

**NORTHERN GOLDFISH  
& PONDKEEPERS  
SOCIETY**  
A Nationwide Society  
**NEWSLETTER**



JULY 2018

**The NGPS Committee support the AMGK!**



30<sup>th</sup> June saw the Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers hold their annual Open Show and Auction at West Orchard Church Hall in Coventry. The Judges included all the NGPS Committee – Bill Ramsden (President), Sherridan Moores (Chairman), Dean Roberts (Show Sec) and me (VP) reporting it! Other judges were Andy Barton, Craig Clinton, Graham Turner and Ian Mildon.



It was a successful show with 195 entries in the 32 Classes. There were 51 entries in the Auction (Auctioneer Mick Smith) with some real bargains for excellent home-bred pedigree Goldfish.



The prizes included product donated by Aquarian, Vitalis and FishScience.





Plus the usual excellent items in the Grand Raffle.

AMGK President (and Show Manager) Andy Barton handed out the prizes.

Here Chairman Pat Davies organises the results and Ian Mildon gets his rewards from Andy.





The Judges were fed a good buffet too.



As in previous Shows, the Fancy Guppy UK held one of their Legs (No. 4) in the Guppy League 2018 at the same venue. Here are their Judges Jane Handley, Stan Collinge and Derrick Clayton at work.





Their Best in Show was a Blonde Red Delta by Sam Swindles of FGUK.

But the Best in Show in the AMGK OS was Andy Barton's magnificent Ranchu.



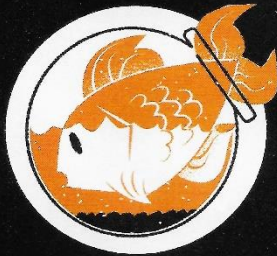
### **Goldfish News**

Despite all the many religions saying otherwise, there is nothing unique about (wo)mankind. The animals have the same emotions we do – now apparently plants communicate and even have memories. This was the theme in an article by Focus (a popular science magazine – July 2018, p56ff) called 'Deep Thought' stating that even fish have intelligence. This is what they published about Goldfish ....



## 5 GOLDFISH MYTHS BUSTED

That denizen of bowls throughout the country is deserving of so much more...



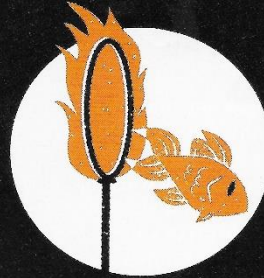
### 1: IT'S FINE TO KEEP GOLDFISH IN SMALL BOWLS

Nope. While goldfish can survive in cramped conditions, it's not good for them. To live to their full lifespan and size (they can reach 45cm), they need properly aerated, treated and filtered water.



### 2: EACH VARIETY OF GOLDFISH IS A DIFFERENT SPECIES

Wrong again. All goldfish are the same species, *Carassius auratus*, a type of carp originally from East Asia that's been selectively bred for hundreds of years.



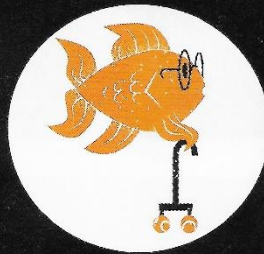
### 3: YOU CAN'T TRAIN A GOLDFISH TO DO TRICKS

Yes you can! Like training a dog with food rewards, you can teach goldfish to swim through hoops, slalom between posts and even push a mini football into a net.



### 4: GOLDFISH HAVE A THREE-SECOND MEMORY

Wrong! Goldfish remember things for months. Feed your pet goldfish at one end of their tank each morning and the opposite each evening, and they'll quickly learn where to wait.



### 5: GOLDFISH ONLY LIVE FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS

Not true. In fact, the average lifespan of a captive goldfish is 5 to 10 years, and if they're carefully looked after they can live well into their 30s or 40s.

But, as always, we could have told them all that!

## Pond News

In that visit to Spain reported last month, I went behind the scenes at Barcelona Aquarium ... read all about it in The Aquarium Gazette (or Practical Fishkeeping – eventually!). They do not have any Goldfish but do have one pond with Koi.







The poster is interesting – it shows how they feed each Koi once daily with a paste food from a squeeze bottle and syringe.

It says (in Catalan, Spanish and rather quaint English) ...

“The feeders contain specific food for Koi Carps, and the amount provided has been calculated to satisfy their daily needs. Once they have had their daily ration, the procedure comes to an end and is not repeated until the following day.”

The Catalan heading means ‘Interaction with our Koi’. Guess they mean ‘how we feed our Koi’.

## AMGK Firsts

Just a few of the excellent Pedigree Goldfish at the AMGK OS – see all the results at <http://amgk.co.uk>





## Minutes of the July Meeting

Sherridan reported that there was interest in visiting Llandudno again for our annual weekend away for members. This is usually the last weekend in October – please let him know if you would like to go. The earlier you do this, the better!

Pat Davies AMGK will be holding a 'Chairman at Home' on Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 2pm. If you would like to attend please let him know by telephone: 07901775605 or 01952504280. His home is in Telford TF4 2ND.

The proposal to re-use old NGPS Trophies was discussed again, especially as our Trophy Secretary, David Padfield, was attending. Consensus was that the most popular trophy was the miniature ones to present and keep as a souvenir. These are not suitable for re-use. But he did win the room prize.

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Next meeting is 8pm Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup> at The Church Inn M25 1AN – please try to attend to discuss plans for the following month's NGPS Open Show.

