

Something Fishy

The Newsletter of the Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

Last Month

Ray Downer - How I Started In Marines



Ray gave an interesting talk on how he started in marines, (I think it was in the 60's) He went through how he started, using undergravel filters, (using an air pump) bleached corals and tap water, to his present set up of T5 tube lighting, living rock, R/O water and a skimmer. Ray started with just a fish set up, and then went on to keep native marines as well to the present day where he has a reef tank (fish & corals).

This was an excellent talk (a bit like marine fish keeping through the ages). A good old fashioned talk on how to keep marines.

This Month

Brian Zimmerman – Fishes of the Amazon



Roger has really done well this month. He has managed to get the curator of the London Zoo Aquarium to give us a talk.

Brian is going to give us a talk on fishes of the Amazon. I

believe he has recently returned from the Amazon, so he will have plenty of pictures to show us and experiences to tell us about.

Next Meeting
Monday 9th May

It would be really nice if we could have good support from the membership at this meeting. It is not very often we have the chance to have a talk by someone whose tanks are looked at by many thousands of people each year.

I am sure this will be an excellent talk from a very experience and knowledgeable aquarists, and I'm sure you will have plenty of questions for him.

Magic Night

Saturday 14th May

There are still some places available for the magic night. This is your last opportunity to book a place at a very good evening's entertainment.

The members who have already booked places will need to pay their money to Ray at this meeting.

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's a bring your own eats and drinks evening.



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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 not be at this meeting but Ray will be happy to take your membership money instead.

Don't forget you can't vote at next month's AGM if you have not paid your subs.

Ron Ruth



On the 21st May Ron and his wife Oamh will be moving to Vietnam.

Many newer members will not know Ron, but for more years than he cares to remember he was a very active member of the club. Ron was on the committee for many years. He also ran the club shop along with Ray and helped out on many of the club activities including organising with Ray the clubs Treasure Hunts, they were a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Trying to work out where we should be and what we were looking for from the clues. We always ended up at the Cricketers pub to finish off the day.

The club wish Ron and Oamh the very best for the future and if Ron gives me his email address I'll send him a Newsletter, keeping him up to date with what's happening at the club.

Future Meetings

June

The AGM. This will include the election of the Committee and a small auction of Club shop things.



A table show of Any Variety Livebearers, this includes things like Guppies, Swords, Platies etc. Tanks will be provided - you only need to bring the fish and some water.

July

We have Paul Mills who works for Wildwoods of Enfield giving us a talk on all things coldwater, ponds, goldfish etc.

Club Dinner

7th October

This is Luigis where the Club will be holding its annual dinner. More info nearer the time.



The club would like to wish Ray's wife Wendy a speedy recovery following her recent operation.

We would also like to send our good wishes to Dave Hunt who has not been very well recently. We hope to see him back at the club soon.

See you all Monday Barry