

Something Fishy

The Newsletter of the Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

Last Month

Not quite the talk I was expecting, John and his fellow speaker (I forget his name) were obviously very passionate about their subject.

They were very knowledgeable on the subject of koi health and well being, but very little on how to look after them and no pictures of koi.



This picture shows what a koi looks like. I think it's a shame when speakers are given the opportunity by clubs to promote their particular side of the aquatic hobby but they don't make the best of it.

This Month

Dick Mills – Angels



This month we have Dick talking on angel fish with pictures I hope? (just in case this is what an angel fish looks like). I am sure this will be a

Next Meeting
Tuesday 10th April

good talk with plenty of pictures, providing Dick can find the new hall.



Just a reminder that the FBAS web site has lots of information and articles on fish and fish keeping, fish shows that you may want to visit, the FBAS Bulletin and much more.

Dick Mills is also the President, Public Relations officer and the web master.

Subs



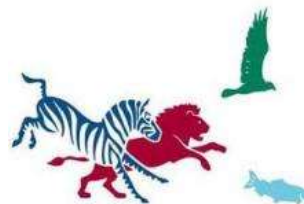
It's that time of year again when your subs are due.

Single	£25.00
Family	£30.00
Junior	£5.00

Please see Rab (he will be the one with a big smile on his face, Money coming in).

London Zoo Aquarium Visit

Sunday 29th April



LONDON ZOO

Everything is in place for the visit to the London Zoo aquarium. Sunday 29th April, meeting outside the main entrance at 10.30am prompt. Keith has some maps which he will give to all those that are going.

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Help for Heroes



An update on the raffle that Ray organised for the Help the Heroes charity.

The raffle raised £3,500. Ray went to Colchester (Rays standing on the left) to the new recovery unit to present the cheque.

Ray would like to thank everybody who bought tickets for their support. One of Jan's friend's tickets won a chair that Ray made.

Pond Up And Running

I built my pond about six years ago, (14' long 7' wide 6'6" deep). It took a couple of years to finish, digging by hand, laying the blocks and bricks, putting in the bottom drain, cementing the base, rendering the sides, putting in the filters, making the pergola the list goes on. The only thing I didn't do was the fibre glassing, although I was tempted to give it a go.

These are the two gate valves that were the cause of the problem.



Having to fix the lower valve first, (the handle broken off in the shut position). This is the feed from the pond to the filters. The other one is the valve to the sump, this was the one that

was leaking, so I had to drain the pond until it was below the level of the bottom valve. 1500 gallons of water and several hours later, the



pond looked like this. I think the koi were pleased I stopped there. As you can see from the next photo, taking the pipe work apart the water was just below where I had to take the valve off. It all went back together OK.



Many hours later (only got a 1/2" hose) the pond was full again, no leaking valves and the koi were happy.



And some reminders:

Don't forget subs are due.

Don't forget Committee members who said they would bring raffle prizes.

If you are going to the London Zoo Aquarium see Keith for a map (hope this is alright Keith)

See you all Tuesday Barry