

Something Fishy

The Newsletter of the Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

Last Month

Ken Wrightson – Fish Houses



Kens talk was on fish houses and some old favourite fish. I was not at the meeting but this is what Ken emailed me about his talk.

“Hi Barry,

I showed them a DVD of a talk which I gave to Hounslow Society. Dick Mills filmed it for the FBAS and they put it on sale. I'm still waiting for the royalties!!!

We had the audio system on so they couldn't avoid listening to me!!!

Hope you are all ok.

Cheers, Ken”

If you enjoyed this talk or were not able to attend the meeting, I have some good news. You can still purchase the DVD from the FBAS.

You can order it on the FBAS web site for the stately sum of £6.00. If you do this Ken might get some royalties?

This Month

Chris Cheswright

Again I am not sure what Chris's talk will be on, but Chris has been to us on many, many occasions` over the years and the talks have always been excellent.

Next Meeting
Tuesday 14th November

Items From The Committee Meeting

There are still some small show tanks left for any member that wants them. You will need to pick them up at this meeting as Chris is taking what is left after the meeting.

This is also the last meeting to get your fish food, there is not a lot left, and any remaining food will go to Southend for their raffles.

The idea of meeting three or four times a year is still very high on the agenda. Meetings could take place in houses of members that can hold them, maybe a pub or even a shop visit.

This is still at the planning stage but Mike and Ken will be dealing with this so let them know if you are interested and they will add your names to the list for contacting when there is a date and venue arranged.

Angela came up with the idea that members should wear their club shirts/jumpers for the November meeting. The Committee thought it would be a good idea to do this.

Mario and Janet will not be at this meeting so we will be looking for volunteers to make the tea/coffee at break time.



Just thought I would show you where my new Marine tank will be going. Not ideal next to the window but at least no direct sunlight. It is the only place I could fit one in at the moment. I know this one won't hold much water but at least it got rid of two removal boxes.

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Ilford Aquarist and Pondkeepers Society 1934-2017 an appreciation

It is a sad outcome that after December 2017 our Society will cease to exist, something that was unthinkable some years ago.

Over the years Ilford has been a thriving Society with some outstanding aquarist's among their number.

I joined Ilford quite a few years ago after my original Club, East London, had ceased to exist. It turned out to be one of my better decisions and I have met and enjoyed the company of some good people.

I can't go back as far as some of the longer serving members, but I am aware of the contribution those members made in creating the largest Society in the south east.

Ilford always had a good diary with various social events like Quiz Nights, Shows, Dinner and Dances, Coach Trips, both at home and abroad, and the famous Annual Car Treasure Hunt, all of which were very well supported.

I am so grateful that I knew some of the dedicated people personally who put so much effort in the Club during my time with Ilford. People like Len Smith, Den Seaman, Mike Shadrack, Mike Brill, Ron Ruth, Rab Dingwall, Roger Saltrick, Cliff Tayler, Barry Brown, Gerry Smith, Gino Dallanegra, Clive Stott. I know that I have left quite a few good names off this list, my apologies for this.

I had the honour of taking over from Mike Shadrack as Chairman of the Society, a position that I thoroughly enjoyed throughout, due in no small measure to the great support that I received.

I must here make a special mention to Ray Downer who kindly took over from me when my dear wife, Brenda became ill.

Ray has always worked tirelessly for Ilford as so many have in the past.

To the few remaining members I would respectfully remind them that they and I have been very fortunate to belong to a Club like Ilford Aquarist's and Pondkeepers Society.

In an effort to keep the name of Ilford alive, we are going to arrange a series of get-togethers, say three or four times a year, where we can meet up and talk about all things aquatic.

Any member wishing to do so will be welcome. I will be taking names of those interested at the last couple of meetings.

There are no words that could do justice to our 83-year-old Society, but I felt something should be put in print.

Happy Fishkeeping
Ken Wrightson, Vice-President

Next Month

The Christmas Meeting

At this meeting Mike will be doing the talk, which is not surprisingly called a trip down memory lane.

There will be the usual food which is also being supplied by Mike.

The raffle will consist of the usual Christmas hampers and wine.

Don't forget to turn up in your club shirts for the November Meeting.

See you all at the Christmas meeting

Barry