

Something Fishy

The Newsletter of the Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society Last Month

Malcolm Goss – Aquatic Plants

This was a good meeting with plenty going on, there were presentations, faces old and new and a good talk by Malcolm.

This is what Dick Mills had to say about it.

Ilford Incident

A survey amongst visitors to Ilford would reveal that they all had a great time, the hospitality was wonderful and the welcome was as warm as could be expected.

Add to this, the fact that the odd surprise pops up now and then, you have all the makings of a happy society.

At the Society's March meeting there were two 'surprises' in one. The first was predetermined (but only to those immediately involved).



Mike Smith, an Ilford member from times past had amassed the required number of First Place Open Show Cards (earned between 1980 – 1990) to obtain his

Gold Brooch and Commemorative 'T' shirt under the FBAS Brooch Scheme, and was urged by Ilford to claim them and be presented with his at a convenient Society meeting.

FBAS President Dick Mills, who just happened to be visiting Ilford along with fellow Hounslow Members Peter Anderson and Malcolm Goss (who was giving the talk), duly put on his regalia and did the honours.

The second 'surprise' was genuine enough to all concerned.

**Next Meeting
Tuesday 9th April**

Terry Waller was the tank-building legend well before Brian Chittenden took up the mantle in recent years.

Having successfully gone 'freelance' after working for Seabray Aquariums, Terry has found a new interest in vintage cars and travels extensively throughout Europe.



Accompanied by his wife Margret, Terry probably delayed the meeting for some time as he renewed acquaintances with all those there that

remembered him. Who can ever forget the Kings Lynn Open Show where Terry (who was judging) was in such a hurry to get home that he drove off, leaving his son behind!

Ken Wrightson, Chairman of Ilford, reflected very positively about the Society's fortunes since moving from their previous venue at Wanstead Library. "We've become a much more intimate club, he said. "People seem much more willing to get involved, they like the facilities here at Gants Hill, especially as we can store all our useful club stuff here without having to lug it all from home each time. And, best of all, our numbers seem to be rising, with any newcomer being more than happy to stay."

Thanks to Dick for letting us use his article which can be found on the FBAS web site, along with lots of other interesting fishy things.

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This Month

Paul Mills – Pond Plants and Ponds



This is the time of year when we should be doing all those little jobs on our ponds ready for the summer (dream on) but

hopefully by the time of Paul's talk the weather will have improved and we can put some of his suggestions into practice.

Club Visit to Wholesale Tropicals

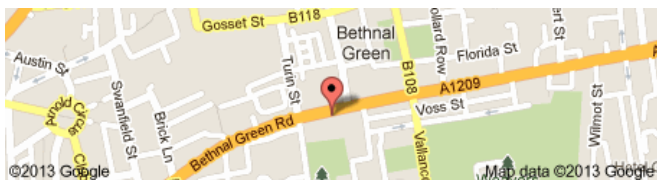


Don't forget that on Tuesday 16th April, Ken has arranged a visit to Wholesale Tropicals in London. Meeting up at 7.30 at the shop.

Please try to come if you can as they are staying open late for us.

Wholesale Tropicals are located in Bethnal Green. The address is: 220 Bethnal Green Road, London, E2 0AA. Phone 020 7739 5356.

Bethnal Green is on the London underground Central Line, and is just a short walk down Bethnal Green Road.



Dates for your Diary

Pond Competition 21st July

Home Aquaria Competition 15th September

Subs

It's that time of year again when our subs are due, but as Rab won't be at the April meeting it has been deferred until the May meeting. Giving us another month to save up our pennies.



Single £25.00 Family £30.00

Junior £5.00

June Meeting

The June meeting is the AGM, so I have sent out the nomination forms with this newsletter, as they need to be returned at the May meeting.

If you wish to join the committee or you would like to nominate someone please make sure they are willing to stand.

For the second half of the meeting we are thinking of holding a small auction, so you can bring anything you want to sell. Let us know what you think of this idea?

Next Month

Chris Cheswright – Killifish



I like killifish so I for one am looking forward to this talk, and Chris always gives a good talk.

See you all Tuesday (7.45)

Barry

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Election of Officers 2013

Life Posts

President: Len Smith

Vice-Presidents: Sam Bray
Geoff Wade
Mike Shadrack

Elected Posts

Present Holder

Nomination

Chair Person	K.Wrightson.....	
Deputy Chair Person	R.Downer.....	
Treasurer	R.Dingwall.....	
General/Minutes Secretary	J.German.....	
Programme Secretary	K.Browse	
Bulletin Editor	B.Brown.....	
Membership Secretary	K.Winch.....	
Public Relation Officer	R.Downer.....	
Show Secretary	D.Stock.....	
Shop Manager	C.Tayler.....	
Assistant Shop Manager	R.Downer.....	
Committee Members	S.Cirsch.....	
	K.Bishop.....	
	J.Humphries.....	
	

Librarians: Brian and Christine Walters (non-Committee Position)

Scrutineers M.Brill & M.German

Please ensure that anyone you nominate for these positions is willing to stand