



**NORTHERN GOLDFISH
& PONDKEEPERS
SOCIETY**
A Nationwide Society
NEWSLETTER



MAY 2019



A Diamond Goldfish

This year is
Anniversary
NGPS started



our Diamond
because the
in 1959.

The photo is a diamond encrusted Bubbly-Goldfish brooch being sold on Amazon (although at \$15 I doubt the diamonds are real).

The original NGPS logo shows our birthdate.

The Rules & Aims of the NGPS

This is an exact copy of the document (now too faint to scan) drawn up by the new Committee of the NGPS on the 5th April 1959.

1. The Society should be called the NORTHERN GOLDFISH and PONDKEEPERS SOCIETY.

2. To encourage and promote the BREEDING, STUDY and SHOWING of GOLDFISH, RIVER FISH, POND FISH and other AQUATIC LIFE connected therewith.

3. The society shall consist of ORDINARY, FAMILY and HONORARY MEMBERS. The latter not carrying voting power may be

granted to suitable persons at the discretion of the Society.

4. Subscriptions will be reviewed at the AGM and made payable at the AGM or the next meeting following the AGM.

5. The AGM shall take place on the second Tuesday in APRIL and the Society shall meet on the second Tuesday of each successive month.

6. The AGM will be convened to receive the annual reports, pass the balance sheet audited by the elected Auditors (*sic*. Auditors), elect Officers and Committee as required and conduct AOB.

7. A Committee of 10 shall include the President, Chairperson, Vice Chair, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and 5 others. A quorum shall be no less than 5. Chair has the casting vote in the event of a tie.

8. The President shall remain in office until

he/she resigns or is called to do so by the Society. All other Officers and Committee members retire & are eligible (*sic.* eligible) for re-election annually.

9. Auditors 2, elected at the AGM to serve two years. Casual vacancies (*sic.* vacancies) to be filled by Committee members until the next AGM.

10. The Committee has full power and authority to act for and on behalf of the Society. All decisions to be reported at the next Society meeting.

11. The Bank Account shall be held by Williams Deacon's Bank Ltd., Piccadilly, M/C. All cheques are to be signed by the Treasurer and either the Chairperson or the Honorary Secretary.

12. The notice for a General, Extra-ordinary or Annual General Meeting shall be 14 clear days in writing.

13. The Committee shall be empowered to expel any member deemed to have behaved in a manner prejudicial (*sic.* prejudicial) to the good conduct of the affairs of the Society.

14. The Society shall publish a NEWSLETTER. All members are asked to make some contribution on any AQUATIC SUBJECT that may be of interest.

Goldfish News



Feng Shui is an ancient pseudoscience originating from China, all to do with spatial energy – and what brings luck, health and prosperity.

This is why so many Chinese Restaurants have a Goldfish Aquarium, in Feng Shui Goldfish are lucky, especially if there are 9 of them (and the ultimate is 8 gold and 1 black).

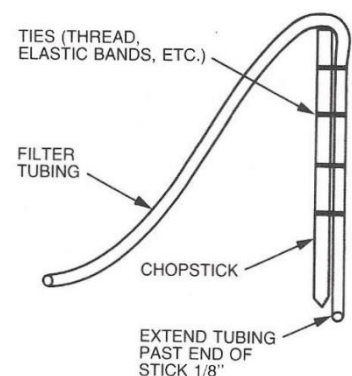
I have searched all the local Chinese Restaurants and Take-aways to take a photograph of their aquarium, but failed to find one (Halifax, Bradford and Leeds).

I can remember that they all had one in the last century – oh, well, times change.

Top Tip

Talking Chinese – if you keep the chopsticks as a souvenir from a Chinese meal, they can be used in the fish house.

One can be used to strengthen flexible tubing for siphoning. Ideal in the fry tank for removing bottom



detritus without disturbing those delicate fish.

The Internet

Most members are on the Internet and so can use their smart phones to view anything online. The NGPS website is

www.northerngoldfishsociety.com

which has grown over the years to have 30 webpages with dozens of photographs.

Unfortunately it started in the days when everyone had a computer and a large monitor screen, now everyone has a smart phone with a tiny screen. Hence a short version was started at

<http://ngps.webplus.net>

with larger letters and smaller photos for better viewing.

The Web Server 'webplus.net' will cease trading on August 1st of this year and so the

<http://ngps.webplus.net>

will disappear forever on that day.

Since almost every member now has a Smart Phone (iPhone or Android etc.) it is necessary for the complex

www.northerngoldfishsociety.com

to change into the smaller, but clearer, website before that date. Work is underway! Many photos and events will no longer be online in this short version (but still on my computer if ever needed) so do visit the major site and take a trip down memory lane, sometime before August.

For new members: tap/click

www.northerngoldfishsociety.com

(can also be found somewhere on a Search Engine such as Google) and tap/click the Enter button at top right, then go through the pages, all with a link button to tap/click.

Also unfortunately, the same Server is used for the Federation of Northern Aquarium Societies – see www.fnas.co.uk .

We were members of this Federation and

took part, even organised, its annual Open Show BAF (British Aquarist Festival). The FNAS has closed down and the website has become historical (there is a complete History of BAF, that spans 40 years). This site will also disappear on August 1st, forever. However, a copy of the site has been transferred to a new Server with the new name www.fnas.uk .

Again the opportunity has been taken to change the format to make it Smart Phone friendly (where possible).

Hope all this is clear – have a look before the changes in August. Thereafter there will be just the two websites (NGPS and FNAS), but we are still there, Online.

By the way – the “History of Aquarian®” is also online and has been changed to a Smart Phone friendly format. If you are at all interested (it’s a fascinating story, honest) see:-

<https://www.drdford.com/DMF36AquarianHistory1973-2019forMobilePhone.pdf>

It is a safe site if your Antivirus program queries the link. It will not (yet) be on Google, Bing or Edge Web Search, you need to paste the link into a web server, such as Microsoft Edge and Firefox (top bars) or Chrome.

Pond News

Many of our members with Show Goldfish have a pond for breeding stock – virtually an underground aquarium. If you ever decide to make it a wild-life pond all you need to do is add aquatic plants. Watergarden Centres sell disease and parasite-free ones (at a price) and they all use the Zone System on the plant labelling.

Zone 1 should be planted with moisture

loving bog plants; these plants bridge the gap between the pond and your garden soil.

Zones 2 and 3 are referred to as marginal plants; zone 2 plants are generally planted on shelves or ledges in the pond to a depth of around 6in / 15cm. Zone 3 plants can be planted much deeper to a depth of around 16in / 40cm.

Zone 4 is where you'd plant water lilies and your oxygenating plants.

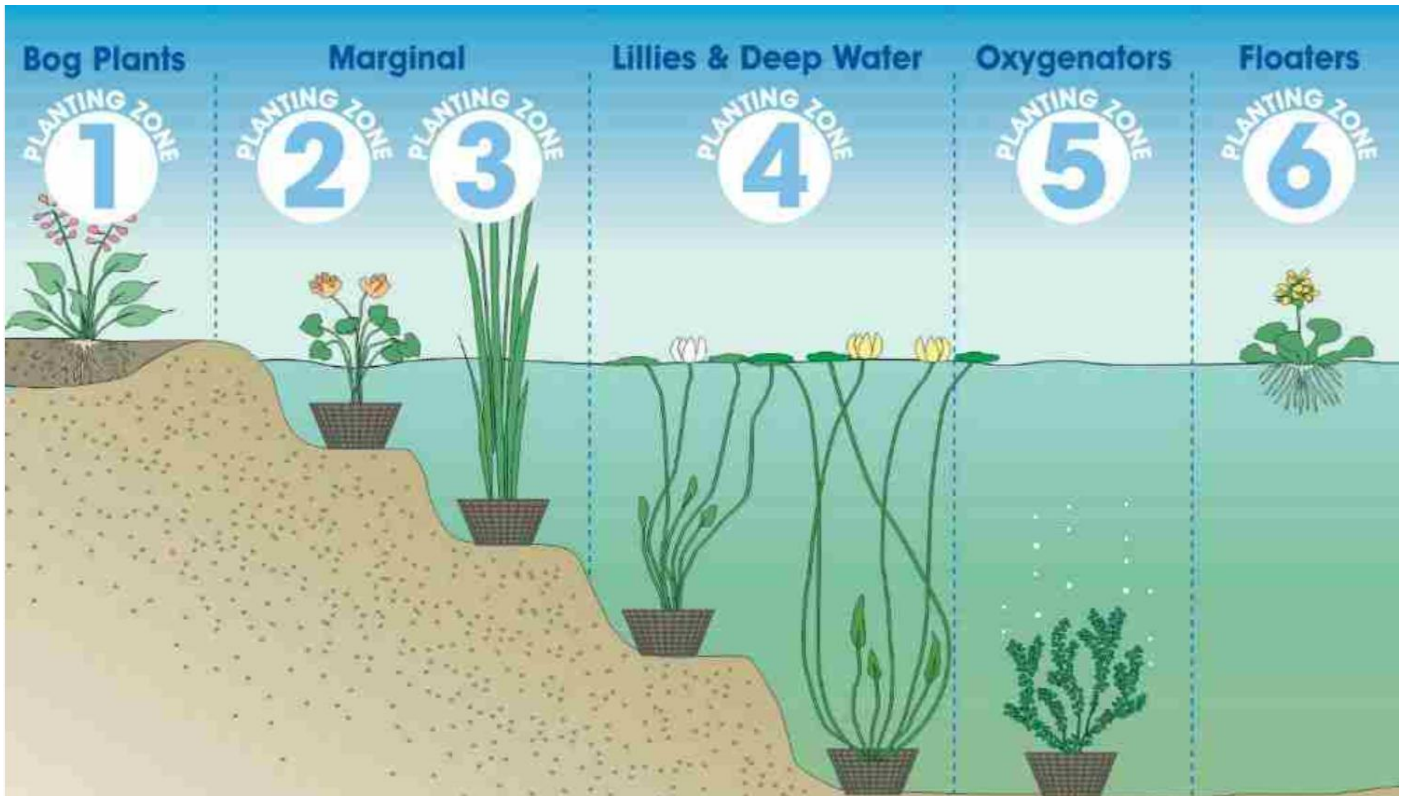
Zone 5 consists of floating plants.

Sometimes Zone 5 are just the Oxygenators and Zone 6 are the floaters.

The Breeders' Pond is often kept pristine via water changes, but the Living Pond needs to be kept fresh and clear by these plants.

They use up the nutrients in the water and create areas of shade and starve green algae of nutrients, preventing the pond turning green. Oxygenating plants such as *Ranunculus aquatilis* - Water Crowfoot are

great for this, as is *Ceratophyllum demersum* –Hornwort.



Unfortunately the traditional Oxygenators, such as *Elodea canadensis* (Canadian Pondweed – a favourite for coldwater aquariums and happily eaten by Common Goldfish) is now on the banned list (EU of course).


Others are *Crassula helmsii* (New Zealand Pygmyweed), *E. nuttallii* (Nuttall's



















pondweed), *Lagarosiphon major* (Curly Waterweed), *Potamogeton crispus* (Curled Pondweed), *Ludwigia spp.* (water primrose), *Myriophyllum* (Water Milfoil) and *Iris pseudacorus* (Yellow Flag Iris). Another reason to buy from a Watergarden Centre, not an Aquarium Shop – or any wild species.

Showtime

The Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers
Annual Open Show

On 29th June 2019 at West Orchard Church Hall, Baginton Road, Coventry, CV3



 COMMON GOLDFISH	 BRISTOL SHUBUNKIN	 COMET
 LONDON SHUBUNKIN	 MOOR	 NACREOUS FANTAIL
 METALLIC FANTAIL	 LIONHEAD	 NACREOUS VEILTAIL
 PEARLSCALE	 BUBBLE EYE	 CELESTIAL
 METALLIC ORANDA	 RANCHU	 RYUKIN
 TOSAKIN	 METALLIC VEILTAIL	 WAKIN

The auction room will be open to the public from 12.30pm and the show on completion of judging, with an entry fee of 50p per person.

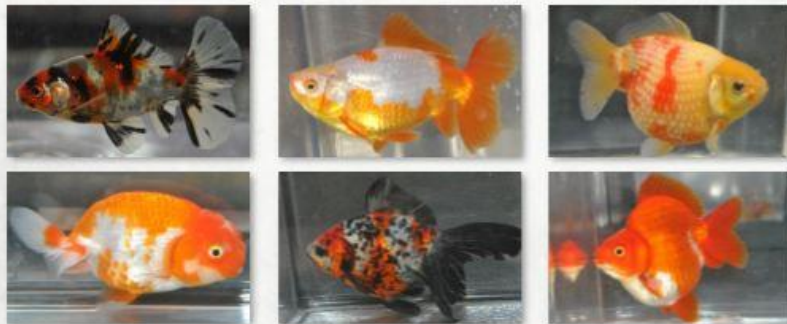
This year we will be joined by the Fancy Guppy UK who will be holding one of their stages of the Guppy League at our show.

Full details can be found on our website amgk.co.uk



NATIONWIDE: GOLDFISH SOCIETIES UK
Present the
NATIONAL FANCY GOLDFISH OPEN SHOW
JUDGED TO THE **NATIONWIDE: GOLDFISH STANDARDS** of the United Kingdom
on
SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER 2019

to be held at
WYKEN COMMUNITY CENTRE
BELGRAVE ESTATE, COVENTRY, CV2 5PY



FISH AUCTION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 1.00PM

A warm welcome to everyone
Show open to the public from 2.30pm

Show Sponsored & Organised by:- Nationwide Goldfish Societies UK

Comprising: Association of Midland Goldfish Keepers (AMGK); Bristol Aquarist's Society (BAS);
North East Goldfish Society (NEGS); Northern Goldfish & Pondkeepers Society (NGPS)

Minutes of the May Meeting

**Hope to see you on June 11th at 8pm at
The Church Inn, Prestwich M25 1AN.**

