

Goldfish Standard

Newsletter of the Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers



AMGK AGM, Table Show & Auction

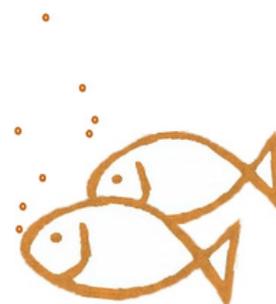
**BOOKED FOR SUNDAY
17TH OCTOBER 2021**

To be held at St. Bartholomew's
Church Hall, Brinklow Road,
Binley, Coventry CV3 2DT

SEPTEMBER 2021

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Message from **The Chairman**

Hello Everyone,

Hope that you are all keeping well. Pity the real shows have been cancelled especially Nationwide: in October, but I do believe this is the correct decision for this year. On the breeding front I hear that quite a few people have had a good year which will be good for next year.

This year I have bred Bristol Shubunkins, that have produced a good number of young ones. Just doing a bit of boasting. I also bred the Calico Veils which produced a spawning but sadly not a good one. On the plus side there were just two I was pleased to grow on and they are starting to look promising. So hopefully they will breed in the future. Some of you may know by now that Tony Roberts, one of our founder members, has been in hospital and is now on the mend which is good news. As I write this report, I believe the NHS have called the bailiffs to evict Tony back home because they can't afford the bar bill! Just joking Tony and looking forward to seeing you and Pat soon.

(Since the Chairman wrote his message, Tony was sent back to hospital after only a few days, but glad to report that he is about to return home after further treatment and that his son Craig and grandson Liam have been rallying round to feed his fish and carry out cleaning operations in his fish house and ponds).

Take care everyone,

Phil Riley

BRINE SHRIMP EGGS

Thank you to all members that have responded to our call for those interested in obtaining tins of Brine Shrimp Eggs for next year's breeding season. We have as of the time of writing orders for 19 tins in total (we will need to have 24 to fill two cases for shipping, so if you haven't already ordered or if you want to increase your stated order please make contact with me at patrickiandavies1@gmail.com as soon as you can. The order will be placed during the autumn in order to reduce shipping costs and with custom duties Vat and taxes should be a similar price to the last few years of £70 or so per tin. No money is required from members until we have the price confirmed.

Message

from our Vice President Pat Davies

as current Chairman of **Nationwide: Goldfish Societies UK**



Notification of Cancellation of **Nationwide: Goldfish Societies UK** Fancy Goldfish Open Show 3rd October 2021

In my capacity as current Chairman of Nationwide: Goldfish Societies UK, talks have been held with as many delegates and AMGK members as possible to ascertain your various societies' appetite for a NATIONWIDE: GOLDFISH SOCIETIES UK Fancy Goldfish Open Show this Autumn during these particularly uncertain times. We have now, after much deliberation, concluded that the above scheduled show is to be cancelled for this year.

I will take this opportunity to thank those that have responded positively, not only AMGK members with kind offers of help but also a few members from other societies. Unfortunately, we have had to look at the logistics with regard to committed numbers of helpers, judges, exhibitors etc., required both before the day and during the show and, frankly, the numbers do not add up at this time for a show this year. We are booking the hall for the next show for Saturday 1st October 2022, so please make a note in your diaries.

The sooner we can all get together at a 'face to face' meeting the sooner we can, hopefully, resolve any issues that we have had to face over the pandemic in order to make future shows run smoothly with the right support.

AMGK WEBSITE



You will have seen the developed website kindly and thoughtfully produced by Grahame Draper, our current webmaster, from the original designed and developed by June Pons. It has a number of added features to make life a little easier for our new incoming Hon. Treasurer and Secretary, but just as importantly our membership, as we drag the Society into the 21st Century and accept what has become normal commerce for the next generation of membership. Your thoughts, suggestions and general opinions with regard to the proposed functions of the website to help with the continued running of the Society will be asked for at the meeting. We also need someone to back up the webmaster if, and when, needed – if you think you can help, please volunteer!

AMGK Annual General Meeting, Goldfish Table Show & Auction



CONFIRMED FOR SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2021

It's been a long time since the last face to face meeting, but, at last, we have set a date for the AGM on **Sunday 17th October 2021** at the usual venue of **St. Bartholomew's Church Hall Brinklow Road, Binley, Coventry CV3 2DT**. Alas, the Covid-19 is still with us, so it will be best practice in operation on the day with seating at 2.0m centres and hand washing gel at the ready and probably face masks too! We have had to wait many months to confirm availability of our normal venue, that has undergone a renovation since our last visit, however we are now told that it will be ready in time for us. Meeting will start at 1.00pm and close at 5.00pm sharp.

The meeting will primarily be an opportunity for those members, that have bred their fish this year, to bring some along and show them off to the rest of the membership and perhaps offer other members a chance to purchase some breeder's surplus fish. Feel free to bring along **PHOTOS ONLY** of the parent fish of any youngsters so that the group can get a chance to hear the reasoning behind the choice of the breeding pair and how the youngsters have risen to the challenge and aspirations of the fish keeper responsible.

Some of the committee members, after many long years of committed and exemplary service to the Society ensuring the smooth running of our general day to day business, meetings and shows etc., feel that the time is right now for them to take more of a back seat, with regard to the Society's behind the scenes activities. Therefore, we will be looking, perhaps, to the next generation of members to take up some of the potentially vacant positions to help in the smooth running of our society into the year ahead and the future. An agenda for the meeting will be issued to all members by email nearer the time.

Please could members think about bringing something as a raffle prize to the meeting. The raffle normally is so successful that it pays for the hire of the room and is a bit of fun!!!, many thanks for the prizes already donated.

CONSTITUTION REMINDER

Members are reminded that in this society we are proud that all members are treated equally, have an equal say in the running of the society, are encouraged to suggest new ideas that might benefit the running of the AMGK and promote the society and the hobby in general in a responsible way. If you feel that you can offer your services and skills in any capacity to help with the continuation of our great society please do not hesitate to volunteer!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PROPOSED RETIREMENT FROM DUTIES

I can announce that after far too many years to remember Linda and Gary Malpas and Andy Barton, who have been right at the helm of the society have decided to take the opportunity at the next meeting to retire from their respective roles on the committee. All good things do come to an end at some point, yet even so it is with much sadness that all three have decided that the time is now right to step down from their committee positions and to pass the baton on to another generation of members who can take the society forward towards our Golden Anniversary in 2024. We wish all three well for their future and hope to see them at all future meetings and shows in their 'retirement'.

They have all always acted in the very best interests of us all, ensuring that our meetings normally went without a hitch, where we were all fed and watered. They have always been free with their advice when required, and have welcomed all enquiries surrounding the hobby, and extended that welcome to our many visitors and new members over the last quarter of a century!

They have been a great credit to the society and their support and encouragement offered to myself through my 23+ years as AMGK Chairman has been particularly much appreciated.

COMMUNICATION THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

Some of the society perceived failings and misconceptions of the last 20 months of the Covid-19 pandemic have shown that the need for us to communicate more effectively through the next stage of the Pandemic to be increasingly important. If we are to carry on in a friendly, encouraging, cooperative and supportive manner, for which the AMGK is rightly famed we will need to re-address the role of the AMGK website, our facebook page, the Newsletter and the way we use e-mails . Even so, although we have been physically isolated, we all have access to at least a telephone, so if unsure about anything at all you can just ask!

What's been happening over the spring and summer months



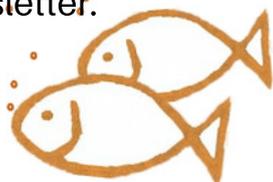
ZOOM MEETINGS

A number of our members managed to link up with the Bristol Aquarists Society's Zoom meetings on the first Monday evening of the month during the pandemic. It has been a highly successful enterprise, not without its occasional problems for those of us that have come late to new technology, but often most enjoyable and informative.

BREEDING

Without our popular regular meetings, it has not been so easy to catch up on what members have been up to over the last 20 months or so. However, it is clear that many of you have managed to continue breeding your 'prize fish' despite the lockdown, with a list of all known society members breeding successes listed further on in this Newsletter.

FISH PHOTOS



A message was sent to all members earlier on asking for pictures of their 2021 bred youngsters to be presented as a gallery of delights as a permanent record in this publication. Many thanks to all those who managed to photograph their fish and send them in. We will, of course, publish any additional photographs that did not reach June in time in our next Newsletter, in the absence of any face to face shows this year.

NATIONWIDE SHOW VOLUNTEERS

We were not able to generate enough confirmed volunteers to stage the Nationwide: Fancy Goldfish Open Show, which relies heavily on volunteers from our society and BAS, this coming October so, as already reported, this has had to be cancelled for this year.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF AMGK

A request went out to all members earlier in the year, when we had a lull in the pandemic, seeking ideas, volunteers and suggestions as to how we might manage any meetings or shows during these troubled times. Thank you for all your suggestions and for the lively discussions on your shared emails in response. It was clear that some of you could not entertain a face to face meeting due to personal health issues at this time, but good to note that a number of members suggested more technically innovative ways of meeting, which we can discuss at the next meeting to try and get a consensus and agreement for the immediate future. Others indicated that they were prepared to step in if required and were prepared to help out with any technological possibilities and temporary catering etc., that might be needed during the pandemic. In these current difficult times for some of us it was a very welcome response and much appreciated.

Alas, we were not able to access our normal meeting room due to the closure of the facilities and, more recently, renovation works being currently undertaken. However, we are assured that the room will be available to us on Sunday 17th October 2021 – so let's make the most of it on the day.

It is with much sadness that the passing of Joe Nethersell (President of the FBAS for many years) has been announced.



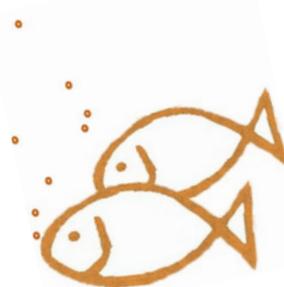
All of us, who experienced the annual Festival of Fishkeeping over the many years at Weston Super Mare, Bracklesham Bay, Hayling Island and back to Weston, will be forever grateful to both Joe and his wife Grace for organising and running the annual weekend extravaganza attended by 500 or so fishkeepers and families.

They were great times, when fishkeepers of all sections of the hobby could get together and enjoy each others' company in a relaxed atmosphere by the sea from the Friday evening to Monday morning in a setting not unlike TV's Hi-De-Hi! and all for around £120 . A real bargain, full of laughter for the whole weekend with food thrown in and free entertainment every evening with gloriously un-PC comics and talented chalet staff singing the whole night through. They were fantastic times full of fond memories for many of us and sorely missed.

Condolences to Grace and the family from all at the AMGK particularly from Tony and Pat Roberts, Craig Roberts, Pat Davies, Sherridan Moores, Dean Roberts and Chris and Trish Whitehurst who all spent many years looking forward to the special early autumn event.

Thanks for everything Joe, may you rest in peace.

TRAINING OF NEW JUDGES



Although the pandemic and Government directions over the last 20 months have put a stop to the possibility of training new judges at our shows to the original programme, BAS has kindly offered the chance for three prospective volunteer candidates to train during their virtual show.

Ian Mildon (Nationwide: delegate responsible for Nationwide Judges) has devised a revised programme for our volunteers (all 5 original volunteers were from AMGK but can only accommodate the three at this time).

We wish them luck and hope that it won't be too long before the other volunteers can join them for training. This training, once completed satisfactorily, will allow some of the older less mobile judges to take a break from some of the shows if they require or even retire completely from the task. Hopefully, with more judges in attendance, the often enormously long time taken with judging at some of the shows will be substantially cut. Thus allowing plenty of time to let the visitors and exhibitors much more time to enjoy the show itself, socialise and talk fish!.

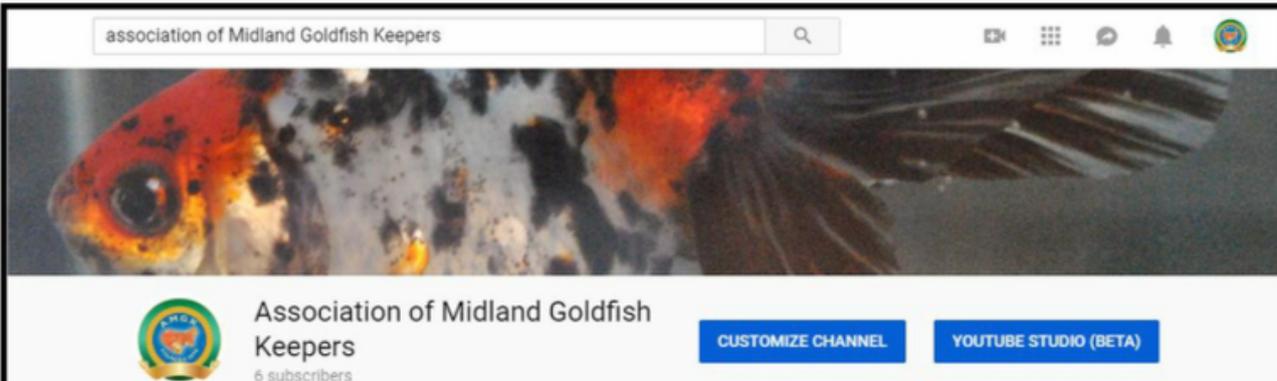
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The Association Of Midland Goldfish Keepers
Closed group

Need any help? - please contact Heather Carrier on 07549 526622

Videos of various meetings and shows can be viewed on our **YouTube** channel



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6 subscribers

CUSTOMIZE CHANNEL YOUTUBE STUDIO (BETA)

MEMBER'S

Young fish bred

2021



Small toesai Japanese
bloodline Ranchu

Bred by Graham Edwards

Nacreous London
Shubunkin
Spawned 31/5

Bred by Mick Smith



Metallic Fantail

Spawned 6/6

Bred by Mick Smith



Metallic Ryukin

Bred by Grahame Draper



Breeding Male



Breeding Female

Nacreous Bristol Shubunkin

Bred by Tony Roberts





Nacreous Bristol Shubunkin



Bred by Phil Riley



Metallic Butterfly

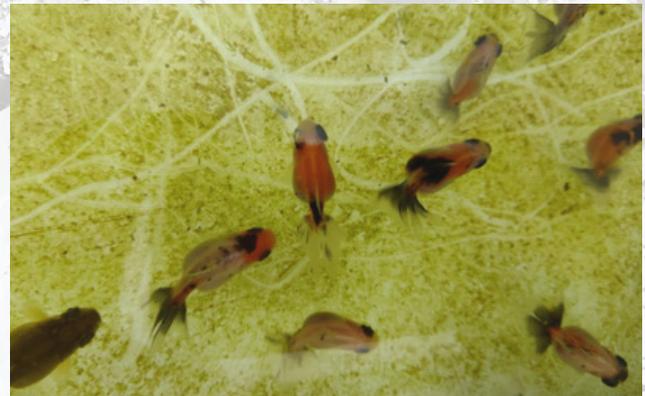
Spawned end of May

Bred by Jackie Pedley

Calico Butterfly

Spawned end of June

Bred by Jackie Pedley



Metallic Butterfly

Spawned end of May

Bred by Jackie Pedley

Veiltails spawned by Andy Barton on 1/5



Raised by Pat Davies, Tony Roberts & Liam Roberts

A Personal Tale

OF MY FISH BREEDING 2021 - PAT DAVIES

A very late start to my breeding season this year (late May/June) has left me with about one hundred young Bristol Shubunkins, no Moors this time, and 75 rapidly growing scaled Veiltails rescued from Tony Robert's fish house, that were given to Tony by Andy Barton (it's a long story!),

Due to a lack of in condition males this year I did use a metallic male Bristol Shubunkin as it was also the only one that I could guarantee was not a brother to any of the females. Although a large proportion of the youngsters produced carry too much orange on the body, the father's great shape and finnage to the standard has come through with some youngsters looking like swimming fire opals - only time will tell if they are going to make it to next year's show bench.

Although I did have a natural spawning in a large eight- foot tank I managed to get more selective breeding through a number of attempts at hand stripping. Four bowls with the same water and parents produced one bowl of near 100% hatch with the rest producing only a dozen or so fry from each bowl - explain that one.

I have had a number of water issues over the summer that affected the young fish, but the fish I'm now left with are looking fine, although slow to colour up. I'm hoping to keep all over the winter and see how they look in the spring of 2022.

Pat Davies

Vice-President



Nacreous Bristol Shubunkin



Bred 21/4 by Pat Davies



Breeding Male



Breeding Female



Nacreous Bristol Shubunkin



Bred 9/6 by Pat Davies



Breeding Male



Breeding Female

ADVERTISING YOUR SURPLUS FISH

VIA OUR NEWSLETTER / AMGK WEBSITE



Selling of Fish through the AMGK Website and Newsletter

Members have been asking can they advertise their excess stock for sale, and we would like everyone to know that there is now no need to wait for a newsletter to do this. As it is also possible to advertise through the AMGK Website in the Classified Section.

Simply go to amgk.co.uk and sign in using your membership email and password and you can place your own classified ads for free and include photos of your fish right there on the website.

Members Content

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The Membership Content menu can be found on the right-hand side of the website once you have signed in as this is only accessible by members.

In the Classified Section select the Place Ad menu item and follow the on-screen instructions.

Placing an Ad will require members to agree to the terms and conditions, which are there to protect all members and follow established club practices. *

Ads placed here can be included in future Newsletters, as well as sent out in email updates. Providing different avenues to getting the word out that your fish or fish keeping equipment is for sale.

Lastly Members should be reminded that sale of fish through Facebook is prohibited, and while you can not advertise on the AMGK Facebook group, you can inform members that you have placed a Classified ad on our website, without breaking Facebook rules (and risking the group being shut down). "Hello members, I have just

created a new classified ad on amgk.co.uk, please read my latest advert." For further explanation of the limits on communication placed on the group by Facebook please contact our moderators Heather Carrier or June Kemp.

*Note sales are private transactions, and the club only facilitates sales and swaps between members on the website as it would at meetings and shows. No commission is taken from the website; however club donations are always welcome.