

# **THAMESIDE WORKS ANGLING & PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

## **November 2010 Newsletter**

### **Dear Member**

My apologies for this newsletter being long overdue – I can offer no excuses for the delay, but can only hope that this one gets well read!

**Email Addresses** - Hopefully you may be reading yours via an e-mail as Derek Graves and I have been updating the club's database with members' e-mail addresses over the past few months. Previously all newsletters have been sent out by post – a process which in itself is very time consuming and costly. We now have email addresses for nearing 80% of our membership but still have to send out the remainder (over 100) by post costing time and money ( your money – your club funds ! ) If you are one of the members receiving this newsletter through the post please think – 'do I have a friend or relative who has an email address which future newsletters could be sent to?' Ideally we would like to send out perhaps 4 letters a year by this method so every additional member who provides an email address will be saving club funds and making life easier all round.

## **2010 Fur & Feather – Full Details on last page.**

**Membership level** – the clubs website ([www.twaps.co.uk](http://www.twaps.co.uk)) has greatly increased awareness of the club. Jeff Buxton (Membership Sec) reminded those present that memberships not renewed by 1<sup>st</sup> June will be considered lapsed. However late renewals have been accepted this year but members should not bank on it in future – to be sure of your continued membership renew by due date 1<sup>st</sup> June each year.

**Unhooking Mats** - Just a reminder that they are mandatory at Blue lake and Inn on the Lake but at this point are only recommended at Shorne and Cobham.

**Commemorative Bench Seat** The family of member David Deed, who sadly passed away in 2009, approached the Club asking if a memorial of some kind could be installed at Cobham which had been David's preferred venue. After discussion with the family a memorial bench seat has now been installed behind Peg 15 on the Top Lake with a small plaque to remember David. The Committee would like to thank the family for their approach and the contribution that the family made towards the costs involved.

### **Elected Officers (At the AGM)**

Chairman	Dennis Hammond
Secretary	Peter Huckstep
Treasurer	John Young
Membership Sec.	Jeff Buxton
Match Sec	Derek Graves
Web Site	Derek Graves
Head Bailiff.	Brian Potter
Asst. Head Bailiff	Barry Law
Committee Members	Brian Gliddon, Keith Meager, Barry Sims, Albert Murray, Mickey Mount and Roy Stedman.

(N.B Dave Shirley has since replaced Brian Gliddon who resigned in July.)

## News from our waters

### Shorne Country Park

- **Water Treatment**

A survey commissioned by the Committee showed the fish in both lakes to be underweight for their age and went with the recommendation to treat both lakes with Aqua-Bio, a product which dissolves rapidly enabling instant calcium (CA++) release, triggering the mineralisation process.

In less than 15 days from treatment with the appropriate dosage, the maximum level of (CA++) is achieved and calcium, a mineral salt is introduced into the food chain increasing bacterial activity and encouraging plant and fish life. Calcium is necessary for fish life as it promotes growth, bone strength and appetite. The application of Aqua Bio was carried out on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

- **Tree Removal**

A further recommendation was that the severe shading caused by the trees around the end of the long lake by pegs L14 to L17 should be removed and this has now been done by a team of K.C.C. staff and is still ongoing

- **Removal of Excess Reed Roots**

It is intended to remove the reed roots around the edges of the lakes between the numbered swims. This will hopefully alleviate some of the work involved every year with cutting back of the reeds. This is scheduled to take place on 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> November 2010 by S.C.P. Staff using a mechanical digger & dumper.

- **Disabled Parking**

Parking at the lakeside must be on the grass behind disabled peg L8 on the Long Lake and by the notice board on the Steps Lake. Parking is **not** permitted on the grassed area between the two lakes !!

**All** vehicles parked under this concession **MUST** display a current valid disabled badge or other valid authority.

- **Fishing must be** done from designated swims only and the use of a minimum one number. Landing net per swim is compulsory. Also please note random checks will be carried out for the use of barbless hooks by bailiffs as it has been noted that some people can't tell the difference between the two!

### COBHAM

- Maintenance work continues, so please avoid areas being worked on. Check the notice boards on entry for the latest info.
- **LITTER** – Has not been a serious problem in the past at Cobham but this season bailiffs have had to clear up behind some inconsiderate members who could not be bothered to take their litter home. Why not have a supermarket bag with you for any bits of rubbish you generate or see laying around and put it in your green bin when you get home.  
**Also refer to GENERAL BYE-LAW 15.**
- All Fishing is to be from Platforms only and not from grassed areas in between.

### INN ON THE LAKE

- Members of both clubs (TWAPS and BLUE CIRCLE) are reporting some reasonable catches with Carp to 21lbs, a 'ghost' of 18lbs, Bream to 7lbs, Tench to 6lbs and Pike to 12lbs ....

### BLUE LAKE

- The high water level continues to be a major problem with only a handful of swims available. The Environment Agency and Water Resources have been contacted but as yet no reply has been forthcoming.

### RIVER BEULT.

- Members have reported bags of small fish and pike being caught as well as large perch to 3lbs. **CAUTION** : Please take care at all times as the banks are overgrown and undercut. It is OK to clear a swim up to one and a half metres wide. Depths range from 4 to 9 feet or more in places, but with a lot of weed.

### LITTER     **Take it Home – Simple !!**

### WEB SITE (from Derek Graves)

- Just a reminder to all old and new members please let me have any pictures and details of any fish that you catch. I know you have some 'cos I've spoken to people that have told me that they have taken them on their mobiles. Now with most mobiles nowadays you can send pictures by MMS same as you would a text so if you would like to see your P.B. on the website or a grinning face let me have a picture. Also some details would be handy as well.
- Now that we have the database up to date as far as possible we might try and consider to run some competitions on line with you answering by e-mail but you would have to check out the website to read about the comp in the 1<sup>st</sup> place. I'll keep you posted.
- If you have any comments about the following: the lakes and surroundings, fishing queries, abuse, rubbish problems, loss of equipment in the lake, maintenance work parties, other members, or anything you would like the committee to look into, then please, please write or e-mail me so I can pass it on to the appropriate person/s to deal with. As a committee if we don't have feed back from yourselves then all we can do is assume that you're happy with the running of the club and if the committee decide to go on a junket to Barbados for a couple of weeks with your money in aid of fishing research then you won't have a problem with it.!

### Match News (from Derek Graves)

- Matches have been reasonably well supported this year even though times have been hard with rising fuel costs, bait etc. Venue costs haven't gone up which is some small consolation.
- Hope to see you at the **Fur and Feather**

With best wishes for the Christmas / New Year from your 2010/11 Committee.

We hope you enjoy the remainder of the current season and look forward to seeing many of you at the Fur & Feather ! (Don't forget to phone book your place !!!)

**Peter Huckstep**  
**Society Secretary**

# **Christmas 2010 FUR & FEATHER Competition**

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2010, Horsham Lakes at Upchurch, Nr Rainham**

## **Draw for Pegs at 8.30a.m. SHARP, Fishing 9.30 – 12.30pm**

Last year some 38 members turned up at Horsham lakes, a day-ticket water at Upchurch. The event was a great success with all costs covered by the club including food and prizes after the match at a local hall. The Committee is repeating the exercise this year but **IT IS ESSENTIAL.....** that you book a place in advance so that the committee know numbers involved and have time to make all necessary arrangements..... So, if you intend to fish, contact the Match Secretary, Derek Graves **No Later Than 30<sup>th</sup> November on 01634 221 445.** (If you get the answer machine please leave a message.) If you just turn up on the day without doing so you will be disappointed and not able to fish the match.

### **AS NOBODY GOT LOST LAST YEAR I'VE KEPT THE SAME DIRECTIONS.....**

Horsham Lake is in Horsham Lane at Upchurch. It can be accessed either from the old A2 between Newington and Rainham OR from the Gravesend area via the Medway Tunnel and the Lower Rainham Road.

#### **Using the old A2**

Various options are available but the easiest way to describe would be.....

Turn off the old A2 at the traffic lights into Otterham Quay Lane.

At the roundabout (3 Sisters Pub) take the send exit to stay on Otterham Quay Lane which then becomes Horsham Lane.

Proceed past the Brown Jug Pub (on your left) and the fishery will be on your left.

#### **Using the Lower Rainham Road**

From the Gravesend area, go thro' the Medway Tunnel on the 289. Your journey time from here is about 12mins.

Continue to follow the A289 until, at Grange Roundabout take the first exit onto the B2004 (Lower Rainham Road). Stay on Lower Rainham Road until the '3 Sisters Roundabout' where you turn left into Otterham Quay Lane. This becomes Horsham Lane and the fishery entrance will be on your left(just past the Brown Jug Pub)

See you at the Fishery any time from **8a.m.** ready for the **Draw at 8.30am**

**Remember:**    **Free Parking at the lakeside.**  
                  **Free Fishing – the Club will pick up the tab for day-tickets.**  
                  **After match Function – at local Village Hall with Free Food.**  
                  **Drinks available.**  
                  **Lots of Prizes, Raffles.**

**(N.B.Last Year the lake fished as 'two halves' so prizes will be in sections this year)**