

The next big thing in aquascapes

New products on display at the Tropical Marine Centre stand included its new drop-off tanks.

The name might suggest something you'd never want to do to a glass aquarium, but the reality is quirky and long overdue. Imagine a tank in two parts, like an 'L' shape tipped over 90°, and that's what you have: depth down the

front, leading to shallow and long across the top. What's more, TMC's drop-off aquariums are made from Optiwhite glass, and will no doubt become the darlings of both aquascapers and reefers all over.

We await news regarding production sizes and prices of these tanks.

Football-inspired feeding

Manufacturers were on the ball this summer and two new feeding products with a football theme were launched to coincide with the World Cup.

Goldfish games

Tetra has launched Goldfish FunBalls, an innovative new feed for goldfish designed to inject some fun into feeding time and appeal to younger fishkeepers.

Goldfish FunBalls are single feeding ball shaped portions that encourage the goldfish to nibble piece by piece, giving the impression of the fish playing football around the tank.

They're £3.70 for a pack of six.





A novel way to feed pond fish

Hozelock Cyprio has had a ball launching its latest addition to the range: a fun, novel way to feed pond fish.

Fish Foodball is suitable for most types of fish food. Just fill with enough food for one feed and watch the fish swim around the surface of the water for longer, nudging the ball until all of the food is dispensed, instead of it all being sucked up too quickly. The ball is simply removed and replenished when fish have eaten enough.

They are priced at £4.99.

BOOK OF THE MONTH



A fresh take on fishy favourites

by Flick Ford, ISBN-978-086713157-4

Artist Flick Ford's work always astounds, with a level of detail in his images that frequently beats the best aquatic photographers.

'WILD 75 freshwater tropical fish of the world' champions 75 of the most iconic and celebrated tropical fish through a combination of striking colour renditions, mixed with factual information, notes and anecdotes on each. What we particularly admire is the way that anyone, regardless of their level of aquatic expertise, will pick up something new from flicking through. With foreword by famed photographer and blogger Mo Devlin, and soundbites from the likes of Rachel Oleary, Mike Tuccinardi, Ted Judy, Chuck Davis and more, this is one of those rich reads that you can either use as a basic reference book or just sit back with a coffee and peruse the 176 pages from cover to cover.

The publication is American in origin, with a price of \$29.95, but shop around in the UK and you can find it anywhere from £13-£20 (plus variable postage costs).

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Flick Ford's illustrations are incredibly detailed.

