

## Basingstoke club

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Known to all as BDAS, the initials standing for 'Basingstoke & District Aquarist Society', the original club

The club was well supported locally and was also well known nationally due to its involvement in Open Shows and competitions. Its displays and tableaux were regularly exhibited at the major national shows at Belle Vue in Manchester and Kempton Park and Sandown Park in the south. It was also a member, and still is, of the Three Counties Group of Aquarist Societies which still annually hosts an Open Show held at the Bracknell venue of Pinewood Park.

The original society met in a number of different locations over the years and more recently at the Wote Street Club in the town centre. Finally due to parking constraints it was decided to move the meetings to Kempshott Village Hall. Following the sad loss of Arthur Marshall meetings lapsed for a period and were then revived at the beginning of 2010 continuing at Kempshott where we currently still meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month at 8.30pm.

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The 2012 programme has now been arranged and looks to be as interesting and varied as that of 2011. Our usual intention as always is to mix informal discussion with more structured talks.

Tue 14th March	General Discussion	All
Tue 10th April		
Biotype Aquariums		
Andy Pearce		
Tue 8th May	AGMs	
Tue 12th June	Conservation Issues	Nigel Hunter
Tue 10th July		
Myth Busters		
Mats Petersson		
Tue 14th Aug		
Frozen & Live Foods		
Chris Ralph & Mats Petersson		
Tue 11th Sept	Poachers Turned Gamekeepers	
Andy Pearce & Chris Ralph		
Tue 9th Oct		
Behind the Scenes	Tony Sadler	
Tue 13th Nov		
Tank Set Up		
Chris Ralph		

The programme is intended to be flexible and may be subject to change as the focus is primarily on members' interests. Meetings are at Kempshott at 8.30pm for 8.45pm start. Hopefully you are all familiar with Kempshott Hall located on the outskirts of Basingstoke just off Pack Lane. Drive past Halfords, Staples and Homebase and keep going. The turning for the hall is off to the right after about half a mile. For those of you with sat nav or wishing to google for directions the post code is RG22 5HN. For more details please contact me Andy Pearce on 01252 325686 or

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Thanks and we look forward to seeing you all at future meetings.