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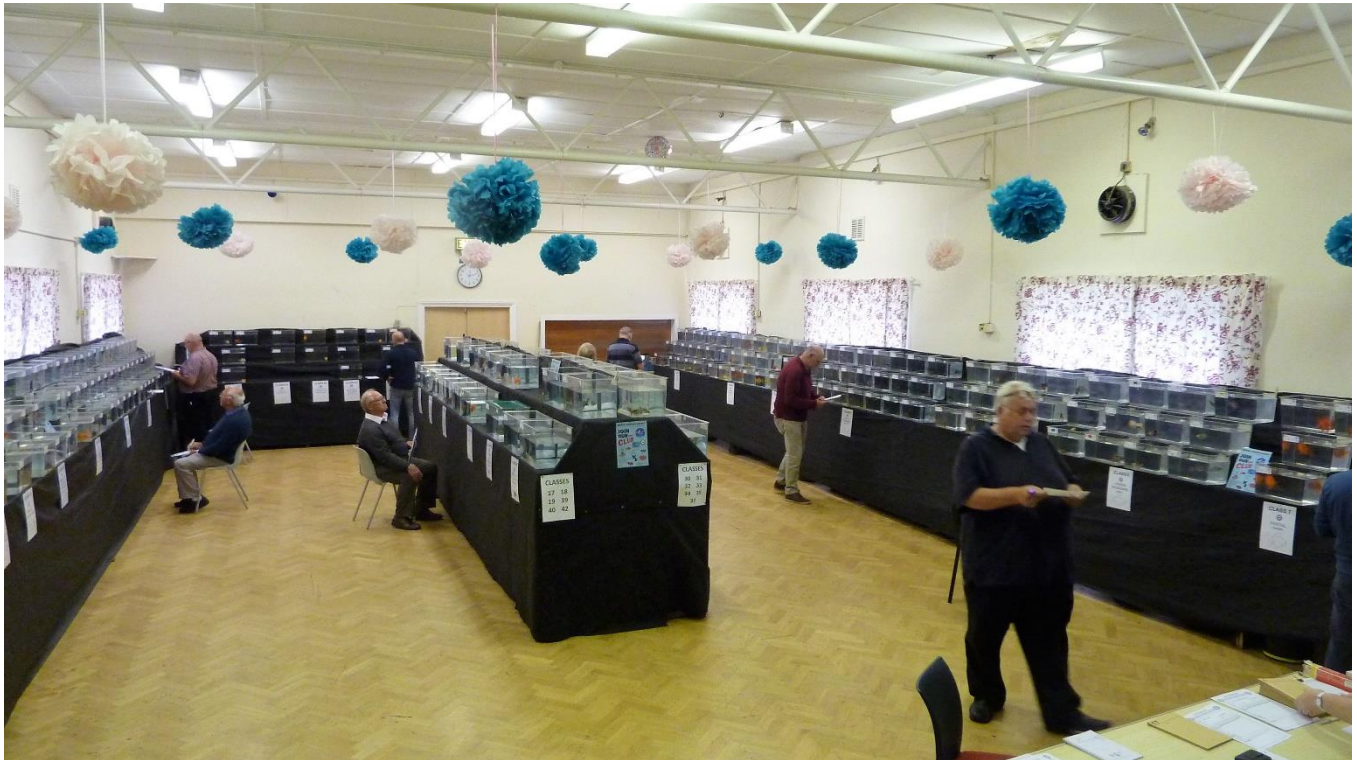
Just add Water



.... and water was added at Bristol Aquarist Society's new venue.

It was BAS OS & Auction on Sunday September 3rd now based at Hengrove Community Centre in Fortfield Road, Bristol. With a separate Show Hall and adjacent Auction Room, it proved to be an ideal setting for the Goldfish Show.

Our Chairman Sherridan Moores and Show Sec. Dean Roberts attended as Nationwide Judges. Here they are in action, with six others, assessing the 230 entries by 23 breeders.



The Auction was held separately where an audience of more than 40 bid for 65 pedigree Fancy Goldfish at bargain prices....





The Club has over 80 Classes of Goldfish with 10 Special Trophy Awards. Here is the Best in Show trophy being given to Bob Jones by Lifetime BAS Member Clive Weeks.

His Best in Show was a Metallic Fantail.



There are more pictures on the NGPS website www.northerngoldfishsociety.com go to page 7 and scroll (way) down.

No Goldfish News

I visit Public Aquariums world-wide, but one that I had not toured is the Manchester Aquarium. It is based in the Manchester Museum at the University. Visited at last, I found it isn't an aquarium – it is a vivarium...

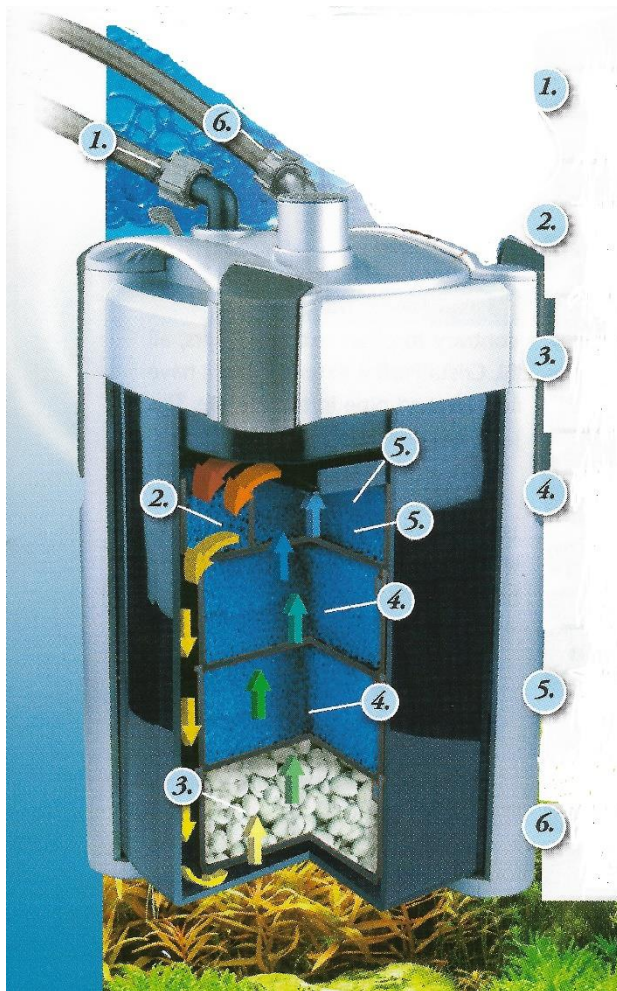


Lots of Snakes and Lizards in Rainforests in tanks and a behind the scenes laboratory devoted to Frogs – the only 'aquarium' had tadpoles....

Still worth a visit (Oxford Road, M13 9PL) for the many other exhibits. The Vivarium is on the second floor, across the link bridge. And it's free.

Tip of the Month

This month it is from Alan Ratcliffe who wrote: In the aquarium, power filters draw water from the tank via the filter with the impellor discharging filtered clean water through its spinners. In the pond, most filter systems pump the dirty water *to* a filter, which means the impellor spins debris and mulm into a fine state before it is filtered. Obviously, the mechanical part of the filter is best placed before this pump. Organise the pond filter system so that the filtration box is sited ahead of that pump. There are numerous aquarium power filters – here is just one – the JBL Cristal – to illustrate their filtration flow.



1. - is the input tube.

2. - is the first foam filter - very open structure for trapping large particles.

3. - are sintered glass pellets for biofiltration.

4. - is a finer foam.

5. - is even finer for polishing the water.

6. - the clean water is then pumped back to the aquarium via the impellor.

How to arrange a similar system for your pond depends on its style ... ideas will be published in future Newsletters.

Sad News

John Blundell, a long-time member of the Society, died on June 21st after a short illness.



John was a famous entrepreneur – he graduated from Manchester University with a chemistry degree and went on to get a degree in engineering. As a chemical engineer, he then founded Centec, now an international company that solves problems for companies such as Shell, DuPont, GlaxoSmithKline, etc. He was an accomplished player of the Cello and had a musical career too. He owned the castle at Fort Belan on the Menai Straights, which became a famous holiday venue. At the Fort Belan Docks John also built a fish breeding

complex, especially for Bass. This was when he became an aquarist and joined the NGPS. We supplied him with Goldfish and Koi at the Fort and at ponds in his chemical factories. Also at his home in Moston Sadbach in Cheshire where he became (of course) an accomplished gardener.

There will be more of John's life story on the Centec website soon – visit <http://centec.uk.com/> We are proud to say he was an Honorary Member of our club.

Open Show 2017

The September meeting was devoted to discussing the final details of the Club's annual Open Show. Here are the details ...

Venue, as always, is St Matthews Church Hall, Chester Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 8HF. **Saturday, September 16th**. Benching will be from 9am, ending at 11am, when judging will take over until at least 3pm. Public can view from 3pm and debenching will be at 5pm.

There is car parking at the Hall but if full there is a public carpark at the next-door Stretford Mall.

The early arrivals will get free hot drinks and free hot food. Thereafter there will be a lunch at £5 (a main meal of Hotpot & desert is included) prepared professionally by the Church. This is their traditional 'Patronal Festival Lunch' and starts at 12.30pm.

Sherridan will have his retail unit at the Show. This year there will be a Grand Raffle with special prizes – only £1 a ticket strip (and just one colour!).

Your VP David Ford will lecture on 'The History of the Aquarium'. Fascinating.

An Auction will take place during the judging – please bring any Goldfish you wish to sell, or attend to get a bargain buy.

The water is treated and tested, with aeration available if needed.

Please note that the setting-up of the display tanks will be on **Friday September 15th**. From midday until late (not before midday, the hall will be occupied by others). Any help you can offer will be appreciated – plus helping to pack it all away, after 5pm on the Saturday.

Please bring items for the Grand Raffle on the Friday or the Saturday – thanks.

Hope to see you at the Show.

Next meeting at the Church Inn, Prestwich, is Tuesday 10th October Be there.

