

# YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF AQUARIST SOCIETIES



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## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018



## DAVID'S PIECE

Welcome to the December 2018 edition of the Y.A.A.S. Newsletter.

My thanks go to Steve Jones, Anthony Fisher, Steven Chester, Norman Banks and Arthur Kenworthy for all of their much-appreciated contributions to this Newsletter.

It is great to see our affiliated Societies and Groups already announcing Diary Dates for 2019. Please support as many of these events as you can as whether it is a full Open Show or Auction so much hard work goes into putting these events on.

Please remember that the YAAS AGM will be held on the last Saturday of January (see Diary Dates for further details). It is very important that you send along your Delegates as without your input and thoughts the YAAS cannot move forward.

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Best wishes David Marshall

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## COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Taken by Sue Marshall our cover photograph shows a scene from a very special day for Trevor and Joan Douglas. You can read more about what is going on in this Newsletter.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU  
ALL.**

**Photograph of 'A partridge in a  
pear tree' from Castle Howard  
'The twelve days of Christmas'  
display 2018. Photograph  
courtesy of Sue Marshall.**

# NEWS DESK

## A REPORT OF THE SHEAF VALLEY AQUARIST SOCIETY OPEN SHOW & AUCTION 2018

Text and photographs by Steve Jones

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, S.V.A.S held their annual open show at the Rockingham Centre. There was a great turnout for the show and auction.



The Open Show drew 223 exhibits. The S.V.A.S. Grow and Show Competition Final was also held as part of the day and drew 8 entries. Our photograph shows the winners of the three special certificates. On our left is Ian Wallbridge of Bradford ADAS who won the 'Best Exhibit' with a breeder's team of *Centromoclus perugia* (a small driftwood catfish). In the centre is Josh

Atkins from S.V.A.S. who won the 'Future fishkeeper' with a *Corydoras aneus*. On our right is Bede Kerrigan of STAMPS who won 'Best in Show' with a beautiful loach *Serpentacobotis octozona*.



There were 23 'lots' in the auction and a great many people went away with a bargain. Trade stands were presented by Phil Blackburn, Fish Inc and Tropical fish shop.

Well done to everyone who did anything at all to put this enjoyable show on and to everyone who helped on the day. The two ladies in the kitchen were kept very busy all day so a well-deserved well done to Karen and Carene (I hope that I spelt it right).

## A SPECIAL LUNCH FOR TREVOR

**Text and photographs by Sue and David Marshall**

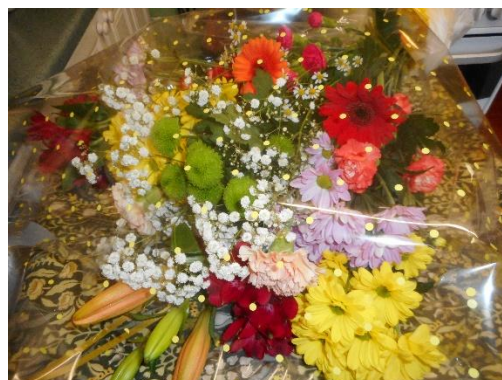
At the YAAS Open Show in July, Trevor Douglas was given a public thank you for all of the work that he had done for both the YAAS Judges & Standards Group and the YAAS Management Committee.

The YAAS 'A' Class Judges decided that they would like to give both Trevor and Joan their own thank you for all the service they have given over many years. So, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October, a special Sunday Lunch was arranged to take place at the Pickering-based Cedar Barn.



**The entrance to Cedar Barn.**

As you will see from the photographs which follow all of the Judges attended and were invited to bring a guest along with them. Les and Pauline Barker were also invited as Les has judged with Trevor at Betta Shows on the European Mainland.



After an excellent meal Trish Jones, on behalf of the Judges, presented Trevor with a monetary gift with which to purchase items for the garden while Joan was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers that had been commissioned from a local florist.



**It was good to be together for this special occasion and a good time was had by all.**

## **Bradford ADAS 71<sup>st</sup> Open Show 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Text by Anthony Fisher**

**Photographs courtesy of Steve Chester, via the Bradford ADAS Facebook Page**

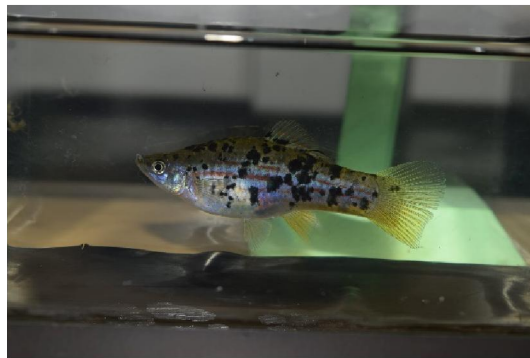
Once again us Bradfordians are pleased to report on another successful Open Show and Auction, which was held at Bradford Academy.

The 205 exhibits were judged by Edward Cheetham, Trish Jones and Mick Price. Best in Show was won by S&S Brown from Preston with their entry in Loaches and Botias and Best Exhibit went to Bede Kerrigan from STAMPS in Pairs Egglayer. 8 Star awards were presented for some tremendous fish. The absence of some light bulbs in the show hall was beyond our control but thankfully the sun shone through the glass roof for most of the time the judging was in progress.



**This beautiful loach won the Best in Show award.**

**Here we see a small selection of the fish on the show benches:-**



The auction was as usual, frantic - 19 lots of fish, tanks, plants, food and associated aquarist equipment. Steve Jones as usual did a sterling job in auctioneering. 114 members of the public came plus 22 different exhibitors and auction vendors - and with all these to feed it is no surprise that 120 sandwiches and 80 portions of pie and peas plus dozens of cakes and buns left our catering crew very busy until they sold out.

At 11am all hustle and bustle ceased for a minute's silence in honour of all those killed in conflict - This was observed by all and quite a moving moment. A credit to all for this.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to helping at our show in any way and hope to see you all again at our Spring Open Show.

## **AN 'IN A NUTSHELL' REPORT ON THE OASIS WINTER AUCTION**

**By Norman Banks**

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November our annual Winter Auction was held at the Redhouse Community

Centre, Sunderland. The venue was full of fishkeepers eager to see what treasurers the 12 'lots' held. Auctioneer for the event was Andy Flinn of NETS.

This would be a day when no large sized fish would be offered for sale but there were certainly plenty of species variety. Some amazing Rift Valley Cichlids made an appearance. As always in the north-east some wonderful livebearing fishes were offered for sale and these included authentic Simpson's Swordtails and Black Moscow Guppies. Of the *Ancistrus* species seen today I liked the L144's.

Along with the fish, a large selection of aquatic accessories and aquatic plants were also offered for sale.

Thank you to everyone who helped today. We had a very enjoyable afternoon.

## **DIARY DATES**

### **With thanks to Arthur Kenworthy**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January - YAAS AGM, Bradford Academy. 1.00p.m. starting time.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February - OASIS Spring Auction, Redhouse Community Centre, Sunderland. 11.30a.m. starting time.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Sheaf Valley A.S. Evening Auction, The Phoenix Public House, High Green, Sheffield. Doors open at 6.00p.m. for a 7.00p.m. start.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Anabantoid Association Members Weekend, IBIS Hotel, Bramley, Rotherham. Guest Speakers. Labyrinthfish Open Show. Auction of labyrinth species. Please note that you need to be a member of the AAGB in order to attend.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Sheaf Valley A.S Spring Open Show & Auction, The Rockingham Centre, Sheffield Road, Hoyland Common, Barnsley.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Ryedale Aquarist Society Open Show & Auction, Kirby Misperton Village Hall, Malton.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Bradford ADAS Spring Open Show & Auction, Bradford Academy.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Ashby Fishkeepers Open Show & Auction, Bottesford Yaddleshorpe Village Hall, Scunthorpe

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Select A.S. Open Show & Auction, Lodge Moor Community Centre 45 Minster Road, Scunthorpe

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Sheaf Valley A.S. Evening Auction, The Phoenix Public House, High Green, Sheffield. Doors open at 6.00p.m. for a 7.00p.m. start.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June - YAAS Open Show & Auction, Stockton-on-the-Forest Village Hall.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August - Friends of Yorkshire Open Show & Auction, Stockton-on-the-Forest Village Hall.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Sheaf Valley A.S Autumn Open Show & Auction, The Rockingham Centre, Sheffield Road, Hoyland Common, Barnsley.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Bradford ADAD Winter Open Show & Auction, Bradford Academy.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November - OASIS Winter Auction, Redhouse Community Centre, Sunderland.  
11.30a.m. starting time.

## **CHRISTMAS FUN TIME**

What's red and white and gives presents on Christmas Day to good little sea creatures who live on the ocean floor?  
Sandy Claws.

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?  
Claustrophobic.

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?  
Ice Crispies.

What do you get when you combine a Christmas tree with an iPad?  
A pineapple!