

THAMESIDE NEWSLETTER MAY 2017

DEAR MEMBERS,

Some words from your Chairman, Dennis Hammond

A warm welcome to both renewing and new members who have joined since the November 2016 newsletter. I hope you are enjoying good catches.

This newsletter contains some information already known but is repeated for the benefit of late joiners and new members.

Thanks to those who managed to attend the 2017 AGM. The Committee voted in is;

Chairman	Dennis Hammond
Secretary	Michael "mick" Mount
Treasurer	Jeff Buxton
Membership Secretary	Jeff Buxton
Competition Secretary	Terry Williamson
Website Administrator	Ian Collier
Head Bailiff	Dennis Hammond

Committee members:- Dave Shirley (Assistant Head Bailiff), Roy Stedman,
Philip Townsend, Barry Sims, Rupert Garrett, Billy Hargreaves
Gary Bushell, Derek Graves.

NB. See website for Committee "mug shots".

The AGM agreed to let the Committee set the elected term of office before the need for re-election. The March Committee meeting voted in favour of;

- The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer serving a period of 5 years before re-election,
- The rest of the Committee serving a period of 3 years before re-election.
- Any one of the above failing to carry out his duties may be suspended pending an investigation.

The following agenda item was passed; "**Responsible** loose surface feeding is permitted on all waters".

Updates since the November newsletter are;

- A new 5 year licence has been finalised for the Blue Lake effective from the 1st April 2017.
- A total of 1350 of Bream, Tench, and Ide has been put into the Campanile Lake. Please note that there are reports of a large catfish being hooked and lost. This fish if caught **MUST NOT** repeat **MUST NOT** be put back into the Lake. Ring me on the number shown on your membership card and I will get the EA to collect it.

Please note that the whole of the Inn on the Lake site, including all facilities, will be CLOSED to members from;

Midnight on Saturday the 27th May 2017 until Midday on Monday the 29th May 2017.

This is for a major Hotel function taking over the whole of the site and all facilities.

Work party dates for your diary are:-

1. Thursday 18th May at Shorne Country park 9am to 1pm
2. Sunday 4th June at Cobham 9am to 1pm.
- Thursday 8th June at Inn on the Lake 9am to 1 pm.

Please **TEXT ONLY** to Dennis on **07957870245** if you can attend, and for the **Shorne** one please supply vehicle **registration number** the day before in order to arrange free parking!

I hope to me you all on the banks at some time, but until then I wish you all tight lines and fair weather.

Dennis.

Membership Secretary (Jeff Buxton)

- Regarding renewals, **if** you change your house address, **if** you change your email address, or **if** you change your contact details then please let me know. I get a lot of enquiries from members, wondering why they're not receiving anything by mail, or e-mail, and then when you ask them, you get the apology, "sorry forgot to tell you". For some members, we only have your mobile number, and if you subsequently change it without letting us know, that doesn't help either. So please keep me up to date.
- To new and renewing members, please when renewing in future, do not send in another photograph or your current photo ID card unless requested to do so.
- Please do not send any membership forms to the Secretary Mick Mount either. It will only delay your membership.
- Please note that the free under 11 membership still requires a photograph to be included with the membership application. Under 11s must fish in the same swim as the Adult member or, in the case of more than one under 11 present, in the next swim.

Competition Secretary (Terry Williamson)

- Please remember to contact me on **07515 495408** before 9.00pm the Thursday before any of the match dates, shown below, to book your place.
- The Committee at the 25th April meeting, after a long discussion, voted that Thameside competitions are only open to current Thameside members.
- Competition dates;
14th May, 28th May, 4th June, 25th June, 9th July, 23rd July, 13th August, 10th September, 17th September, 8th October, 22nd October, 12th November, 26th November, December TBA, 7th January 2017 and 4th February 2017.

Website Administrator (Ian Collier)

For any member, whether old or new, who has not visited the TWAPS website yet, it can be found at either <http://twaps.uk> or <http://twaps.co.uk>

The website is full of official TWAPS information and updated on a regular basis. If you have any queries about the Society, it's fisheries, it's Committee Members and Bailiffs, the way the Society is run, upcoming matches, work parties and other events, it is highly likely that an answer to your question will be found there. Keep an eye on the website, it is updated frequently.

The Society Rules and Bye-Laws are also available on the website and if you have a smart phone, or internet enabled device, with you whilst you are fishing, you do not need to have a copy of the Society's Rules and Bye-Laws with you, but you must be able to access the Rules and Bye-Laws from the TWAPS website whilst you are fishing. The Rules and Bye-Laws are PDF documents and can be downloaded onto your device if you prefer. Look under "Club Info" → "Rules and Bye-Laws".

If you don't have internet access whilst fishing, or prefer to have a paper copy instead, simply use the website Contact Form to request a printed copy and one will be sent to you. Note that the Rules and Bye-Laws may be updated from time to time, and any revisions will be published on the website.

The Society Competition Rules are also published on the website. See "Matches" → "Match Rules". Any updates to the Competition Rules will also be published on the website.

The website is used to quickly notify the membership of any important news such as work parties or out of use swims, new waters etc. Therefore please check the site fairly regularly for updates. Don't forget to submit pictures of your catches, preferably of you with your specimen, including a very short description, for inclusion in the gallery. We like to include other images too, not just of your catches, but also any Society related amusing or scenic or other relevant pictures are also very welcome. Videos are also welcome too.

You can use the Photo Submission Form to send us pictures, or use the Contact page to enquire about sending or linking videos. Talking of photos, I am looking for really good quality fish that have been caught on Society waters, together with the angler concerned, for the front page slide show. If you have any and would like to be featured, please use the photo submission form on the website, on the Photo Galleries page, under the Club Info section. We have lots of carp pictures, so any catches other than carp will be especially welcome.

Please remember, I don't always get it right, so if you see any mistakes or omissions, please let me know, via the website contact page.

The group is very friendly and is used for members to exchange tips, ideas, buy and sell stuff, foster healthy debate and generally communicate with each other. There is also quite a bit of light hearted non-offensive banter between the members, which can be very amusing at times, making it a good social group to belong to.

If you are a Facebook user and would like to join the group, simply log into Facebook and search for TWAPS to find this group. Click the "Join" button to request to join the group.

Note you must be a current Member of TWAPS to be accepted as a member of the TWAPS Facebook group.

If you have any suggestions you would like to see on the website then please contact me via the website contact page or have a chat with me on the bank.

Enjoy!

Ian Collier
TWAPS Web Site Administrator

Head Bailiff (Dennis Hammond)

- Bailiffs are unpaid volunteers and are there to protect your fisheries, so please take the time to talk to them if you have any concerns about the fisheries or need advice on rules/byelaws. Abuse from either a member to a bailiff or a bailiff to a member will not be tolerated.
- I would also remind all members old and new that **ALCOHOL IS BANNED ON ALL CLUB WATERS along with barbecues**. Controlled small camping style gas burners are acceptable.
- The giving out of the fishery key codes to **non members** is still happening. Members reported doing this will be dealt by the Committee as necessary.
- I retain the right to close any fishery for essential/ emergency work without giving prior notice. Disruption will always be kept to a minimum where possible.

Shorne Country Park.

- Fishing reasonably well considering the low water level.
- The weekend and bank holiday car park cost has been increased to £3, weekday charge remains at £2. Please note that Blue Badge holders must now register with KCC, who will issue a yearly parking permit at a cost of £3. The phone number is 0300 041 7272.

Cobham Hall.

- To all new and old members, just to reiterate, the track opposite the Gate House is a **DRY WEATHER ACCESS ONLY**. I have been asked by the Estate Manager for Cobham to tell members not to drive up the track opposite the Gate House when the grass is wet. Please keep to the track in dry weather not on the grass.
- The Middle Pond is fishing extremely well. Light tactics are still giving the best results, and a 3lb line is more than adequate. This Pond is a dedicated Crucian site and therefore the introduction of Carp is **BANNED**.
- 200lb of Roach from 1" to 4" were netted from the Top Pond and relocated into the "Stock Pond" at Inn on the Lake.
- Despite requests not to leave rubbish in the car park it is still being left behind by members. It is being bagged up and hung from the gate or left on the ground in the car park or behind the swims. Once again **PLEASE TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME!** Bailiffs are not paid rubbish collectors.
- Please park correctly between the yellow marked posts and not in front of them.

Inn on the Lake.

- "Three (3) rods are now allowed on the front Lake only at Inn on the Lake, from the 1st October to the 31st March each year". This rule will be immediately withdrawn if abused.

- Members still have the use of the Hotel facilities, e.g. toilets, bar, etc. but must carry their membership card with them. The access is via the first entrance on the left as you enter the Hotel. **No bright clothing to be worn when fishing in sight of the hotel, and members must be fully clothed at all times, no bare chests to be seen as this shows on wedding photos!!**
Breaking of the above request may result in the Lakes being closed on wedding days.
- The access gate by the “Jetty “swim must be kept clear at all times to allow for Hotel staff access.

Blue Lake.

- Please note that a key is still required for the gate to the inner fence. Phil Townsend on **07879 854030** is your contact for this key. There is no charge for this.
- Good size double carp being caught and Perch to 5lb. No reports of any catches of the large numbers of bream that were in there though.

Paddock Wood.

- A few reports of good fish from the Canal Lake but little information received from members fishing the River. Please let us know how you get on.

Campanile

- As mentioned above a stock has been put into the Lake. Fishing has been slow with the odd fish being caught, but hopefully this will change when the new stock gets acclimatised. Any feedback and pictures of fish caught will be greatly appreciated.

Finally;

The sacking of fish on any Thameside fishery is against Society rules, but the use of a flotation retaining sling is permitted. Please take extra care during low water levels, especially at Inn on the Lake.

Tight Lines to one and all from your Committee.