

THAMESIDE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2013

DEAR MEMBERS,

SOME WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hello and a warm welcome to new members since the last newsletter (March 2013).

This newsletter contains some information that was in the last one, but it needs repeating for the benefit of new members who have joined Thameside since then. I urge you all to please read this newsletter and take note of the comments included.

Rule/byelaw offences.

- Be aware that members have been refused membership renewal this season as a result of continued rule/byelaw breaking by them. Do not visit any water (except Shorne) unless you have your current documents with you, even if you are not fishing, (See Rule 12) and **do not** take any non-member with you unless you have written permission from a committee member or bailiff. NB. This includes family members. There can be no excuse for this as you are all in possession of a rule book.
- These rules/byelaws are there to protect your fishing, and some of them are a condition of us being granted fishing rights. Initially a verbal warning will be given to anyone breaking rules/byelaws, a second offence will result in a written warning, and any further offence will result in the member appearing before the Committee to explain his/her actions.
- Just past pegs T1 and T19 on the top lake at Cobham, by the Pump House, are 2 signs telling anglers that there is no access past these signs, yet club members are continuing to ignore these signs and walk round to bait up along the top bank. This has got to stop and therefore any angler caught or reported by any other member will be immediately suspended pending further investigation by the Committee. Unfortunately the minority are spoiling it for the majority.
- Please use the phone numbers on your card to report anything you see happening, or even need advice on anything, that may be of concern to you. It may be nothing but you never know.

Finally I wish you a good fishing season ahead,

Tight Lines

Dennis Hammond, Chairman and Head Bailiff

Membership Secretary (Jeff Buxton)

- Membership is now closed at 700 and I have now started another waiting list again. There was a mad rush of renewals approx 30% from existing members who despite us, (the Committee) telling them for the last year that renewals were due on the 1st April, forgot and consequently there were a lot of members fishing the waters illegally. So once again I will bring it to your attention renewal is on the 1st April and not the 1st June. If you forget next year you may not get in.

Match Secretary (Derek Graves)

- What a brilliant start to the match season. The support for the matches has been superb, with on average 16 people per match. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following who

have joined our little group:- Scott Carney, Jim Beaconsfield, Peter Bird, Alan Bowman, Alan Marshall, Ian McAdie, Ian Willis and Brian Heard. Ian McAdie actually went onto win his first match at Cobham the other evening using a feeder. So it just goes to show that it can be open to anyone to win given the right circumstances. (and you don't need a pole). Mind you, I have heard on the grapevine that Peter Barry is going to get a pole so look out everyone.

Website (Derek Graves)

- Pictures still coming in, quite regularly in fact, which is all good news, and some of you are becoming right little David Baileys. lol. Just mind the fingers though. Pictures don't have to be just of fish you know. If you have a nice sunset happening over IOTL or a mate falling in or illegal bivvy activities then we'd like to see those as well. But remember I can't put on the website every fish you catch so I don't need 36 pictures of a roach for instance.

Head Bailiff (Dennis Hammond)

- In the last news letter a list of all the planned work parties were listed out. This was following on from a request from members that to be able to attend a work party they needed more notice. Unfortunately three work parties have been held, with virtually no support from members! Despite the fact that notices were displayed at both Inn on the Lake and Cobham asking for support, the attendance so far has been disgusting;

Sunday 14 th April.	Inn on the Lake.	4 bailiffs and 3 members.
Saturday 4 th May.	Inn on the Lake.	Bailiff Nigel Law and myself.
Wednesday 15 th May.	Inn on the Lake.	Just myself.

On all three occasions there were members on the water enjoying their fishing!
Membership is now stands 700 and even if you rule out Juniors, Disabled and Senior Citizens, it leaves probably 500+ able bodied members who could give 2/3 hrs once in a while to support work parties. The next work parties are on Wednesday 19th June and Saturday 18th July, 9.00am to 1.00pm. Meet at Inn on the Lake.

Should attendance not improve, I will recommend to the Committee that they pay, out of Society funds, for any work to be done. The decision is yours. Please ring me if you can attend and help out.

Remaining work party dates

Date	Venue	Time
Wed, 19 th June	TBA	9.00 start
Sat, 6 th July	TBA	9.00 start
Sun 11 th August	TBA	9.00 start
Sat, 7 th September	TBA	9.00 start

Shorne Country Park.

- Some of the swims have been repaired by KCC staff, with further work expected.
- Some weed removal has been done with more to follow.
- Believe it or not but a 21lb + carp has been caught and witnessed (still awaiting photos) from the lakes, can't say which lake though at the moment
- The fish are in heavy spawn mode at the time of writing this news letter.

Cobham Hall.

- The Middle pond has been stocked with Tench, Bream, Perch, Chub, Barbel, Roach and Rudd. The majority of fish are from 4"-10" in size plus twelve 2lb bream, and is fishing well since it was re-opened on the 1st April 2013. Please use tackle appropriate for the size of fish stocked. THERE ARE NO CARP IN THIS POND AND ANY MEMBER SEEN OR CAUGHT MOVING FISH WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM THE CLUB IMMEDIATELY PENDING INVESTIGATION FROM THE COMMITTEE.
- Please park close together and straight on to the car park edging, between the yellow marked spaces and not at an angle. Space is limited and if you park at an angle you will be asked to move.
- Do not block paths with bivvies, tackle, etc.
- You may have noticed that "red and white bunting" has been hung from the trees above the walkway separating the Bottom and Middle lake. This is not in preparation to celebrate the 4th July, but to try and discourage cormorants from landing in the Middle lake. Please immediately report any sightings to me, Dennis Hammond on 07957 870245 or Assistant Head Bailiff, Dave Shirley on 07766 830482, as these birds can eat their own weight in fish every day!
- DO NOT DRIVE ACROSS THE GRASS BY THE LODGE HOUSE **WHEN IT IS CONED OFF. THIS IS A DRY WEATHER ACCESS ONLY.**

Inn on the Lake.

- Apparently fishing very well with a lot of carp and pike being caught. Dean (the hoodie) Howard doing particularly well.

Blue Lake

- Water level still up and down beyond our control.
- Phil Townsend, our Lafarge contact, has managed to acquire a large amount of crushed concrete from them. This will be used to build swims above water level as possible.

New Fishery at Paddock Wood.

Paddock Wood is a working site and is governed by the Mines and Quarry Act, also the health and Safety Act, therefore strict rules apply;

- You must be aware that any breach of the above acts could result in serious consequences for the individual, the Society, or both. You must ensure that you do nothing to interfere with workings of the site, and report any thing that may be a danger, or give cause for concern. We have the waters on probation for the first season, so please observe all rules and any instructions from the site manager, **HIS WORD IS LAW!**
- Car parking is in designated area only and at owner's risk. Vehicles parked illegally may be damaged by large vehicles accessing the site, with no comeback on the site owners.
- Members must enter areas by means of the proper gates and accesses provided. Any member found getting over through or damaging any fence, may be expelled forthwith.
- Outside of site working hours, both access gates must be kept locked at all times.
- Keep nets are allowed.
- Thameside have no record of fish stocks in the waters available, and ask members to report back by email, phone or post with results of their visits, good or bad.

Contact is through the usual channels djhangling@blueyonder.co.uk, 07957870245 or post to your Secretary, Mick Mount. (Address is in the front of your rule book), or via the website, which ever you find easiest. The waters have been neglected for several years, so feedback is essential.

- Minor swim clearing is permitted.
- Junior members are permitted to fish must be with a current adult member at all times. General byelaw 12 applies.
- Night fishing is permitted within the period of your key loan.
- Further to the above, Relevant Society rules/byelaws apply.

This new water opens to members at dawn on Sunday 16th June 2013, and due to the limited number of keys available, (imposed upon us by Clubbs) will mean members can only obtain one as follows;

- a) Keys will only be available from the Committee members listed below, and must be applied for by ringing/texting the appropriate phone no. to arrange a collection time. No house calling without prior arrangement! You will be asked to show a current membership card and ID.

Northfleet	Phil Townsend	Mon-Fri, 9.00am to 5.00pm	07879 854030.
Gravesend	Roy Stedman	Mon-Fri, 9.00am to 5.00pm	07974 030630.
Faversham	Peter Huckstep	Mon-Fri, 9.00am to 5.00pm	01795 531851
Medway	Derek Graves	Mon-Fri, 9.00am to 5.00pm	07771 528633
Please note, that due to the fact Derek Graves works full time, he has said he would prefer a text if possible or a message can be left on his office phone 01634 221445. Key collection would also, only be possible on Friday morning 8.00am to 9.00am, and Saturday evening 6.00pm to 9.00pm.			

- b) The above arrangements could very well change in the future. In the ideal world we would like to give all members keys but unfortunately we have only been allowed a certain number of keys and due to our very large catchment area of members it provides us with a logistic problem. Hopefully the above system will work. Fingers crossed.
- c) There is no charge for the key which is on loan for **SEVEN** days from collection date.
- d) Non-return of the key after 7 days, for any reason, will incur a charge as in e) below and may prevent you from obtaining a key at a later date.
- e) A charge of £20.00 pounds will be made in the case of a lost key.
- f) The gates may be open when you arrive if the site is being worked, but it could close at any time, in which case the gates will be locked by site staff. Therefore do not visit the site unless you are in possession of a key.
- g) A call out charge of £30.00 will be made for anyone being locked in.
- h) Failure to pay the charge in e) or g) above will result in loss of membership.
- i) River Beult rules apply to the stretch of the Medway available.
- j) A map and directions will be available on collection of a key.

Tight lines to one and all from your Committee