

# Something Fishy

The Newsletter of the Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

## Last Month

### The AGM

As per usual for the AGM, there were very few members that turned up. In fact there were only thirteen of us.

The reports of the officers present were read and seconded.

Instead of electing the Committee as usual, we went on to Any Other Business.

This was because we needed to discuss what was going to happen to the club in the future.

Ray gave his thoughts on the matter as did Ken, along with the members that were present giving their opinions on what was being said.

As you can appreciate, with three Committee members moving away and no members willing to take their place, this puts extra pressure on the remaining Committee members who (I'm sure they won't mind me saying this, are not getting any younger), and have done the job for many, many years.

As a result of the views and comments expressed, it was decided that the Club should be dissolved and an Extraordinary General Meeting should take place at the September Meeting.

Hopefully members reading this will make the effort to come to this one.

## This Month

### Extraordinary General Meeting

This meeting is being called to ratify the decision at last month's AGM for the dissolution of the Ilford and District Aquarists and Pondkeepers Society.

As a point of order Rule 12 of the constitution states the resolution must be subsequently ratified by a majority of at least two thirds of the current membership by post, or by attendance at an extraordinary general meeting.  
**Rule 12 in full on page 3.**

A voting form is included with this newsletter for anyone who cannot attend the meeting

Whatever the outcome of this meeting, **the club will continue to run at least up to the Christmas meeting.**

## Future meetings

October	Ken Wrightson
November	Chris Chesswright
December	The Christmas meeting.

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### Vietnam Ron

I had this email from Ron the other day and after the email Ray read out at the last meeting I thought you would like to see this one.

“Hi Barry,

Thanks, I have been filing all newsletters since being here, but somehow I have mislaid, or misfiled, May's letter. Perhaps you could send me a copy next time if you keep them, please? I am feeling much better lately since I am being treated daily by a local acupressurist (Acupuncture without needles!) A half hour each morning has revived me from being unable to get out of bed in the morning without a powerful painkiller injection. That was when I arrived home on 1st April, but by the end of April I was mobile, and today I can do a thousand steps on our treadmill in fifteen minutes. Just need to replace 11Kgs. of lost weight now.

But enough about me. I am really sad to hear the club is tottering on the brink of extinction. As a member since 1959 it holds a lot of great memories of friends and fishy times. I miss it here, and the hobby which has been impossible to start being unable to communicate.

I don't know if anyone there has seen a news item recently about the guy who nearly died from infection caught by starting a siphon by mouth on his marine tank. Just in case it's been missed the web link is:-

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4121094/My-deadly-pet-fish-cleaning-aquarium-left-retired-bus-driver-killer-infection.html>

Might be worth a mention in the newsletter if it is not old news. I doubt that 'freshwater' is any healthier than seawater!

All the best from Vietnam, Ron “

This is an extract from the article which can be fully read from the web link in Ron's email

As an enthusiastic fish-keeper, Alex Cunnison liked nothing better than watching his colourful marine fish in the tank in his living room.



But little did he know that - however relaxing they were to look at - his fish were making him seriously unwell.

In fact, the 70-year-old contracted an incredibly rare disease that baffled doctors and left him struggling to breathe.

As part of his fish-keeping routine, Mr Cunnison would place one end of a hose in the tank then suck on the other end to start siphoning out the dirty water into a bucket. Although he never swallowed the water, he inhaled bacteria which then infected his lung. He became sicker and sicker - but at first had no idea that his aquarium was to blame

After months of tests, medics revealed the astonishing truth - that bacteria inhaled as he siphoned water from the fish tank had caused a potentially fatal 'fish tank granuloma' - a type of lesion - in his lung. Such an infection is so rare the case has now been detailed in a medical journal as only the third of its kind ever reported.

I will not be at the meeting as we are moving on the Thursday (14<sup>th</sup>) so will have too much to do that week.

It has been a privilege to be a member and to have served on the Committee of the Ilford Club, I have made lots of friends and gained a wealth of useful information from fellow members and the talks. A special thank you to Ken & Ray for picking me up each month for lots of years.

*See you at the Christmas Meeting  
Barry*

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## Extraordinary General Meeting

### Rule 12

If at any meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Society shall be passed of the members by a majority present, the resolution must be subsequently ratified by a majority of at least two thirds of members by post, or by attendance at an extraordinary general meeting. The General Secretary will send ballot papers to all members having voting rights. The General Committee shall upon ratification of such a resolution, or at such future date as may be specified in such a resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Society and after discharge of all liabilities shall give all remaining proceeds to a local Charity which shall be decided at the final dissolution meeting

The form below is for any member who cannot attend the meeting and wants to vote on last month's resolution for the dissolution of The Ilford and District Aquarists and Pondkeepers Society.

**Please tick one box**

For the dissolution of the Ilford and District Aquarists and Pondkeepers Society	
Against the dissolution of the Ilford and District Aquarists and Pondkeepers Society	

The completed form should be sent to;