



# Goldfish Standard

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## A DAY OUT



at the home of Richard & Abby Rizzotti

## 2<sup>nd</sup> NATIONAL GOLDFISH OPEN SHOW

**SPECIAL  
AWARD  
WINNERS**



Bob Jones & Alan Ratcliffe

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# Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers



## Presidents review of 2015

This year has been a very mixed year, full of ups and downs, with some of our members enjoying lots of success while others have had major difficulties with their fish keeping.

But, in the true spirit of this club, many members have been forth coming with help, advice, time and energy to try to overcome the various problems that have arisen.

The co-operation and energy within the club shows the closeness and high regard held for everyone, regardless of whether it is just a particular fish that is needed or a major problem that needs resolving. A warm welcome has also been extended to our new members and to previous members who have re-joined this year. You are all a credit to this club and long may it continue.

Once again, this year has seen our table shows well supported with large numbers of fish, both at the adult and baby fish shows and I think that I am right in saying that they were all owner bred. Next year it would be nice to see some or all of our new members taking part in these shows as they make up a large part of what we do in the world of goldfish keeping.

Our Open Show in June was again a happy and successful day, with a unique atmosphere that can only be generated by everyone involved. It's hard work but the end result is well worth it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mick Smith and June Pons for all their hard work over the years as show secretary and assistant, we wish you well and you will be sadly missed in this role, but I am thankful that you are both still holding active roles within the club.

The nationwide show was again held in Northampton and was well supported by club members, ensuring that the 2<sup>nd</sup> national show was a success in many ways, giving it a good foundation on which to build ongoing success.

Finally, thank you to all of our members for their efforts because it is your efforts which make this club what it is today.

Regards  
**Andrew Barton**  
President



# AMGK BABY FISH SHOW

16/08/15

## BEST IN SHOW

Phil Riley

Bristol Shubunkin



## RESULTS

Andrew Barton

Moor



Andrew Barton

Nacreous Fantail



Andrew Barton

Metallic Fantail



Andrew Barton

Lionhead



Elaine Edmunds

Ryukin



|                 |                          |                |                         |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>CLASS 1</b>  | <b>Bristol Shubunkin</b> | <b>CLASS 4</b> | <b>Metallic Fantail</b> |
| 1st             | PHIL RILEY               | 1st            | ANDREW BARTON           |
| 2nd             | PHIL RILEY               |                |                         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | PHIL RILEY               |                |                         |
| 4th             | ELAINE EDMUNDS           |                |                         |
| <b>CLASS 2</b>  | <b>Moor</b>              | <b>CLASS 5</b> | <b>Lionhead</b>         |
| 1st             | ANDREW BARTON            | 1st            | ANDREW BARTON           |
| 2nd             | ANDREW BARTON            | 2nd            | ANDREW BARTON           |
| <b>CLASS 3</b>  | <b>Nacreous Fantail</b>  | <b>CLASS 6</b> | <b>Ryukin</b>           |
| 1st             | ANDREW BARTON            | 1st            | ELAINE EDMUNDS          |
|                 |                          | 2nd            | ELAINE EDMUNDS          |
|                 |                          | 3rd            | ELAINE EDMUNDS          |

## AMGK AWARDS 2015

**BEST MALE EXHIBITOR** Andrew Barton  
**BEST FEMALE EXHIBITOR** Elaine Edmunds  
**HIGHEST POINTS SCORER** Andrew Barton (49)



# The Nationwide Goldfish Standards of the United Kingdom



## Open Show 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Judged to Nationwide Goldfish Standards UK

I would like to thank and congratulate the 10 members of the association of Midland Goldfish Keepers Society for their tremendous help and contribution to the success of the show. Well done to Pat Davies and Phil Riley and to Andrew the show Manager for the smooth running of the event. The exhibitors were Andrew Barton, Phil Riley, Mick Smith, Jim Amos, Jan Amos and Martyn Clare. We had some top breeders missing this year the likes of Pat Davies, Gary Malpas, Alex King and Brian Parkin, just some of the people not exhibiting for one reason or another. If this show is to continue and grow we need to get more exhibitors and more breeders classes on the bench. There were some stunning fish on the show bench this year and if we had had the extra 40 entries it would have been tremendous.

**Exhibitors** (Bristol Members ) Bob Jones, Ian Mildon, Clive Waterhouse, Graham Bell. ( A.M.G.K. Members ) Andrew Barton, Mick Smith, Phil Riley, Martyn Clare, Jim Amos, Jan Amos. ( N.G.P.S. Members ) Sherridan Moores, Dean Roberts, Richard Rizzotti, Alan Ratcliffe, David Padfield, Alan Race. (N.E.G.S. Members ) Graham Turner, Keith Waters.

**18 Exhibitors 4 Societies.**

**165 entries**

98 adult fish in 21 Classes

50 Single entry bred fish in 12 of the 21 Classes

17 teams of four fish in 8 of the 21 Classes



That's all folks!



**Show secretary Graham Turner**

# NATIONAL GOLDFISH OPEN SHOW WINNERS 2015



*Metallic Fantail*  
*Bob Jones*



*Comet*  
*Alan Ratcliffe*



*London Shubunkin*  
*Alan Ratcliffe*



*Ryukin*  
*Keith Waters*



*Bristol Shubunkin*  
*Graham Bell*



*Jikin*  
*Alan Race*



*Tosakin*  
*Alan Race*



*Common Goldfish*  
*Andrew Barton*



*Nacreous Veiltail*  
*David Padfield*



*Ranchu*  
*Keith Waters*



*Broadtail Moor*  
*Graham Turner*



*AOV with standards*  
*Sherridan Moores*

# NATIONAL GOLDFISH OPEN SHOW WINNERS 2015



Wakin  
Ian Mildon



Nacreous Fantail  
Andrew Barton



Metallic Veiltail  
Andrew Barton



Oranda  
Andrew Barton



Pearlscale  
Dean Roberts



Lionhead  
Sherridan Moores



Celestial  
Ian Mildon



**OWNER BRED  
2015**



Metallic Fantail Bred 2015  
Bob Jones



Bristol Shubunkin Bred 2015  
Phil Riley



Broadtail Moor Bred 2015  
Bob Jones



London Shubunkin Bred 2015  
Mick Smith

# NATIONAL GOLDFISH OPEN SHOW WINNERS 2015



*Nacreous Veiltail Bred 2015  
Bob Jones*



*Lionhead Bred 2015  
Andrew Barton*



*Ranchu Bred 2015  
Martyn Clare*



*Nacreous Fantail Bred 2015  
Richard Rizzotti*



*Celestial Bred 2015  
Graham Turner*



*Bubble Eye Bred 2015  
Sherridan Moores*



*Wakin Bred 2015  
Graham Turner*



*Common Goldfish Bred 2015  
Ian Mildon*



*Ranchu Teams of Four Bred 2015  
Martyn Clare*

## TEAMS OF FOUR



*Nacreous Veiltail Teams of Four Bred 2015  
Bob Jones*



*Common Goldfish Teams of Four Bred 2015  
Ian Mildon*



*Bristol Shubunkin Teams of Four Bred 2015  
Martyn Clare*

# NATIONAL GOLDFISH OPEN SHOW 2015

## BEST ADULT FISH

went to Alan Ratcliffe  
for a stunning  
London Shubunkin



## BEST EXHIBIT and BEST SINGLE ENTRY

for Bob's beautiful  
Nacreous Veiltail



went to Bob Jones  
for his team of  
Broadtail Moors



## BEST TEAM OF FOUR



**SHOW RESULTS**

Class 1 Common Goldfish Andrew Barton Graham Turner Graham Turner Sherridan Moores

Class 2 Comet Alan Ratcliffe, Alan Ratcliffe, Alan Ratcliffe

Class 3 Bristol Shubunkin Graham Bell David Padfield David Padfield Graham Bel

Class 4 London Shubunkins Alan Ratcliffe Alan Ratcliffe, Mick Smith Alan Ratcliffe

Class 5 Metallic Fantails Bob Jones, Mick Smith, Bob Jones, Andrew Barton

Class 6 Nacreous Fantails Andrew Barton, Alan Ratcliffe, Alan Ratcliffe, Alan Ratcliffe.

Class 7 Metallic Veiltails Andrew Barton, Andrew Barton, Sherridan Moores

Class 8 Nacreous Veiltail David Padfield, David Padfield

Class 9 Oranda Andrew Barton Andrew Barton, Dean Roberts.

Class 10 Broadtail Moor Graham Turner Andrew Barton.

Class 11 Lionhead. Sherridan Moores Andrew Barton, Sherridan Moores, Jan Amos

Class 12 Pearlscale Dean Roberts 1 to 3

Class 13 Celestials Ian Mildon Dean Roberts, Dean Roberts.

Class 14 Bubble-eye Sherridan Moores, Sherridan Moores, Graham Turner Dean Roberts.

Class 15 Ranchu Keith Waters, Keith Waters, Keith Waters, Clive Waterhouse.

Class 16 Jikin Alan Race 1,2,3, Ian Mildon 4<sup>th</sup>

Class 17 Tosakin Alan Race Andrew Barton Andrew Barton

Class 18 Ryukin Keith Waters 1 to 3

Class 19 Wakins Ian Mildon Ian Mildon

Class 20 A.O.V. With Standards, Sherridan Moores, Graham Turner, Graham Turner

Single Breeders Classes

Class 22 Common Goldfish Ian Mildon 1 & 2 Graham Turner 3 & 4

Class 24 Bristol Shubunkin 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Phil Riley 4<sup>th</sup> David Padfield

Class 25 London Shubunkin 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Mick Smith 4<sup>th</sup> Ian Mildon.

Class 26 Metallic Fantails 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Jones 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Barton

Class 27 Nacreous Fantail Richard Rizzotti, Andrew Barton.

Class 29 Nacreous Veiltail 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Jones 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Phil Riley

Class 31 Broadtail Moor 1 to 4 Bob Jones Class 32 Lionhead 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Barton

Class 34 Celestial Graham Turner. Class 35 Bubble-eye Sherridan Moores 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Class 36 Ranchu Martyn Clare 1 to 4 Class 40 Wakin Graham Turner 1 to 3

Team of Four Fish

Class 43 Common Goldfish Ian Mildon 1 & 2

Class 45 Bristol shubunkin Martyn Clare, David Padfield, David Padfield.

Class 46 London Shubunkins Ian Mildon 1 & 2 Class 47 Metallic Fantails Bob Jones

Class 48 Nacreous Fantails Richard Rizzotti Class 50 Nacreous Veiltails Bob Jones.

Class 52 Broadtail Moors Bob Jones Richard Rizzotti, Andrew Barton.

Class 57 Ranchu 1,2,3, & 4 Martyn Clare.



## National Goldfish Open Show 2015

# Show Results

**...AND FINALLY, PAT DAVIES**  
who had to wait a year to  
receive the shield for



**BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW 2014**  
AND  
**BEST BREEDERS TEAM - BRED 2014**

# Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers



## Chairman's Report October 2015

Finally, the fish breeding and showing year is over. What a year it has been yet again. We had some great meetings with good attendance, starting with the Anniversary meal in March to belatedly celebrate our club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and also taking an active part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Open Goldfish Show held in Northampton and sponsored and organised by the four specialist goldfish societies judged to the Nationwide Standards of the United Kingdom.

### 1. New Members

The society is still growing from strength to strength with more new active members joining us throughout the year. We welcome Andy Beckett, Heather and Tony Carrier, Chris Grainge, Robert Jones and Martin Killip. Ivor Cheshire and his wife Julie, who joined last year, made it to our last meeting and together with Heather and Tony Carrier also made an early visit to the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Show in Northampton at the end of September – so hopefully have caught the goldfish bug like the rest of us! . To all the new members – welcome, and hope that you get out of the society all that the other, more long-standing, members do. All new members are encouraged to participate fully in the meetings and not be afraid to ask questions and offer opinions, we are all in this game together. Extra help with staging the open show and the National will always be welcome too!

### 2. Meetings and Open Show

All our meetings were extremely well supported with most of our established members together with a number of new members attending and enjoying the fun on the days.

We had our usual table shows with some of the best fish in the country on show, especially the baby fish show in August. Many of these went on to do the breeder's and the club proud in the National Open shows held in the north and South West during August/September.

Congratulations to all those that received recognition for their efforts. Yes I can still say that we have become a formidable group of the highest quality keepers and breeders of fancy goldfish that have led the field in reaching the high standards of today's English bred pedigree goldfish stock. This has, yet again, been reflected in the hoard of top awards gained at the various Nationwide committed society open shows culminating in the National last September.

Yet again, I received a number of very positive comments from members and visitors alike on how well our Open Show in June was received. It has always been a friendly show, with a good turn-out of exhibitors and plenty of high quality fish for sale at the auction.

Some new visitors from southern parts of the country even commented on the sheer numbers of British bred fish on show, something that we in the Nationwide committed societies have always taken for granted, and also the high quality of specimens in each of the classes. We'll see if this revelation brings in more visitors and exhibitors next year!

### **3. Thanks and Appreciation**

As a society we are blessed with a large core of members and volunteers who rally to the cause on the day of the Open Show and thanks to those and especially June and Mick, Linda and Gary and Andy who work tirelessly behind the scenes for many weeks before the day to make it happen.

Special thanks go to Linda and Gary who have also continued to provide tea and biscuits at all our meetings as their personal contribution to the running of the society and for sorting out the very welcome Open Show refreshments.

An important aspect to their particular committee positions of Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, respectively, is to field all enquiries regarding the club and possible new membership etc., this can be very time consuming, but as the public face of the club and the first contact, it is important and much appreciated. This aspect of their club contribution has been busier than ever this year due to us now taking full control of our web site and blog! Many thanks are due to June who is sorting out the layout of the new web site. We'll be discussing the future of this at the AGM. Thanks to you all.

### **4. Second National Goldfish Open Show judged to Nationwide Standards – September 2015**

This was, again, held in Northampton and sponsored and organised by AMGK, BAS, NEGS and NGPS. Thanks to Graham Turner(NEGS) for securing sponsorship from BIFFA and undertaking the show secretary's role and Andy Barton(AMGK) for sorting out the venue and organising the judges, Ian Mildon and the rest of the crew (BAS) for the excellent catering and finally NGPS for the publicity.

Some of you may already know that once all expenses were paid and reimbursements satisfied the whole enterprise gave a profit of over £164.00 to be shared with all participating societies. I have to say that the day went extremely well with good attendance with a relaxed and happy atmosphere. The quality of the fish was exceptional once more, in part I feel, due to the numbers restriction placed on all exhibitors. Although the number of exhibits were a little down on last year, due to the absence of a few breeders (due to holidays (and in my case) fish wipe out), we achieved a cracking show. Should we agree with our Nationwide Society colleagues to hold another show next year we have the means to enlarge the show next time.

### **5. Thoughts and Timing of AMGK Open Show and the National Show For 2016**

A number of members have been discussing the future of both our own open show scheduled for June 2016 and also the future of the National show for the following September. With regard to our own open show, enquiries have been made as to how we could more fully reflect the breeding challenges and successes that most members meet and achieve every year.



## **AMGK SHOW**

The current timing of our early summer show is not particularly conducive to exhibiting same year bred stock, an essential feature of all the later year shows. There are two possible ways forward for us namely:-

- 1) Move our summer show to at least late August (to avoid the rush of shows in September) or
  - 2) Accommodate more year old owner bred classes at our regular timing in June.
- Both options could present us with factors to consider more fully. Moving to August, whilst showing our club for what it truly is – a leading player in the breeding and exhibiting of pedigree fish in most of the standard varieties, we would, unfortunately have to seek an alternative venue.

Our present excellent facility in Baginton Road, Coventry does not take bookings during the school holidays due to potential repair/renovation contracts etc., If we kept to June then we would, effectively, be showing more adult fish rather than genuine youngsters full of potential. Seeing top quality youngsters on mass is a real bonus for visitors and those new to each breed and regular exhibitors in helping with an understanding as to the points to look for in an individual's breeding programme. Following the AGM in early November, by a majority vote it was decided to keep the AMGK show in June and not move to an alternative venue. However it was unanimously decided to accommodate additional classes for owner bred fish bred the year before.

## **THE NATIONAL**

The National Show has been an unqualified success and to continue to grow and accommodate exhibitors and visitors alike will need to relocate to larger premises if its third year in 2016 is to be even better than this years. We could then also consider lifting the current restrictions on entry numbers. We have been lucky with the weather since 2013, and able to accommodate visitor overspill in the ample grounds. However a rainy day could prove a real problem next time. We will be discussing both these issues at the AGM, and in the meantime I have sought a potential new location (for both events if required) in Telford, Shropshire. There would be some logistical problems, with regard to volunteers and distance from home for some members, but these would not necessarily be insurmountable. Again, at our AGM, it was agreed that Andy would seek a bigger venue for the National within the Northampton area so as to release competitors from a restriction in numbers of entries and protect visitors if it were raining. As a fall back, in case the search proved fruitless, we would look again at Telford, where the village hall has been earmarked for our use on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016 should we have to use it.

## **6. DVD of National Show and Northern Show by Tom Bell together with AMGK Show by Laurence Tressler**

We have kindly been sent two discs by Tom Bell (NEGS) who spent time filming the NGPS show and the National. These can be sold at £5.00p each to anyone who wants a copy. The AMGK will be buying the two already sent for our record library. It is our intention to play these, together with Laurence's film of our Open Show at the end of the official business of the day.



### 7. AMGK Web site

We have now complete control of our society web site and we will need to discuss and agree its future content. It has two main functions – to help us communicate with each other and other societies and secondly to entice potential new members who have an interest in fish keeping and breeding and seek like-minded souls for help and advice. It is suggested that our newsletter be placed on our blog and that the national nationwide standards, once finally completed, be placed on the web site. This will need to be agreed with all societies within the Nationwide fraternity but needs to be discussed at the AGM to sound out the full membership.

### 8. Future of Nationwide

Now that the standards are about to be completed we have to reflect on the huge effort by the nationwide delegates over the last 3 years and decide on what yet needs to be done in the future. There are two main functions that need to be discussed and planned, with both initially involving all society members from all the clubs that adhere to the Nationwide Standards.

- 1) Continuation of monitoring and adjusting/correcting existing standards and consulting and agreeing future standards if requested from members/societies and
- 2) Continuation of providing the Annual National Open Show.

The key to both is to continue to engage the national membership within Nationwide and through delegation and agreement to aims and objectives slim down the active members so that business can be largely carried out electronically. Time will be allocated to discuss this in detail at the AGM.

Since the AGM, a letter has been issued to all Nationwide delegates by Sherridan (Chairman) seeking preferences for email contact or a meeting before or after Christmas in order to agree and sign off all modified standards ready for publication and also agree a new Nationwide constitution to run future National shows and act as caretaker for the Standards.

### 9. Proposed link with the Fancy Guppy UK and UK Guppy League

We have received very enthusiastic and positive responses from both our own membership and that of the Fancy Guppy UK to the concept of their joining us at our open show on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in Coventry for one of their 8 legs in their annual UK Guppy League show events. Phil Riley, Andy Barton, Mike Boot and myself are members of the Fancy Guppy UK, with both Phil and Andy doing particularly well in the league table over the last few years. It is hoped that the Fancy Guppy UK will agree to stage one of their shows in the UK Guppy League at our Open Show and I shall be writing to their Events Manager/Vice-Chairman, Dawn Pamplin shortly to offer a formal invitation on behalf of our society.



Finally, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy and productive New Year



**Pat Davies, Chairman 30/10/2015**

# A Day Out

at the home  
of  
**Richard and Abby Rizzotti.**



Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August saw Richard and Abby Rizzotti hosting a fantastic day out at their home in Bolton, giving the chance for a number of members to view their fish setup and garden. Members attended from the NGPS, AMGK and BAS. A sunny day for the most part with a very impressive barbeque laid on too!

We've included a number of photographs of the day, kindly taken by Dr David Ford illustrating Richard's fish accommodation, which show his tank arrangements etc.



Richard was selling his Bristol Shubunkin stock on the day, but we had a chance to see his adult Moors, Fantails and other fish in his two ponds (cleanest ponds I've seen in a long time!) and have a good look at his very promising and colourful fantail youngsters and moors in both his fish houses.



I particularly liked the efficient pond covers constructed in sections that controlled the amount of light, kept out falling leaves and offered perfect security from birds and shall be adopting the same idea for my own ponds in the spring.

If they have another open day in the future be sure to attend as it all made for a most enjoyable day.

# Silverdene Ornamental Pond Penkridge



Although semi retired for the last four years I still have my own design practice specialising in Landscape Architecture. Last year we were commissioned to undertake the design and supervision of an ornamental pond for a new sheltered housing scheme in Penkridge, South Staffordshire for the national builders Kier.

The pond is approximately 9.0m x 5.0m, dug out of the ground and lined with sand, a protective membrane and a butyl waterproof liner. It was designed with a safety shelf all round and soiled and planted with a variety of waterside plants and a load of oxygenating plants in the deep part together with a few water lilies. The old folk who reside in the self catering adjacent housing block are able to walk through the gardens (designed by someone else!) and sit and watch the pool when weather and temperatures allow .

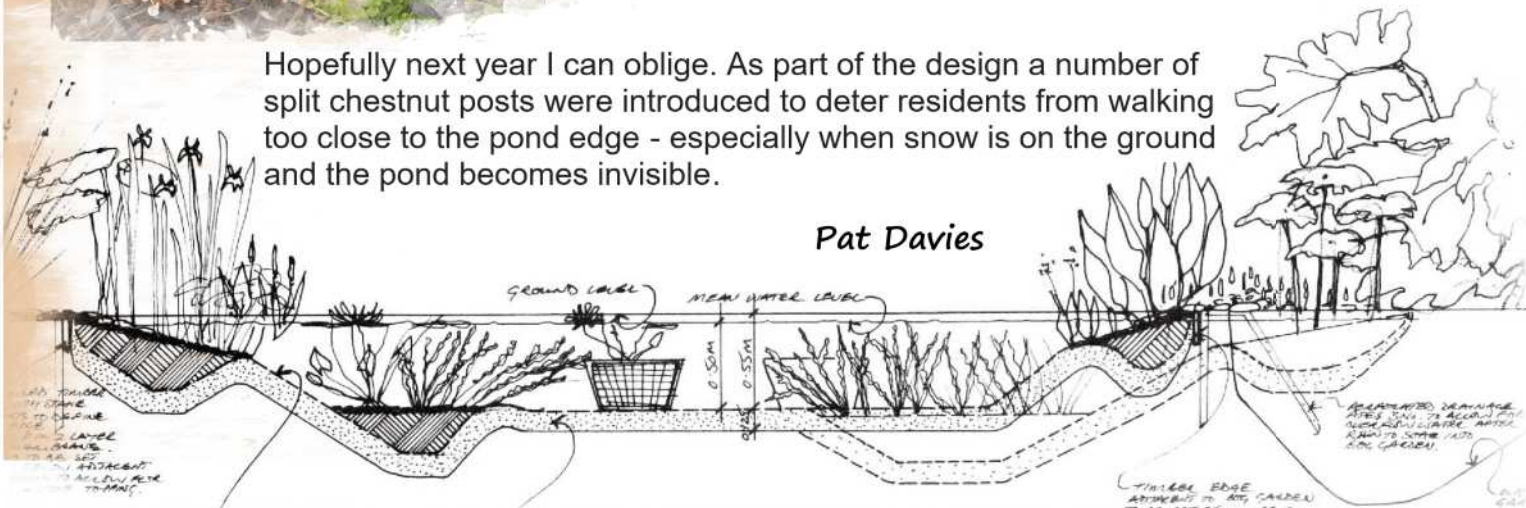


In order to keep the water clear it was seeded with a bucket of Daphnia with a view to place some of my own fish in this year. The pictures were taken early this year and by the end of the summer was looking very mature. Unfortunately fish were introduced by one of the site painters - that put paid to the Daphnia so the water went green for a time - the bane of many a new pond! Alas I have not been able to introduce some of my own fish into the pond due to an almost wipe out of my stock throughout the spring and summer.

Hopefully next year I can oblige. As part of the design a number of split chestnut posts were introduced to deter residents from walking too close to the pond edge - especially when snow is on the ground and the pond becomes invisible.



Pat Davies



# DIARY DATES FOR 2016



## Dates for meetings at Binley Church Hall for 2016 as follows :

**Sunday 13th March** - Speaker

**Sunday 8th May** - Adult/Prettiest & Bluest/Non-Standard Fish Table Show

**Sunday 14th August** - Baby Fish Table Show (Bred 2016)

**Sunday 6th November** - A.G.M. & Presentation of Awards

## Other dates:

**Saturday 25th June** - AMGK Open Show, West Orchard Church Hall

**Sunday 24th July** - Andy or Pat Open Day

**Saturday 24th September** - Nationwide Open Show (Venue to be confirmed)

## Brine Shrimp Orders

A reminder to all members that it is intended that an order for tins of brine shrimp will be made before Christmas. Currently, Premium Grade is out of stock so we may have to resort to A Grade. Phil Riley is to ascertain when Premium grade will be available, but if not going to be available in time, Phil will order A Grade. Should you require tins (about £55.00 for premium Grade and a little cheaper for A Grade), please notify Phil as soon as possible and send payment cheque with your order. Phil can be contacted on his mobile 0796 1240755.



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