



# Goldfish Standard

Newsletter of the Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers

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## A Visit To The Home

of Martyn Clare



## AMGK OPEN SHOW



## Best In Show Ranchu

Andy Beckett

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## *A Tale of Years Gone By.....*

Continuing the short potted history of our Open Show, from its reasonably small beginnings in 1987 up to the present day, with some of the ups and downs along the way.

Mick Smith







## Letter from the President

Dear Members

Firstly, I wish to give a big thank you and well done to all our members who helped out at our Open Show in June. It was, once again, a huge success and with everyone's help and continued support that success will grow in the future.

Thanks also goes to everyone else who made the effort to come along to our show to enjoy a nice day out goldfish keeping and from my point of view, the enjoyment of interacting with people talking 'fish'.

Once again the show was well supported with around 200 quality exhibits, which made the judges think quite hard over their decisions as the competition between exhibitors was very strong. The overall best exhibit was a ranchu, which was a lovely fish and well deserving of the title. The quality of the exhibits was clear to see and they are a credit to all the owners and breeders who took part in the show. It was also nice to see some new faces in the hobby picking up awards, which only goes to show that the hobby is still attracting people into it and I hope that these new faces continue to progress within this wonderful hobby.

This years auction was one of the best that we have ever had, with some fantastic fish for sale at very competitive prices. It has been a long time since the auction attracted such nice fish, which in itself is a reflection of the standard of the breeding and fish stocks in general.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the show as much as I did and look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Lastly, June Pons is in the process of setting up a new website, under a temporary domain name so that the existing site can still be viewed whilst working on the new one, and we need support from the members to help develop this website in our image. So if you have a contribution that you would like to have included in this, could you please let June have your ideas ASAP Many thanks.

**Andrew Barton**  
**President**





# AMGK OPEN SHOW WINNERS

## 2015



Common Goldfish Under 3"  
Ian Mildon



London Shubunkin under 3"  
Tony Waterhouse



Common Goldfish Over 3"  
Sherridan Moores



London Shubunkin over 3"  
Brian Parkin



Comet  
Liam Roberts



Metallic Fantail Owner Bred 2014  
Robert Jones



Bristol Shubunkin under 3"  
Graham Bell



Nacreous Fantail  
Owner Bred 2014  
Gary Malpas



Bristol Shubunkin over 3"  
Brian Bates



Metallic Fantail  
Bob Jones



# Best In Show

Best Owner Bred Exhibit

Best AMGK Member Fish



## Ranchu

Andy Beckett

### Best Common Goldfish

Sherridan Moores



### Best London Shubunkin

Brian Parkin



### Best Fantail Exhibit

Bob Jones



### Best Veiltail in Show

Bob Jones



### Best Bristol Shubunkin

Brian Bates



# AMGK OPEN SHOW WINNERS

## 2015



**Nacreous Fantail**  
Gary Malpas



**Lionhead**  
Sherridan Moores



**Metallic Veiltail**  
Andrew Barton



**Pearlscale**  
Dean Roberts



**Nacreous Veiltail**  
Bob Jones



**Celestial**  
Ian Mildon



**Metallic/Nacreous Oranda**  
Andrew Barton



**Bubble-eye**  
Craig Clinton



**Moor**  
Robert Jones



**Jikin**  
Martyn Clare





# AMGK OPEN SHOW WINNERS

## 2015



New Variety Non Standard  
Ian Mildon



Tosakin  
Andrew Barton



Pom-Pon  
AOV With Nationwide Standards  
Sherridan Moores



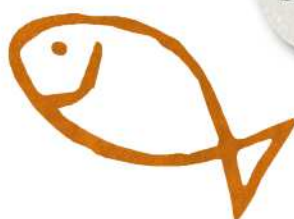
### *A Tale of Years Gone By..... 1998*

1998 was the year of our first show at our present venue, West Orchard and also a significant jump in the number of entries, up by nearly a third, with several GSGB members journeying up from the south and also members from the newly formed NEGS, including George Thomson from Geordieland winning a very strong Bubble-eye class. Keith Waters from GSGB taking Best in Show with his Lionhead. A very successful show for our visitors.

### *A Tale of Years Gone By.....*

### *1999/2000*

Both years held a steady entry of around 150 on the bench. With a lot more north east lads making the journey down, the GSGB well represented and with the BAS and NGPS lads in the usual attendance, our show was certainly a show case for the cold water hobby in this country. Andrew Barton kept the visitors at bay taking the 1999 Best in Show with a Metallic Fantail. Brian Bates taking 2000 Best in Show with a very nice Metallic Fantail.





## CLASS 1 Common Goldfish under 3"

1st IAN MILDON  
2nd IAN MILDON  
3rd TONY WATERHOUSE  
4th TONY WATERHOUSE

## CLASS 2 Common Goldfish over 3"

1st SHERRIDAN MOORES  
2nd LIAM ROBERTS  
3rd IAN MILDON  
4th MICK SMITH

## CLASS 3 Comet

1st LIAM ROBERTS  
2nd TONY WATERHOUSE  
3rd LIAM ROBERTS  
4th LIAM ROBERTS

## CLASS 4 Bristol Shubunkin under 3"

1st GRAHAM BELL  
2nd ROBERT JONES  
3rd GRAHAM BELL  
4th ANDREW BARTON

## CLASS 5 Bristol Shubunkin over 3"

1st BRIAN BATES  
2nd BRIAN BATES  
3rd BRIAN BATES  
4th BRIAN BATES

## CLASS 6 London Shubunkin under 3"

1st TONY WATERHOUSE  
2nd TONY WATERHOUSE  
3rd BRIAN BATES  
4th TONY WATERHOUSE

## CLASS 7 London Shubunkin over 3"

1st BRIAN PARKIN  
2nd BRIAN BATES  
3rd BRIAN BATES  
4th BRIAN BATES

## CLASS 8 Metallic Fantail

Owner bred 2014

1st ROBERT JONES

## CLASS 9 Nacreous Fantail

Owner Bred 2014

1st GARY MALPAS  
2nd ANDREW BARTON  
3rd GARY MALPAS  
4th GARY MALPAS

## CLASS 10 Metallic Fantail

1st BOB JONES  
2nd BOB JONES  
3rd ROBERT JONES  
4th ANDREW BARTON

## CLASS 11 Nacreous Fantail

1st GARY MALPAS  
2nd GARY MALPAS  
3rd ANDREW BARTON  
4th GARY MALPAS

## CLASS 12 Metallic Veiltail

1st ANDY BARTON  
2nd ANDY BARTON  
3rd MARTYN CLARE  
4th MARTYN CLARE

## CLASS 13 Nacreous Veiltail

1st BOB JONES  
2nd ANDY BECKETT  
3rd BOB JONES  
4th SHERRIDAN MOORES

## CLASS 14 Metallic/Nacreous Oranda

1st ANDY BARTON  
2nd DEAN ROBERTS

## CLASS 15 Moor

1st ROBERT JONES  
2nd RICHARD RIZZOTTI  
3rd RICHARD RIZZOTTI  
4th LIAM ROBERTS

## CLASS 16 Lionhead

1st SHERRIDAN MOORES  
2nd SHERRIDAN MOORES  
3rd SHERRIDAN MOORES  
4th DEAN ROBERTS

## CLASS 17 Pearlscale

1st DEAN ROBERTS  
2nd DEAN ROBERTS  
3rd MICK BOOT  
4th DEAN ROBERTS

## CLASS 18 Celestial

1st IAN MILDON  
2nd CRAIG CLINTON  
3rd DEAN ROBERTS  
4th DEAN ROBERTS

## CLASS 19 Bubble-eye

1st CRAIG CLINTON  
2nd CRAIG CLINTON  
3rd DEAN ROBERTS  
4th SHERRIDAN MOORES

## CLASS 20 Ranchu

1st ANDY BECKETT  
2nd GRAHAM EDWARDS  
3rd ANDY BECKETT  
4th ANDY BECKETT

## CLASS 21 Jikin

1st MARTYN CLARE  
2nd MARTYN CLARE  
3rd CRAIG CLINTON  
4th IAN MILDON

## CLASS 22 Tosakin

1st ANDY BARTON

## CLASS 23 Matched Pairs Bristol Shubunkin

1st BRIAN BATES

## CLASS 24 Matched Pairs Single Tail

1st IAN MILDON  
2nd BRIAN BATES  
3rd MICK SMITH

## CLASS 25 Matched Pairs Twin Tail

1st MICK SMITH  
2nd NICK SWALES

## CLASS 26 Matched Pairs

Single Tail (Owner bred 2014)

1st IAN MILDON  
2nd BRIAN BATES  
3rd GRAHAM BELL  
4th ROBERT JONES

## CLASS 27 Matched Pairs Twin Tail (Owner Bred 2014)

1st GRAHAM EDWARDS  
2nd ROBERT JONES  
3rd GRAHAM EDWARDS  
4th ANDY BECKETT

## CLASS 28 Novice Class

For competitors not having won 1st in show

1st BILL BUCKSEALL  
2nd BILL BUCKSEALL

## CLASS 29 AOV with Nationwide

Standard

1st SHERRIDAN MOORES  
2nd SHERRIDAN MOORES

## CLASS 30 New Varieties non standard

1st IAN MILDON  
2nd IAN MILDON  
3rd ROBERT JONES  
4th LIAM ROBERTS

## AMGK MEMBER HIGHEST POINTS (29)

**BEST COMMON GOLDFISH**  
**BEST LONDON SHUBUNKIN**  
**BEST BRISTOL SHUBUNKIN**  
**BEST FANTAIL EXHIBIT**  
**BEST VEILTAIL IN SHOW**  
**BEST AMGK MEMBER FISH**  
**BEST OWNER BRED EXHIBIT**  
**BEST IN SHOW**

**IAN MILDON**  
**SHERRIDAN MOORES**  
**BRIAN PARKIN**  
**BRIAN BATES**  
**BOB JONES**  
**BOB JONES**  
**ANDY BECKETT (Ranchu)**  
**ANDY BECKETT (Ranchu)**  
**ANDY BECKETT (Ranchu)**



# Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers



## Chairman's Report July 2015

### AMGK Open Show

Just a great big thank you to all members for the hard work to make our June Open show such a great success. I have received many comments from fellow fish keepers and show visitors as to how they really enjoyed the day and how impressed they were with the variety and quality of fish exhibited. We know that a lot of work goes on behind the scenes leading up to the big day and also on the day itself so a job well done by all once again.

We have been able to pencil in next year's date of **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016** for our next Open Show (which has been our normal time for the last 15 years or so at the Baggington Road venue in Coventry) with the bookings officer at the Church hall, so hopefully we will have our full complement of members there next year. We were two or three members missing this year, due to the unavoidable last minute date change by the hall committee and pre-arranged holidays/work commitments etc., despite this, although difficult, we still managed to stage a great show without most of us flagging towards the end.

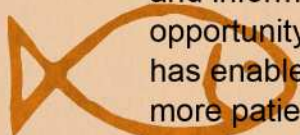
### National Goldfish Open Show

We will require as many of you that can make it, once again, to help out at the second National Goldfish Open Show to be held in Northampton on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015. As you are all aware, this show is organised and sponsored by all four Goldfish societies committed to the nationwide standards and we have to do our bit as a club too.

Incidentally, much work has been going on with a very detailed review of the current standards over the last two years by delegates from all the societies with a final revision due for completion on or before the National. As all societies are well aware (we discuss them at every meeting!) it has been quite a task to iron out the inconsistencies and errors in the original standards and bring up to date colour variations, metrification of sizes and an array of minor points of the drawings where the original did not always show the finer points of a particular variety etc.,

We owe a great debt to all those top breeders, both current and former exhibitors, and informed judges during the last couple of years that have taken the time and opportunity to advise and consult with all the membership over the four societies that has enabled us to reach the stage where we are today. The end is in site, a little more patience over the next couple of months and we'll be there!

**Pat Davies 12 .07.2015**





# Pat Davies' Visit to the home of Martyn Clare

A couple of weeks ago I had to make a short visit to Martyn's house to borrow a microscope in order for me to try and solve the difficulties currently facing some of my own fish.(mostly a water problem as it turns out, which hopefully will be corrected by the installation of a series of in-line filters!). It's been a number of years since my last visit and what a change his fish breeding facility has undergone.

Having purchased a hefty chunk of next door's garden, Martyn has now expanded his breeding, growing and rearing fish houses and ponds, filling a large section of the acquired land. I say fish houses as he now has two!



Converting an old garage type building into a breeding and rearing fish house with whitewashed walls, an integral belfast sink (extremely useful), plenty of top light and a flow through water system to all of the top tanks and troughs below.

Martyn's second fish house, based on a more traditional greenhouse, is furnished with long holding troughs constructed along its length and sealed with a black flexible membrane. The trough is fed by filtered water pumped in one end and out the other.



Although this fish house is still under construction with the metal staging for future tanks only just being fitted it does house a number of adult, good quality metallic veiltails (a pure line from the late Tommy Sutton). Incidentally, these have late spawned after a year or two previously believing them to be all one sex! We look forward to seeing how these progress later in the year.





A number of quick snap photos are included to get a feel for Martyn's set up, that includes pictures of his Bubble-eye adults and youngsters, young black Ranchu, Red and white Ranchu and a host of slim bodied Bristol Shubunkins. Growth rates look fairly good at the time of my visit, but like myself, work commitments do hamper the regular feeding and constant sorting and selection processes often required for maximum growth in order to end up with the finest well grown specimens required for the show bench. Now that the summer weather is upon us I expect to see some fantastic fish on exhibition from Martin, come the end of August/September.



Martin feeds his young fry on newly hatched Brine Shrimp (hatched in old pop bottles with their bottoms cut out and inverted. This helps to keep the eggs in suspension and makes for ease of removal through a fine 'Chinese' flat circular net which is rinsed in the sink tap prior to scooping into each tank. He has made a base to hold the bottle when settling out the live shrimp from the eggs out of a piece of thick wood with a hole in just large enough to hold the top of the bottle stable during the process; Simple but effective.

The white plastic tube on the top of some of Martin's tanks cleverly hold the vertical glass walls in place and prevent bowing when full of water. The tube is cut to slide over the glass and used on those tanks that have been deliberately made without a reinforcing 'shelf' that most of us have. This allows his tanks to be thoroughly cleaned from time to time without the risk of dirt/infection being trapped under the lip.



The use of small digital thermometers on the outside of each tank with a sensor lying in the water of each tank is another good idea learned from my visit. The thermometer is in Fahrenheit and Centigrade for those of us that pre-date the Europe interference and won't disguise itself with algae over time. Upon my return home I went straight onto the internet and purchased a dozen of them at £2.40p each, that arrived a couple of days later.



Martyn has agreed to give an illustrated talk to the society as part of our programme of events in 2016 on his fish establishment when he can go into greater depth on how the system works etc., plus film of old and young Tommy Sutton together with a number of old characters from the fancy goldfish world, some of whom sadly are no longer with us. Should make for an interesting and very informative day, with the date to be confirmed at our next AGM.

Our thanks to Martyn for allowing the photos to be published and look forward to seeing his young fish on the show benches later in the year.

**Pat Davies**





# DIARY DATES FOR 2015



## Dates for meetings at Binley Church Hall for 2015 as follows

- Sunday 16th August** - Baby Fish Table Show (Bred 2015).  
**Sunday 1st November** - A.G.M. & Presentation of Awards.

## Other dates:

- Sunday 19th July** - N.E.G.S Open Show  
**Sunday 6th September** - BAS Open Show  
**Saturday 12th September** - N.G.P.S. Open Show  
**Saturday 26th September** - Nationwide Open Show

**Please note that the Open Day at Pat's house on Sun 26th July is now CANCELLED**

.....and finally

*A Tale of Years Gone By.....*

**2001**

*The 2001 show kept up the numbers, again with exhibitors coming from far and wide to show their fish but our own, ever popular, Gary Maspas beat them all taking The Best in Show with one of his superb Nacreous Fantails.*



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