



# BRITISH LIVEBEARER ASSOCIATION GUPPY SECTION *Newsletter*

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The end of the guppy show season is almost upon us with the final show being our very own European championship show (14th- 16th October 2011).

Arrangements are already in place for the organisation of the show, the judges and speakers are booked and all that remains is to gather together all the equipment and materials that we use to set up the show.

A major part of this is to clean and set out all the show tanks within the display boxes. We then wrap them in film to keep the dust out ready for transport to the show. There are 240 tanks to be cleaned and prepared, there are 6 to a box thus counting to 40 boxes ! Work has already started with the cleaning and the world record so far is 20 minutes to complete a box. Yes, 40 x 20 minutes is more than 13 hours work ! Ah but..... someone said, if there were two of you then the job would take half the time, 6 ½ hours, and we could also make an attempt to beat the world record. Some bright spark said that if we could get two additional volunteers it would only take 3 hours. No, no, no said I. What we need is 40 helpers and then we would be all done in 20 minutes !!!!

Seriously though, Steve Elliott will be continuing with the cleaning and preparation this Saturday and Sunday. The work has to be completed during the next two weekends because Steve has other

commitments and will not be available. Any help would be greatly appreciated, even if only for a short time. The equipment is currently stored at his yard in Kettering. Anyone who visits will also be able to see the new fish room that Steve has set up at the same place. Please contact him to confirm your availability and to get the address and directions.

The other thing to be considered for the forthcoming show in Nottingham is the election of a new Chairman and Vice Chairman to represent the guppy group in the main committee of the British Livebearer Association. The current chairman was 'promoted' to the position from vice chairman after the resignation of the previous chairman. We would normally vote for these posts separately in alternate years, but the current situation means that both positions require renewal. Nominations are therefore requested to be sent to Steve Elliott before the October meeting.

After 10.00 am on Saturday 15th October no nominations will be accepted. If there is more than one nomination then a vote will be arranged. Those eligible to nominate, vote or be voted for, would be BLA guppy subgroup members only. Those members will also be sent details for the election of a new main committee. Nominations should be sent to Steve Elliott.

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