

# THAMESIDE NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017

**DEAR MEMBERS,**

## **Some words from your Chairman, Dennis Hammond**

A warm welcome to both renewing and new members who have joined since the April 2017 newsletter.

I hope you are enjoying good catches.

This newsletter contains 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;

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| 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".

Please should you need to report any problems/incidents please do it at the time it occurs and not days or weeks later. You have 3 contact mobile numbers on your card, please use them to report anything as it happens so that it can be swiftly dealt with.

Attached is information for the Fur and Feather. Please take note of how to book. **TEXT ONLY!!!**

Thanks go to Derek for organising it this year.

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

### Membership Secretary (Jeff Buxton)

- **PLEASE, PLEASE, 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.
- **If you receive this newsletter by post, please try and supply an email address as it means that any sudden closure of a fishery can be relayed to you almost immediately, as well as any other important sudden issues that may arrive.**

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> April meeting, after a long discussion, voted that Thameside competitions are only open to current Thameside members.
- Competition dates;  
**12<sup>th</sup> November,**  
**26<sup>th</sup> November, December TBA, 7th January 2017 and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

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.

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, Terry Williamson, 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.

### **Prize Draw!**

As the season of goodwill is fast approaching, on behalf of the Committee, and with their approval, I have created a free prize draw competition for current TWAPS members, which is now open.

The prize is a membership renewal for the 2018/19 season.

To enter the prize draw all you have to do is visit the TWAPS website and click or tap an embedded disguised link somewhere on the website.

When you click on the link you will be asked a very simple question and you will also be invited to submit your name, current membership number and email address.

Here are the rules:

- Each member can only enter once. If any member makes subsequent entries they will be discarded, thus giving each entrant a fair chance.
- The competition will close the day before the 2018 AGM.

- At the AGM all correct entrants will have their names and their membership numbers in a hat and the Society Chairman will pick out the winner. The winner will be announced immediately at the AGM.
- If there is only one correct entrant, then that entrant will be deemed the winner.
- The competition will be open to all current TWAPS members except life members and myself.

By entering the competition you agree to the above rules.

Please use the website contact form if you have any questions.

Good luck!

**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!

### **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 SOCIETY WATERS, (significant numbers of Stella cans still being found at the Inn on the Lake).**
- **Barbecues are also banned on all Society waters.** (a large fire at the Blue Lake was the result of a discarded barbecue, resulting in the attendance of the emergency services). 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.
- Despite requests not to leave rubbish at any Thameside fishery, it is still being left behind by members, (inc some human nasties!!) and is being bagged up and hung from trees or left on the ground in the car park and behind the swims. Once again **PLEASE TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME!** Bailiffs are not paid rubbish collectors.
- Please park correctly at Cobham between the yellow marked posts and not in front of them.
- Please note that Bailiffs will now accept your membership card, ID card and rod licence on any form of electronic device. You can still use your paper documents as proof if you so desire.

### Inn on the Lake.

- **“Three (3) rods are now allowed on the front Lake only at Inn on the Lake, from the 1<sup>st</sup> October to the 31<sup>st</sup> 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.
- A delivery of a new strain of English bred carp is expected in the near future, to be put into the Front and Middle Lakes.

### **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.**

# FUR AND FEATHER COMPETITION

## Match Details

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

**WHEN:-**      **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**STARTS:-**      **Draw 8.15, Fish 9.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.**

## After Match Details

**Venue:-**      **The Five Bridges Pub, Queenborough Road,  
Kent, ME11 5AR**

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 a contact number.** Bookings will **only be accepted after midnight on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017.** **PLEASE DO NOT RING IF YOU DON'T LIKE ABUSE.** Closing date is midnight on the **25<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

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

Main points for you to note:-

**Free Parking** at the lakeside.

**Free Fishing** - the Club will be picking up the tab for Day tickets

**After match function** will be at **The Five Bridges Pub**, Queenborough Road, Kent, ME11 5AR

**Free Food** - Traditional Xmas Carvery Dinner including mince pie and crackers. You do have to buy your own drinks at the bar. (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)

**Lots of Prizes, Raffle, Banter, Ribaldry and Raucous Behavior**

### Directions to Stones Fishery on the Isle of Sheppey.

Please use your SatNav, follow someone or check it out on Google Maps beforehand.

### Directions to The Five Bridges, Carvery, Beefeater, Pub

The Five Bridges Pub in Kent, is on the outskirts of Queenborough, on the Isle of Sheppey, just off the A249. There is ample parking next to The Five Bridges pub. It's just past Morrissons on the left hand side on the way to the lakes.