interested in setting up a marine tank.

Next Meeting
Monday 11th April

The Magic Night

Saturday 14th May

Ray is going to be busy at this meeting as he is not only giving the talk but needs the names and numbers of members who haven't already booked but who would like to go to the Magic night.

We need to know numbers by this meeting because the organisers need to know how many magicians they need for the evening.

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.

I know I keep on about supporting Club events but this really is a great evening's entertainment, one not to miss, and it only costs £10. Ask anyone who has been before. To show you how good it is Pete Riley and family are coming all the way from Hastings in Kent.

Come on members support the Club and have a great evening at the same time.

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Subs



It's that time of year again when your subs are due.

Following last year's AGM the fees this year are £21 single (still less than £2 a meeting) and £30 for a joint membership.

Rab will be pleased to see you and receive your money at this meeting.

New Venue

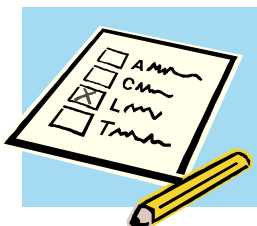


We are still on the lookout for a new venue.

If you know of a hall that you think would be ok for Club meetings, has facilities for refreshment, parking and is reasonably priced can you let us know.

Ken would like to thank all the members who have contacted him recommending new venues.

Election Of Officers



With this Newsletter I have included the Election of Officers form, just in case somebody would like to come on to the Committee.

Please ensure that anyone you nominate for any of the positions is willing to stand.

The forms must be handed in at the **MAY** meeting or by post or e-mail, (see bottom of election form).

Club Dinner

After a lot of discussion the Committee have decided that the Club dinner will be held on Friday 7th October 2011 at Luigis in Beehive Lane. More information nearer the time.



Future Meetings

May – The curator of the London Zoo Aquarium, Mr Brian Zimmerman will be giving us a talk on fishes of the Amazon.

June – The AGM, plus a short talk, a table show, (which will be any variety livebearers) and a small auction of Club shop things.



From now on the Club shop will not be able to get any special orders for members, but thanks to Kelvin at Fishy Friends for supplying the fish food.

For those that are interested, Southend are holding their annual fish show on 21st May at the Temple Sutton School Southend. More information on their web site www.southendaquarist.co.uk

Please don't forget to book your place at the Magic Night.

See you all Monday Barry