

THAMESIDE WORKS ANGLING & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

MARCH 2013 NEWSLETTER

DEAR MEMBERS,

SOME WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A warm welcome to you all and I hope you have a rewarding start to the 2013/2014 season.

A lot of what you will read may be old news to most of you, but remember Thameside has a significant number of new members each season. 208 names were on the waiting list to join this year and it is only right and proper that they and you should be kept up to date with both ongoing issues from past seasons, as well as any projects in the pipeline for this season.

The Committee for the following season as elected at the AGM is as follows:-

Chairman	Dennis Hammond
Secretary	Michael "mick" Mount
Treasurer	Barry Sims
Membership Secretary	Jeff Buxton
Competition Secretary	Derek Graves
Website Administrator	Derek Graves
Head Bailiff	Dennis Hammond
Assistant Head Bailiff	Dave Shirley

Committee members:- Roy Stedman, Peter Huckstep, Philip Townsend, Jack Louth, and Albert Murray
NB. See website for Committee "mug shots"

A sincere thank you to all of you who attended the AGM, it was good to get so much input from you. It is only with this interest that your Committee can strive to give you the fishing you expect. There was a good turn out again of members and things went a lot better than last year's AGM in respect of the food provided and the acoustics. Following feedback from some members however there is still room for improvement and we will strive to make the AGM better each year.

The Agenda items 13a, b, and c, "recommendations from the Committee", being agreed at the AGM have been carried out, and the results are that;

- 13a Derek Graves has been appointed Website Administrator.
- 13b you will receive amended pages for the rule book.
- 13c the Middle pond at Cobham has been stocked with Tench, Bream, Perch, Chub, Barbel, Roach And Rudd. The majority of fish are from 4"-10" in size plus thirteen 2lb+ Bream.

News received since the AGM is;

1. The new licence for Shorne Wood Country Park has been agreed for the next 4 years, with no changes for Thameside members.
2. The Society has acquired the fishing rights of 3 lakes and 1/4 mile stretch of the River Medway on the A226, Boyle Way, nr Paddock Wood. This is in conjunction with another club, Darenth Otters. It is planned for these waters to be available to members to fish from the 16th June onwards. Details regarding parking, keys, maps, rules, etc still have to be finalised and will be presented to members as and when available.

Regarding feed back to the Committee, this is still very minimal. The Committee can only act with the running of the club and the waters on your behalf if we hear from you. This can be done by e-mail, text, "snail mail", word of mouth to a Bailiff or Committee Member. Lots of rumours abound but if you want to know the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth **ask your Committee :-)**

Finally I wish you a good fishing season ahead, and that the **final renewal date for membership is the 1st April 2013.**

Tight Lines

Dennis Hammond, Chairman and Head Bailiff

[Membership Secretary \(Jeff Buxton\)](#)

- Membership is closed at present, but there is a waiting list available. Please ring or email me your details on 07712 837996 or jeffbuxton@btinternet.com
- Also available for the sum of £10.00 is a **non-fishing permit** which will allow members to take their wives/girlfriends/partners to club waters whilst they are fishing there. Without this permit **only club members** are allowed on our waters. (with the exception of Shorne C.P.)
- Once again I have to ask you, **if you change your email address, home address or phone numbers then please let me know** so I can keep our database up to date. If you don't, and you wonder why you've not received your membership card, newsletters or other info. then you've only got yourself to blame.
- Please note that for a long time now, many years in fact, renewals **must be** accompanied by a **C5 envelope (9ins x 6.5ins)**. Sending any other sized envelope may cause your renewal to be delayed.. Please therefore send the correct sized envelope.

[Match Secretary \(Derek Graves\)](#)

- Welcome to you all, old and new alike. Regulars and non-regulars (and you know which ones of you are regular). Last year's season was again well supported even though things have been tough with the economy, rising fuel costs etc etc, As far as I am aware there have been no day ticket increases to last year's prices at the commercials listed on our match calendar . It would be nice to see a few new faces on the matches, and like I say each year you don't have to feel intimidated or think you haven't got the right fishing equipment, just turn up and have ago. We're a friendly bunch (I like to think so) and like a good chat and a laugh.
- The Fur and Feather match in December went down a storm and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended. To that end I'm going to do exactly the same for next year and I have already had an email from a member asking to be put down on the list. (yes I've got your name down Baldy Bloke)
- I am also planning something new for this season's Trophy Presentation to try and make it more of a social event for members. Details will be made available as and when I know myself.

[Website \(Derek Graves\)](#)

- Working well, a lot more pictures coming in. Some I can use, some I can't use, particularly as it seems to be a favorite of members to want to take close up pictures of their hands rather than the fish they are holding. Also if you take a blurry picture it will stay a blurry picture. I have not got CGI capabilities on my computer yet. If you have a word with the clubs Treasurer however????
- The lakes at Inn on the lake are called various names by members and we would like to have a set of names to refer to them by such as we have for Shorne and Cobham. It just makes identification easier if you're looking for a friend or a particular member. The swims are also going to be

numbered as well. To that end, we are going to run a small competition to come up with 3 names for the lakes with a £25.00 prize for the winning answer. Examples are as follows:- 1. Main lake, Island lake and Stock pond, 2. Mallard, Eider and Teal (types of duck), 3. Willow, Oak and Maple. You get the idea. Please reply by email to twapsfishing@hotmail.co.uk

- If sending in pictures to go on the website, please look at 2013 gallery on the ideal way to display your catch. Kneeling down and no fingers. (Roy and Tristan please take note. :-)

Head Bailiff (Dennis Hammond)

- Several work party dates are planned for this season. see table below. They were well supported last year and taking on board your comments, we are giving you more time to put them in your diary and plan which ones you can attend. They will also be at all waters not just Cobham this year. My thanks go to those who supported last season's work parties at Cobham. Hope you enjoyed the BBQ's.

Date	Venue	Time
Sun, 14 th April	Inn on the Lake	9.00 start
Sat, 4 th May	TBA	9.00 start
Wed, 15 th May	TBA	9.00 start
Sun, 9 th June	TBA	9.00 start
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

- Maintenance work will continue on ALL waters and I apologise for any disruption this may cause but if you want the fisheries to improve you'll have to bear with us.
- Please keep your comments coming in, it is only by listening to you that Thameside can continue to improve. Yes, there is still a lot to be done, and as your Head Bailiff I am fortunate now, following a re-shuffle, to have a good team of bailiffs to call on, who can monitor all waters on a regular basis. Some of you do make the comment that they only see the same Bailiff. If you happen to only fish Cobham and the Bailiffs that cover Inn on the Lake don't go to Cobham, then the chances of you meeting them will be slim. But they are out there.
- Leading on from that, this next request goes out to all retired or semi-retired members. If you have, or could spare a few hours a week and would like to be a bailiff or know what is involved then please contact me through the normal channels. My phone no. is:- **07957 870245** and my email address is:- djhangling@blueyonder.co.uk
- Not so good news! Why, why, do members still break rules on all the fisheries. Rods unattended, litter, no paperwork, leaving gates open, excessive use of boillies, cans of alcohol on the bank, etc, etc. Taking non-members onto club waters without the requisite permission or permit is not allowed. If you see anything untoward happening on our lakes good or bad, then you can contact either myself or Dave Shirley(assistant Head bailiff) via the phone numbers on the front of your membership card.

General Comments

- Please take your rubbish home. We don't like having to clear up after you. This is particularly prevalent at Inn on the Lake, but we do know as well that it is not all down to the Anglers but Hotel Guests as well.
- When fishing our lakes, please, please, please **do not block off the paths**. If you happen to set up your bivvy/rods in such a way that you prevent access to other parts of the lake, then the Bailiffs

will be asking you to move or reposition your gear accordingly. Just have a little respect and consideration for other members. For instance pegs T3 and T4 at Cobham are wide enough for you to sit alongside your rods, not behind them!

- Just a reminder for existing members and bringing to the attention of new members, NO ALCOHOL is allowed on any of our waters. See Bye-Law 7, page 11 of your rule book. Also check out page 4 of your rule book.

Club Water Updates

Cobham Hall.

- The Middle Lake is as near to finished as possible apart from planting and seeding, which is planned to happen shortly. My thanks go out to all those involved with the work including myself
- The lake has been stocked with Tench, Bream, Perch, Chub, Barbel, Roach and 2 Rudd. They are not massive fish, such as you would find in Monk lake 2 for example, and to that end we would ask you to only use light gear when fishing commences on this lake on the 1st April. i.e. 2lb line and size 16 hooks. You will have more fun with this size tackle. We were advised to put this size fish into the water to allow the fish to grow on. More Roach and Rudd have yet to be added. **Now a very important point. If anybody and we mean anybody** (unless they have committee permission) **is caught transferring any fish they will be immediately suspended from the club till the end of the season. The club has invested a lot of time and money into the middle lake!**

Shorne

- Uneven pegs and swim fronts to be leveled off and gaps filled in.
- Hopefully paths around lakes to be overhauled and repaired by SCP staff.
- The Committee are actively looking into the fishing or lack of at Shorne and how to improve it and are in liaison with Hadlow Collage and the EA.

Inn on the Lake

- It is proposed to do some swim repairs here this year. They will take the form of new level areas, new paths and edging to front of existing swims. In the meantime please be particularly careful with the 2 swims just in front and to the right of the main gate as the ground is very slippery. At the moment it looks like there will be 26 swims in total on all 3 lakes.

Blue Lake

- The waters level continues to be a problem and is beyond our control.
- Thanks go to the members who are trying to keep swims fishable.
- Reports of fish catches are far and few between, but remember this water is open to every member **and not a select few.**

Tight Lines to one and all from your Committee.

JUST FOR FUN

My next door neighbour is very shy and reserved, even the fish in his pond are Koi.

Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day... Teach a man to fish, and he'll sit on a boat and drink beer all day.

What is the difference between a fish and a piano?.....You can't tuna fish

What do you get if you cross a Salmon , a girl's leg and a hand?..... Birdsthigh fish fingers.

What fish do road menders use?.....Pneumatic Krill.

What kind of fish will help you hear better?.....A Herring aid.

What is dry on the outside, filled with water and blows up buildings?.....A fish tank

What did the boy fish say to his girlfriend?.....'Your plaice or mine'