

THAMESIDE NEWSLETTER November 2014

DEAR MEMBERS,

SOME WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hello and a warm welcome to you all, renewing and new members.

In the main, for a change, this newsletter is good news as there have been very few problems since the last one. However I would urge you to take particular note of the Head bailiff's report.

A lot of work has been carried out since the last newsletter, so please read thoroughly and make note of various updates/comments since then. A lot of information is being repeated for the sake of any new member who has joined since the last newsletter, (MAY 2014).

Please look at the various notice boards in place at the fisheries (along with the website), as from time to time, important messages are posted on them, e.g., bye-law changes, closure of a fishery for emergency/maintenance work, etc.

Every member should have received a complete reprint of the Society rule book. Contact the Membership Secretary, whose details are on the renewal part of your membership card, if you have not received it.

I wish you all fair weather and tight lines.

Dennis Hammond, Chairman.

Secretary (Mick Mount)

Been a very straight forward year for me, very little to report back, apart to remind you who your Committee members are at present.

The Committee for the season 2014-2015 as elected at the 2014 AGM is as follows:-

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

Committee members:- Roy Stedman, Andy Stuart, Terry Stedman, Philip Townsend, Jack Louth and Albert Murray.

NB. See website for Committee "mug shots".

Committee nominations

- The 2015 AGM will be on Friday the 30th January. Agenda details to follow.
- You may nominate any Society member for any of the Committee positions.
- If you are a new member and would like to come on the Committee but don't know any other members to propose and second you, then please contact myself, Mick Mount via the websites email address.
- A nomination should include a proposer and a seconder who must be current members.
- Ensure that anyone you wish to nominate is prepared to stand.
- Nomination forms are available, on request, from the Society Secretary, Mick Mount, (address below).
- Return nominations by e-mail to djhangling@blueyonder.co.uk, or by post to; Mick Mount, 4 Northridge Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 5AY.

- Closing date for nominations is Monday the 5th January 2015.

Match Secretary (Derek Graves)

- The Adult /Junior match had to be cancelled through lack of interest of club members.
- However the other matches have been well supported with an average 12+ members attending each match.
- I would like to thank Charlie and Tony Rayner for helping me run the matches this year due to me having a complete knee replacement operation. (Rupert Garrett also played a small part in helping with the weighing in.)
- There is one more match to go before the end of the year at Claygate on the 23rd Nov. and then the eagerly awaited Fur and Feather on the 14th Dec. There will be limited places for this match so make sure you book your place quickly when the booking day arrives. **Details below**. This year for a change the Fur and Feather is to be held on Monk Lake 4, nr Staplehurst. (www.monklakes.co.uk)

Website Administrator (Ian Collier)

- The website updated on a regular basis and is packed with lots of up to date information about the Society, fisheries, upcoming matches, match results, upcoming working parties, general information of interest, photos and videos.
- Please refer to the website for any information relating to the Society and its activities in the first instance. If there is a specific question you can always use the website contact form.
- We are also looking for photos of your latest catches or anything else fishing and/or Society related.
- All contributions are welcome, even if they don't get published on the site. Please ensure your photos are of good quality. In case you don't know, the website address is <http://twaps.co.uk>, or search from TWAPS.
- For those of you who use Facebook, we have a Facebook page: TWAPS - Thameside Works Angling Preservation Society

Head Bailiff (Dennis Hammond)

- It is to be expected that with a changing membership each year, situations arise which lead to some rule breaking. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, with the exception of Shorne Wood Country Park, members are not allowed to take, **or send**, friends, work colleagues, wives, civil partners to view **any** Thameside fishery without the written permission of the Head or Assistant Head Bailiff. This is still happening particularly at Inn on the Lake. 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.
- Work parties continue to be held at the various fisheries as required.
- A plea to new members, please read rule 12 Page 8, as Bailiffs have reported that many of you are only carrying your id card when fishing.

Shorne Country Park.

- Good catches of silver fish and Crucians are improving all the time, particularly Tench from 4"to12" and Crucians to 2lb 8oz.
- Excessive weed growth in the Long Lake continues to be a problem. Several work parties by bailiffs has resulted in a massive amount removed.

Cobham Hall.

- In the last newsletter you were asked to park **between** the yellow markers, but incorrect parking still takes place. In this news letter **yet again**, you are also being asked to park straight, and not at an angle between the yellow markers on the post and fence boards. Members will be made to move incorrectly

parked vehicles. This is a very popular fishery and the car park is capable of holding 24 vehicles when correctly parked.

- 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.
- Reinstatement of the collapsed bank from T14-T19 on the Top Pond is now complete with only cosmetic work to be done. The approach road has also been resurfaced as necessary.
- Areas between swims T14 to T19 have been planted and seeded, so please do not walk on or lay fishing gear on marked areas. Further planting and seeding is to take place between the rest of the swims on all three ponds, and the same request applies.
- There is a rumour going round that carp are going to be taken from Cobham and placed in IOTL. This is not true. A survey of Cobham, ref. fish stocks has yet to take place, by Hadlow College.

Inn on the Lake.

- A car parking permit is now required and is available, free of charge, by taking your registration number to the Hotel reception where it will be issued. You only need to register your vehicle once, as the permit is valid until you are no longer a Thameside member. The permit must be displayed clearly any time you visit the Fishery, as a non-refundable penalty notice will be issued by the company controlling the parking, for not displaying a valid permit.
- Night fishing on the Middle Lake is now permitted but please do not allow lights to disturb Hotel residents.
- The combination lock fitted to the main gate has proved to be a success, but please ensure you change the numbers when you enter and leave. There have been several occasions when the lock has been left in the coded position, meaning anyone pressing the button can get into the fishery. This applies wherever a combination padlock is fitted.
- Good news is that this fishery is producing some excellent catches. (see website photos).
- **LITTER! Members are still leaving litter on the banks, with several verbal warnings having been issued as well as one written warning. Litter is offensive take it home!**

Blue Lake.

- Combination padlock locks have been put onto both main entrance gates in place of the old key type padlocks. The combination code is the same as for the Inn on the Lake. **This code is shown on your membership card.** Please note however that a key is still required for the gate to the inner fence.
- Water level has risen again, meaning that some swims that are now under water, are in the process of having to be raised. Thanks go to those who are carrying out this work.
- Despite rumours to the contrary, there are no problems on this fishery and it is not a syndicate water. We have a growing membership wishing to enjoy it and **it is open to all members, not just a select few!** Should you encounter any problems please notify me **Dennis Hammond, Chairman.** immediately. My phone no. is on your membership card.

Paddock Wood.

- As this is a working quarry we have no alternative but to issue keys for the fishery as outside of working hours the quarry is locked. Keys are obtainable to loan, free of charge, from:- Phil Townsend (Northfleet) on 07879 854030, Roy Stedman (Gravesend) on 0797 4030630, Mick Mount (Gravesend) on 07974 776999, Derek Graves (Cliffe Woods) on 01634 221445 or Jeff Buxton (Herne Bay) on 07712 837996.

Due to the restriction on the number of keys available, any key is only issued for a maximum of 14 (fourteen days) however this time period can be extended by contacting the key holder you obtained

the key from. **Overdue keys and lost keys will incur a charge of £30.00. A member locked in without a key will incur a call out charge relevant to mileage involved.**

- You can fish this fishery without a key, providing you do so during the quarry operating hours. but if you get locked in see above.
- Due to the loss of the Heron Lake a substantial rent discount has been agreed for season 2015/6.
- River Medway; Thameside only have the fishing rights on the bank adjacent to the car park field. Members must not cross the river via the conveyer foot bridge. You can fish up and downstream from the conveyor belt/bridge.
- Good fish being taken from the Canal Lake (see website gallery page), but still more feedback from members that have fished it would be appreciated. The Heron Lake is no longer available to us, but it is anticipated that the overgrown Lake adjacent to the Canal Lake will be cleared out in the future and made available to us.

River Beult (Ian Collier)

- Thanks to the efforts of Dennis Hammond and David Shirley several swims on the TWAPS section of the river have been created. According to at least one member who fished there recently, the river has been fishing well with a variety of silver fish being caught, including roach, dace and perch, with some nice specimens coming out. Small pike have been spotted in the river too, and it is understood that there is chub, bream and rudd present. The river is in excellent condition with a variety of features such as overhanging trees and lilly pads. There is a gentle flow from right to left. The site is remote but very pleasant, with plenty of wildlife and probability of not seeing another soul for several hours. If you haven't fished the Beult yet, give it a try. Word of warning though - travel light!
- Update to the above note.-Having recently visited the river, one member noted that the bank is overgrown in several places, but there are still a number swims available, and the river is definitely fishable. However, some bank side clearance may still be needed. With summer nearly over, the growth will die back over the winter months, making the river more accessible.
- A new combination padlock lock has been put onto the entrance gate. The combination code is the same as for the Blue Lake and Inn on the Lake. This code is shown on your membership card.
- The existing key type padlock has been left on the gate for those who have an existing key, but from the 1st December 2014 no new keys will be available.

Tight Lines to one and all from your Committee.

Just for fun?

1. Which sport is played by the fictional character called Billy the Fish?
2. What craftsman is normally referred to as a chippy?
3. Which company issued a credit card called a Goldfish card?
4. In the film and musical 'Goodbye Mr. Chips', what is the occupation of Mr. Chips?
5. Apart from fish, what are the other two main ingredients of the European kedgerree?
6. Which microchip, produced by Intel in 1993, could process about 9 million computer instructions per second?
7. Which rock band was fronted by a singer called Fish, until he left them in 1988?
8. In the old days, who would chip with a spoon?
9. What sort of fish is a vulgar abusive woman?
10. Who was Derek Redmond referring to when he said, in 1993, 'He's a well-balanced athlete. He's got a chip on both shoulders'.

FUR AND FEATHER COMPETITION

**Monk Lake 4,
Staplehurst Rd, Marden, Kent. TN12 9BS**

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Draw 8.15

Fish 9.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.

The prize presentation, raffle and sit down Christmas dinner will be held at :-

**The Stilebridge Inn P.H,
Staplehurst Rd,
Marden, Kent
TN12 9BH**

Fishing is limited to 30 places excepted in order of booking, so please, either ring Derek Graves on : **01634 221445 (answer phone), text only 07771528633 (please do not ring), or email twapsfishing@hotmail.co.uk.** with your name and membership number **no later than 2100 hrs on 30th November 2014.**

You must book your place in order that sufficient notice can be given to the P.H. for the Xmas Dinners and for Derek to arrange the necessary competition and raffle prizes.

Main points for you to note:

- 1. Free Parking** at the lakeside.
- 2. Free Fishing** – the Club will be picking up the tab for Day tickets
- 3. After match function** will be at the Stilebridge Inn PH.
- 4. Free Food** – Traditional Xmas Dinner including mince pie and crackers. You do have to buy your own drinks at the bar but there should be free tea and coffee
- 5. Lots of Prizes, Raffle, Banter, Ribaldry and Raucous Behaviour.**

Directions to Lake and Pub

From Maidstone take the A229 towards Staplehurst, passing through Loose and Linton and down Linton Hill. The lakes are on the left approx. 3.3 miles from Linton Crossroads. You will pass past the Stilebridge Inn on your right just before you reach the entrance to Monk Lakes. On entering the fishery you can drive up to and park close to the lake. Do not park on the grass!