

Something Fishy

The Newsletter of the Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

2018

Happy New Year!

The Last Newsletter

January 2018

Last Month



This was a very well attended meeting, which was nice to see.

Mike gave a very interesting talk on the history of the club, which brought back memories of past members and events. Mike even had some old minute's books that went back to when the society was first formed. In those days it was all very formal with the Chairman and other Committee members seated at a table for each meeting.



Thanks to Mike for providing all the food for the evening. Very nice it was too with very little left at the end of the meeting.



The usual card table was present with plenty of cards on it.



It was funny to hear members trying to put names to the faces of past members in the pictures.



We did have an extra member that was Gerry's dog (sorry Gerry can't remember his name)

He was probably better behaved than some of the members!!!

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Thanks to Cliff for doing the Christmas hampers (sorry Cliff I forgot to take a picture of them) but they did look nice. I am sure the winners enjoyed them over the Christmas period.



After Mike had finished his talk it was down to getting stuck into the refreshments and doing a lot of social talking.



Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening even if it was the last meeting in this format of the club.



It is always sad when a club, especially with our history, has to fold but hopefully the new quarterly get-togethers will keep the name of Ilford fish club going.



The Church

Ray has spoken to the Church Secretay who has had a difficult time over Christmas, but has thanked us for our donation to the Church which was gratefully received.

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London Zoo Aquarium

The letter on the last page is from Brian Zimmerman, Chief Curator of the Zoo thanking us for the donation that the club made.

It is good to see the donation going to the conservation of freshwater fish through their Fish Net programme.

An Email From Keith

“I do not know if you will be sending out another letter re the final meeting but I thought you may like to know that 28 people and 1 dog were at the meeting which is the best attendance since April 2014 and of course the first time we have ever had a dog in attendance!

Hope all is well and that we may meet up again should we both go to Mike's meeting next year. Hopefully the weather will brighten up by then.

Regards

Keith “

It was good to see the meeting was well attended and the best for over three years.

The Final Newsletter

In 2008 I took over from Rab as the newsletter editor and for almost ten years I have tried to keep members informed as to what was going on in the club.

It will feel strange not to spend some time during the month not doing the Newsletter and who would have thought that ten years on I would be writing the last one.

From a thriving club whose members filled the Churchill Rooms at Wanstead Library to where we are now.

I think this the way a lot of clubs are going, not just fish clubs but many of the hobbyist type clubs.

Here is the first thing I wrote when I started doing the Newsletter in 2008.

The New Boy (Well New Old Boy)



Hello. I'm Barry the new newsletter Editor. I have been the Shop Manager for the last few years so you will know me. Now I have taken over from Rab (who will be a hard act to follow). I hope you will excuse any mistakes that I make while I'm trying to get into the swing of things. I hope members will contribute with maybe an article about their pond, aquarium or a favourite fish.

And here is the last.

I would like to thank everyone who submitted articles for the newsletter over the past ten years.

We as a club have had some great times, with special social events, coach trips and some fantastic speakers that I hope members learnt something from.

Hopefully the name of Ilford will continue in the guise of the quarterly meetings, I shall look forward to seeing you there.

The last thing to say is it has been a pleasure.

Barry

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Dear Ray Downer,

I am writing to acknowledge and say a huge thank you for the very generous donation of £1,500 to the Zoological Society of London's Aquarium. This funding will go a long way to support our conservation work in freshwater fishes through our Fish Net programme. Fish Net is working in Greece, Turkey and Madagascar and striving to save some of the world's rarest species.

I am very sad to hear about the Ilford and District Aquarists & Pondkeepers' Society meetings dissolving. The Aquarium team really enjoyed talking about their work to your members and we are all saddened to hear that the membership has declined.

If there are special occasion meetings in the future please let us know in advance and I'm sure that one of the team here will be delighted to provide a presentation on the latest updates of the Fish Net projects.

Thank you again for your generous donation and I wish you all the best in the future.

Kind regards,



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