

# **THAMESIDE NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018**

**DEAR MEMBERS,**

## **SOME WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

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

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 our new members.

Please look at the various notice boards in place at the fisheries 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.

Most of the answers to questions asked are on the website, so please where possible look at it and save yourself time in getting the information you need. Please however continue ask the Bailiffs for information if needed, as they can usually give you the answer you want, know someone who can help.

I wish you all fair weather and tight lines.

**Dennis Hammond, Chairman.**

## **Membership Secretary (Jeff Buxton)**

If you change your house address, your email address or your contact details then can you please contact me. We 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 give that phone to your child, that doesn't help either. So please let me know. Information will of course still be posted to members who do not have an email facility. This does mean however that "a postal" member cannot be notified of an emergency situation, EG, Fishery closure, etc, in time to stop them going fishing there.

Temporary membership can also be obtained from Phil Townsend on 07879 854030 by giving 24hrs notice.

## **Match Secretary.**

Hi, for those new to Thameside since the May newsletter let me introduce myself as the new Match Secretary.

I am Billy Hargreaves and can be contacted by **TEXT** only on 07423 196402. Please ring me by 9pm on the Thursday prior to any match to book your place. Everyone is welcome.

## **Website Administrator (Ian Collier)**

### **Web Site Administrator's Report**

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 front page displays the date of the last update and lists the most recent changes.

The Society Rules and Bye-Laws are also available on the website and if you have a smartphone, 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 free of charge.

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.

A newly added feature the claiming of Society records of all species on all fishery waters. Any member claim any record if that member can verify that their catch is bigger than the current record, if any, for that species for that water. For example a record could be a 30lb carp on the Main Lake at the Inn on The Lake or a 4oz roach from the Steps Lake at Shorne County Park. All species count from all fishery waters. Many records are as yet unclaimed. Further details, and how to claim a record, can be found in the "Galleries" → "Society Records" section.

I am also running a fun caption competition. There are no prizes, except for a bit of glory. This can be found in the "Galleries" → "Caption Competition" section. The competition will close at the end of November and the winner will be decided by vote in the TWAPS Facebook group (see below).

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.

TWAPS members are increasingly using Facebook. There is a very active TWAPS closed Facebook group, currently managed by Derek Graves, Billy Hargreaves and myself.

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 joining the group.

Note you must be a current Member of TWAPS to be accepted as a member of the TWAPS Facebook group and you will be asked for your current membership number.

**And finally ....** 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)**

Please note cormorants have been spotted on our Lakes at Shorne, Cobham and Inn on the Lake. We are taking advice on how to deal with these birds (pests) Please immediately report any sightings to Dennis Hammond on 07957 870245 or Assistant Head Bailiff, Dave Shirley on 07766 830482.

The monthly bailiff meetings are usually well attended, where bailiff issues are reported and discussed, with any decisions/recommendations going forward to the following Committee meeting.

Some of the problems dealt with were;

- Leaving fishery gates open,
- Giving fishery lock code to a non-member,
- Unattended rods,
- Parking incorrectly,
- Litter,
- Abuse to bailiffs and fellow members,

- Taking non members where they are not permitted.

There has been several rule updates, so please go to the website to familiarise yourself with them. Those members who do not have access to the website please **TEXT** me, (my number is the first one on your membership card), and I will arrange for a paper copy to be sent to you. A stamped addressed envelope will be required.

At the Bailiff meeting held on the 16th October 2018, as a result of the death of the Joker, a 20lb plus Carp at the Inn on the Lake, and the damaged mouth condition of other fish caught, a suggestion that "it is recommended that all members carry some form of Fish Care Kit in their Tackle" was approved by the meeting.

Please notify the Head Bailiff by TEXT only, or use the phone numbers on your membership card, should you catch a fish with any damage that is of concern to you.

Please consider the time of day you may have to ring!!

Fish welfare is paramount on all Thameside Fisheries.

### **Cobham Hall.**

The access track across the grass opposite the Lodge house is CLOSED!!

The Committee have set up a Sub Committee to begin the process of consultation with the relevant parties, in order to start the major works required at the Bottom Pond. The work involves the removal of the fish stocks, draining down, removal of silt, repairing the undercut banks, swim renewal, tracing the leak, etc. No time scale has yet been agreed, but this work is being treated as a priority project.

Full agreement to carry out the work has been sanctioned by the Estate Management.

Notices will be posted on the notice board as soon as relevant.

Swims M1 to M5 have been rebuilt on the Middle Pond.

### **Inn on the Lake.**

The code for the padlock is still being given to non-members. Help in carrying tackle to your swim is allowed, but the non-member must leave immediately afterwards. This applies to all waters.

NOTE, three rods are only allowed from the first October until the 31<sup>ST</sup> March, and you must have the relevant licences to cover their use. This applies to the Big Lake only, not the Middle or Stockpond!!

The hotel are having a new jetty built with a wider far end, so have posted a notice in the Jetty swim informing anglers "Not to cast towards the Jetty on health and safety grounds". They will also be installing a buoy line from the end of the Jetty to the corner of their concrete standing by the gate.

A meeting has been held with Debbie (hotel director), a tree surgeon, myself, Dave Shirley and Phil Townsend to discuss the Willow trees at the Reed swim. The tree surgeon informed us, in his opinion, that they are in a severely decaying condition and require some urgent coppicing or even removal. Due to their dangerous condition he informed us that a Cherry Picker would be the best option to reach the higher branches. Debbie agreed with his findings and gave approval for any work required.

This matter is of top priority and therefore the Reed swim will be closed until further notice.

### **Blue Lake.**

Thameside have been informed by the Land agent, that the chalk fall problem will not be sorted until April 2019 due to budget restraints. The issue of a rent reduction is still under negotiation.

A meeting with them is also scheduled to discuss the future development in the area, and any impact this will have on the future fishing rights.

### **Campanile.**

Majority of swims now rebuilt.

A further stocking is due to take place early 2019 and consists of, Bream, Ide, Tench, Chub and Barbel.

### **Paddock Wood.**

**Please NOTE**, Keys are now only obtainable to loan, free of charge, from Phil Townsend (Northfleet) on 07879 854030, (Gravesend) and Derek Graves (Cliffe Woods) on 01634 221445. 24 hours notice is required.

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 may be extended by contacting the key holder you obtained the key from if other keys are available to members from him. **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 also fish this fishery without a key providing you do so during the quarry operating hours, but if you get locked in see above.

### **Shorne Wood Country Park.**

The two lakes have been subject to a weed and reed clearance by "Waterplant", a specialist company from Dorset, who used two boats to cut and remove the above plants as well as logs and other debris. Plenty of fish now being caught, inc carp into lower double figures. The centre reed mass in the Steps Lake will be cut later. Surprisingly very little tackle was found, despite several reports of rods, reels and poles being lost!!

**Tight Lines to you all from your Committee.**

# **FUR AND FEATHER COMPETITION 2018**

This year the Fur and Feather match takes on a new format. Due to the ever-increasing difficulties of trying to find a suitable venue for the meal, and raffle afterwards, and still trying to stay within a budget, it has been decided to split the day into two halves. To this end the match itself will be held before Christmas and the prize giving, meal and raffle will be held after Christmas. This means that the match venue doesn't have to be within the vicinity of the restaurant and it can be of a longer duration without all the rush of trying to get packed up, changed and back to a restaurant for the meal etc. The other big advantage by having the meal after Xmas is there is more choice and availability of venues and not having to paying hiked up Xmas meal prices. The meal/raffle/social event can then be arranged at a later time of the day as well i.e. evening.

Therefore, the following is proposed:

## **Match Details**

**WHERE: - Stones Fishery Match Lake, 129 Halfway Rd, Sheerness, ME12 3AA**

**WHEN: - SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

**STARTS: - Draw 9.00am, Fish 10.00 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. (note the time changes)**

## **Prize Giving and Meal Details**

**WHERE: - The Pocock PH, 181-183 Windmill St, Gravesend DA12 1AH**

**WHEN: - Tuesday 15<sup>TH</sup> January, 2018**

**STARTS: - 7.00pm onwards**

Fishing is limited to approx 30 places, excepted in order of booking, so please, **text only, Derek Graves on 07771528633. with your name, membership number and most importantly A CONTACT NUMBER. Please do not ring this number to book in. Closing date is midnight on the 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2018. Also, when booking in please state if you will be attending the meal at The Pocock afterwards. (Please note: If you book in and then don't turn up on the day without prior notification you will be expected to pay any costs occurred for the meal)**

## **Main points for you to note: -**

1. Free Parking at the lake and a breakfast if you want at the fishery (not paid for by the club)
2. Free Fishing - the Club will be picking up the tab for Day tickets
3. After match function will be at The Pocock PH, 181-183 Windmill St, Gravesend DA12 1AH
4. Free Food - Tuesday night at a Weatherspoons is Steak night.
5. Lots of Prizes, Raffle, Banter, Ribaldry and Raucous Behavior (and that's just Frank Landon)

**[Directions to Stones Fishery on the Isle of Sheppey and The Pockock PH, Windmill St, Gravesend](#)**

Please use your Satnav, follow someone or check it out on Google Maps beforehand. Parking for the pub can be found in the adjacent Multi storey car park or one of the open-air car parks.