

# Goldfish Standard

Newsletter of the Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers



## BEST IN SHOW

*Bristol Shubunkin*

*Bred by*

*Tony Roberts*

## AMGK Baby Fish Show

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# AUGUST MEETING AND BABY FISH SHOW

The August meeting was well supported by our members and we had a busy afternoon putting on the Baby Fish Show.

This year our members exhibited Common Goldfish, London Shubunkins, Bristol Shubunkins, Metallic Veiltail, Metallic Oranda and Moors, in fact 44 exhibits in all, which was met with a huge effort from everyone to get the tables up and ready to fill the empty tanks.

*Well done everyone and many thanks for your efforts.*

The standard of the young fish was truly excellent this year and the **Best in Show was a Bristol Shubunkin belonging to Tony Roberts.**



## BEST IN SHOW



# BABY FISH SHOW RESULTS - 13TH AUGUST 2017



CLASS 3	Bristol Shubunkin
1 <sup>st</sup>	TONY ROBERTS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	TONY ROBERTS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	ELAINE EDMUNDS
4 <sup>th</sup>	ELAINE EDMUNDS



CLASS 2	London Shubunkin
1 <sup>st</sup>	MICK SMITH
2 <sup>nd</sup>	MICK SMITH
3 <sup>rd</sup>	MICK SMITH
4 <sup>th</sup>	NO ENTRY



CLASS 1	Moor
1 <sup>st</sup>	ANDREW BARTON
2 <sup>nd</sup>	TONY ROBERTS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	TONY ROBERTS
4 <sup>th</sup>	LIAM ROBERTS



CLASS 5	Metallic Veiltail
1 <sup>st</sup>	ANDREW BARTON
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO ENTRY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY
4 <sup>th</sup>	NO ENTRY



CLASS 4	Common Goldfish
1 <sup>st</sup>	TONY ROBERTS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	TONY ROBERTS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	TONY ROBERTS
4 <sup>th</sup>	NO ENTRY



CLASS 6	Metallic Oranda
1 <sup>st</sup>	ANDREW BARTON
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO ENTRY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY
4 <sup>th</sup>	NO ENTRY

During the afternoon we discussed two topics, the first being on the welfare of fishes in our shows and auctions. The discussions were led by Andrew Barton and the question was debated by the members present about when do we intervene in the interests of the fish and what procedures and protocol should we follow. It was generally agreed that the fishes welfare was our number one concern and if a fish or fishes were unwell and in distress then they would be removed from the show or auction and take no further part in the proceedings of that particular event.

After tea a second question was put to the audience about water conditions, in particular the trouble that Andrew Barton was having with his incoming water supply. Andrew spent some time talking about what had happened to his

fish and how badly they had been affected by secondary infection.

After much discussion of the problem the general consensus was that the problem was caused by chloramines in the water. Several comments included that you can smell a bleach type odour if chloramines are present and that they did not dissipate in the water. The aquarist concerned had to either add extra chemicals or send the water through some kind of carbon filter before outing that water with the fish.

It was also surprising during the discussion how many members had also experienced similar issues.

**All in all a very interesting and informative afternoon.**

# Chairman's Report

November 2017

We're now nearing the end of the current fish year, with just the AGM to be held on November 5th to decide the AMGK programme for 2018, whilst reflecting on this past year.

## New Members

2017 saw a number of new members join the Society and all received the customary warm welcome from existing members, at our meetings, for which the AMGK has become famous. Some new members have not yet made one of our meetings but hopefully will make an appearance during 2018. I hope that all new members continue to receive support, encouragement and advice as required. We are all in the society to share knowledge and encourage each other to keep our fish healthy in the best environment and breed our fish to the highest standard year on year. It is understood that some members may only want to keep a few fish without necessarily breeding and rearing future generations but should be able to share the society's group knowledge to the benefit of their more limited set up.

## Meetings

Meetings throughout the year continue to be well attended, and although I personally was unable to attend this year's owner bred youngsters show in August I am assured that this meeting was also well attended with young fish presented going on to do well at all the various Society Open Shows throughout the country and the National held in Telford.

## Chairman's Open Day

I'd like to thank, once again, all those members who made the time to attend my open day and particularly Tony's daughters, Natalie and Terresa for making the excellent curries which complemented the apple pie and cakes made by my friends and neighbours. All I had to do was get the garden in order to accommodate everybody, oh and clean up the kitchen before everyone's arrival! Fortunately, the weather was, once again, favourable so that most of us could sit outside enjoying the summer sunshine and see all the fish without getting wet. It was also a chance for some members to both buy and sell good quality pedigree stock, namely Moors, Fantails, Commons and Bristol Shubunkins.

## Gratitude to those that work tirelessly all year round in the background

I'd like to mention, as we always do, the great debt of gratitude we owe to both June and Linda for their respective sterling efforts behind the scenes that really keep the society going from strength to strength. June's Newsletter ensures that there is a fantastic record of all the fish shows throughout the year, and with the added photographs snapped by Andy at the meetings and shows, reinforces our current knowledge and provides a definitive record of the hobby for those that take up the hobby in future years. Linda (and Gary) take on the unenviable task of being the society's first port of call for potential new members and impart much knowledge for those fish keepers throughout the country that just want a bit of advice for their own particular difficulties. Fortunately, others must take great comfort from the advice given as our ever-increasing membership clearly shows.

## Rescue from almost total fish loss

As reported earlier in the year, I lost virtually all my own fish from the fish house and ponds – the culprit, still not identified but probably had four legs and an astonishing appetite (with up to forty fish taken a night), led to a decision time for me. Either seek replacement breeding stock or give up fish keeping! It was a close run decision but fortunately David Padfield, a friend and one of our members from Yorkshire, offered me the loan of a pair of Bristols that he bought from me a few years ago. Other members offered stock, but David's mature pair, although older than I would normally breed from, produced a large number of eggs and many hundreds of fry. Fortunately, I am now in a position to carry over about 100 high quality youngsters to 2018. David was rewarded by the pick of a selection of youngsters that will help his future breeding programme and I was rewarded with enough fish that have, so far, made the grade for my normal exacting standards, from which I can select the best for continuing with my own ongoing breeding programme.

This has been one of the great benefits of being a member of our society, without David's help I could have lost a valuable 29 year line bred strain of Bristol Shubunkins. The Moors that I also lost have now been partially replaced by stock from Bob Jones and Liam Roberts, so next year could get me back on track! I'm sure that if others in the future end up with loss of stock, there will always be other members more than willing to help out in a similar way.

### Website & Video Note

Our website also produces many enquiries and positive responses and although originally designed and administered by June it is always open to others input. Laurence has also continued to produce video records that are now accessible to a wider audience and our thanks to Laurence goes without saying for this excellent service to the club. There are links to these videos at the bottom of our website's Home Page. [amgk.co.uk](http://amgk.co.uk)

### Thoughts regarding the forthcoming AGM

At the AGM you will be presented with the detailed minutes of the last AGM and our thanks also to Gary for assembling these, making sense of our inevitable ramblings and to Linda for typing them up in a clear and logical manner for easy reading. Gary, of course, as Hon Treasurer always produces extremely detailed and accurate (to the penny!!) audited accounts for the society to review at the AGM each year. This is not only to comply with Society rules and laws, but also indicates where are strengths and weaknesses as a society might lie so that we can direct our efforts more economically in the future to properly sustain the club in the years to come.

Apart from membership fees we continue to raise necessary funds from our raffles at the meetings, and entry fees and donations for our Open Show. These continue to support all our outgoings and allow us to spend monies on additional club functions and purchases as the need arises. Gary's financial accounts presented at the AGM will show that the society is in a good place.

### Notes for the AGM

I have been approached by members during the year, offering ideas for next year that are now appropriate to discuss fully at the AGM. These will be flagged up in the 'Any other business' section and comprise, but will surely not be limited to, the following listed below:-

- Number of meetings the Society holds each year
- Timing of the AGM (from end of year to beginning)
- Inclusion of pre-printed articles (that have been subjected to prior publication elsewhere) into our newsletter
- Changing venue for both our Open Show and that of the National
- Bringing more subject variety into our routine meetings
- Visits to other folk's fish set ups rather than just those of the president and Chairman
- Fish stock selling days
- Member's advertising in Newsletter and Website
- Explanation to members of how the all societies' 'Standards Protocol' works so as to better understand the process, should more Goldfish Varieties require inclusion within the current Standards produced by Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK.
- Special thanks to Linda, Gary, Nigel and June

A final, yearly thank you also has to go to Gary and Linda for the provision of free teas, coffees and biscuits at each of our meetings; they are always a very welcome treat. Also, many, many thanks have to go to Nigel for his donation to the society in the printing of and issuing of the newsletter to those members that do not have email facilities. Society Website and Newsletters without June? I don't think so!

*Pat Davies*

AMGK Chairman

# **Plunging the depths of Goldfish History**

with Grahame Draper

The following article has been kindly extracted by one of our members, Grahame Draper, who wanted to share some of his current reading with other members on the history and techniques of Goldfish keeping from a Chapter found in copy of 'Japanese Goldfish, their Varieties and Cultivation' published in 1908. The book has good provenance having been written by or draws on the knowledge of the then director of Imperial Fisheries Institute Tokyo, Shinnosuke Matsubara. Grahame will be supplying more information on different goldfish varieties in due course.

Interestingly, although we class most of the fish within these articles as new varieties/non-standard in our show schedules, most actually pre-date our current standard varieties as depicted in our Nationwide Standards Handbook published by Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK. Hope you enjoy Grahame's very interesting contribution.

Incidentally, the book mentioned was written by Hugh Smith and has now been made available as a special re-print edition with a contributor – Jackson Chambers, and published by CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016. ISBN 1540694739, 9781540694737

## **Excerpts from**

# **JAPANESE GOLDFISH .**

## **THEIR VARIETIES AND CULTIVATION**

**A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO THE JAPANESE METHODS OF GOLDFISH CULTURE  
FOR AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS**

### **Evolution of the Varieties**

In a group of fishes of the carp, family related to the goldfish there is a tendency to albinism, and doubtless, the parent stock from which all the cultivated varieties have sprung was albino or partial albino. A deficiency of dark pigment in the skin of the wild goldfish would leave a whitish yellow or golden colour, while irregular distribution and concentration of the dark pigment would result in a variegated coloration, with blackish or dark greenish spots or blotches separated by yellow, golden, or whitish areas. By the selection of such abnormally coloured fish for breeding purposes, light and variegated races were in time established. Abnormalities in the form may have arisen and been similarly reproduced from wild fish, but most probably these arose in the course of the cultivation of already established or incipient colour varieties. From these primitive departures from the normal, all the extraordinary variations in form and colour that we possess have been produced, after hundreds of generations, by selected breeding.

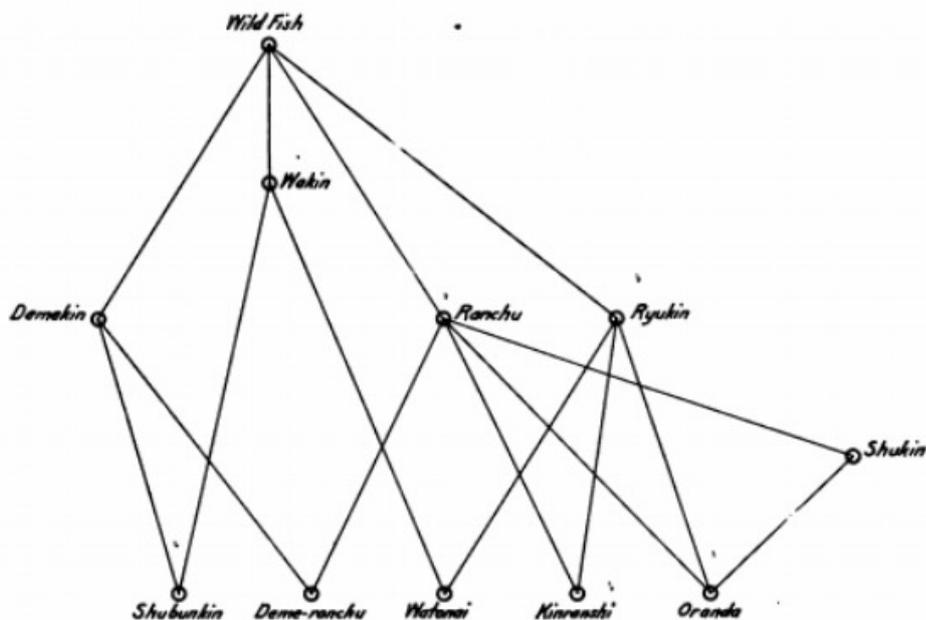
One of the ablest American biologist and embryologist the late Prof John A. Ryder, called attention to the fact that the varieties of goldfish "are the most profoundly modified of any known race of domesticated animal organisms". In the course of a paper published in 1893 he discussed the origin and significance of some of the modifications, and advanced the interesting theory that the greatly enlarged fins in some of the varieties is correlated with a degeneration of the muscular system through disuse, owing to their "continued restraint in small aquaria for many generations". The feeble and almost totally deficient swimming powers of certain varieties are said to have been "purposely cultivated by oriental fish fanciers", and the energy that would have been expended "in the production of motion of the body in the water has reacted in other ways upon their organization, and especially upon the growth of the fins" In the elaboration of this theory, Ryder suggested that the enlarged fins may serve as supplemental respiratory organs, the caudal in particular being very richly supplied with capillaries and often presenting an enormous surface for the possible exchange of gases, and he asked whether this hypertrophy of the fins may not have "been developed partially in physiological response to artificial conditions of respiration, in the restricted and badly aerated tanks and aquaria in which they have been bred for centuries.

It is not necessary to discuss the forgoing views, but it should be remarked that the statements regarding the breeding of Japanese goldfish in badly aerated or restricted aquaria and tanks are entirely erroneous, and theory based on such an unwarranted assumption is untenable, for, as will there after be seen, the Japanese have never raised goldfish under such conditions, and the salient features of the various kinds of ponds in which they have for generations been hatching, rearing, and holding their fish and the ample space afforded and the most perfect oxygenation of water. A number of the minor and some of the major varieties of goldfish now grown in American and Europe and called "Japanese" are unknown to the Japanese breeders, and whether either of Chinese origin or were produced under their new occidental environment, either with or without Japanese stock. While many ephemeral freaks are necessarily produced in the course of the culture operations, the only varieties that are established and standard are those herein described.

Ten varieties of goldfish are now known and cultivated in Japan. Their Japanese names, which are most appropriate and distinctive, are in general preferable to the cumbersome and less expressive American names, and will be used in this work. These, with their literal equivalents in our language, are as follows:

- Walkin or Japanese goldfish.
- Ryukin or Liukiu goldfish
- Ranchu, or Dutch goldfish. Also called Maruko, or round fish and Shishigashira, or lion-head.
- Demekin, or protruding-eye goldfish.
- Deme-ranchu, or protruding-eyed ranchu
- Watonai, or newly found variety.
- Shukin, or autumn brocade goldfish.
- Shubunkin, or vermilion variegated goldfish.
- Kinranshi, or brocaded goldfish.

The immediate origin of the more primitive varieties cannot be stated, being lost in obscurity, but the genealogy or pedigree of six of the foregoing is well known. The origin and relationships of the varieties may be represented in the form of a family tree, as follows:



**Genealogy of the Goldfish Varieties.**



## Membership Subscriptions

These are now due (£12) and can either be paid at the first meeting on 11th March or sent via post to Gary Malpas.

*Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!*



We have secured our usual Hall in West Orchard United Reformed Church Hall, The Chesils, Bagginton Road, Coventry CV3 6FP for our Annual Open Show that in 2018 will be held on Saturday 30th June. Please note that this is one week later than in previous years.

*We can also confirm that the next National Fancy Goldfish Open Show, staged by the Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK, will be held on Saturday 6th October 2018 in Wyken Community Centre, Belgrave Estate Coventry CV2 5PY*



# NGPS

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## 40<sup>th</sup> OPEN SHOW

16<sup>th</sup> September 2017

The last of the Society Open Shows for the 2017 show season, adhering to the Nationwide judging standards, was held on Saturday 16th September at Manchester. Although the number of entries was down on some previous years there were plenty of high quality fish to see both in the adult classes and this year's bred youngsters. There were some interesting fish in the Any Other Variety section without a standard, including a fantastically coloured Demekin entered by Jackie Pedley and for the first time in many a year there was a rather elegant 'Egg Fish' bred by Chris Whitehurst.

Free coffee, tea, bacon sandwiches and cheese toasties for the early arrivals was a very welcome treat with the main hall canteen open for Hot Pot and a good selection of puddings provided by the church hall volunteers and vicar, all for £5.00! from 12.00pm onwards.

Alan Radcliff won **BEST IN SHOW** with an impressively coloured London Shubunkin, which was a fitting end to a long and successful showing career. Sadly, this show will be Alan's last one for competitive showing, although he fully intends to attend others in the future, transport permitting, as an 'observer'.

The raffle prize table was truly bursting with some great prizes, including two aquarium set ups, which will have greatly contributed to the much-needed club funds.



## BEST IN SHOW

LONDON SHUBUNKIN

OVER 3"



**BRED BY**  
**ALAN RATCLIFFE**

# NGPS OPEN SHOW 2017 **WINNERS**



Common Goldfish under 3"  
Sherridan Moores



Common Goldfish over 3"  
Mick Smith



Bristol Shubunkin under 3"  
Phil Riley



Bristol Shubunkin over 3"  
Phil Riley



London Shubunkin under 3"  
Mick Smith



Calico Veiltail  
Sherridan Moores



Metallic Veiltail  
Sherridan Moores



Calico Fantail  
Gary Malpas



Metallic Fantail  
Alan Ratcliffe



Oranda  
Sherridan Moores



Lionhead  
Richard Rizotti



Celestial  
Dean Roberts



Bubble - Eye  
Craig Clinton



Pom - Pon  
Sherridan Moores



Pearlscale  
Jackie Pedley



Ranchu  
Nick Swales



Ryukin  
Richard Rizzotti



AOV Goldfish  
Jackie Pedley



Team of 4 Bristol Shubunkin  
Pat Davies



Team of 4 Fantail  
Bred 2017 - Phil Riley



Fantail Bred 2017  
Gary Malpas



Oranda Bred 2017  
Craig Clinton



Bubble-Eye Bred 2017  
Craig Clinton



Team of 4 London Shubunkin  
Bred 2017 - Mick Smith



Team of 4 Bubble-Eye  
Bred 2017 - Craig Clinton



Team of 4 Ranchu  
Bred 2017 - Pat Davies



Ranchu Bred 2017  
Nick Swales



Ryukin Bred 2017  
Nick Swales



AOV Single Tail Bred 2017  
Sherridan Moores



Twin Tail with Dorsal  
Bred 2017 Sherridan Moores



Bristol Shubunkin Bred 2017  
Pat Davies



London Shubunkin Bred 2017  
Mick Smith



Calico Veiltail Bred 2017  
Craig Clinton



Matched Pair Single Tail  
David Padfield



Best Nacreous Colour  
Gary Malpas



Best Red Colour  
Dean Roberts



Best Lemon Colour  
Mick Smith



Best Variegated Colour

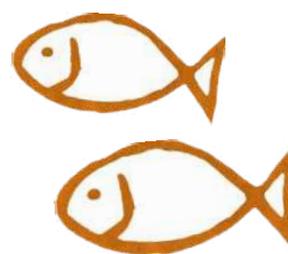
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## OPEN SHOW

### 2017

# WINNERS



CLASS 1	Common Goldfish Under 3"
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sherridan Moores
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO ENTRY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 2	Common Goldfish Over 3"
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mick Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sherridan Moores
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dean Roberts

CLASS 3	Comet Under 3"
1 <sup>st</sup>	D M Ford
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO ENTRY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 4	Comet over 3"
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mick Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dean Roberts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 5	Bristol Shubunkin Under 3"
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phil Riley
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phil Riley
3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Padfield

CLASS 6	Bristol Shubunkin Over 3"
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phil Riley
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phil Riley
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phil Riley

CLASS 7	London Shubunkin Under 3"
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mick Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mick Smith
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 8	London Shubunkin Over 3"
1 <sup>st</sup>	Alan Ratcliffe
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alan Ratcliffe
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alan Ratcliffe

CLASS 9	Calico Veiltail
1 <sup>st</sup>	Craig Clinton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sherridan Moores
3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Padfield

CLASS 10	Metallic Veiltail
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sherridan Moores
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sherridan Moores
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sherridan Moores

CLASS 11	Calico Fantail
1 <sup>st</sup>	Gary Malpas
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Rizzotti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Rizzotti

CLASS 12	Metallic Fantail
1 <sup>st</sup>	Alan Ratcliffe
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alan Ratcliffe
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Rizzotti

CLASS 13	Moor
1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Rizzotti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	David Padfield
3 <sup>rd</sup>	

CLASS 14	Oranda
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sherridan Moores
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO ENTRY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 15	Lionhead
1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Rizzotti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mick Smith
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Rizzotti

CLASS 16	Celestial
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dean Roberts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dean Roberts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 17	Bubble-Eye
1 <sup>st</sup>	Craig Clinton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Craig Clinton
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Craig Clinton

CLASS 18	Pom-Pon
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sherridan Moores
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sherridan Moores
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sherridan Moores

CLASS 19	Pearlscale
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jackie Pedley
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dean Roberts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dean Roberts

CLASS 20	Ranchu
1 <sup>st</sup>	Nick Swales
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Rizzotti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 21	Ryukin
1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Rizzotti
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Rizzotti
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jackie Pedley

CLASS 25	AOV Goldfish
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jackie Pedley
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Whitehurst
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jackie Pedley

CLASS 28	Team of 4 Bristol Shubunkin Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pat Davies
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Davies
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pat Davies

CLASS 29	Team of 4 London Shubunkin Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mick Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO ENTRY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 31	Team of 4 Fantails Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Gary Malpas
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gary Malpas
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 36	Team of 4 Bubble-Eye Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Craig Clinton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO ENTRY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 39	Team of 4 Ranchu Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pat Davies
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Davies
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

# NGPS OPEN SHOW 2017 WINNERS



CLASS 47	Bristol Shubunkin Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pat Davies
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Davies
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pat Davies

CLASS 48	London Shubunkin Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mick Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mick Smith
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mick Smith

CLASS 49	Calico Veiltail Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Craig Clinton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Craig Clinton
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phil Riley

CLASS 50	Fantail Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Gary Malpas
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gary Malpas
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gary Malpas

CLASS 52	Oranda Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Craig Clinton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO ENTRY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 55	Bubble-Eye Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Craig Clinton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO ENTRY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 58	Ranchu Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Nick Swales
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Davies
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pat Davies

CLASS 59	Ryukin Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Nick Swales
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO ENTRY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	

CLASS 63	AOV Single Tail Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sherridan Moores
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO ENTRY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 64	Aov Twin Tail with Dorsal Bred 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sherridan Moores
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO ENTRY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 67	European Pondfish
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dean Roberts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dean Roberts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dean Roberts

CLASS 68	Non-European Pondfish
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dean Roberts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO ENTRY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 69	Matched Pair Single Tail
1 <sup>st</sup>	David Padfield
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phil Riley
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mick Smith

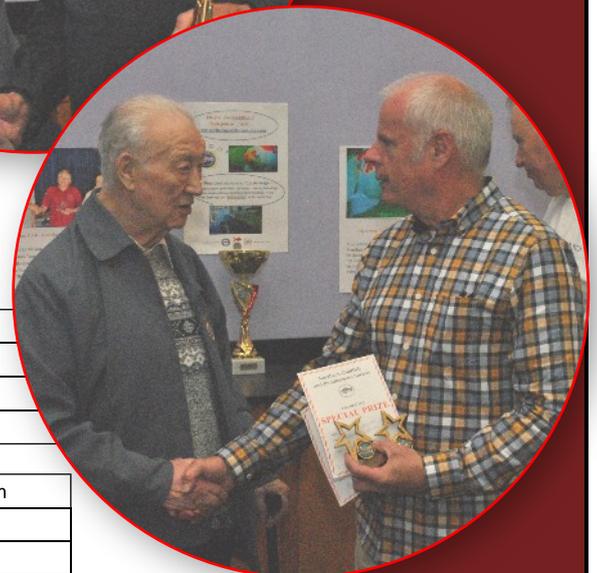
CLASS 70	Matched Pair Twin Tail
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mick Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gary Malpas
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 72	Best Nacreous Colour
1 <sup>st</sup>	Gary Malpas
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Craig Clinton
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 73	Best Red Colour
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dean Roberts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mick Smith
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 74	Best Lemon Colour
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mick Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dean Roberts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO ENTRY

CLASS 66	Best Variegated Metallic
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dean Roberts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dean Roberts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Craig Clinton



# Proposed venue for the National Show 2018



During our last AGM on November 5th 2017 it was agreed that your Chairman was to write to all the Nationwide Delegates (and by default all the Nationwide Societies that

comprise Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK), to seek a consensus as to where would be an appropriate venue to hold the 2018 nationwide National Show and what time of the year. We had earlier been informed by Big Andy that there was a very big Hall with good car parking in Coventry, just off junction 2 of the M6. Therefore, this was offered as an alternative location to that of Horsehay Village Hall in Telford for consideration. Subsequently, a letter was sent out to all delegates followed by a second letter outlining the results from votes received from the delegates. Both letters are included below for the Society record.

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Date: 9th November 2017

## **To: Nationwide Delegates:**

Sherridan Moores (Chairman), Dean Roberts, Craig Clinton, Alan Race; (NGPS)

Bob Jones, Ian Mildon, Graham Bell; (BAS)

Dennis Godfrey, Keith Waters; Graham Turner; (NEGS)

Andrew Barton, Mick Smith; (AMGK)

c.c. Linda Malpas; (AMGK Secretary)

## **SUGGESTED DATES and LOCATION FOR NATIONWIDE GOLDFISH SOCIETIES UK - NATIONAL FANCY GOLDFISH OPEN SHOW 2018**

Dear All,

At the AMGK Annual General Meeting held last week, a few of our members sought confirmation of when the, above mentioned, show was to be held.

## **1. SUGGESTED DATES:**

As Chairman of the AMGK and a delegate for the Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK, I have been tasked with seeking opinion from all other delegates (and by default societies) as to an agreed date. You will recall that all societies had previously agreed that, if possible, we should leave at least two weeks between each of the autumn society open shows.

BAS has confirmed that their 2018 open show will be held on Sunday 2nd September. NGPS has also confirmed that its 2018 show will be held almost two weeks later, on Saturday 15th September. To ensure at least two weeks passes before we hold the National, which all have agreed in passed discussions, should be the last Show of the year for Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK. We should, therefore, seek to confirm a date of Saturday 29th September (2 weeks) or Saturday 6th October (3 weeks).

It is understood that having the National within the central area of the country puts some members of the AMGK in a better position than most to seek a hall booking I would appreciate an early response for a preferred date for booking.

## **2. SHOW LOCATION OPTIONS:**

Other members of our society have been reviewing an alternative venue to the one in Telford and having seen it internally, consider it a suitable alternative. It is fairly close to our own regular meeting hall, close to the A46 in Coventry with easy access from the M6 (junction 2). It has one very large main Hall with good lighting for the show and auction with plenty of off road parking and good kitchen facilities. Although both alternative halls are currently taking bookings it is understood that we could secure either if we take early action. Your early response to this decision would also be appreciated. In order to inform your decision the address and Post Code for each venue is listed below:-

Telford: Horsehay Village Hall, Bridge Road, Horsehay, Shropshire TF4 2NF

Coventry: Wyken Community Centre, Belgrave Estate, Coventry CV2 5PY

## **3. PLEDGE OF SUPPORT:**

I have also been instructed to remind all societies that a promise was made over four years ago when we first started to stage a 'National' show that all four societies would fully support the holding of such a show, both by exhibiting the highest quality pedigree bred fish and staging the show and providing all the help necessary to organise, stage and dismantle the show. This has increasingly fallen largely on the shoulders of AMGK volunteers over the last four years. Your help as delegates in ensuring greater commitment from your respective societies (particularly with regard to some of the necessary duties on the day in running the show and dismantling the show etc.), would be appreciated by our membership at AMGK. A suggested 4 number helpers from each society would be a start!

If you could please answer, with necessary authority, the first two points directly to myself as soon as possible I can then ask the relevant members of our society to secure the venue.

Kind Regards,

Pat

# ***Second letter outlining the results from votes received from the delegates***



30th November 2017

**Dear All Nationwide Delegates**

On behalf of the AMGK's original letter asking for consideration of all societies regarding alternative dates and location for the above show in 2018, please find attached a second letter that records your responses and conclusion etc., Remember that this is for one year only.

**RESULTS OF CONSULTATION FOR:**

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### **BACKGROUND**

Following lengthy discussions at our AGM on 5th November on the suitability of venue and timing of the next National Fancy Goldfish Open Show in 2018 to be staged by Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK our Society agreed that contact be made with all Nationwide delegates (who in turn would have to seek views of their respective society members) to achieve a consensus as to where and when the next show should be held during 2018.

Subsequently a letter (included below for reference) was issued on behalf of the AMGK, initially to all delegates and subsequently forwarded to all members of the AMGK and, presumably, to all members of the other three societies by other delegates so that an informed decision could be made to satisfy the majority preferences of exhibitors and helpers on the day.

For us to have a reasonable chance of securing a suitable venue (having been previously warned that bookings are being taken up rapidly for next year), a request was made in the email attached to the letter for results to be returned by the end of the week.

### **INITIAL RESULTS**

Fortunately, BAS had their club meeting on Monday 13th November with NGPS having their club meeting 14th November 2017. Both societies therefore were able to fully explore all ramifications of the options outlined in AMGK's letter and have returned their delegates' votes. Due to AMGK members not meeting again until March 2018, all AMGK members were issued with the letter by email (likewise NEGS), with those not having email being contacted by electric telephone. Following results of the members' votes both AMGK and NEGS delegates have also returned their votes. Please note: Each society at the time of writing have three delegates to the Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK.

## **The delegates votes received from each society are thus:-**

### **Location:**

BAS Wyken Community Centre, Coventry

NGPS Horsehay Village Hall, Telford

AMGK Wyken Community Centre, Coventry

NEGS Wyken Community Centre Coventry

### **Date:**

BAS 29th September

NGPS 29th September

AMGK 6th October

NEGS 6th October

Therefore, the Coventry venue has subsequently been pursued with a view to securing a booking for either 29th September or 6th October in line with votes received from the delegates (dependant on venue availability).

Incidentally, the date of the 6th October will allow for quite a few of our members (8 from AMGK) who are also members of the Fancy Guppies UK to attend the International Guppy Show on the 29th September in Kettering, thus being able to attend both shows if they so wish. Potentially we would have an extra 6 persons to help stage the show on the Friday before and on the actual show day. As it has always been largely down to the AMGK volunteers to put up the show due to travel logistics of the other three societies it is considered foolish to jeopardise the attendance and essential help of so many willing 'volunteers'.

Today, two delegates were among those that travelled to the Coventry proposed location Hall, and on behalf of all societies confirmed with the owners that we would take the Hall having been informed that the date of 6th October 2018 would be available to us. Therefore, the Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK Treasurer, Andy Barton, will be sending a deposit to the Hall committee to secure the Hall for our fifth Nationwide National Fancy Goldfish Open Show to be held on Saturday 6th October 2018. It would be appreciated if all societies could inform their respective membership of this date at the earliest opportunity to ensure maximum attendance of the show.

**Pat Davies**

**Chairman AMGK.**

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# DIARY DATES

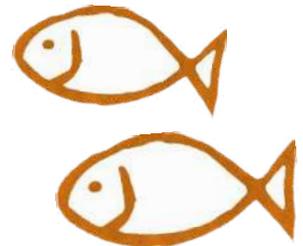
## FOR 2018

### Dates for meetings at Binley Hall

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	A Talk & Discussion
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Adult, Prettiest and Bluest/Non Standard Fish Table Show
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Baby Fish Table Show (Bred 2018)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	AGM & Presentation of Awards

### Other dates for 2018

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	AMGK Open Show
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	NEGS Open Show
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Open Day
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	BAS Open Show
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	NGPS Open Show
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	National Fancy Goldfish Open Show



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