

Something Fishy

The Newsletter of the Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

Last Month

Garry Steptowe – Fish on Stamps



I am pleased to say that Garry was OK to do his talk on stamps with fish on them this month.

This was the first stamp that had a fish on it. The stamp is from Newfoundland and was produced in 1865. (hope I've got that right, I'm sure I'll be told if I haven't)

Sorry I have not any pictures from the evening as my camera was playing up.

I found the talk interesting. Unfortunately after Garry had done about a third of the talk the computer froze. Garry tried to get it working but nothing would work.

We had an early cup of tea then luckily Garry had another talk on his memory stick. This one was about his trip to Borneo, which was very interesting and a good way to finish the evening.

This Month

Fish Health – Dr David Pool



Next Meeting
Tuesday 13th June

This should be an interesting talk, as we all want to keep our fish in tip top condition.



David is the author of 3 books on aquarium and pond keeping as well as over 250 articles on fishkeeping. He has appeared on national radio and television across the world to promote fishkeeping and given talks on the subject throughout the world.

He also formed his own company in 2013 producing aquatic products called Fishscience.

Future meetings

Meetings to look forward to

July	Dick Mills
August	AGM
September	Pete Cottle
October	Ken Wrightson
Nov	Chris Cheswright

The Committee have done a good job in arranging the calendar for the rest of the year.

As most of the speakers are from outside of the club and often travel a long way to give us a talk, it would be nice if the membership could turn up and support our meetings.

I've just fallen of my soap box!!!!!!

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From The Archives

June 1987 – AGM plus discussion groups and the table show was breeding pairs.

There were outings in June to Syon Park and the Goldfish Bowl in Oxford.

The raffle was a bottle of wine and a conifer.

June 1997 – The newsletter was now called Carp Monthly.

AGM, a short talk on setting up a furnished aquaria and the table show was Corydoras, Brochis and any other variety catfish.

The raffle was for a bottle of wine, a power head and bedding plants.

Dick Barnetson won the home aquaria competition and Mike Shadrack had an open day at Hosta House.



June 2007 – AGM. Ken gave a talk the previous month on how to encourage fish to breed and how to raise them.

Pat Slater won the fry growing competition; the fry that year were Bristle nose cats.

Mike Brill was doing his articles on ponds. This month was Ponds in May.

As you can see wine was a popular raffle prize 30 years ago. I hope we have not turned any

Ilford members into wine dependant members.

Table shows were very popular in the past as were trips out visiting fish shops, garden centres and show gardens. How things have changed!!!

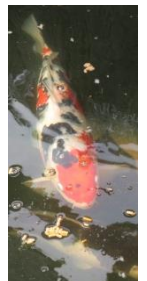
If you are thinking of setting up a Koi pond this year then these two items may be of interest.

Rab got this email and forwarded it to me.

“Hi, perhaps you could help me. I have a koi pond and have 5 koi ranging from 18" to 24". Nothing special maybe 1 or two but after 20 years I feel I want to stop. So do you know anybody starting up that could do with fish, 3 bay filter with jap matting, large vortex and sequence pump. Air pumps and uv and normal extras. I don't want a lot but open to offers. Thank you. Gary. Loughton, Essex.
gary.wise@btinternet.com “

And from me.....

We hope to be moving in the next couple of months so my Koi will have to be rehoused.



They are all about 2 foot. There is a Kohako, Showa, Hariwake, Ogon, Koromo and 2 rather large comet goldfish. If you know of anyone who can give them a good home let me know. I don't want anything for them, I just want them to go to someone who will appreciate them.

See you all Tuesday Barry