

Something Fishy

The Newsletter of the Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

Last Month

Sam Guillaume – Seahorses



Sam gave a very interesting talk on the breeding and rearing of seahorses. Apparently the most difficult part was rearing the young, because it seems that even if they saturated the tank with food the young were not interested in eating.



They found out it was the build up of gases in the body that was causing the problem. Even after trying several things to solve this problem the survival rate was still low.

After the break Sam answered all the questions that club members asked her. Not only on seahorses but other things to do with the London Zoo Aquarium.

All in all a very good evening. Well done to Roger again for booking another excellent speaker.

Guppy News

Keith gave me an article from the Times about guppies. It made interesting reading. It said that although it was native to Trinidad and the northeast fringe of South America it can now be found in the wild in 70 countries. This is due to people releasing unwanted fish into the local waterways.

Next Meeting
Monday 14th November

The University of St Andrews and the University of the West Indies conducted an experiment. They placed single female guppies in containers and after two years most of the containers had guppy populations.

This is due to the female guppy's ability to store sperm for months.

It shows you that you should not release non native fish into the local water systems.

This Month

Cichlids – Garry Steptoe



I am still not sure but I think Garry will be talking about his experiences with Cichlids.

Garry has kept quite a few in his long time in the hobby.

A very knowledgeable aquarists who shows plenty of pictures and will always answer any questions you might have.

This should be a good evening. Even if Cichlids are not your thing, this talk may change your mind.

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The results of the pond competition are as follows.

- 1st Mike Brill
- 2nd Ken Wrightson
- 3rd Brian Lowe
- 4th Gerry Smith

As with the home aquaria competition the standard of ponds was very high.

Thanks to the judges for giving up their time to view the ponds.

New Venue



This is a reminder that as from January our new meeting hall will be at:

GANTS HILL UNITED
REFORM CHURCH
WOODFORD AVENUE
GANTS HILL IG2 6UH

I have included a map and directions (courtesy of Rab) with this newsletter to help you find it. Although the church is on the Woodford Avenue the hall is in Ethelbert Gardens. The map and instructions will explain it all.

Christmas Meeting



At the December meeting there will be the review of the Pond and Home Aquaria competitions. Plenty of eats and the fry growing (Glowlights) competition. Bring your best Glowlight along to be judged, tanks will be supplied but you do need to bring some extra water to fill the tank.

Snippets of info & News



Ken will be giving us our first talk at our new venue, just in case there are any hiccups. Don't forget it's the **SECOND TUESDAY IN THE MONTH. The 10th of January**

The Club dinner was a great success. The food was excellent, the company great and a good time was had by all. Thanks to our President Len who gave a very good speech.



Yvonne has got a mobility scooter she wants to sell.

It is as good as new and comes with battery charger. Yvonne only wants £200 for it.

Don't forget Aquatics Live at Olympia 19th & 20th November. Times of opening are Sat 9.00am – 6.00pm, Sun 9.00am – 4.30pm. Admission £10.00 on the day.

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See you all Monday Barry