

# THAMESIDE WORKS ANGLING & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

## NOVEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

DEAR MEMBERS,

### SOME WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This newsletter includes details of this year's Fur & Feather organised by your Competition Secretary, Derek Graves, who has come up with a novel format, so please respond as requested.

The fish survey on Shorne Long Lake, which consisted of a fish population and growth rate check, was carried out by the Environment Agency on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November. The report of the findings will be sent to you when available.

The final de-silt of the Middle Pond at Cobham has now been completed, and my thanks go to those who carried out the work, often in appalling conditions.

The next stage is;

- a) attempt to remove the various tree stumps, as well as several overhanging trees.
- b) put in oxygenating plants and other vegetation as found suitable.
- c) allow it to refill.
- d) ask all members what fish species they would like stocked  
( subject to Environment Agency consents )

It would be remiss of me not to thank Derek Graves and his team for the creation of the new swims and paths around the Middle Pond, as well as the new island/ feature, which when planted will add character to an already popular fishery. A lot of positive comments have been made about the new swims on this lake and it appears that they may become the two most popular swims. If you have not seen the work that has been carried out regarding the de-silt, bank reinstatement, paths, landscaping, new swims, etc then I suggest you have a look and you may be pleasantly surprised by the results. For you older members that fished the lake before the work commenced, you may recall that on plumbing up on the middle lake, you had only about 18 inches of water depth. Well now you are looking at a minimum of 36 inches up to a potential of 6ft possible in places.

I have been asked numerous times " when can we fish it?" and my answer has always been " it will need a settling in period to allow the plants to establish, sufficient rainfall to fill it and the availability of the species of fish the members want". I know this is a vague answer, but these things are realistically out of my control, so please be patient.

I will be having a **work party** on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 9.00 am** start, to carry out the outstanding work on the Middle Pond. (predominantly tidying up the banks and other light maintenance work) Please wear wellingtons /waders if possible and bring your own refreshments this time. Thank you.

The maximum line size of 12lb permitted at Inn on the Lake has been increased to a **maximum of 15lb** effective immediately. Thanks to the member who e-mailed the concerns of losing fish due to weedy conditions at this fishery. **NB, this increase only applies to Inn on the Lake!**

**Now as always a moan at;**

- a) Bringing non-members onto Cobham to look round. The licence for Cobham stipulates all visitors must carry a current valid ID at ALL TIMES, even if not fishing. The usual excuse is ,” you know me I have been a member for years”
- b) Using boilies as loose feed at Cobham and Shorne. Please read your rule book. Boilies are not to be loose fed at Shorne or Cobham **AT ALL** and in **MODERATION** at Inn On The Lake.
- c) The member seen at Inn on the Lake allegedly moving fish from the Front Lake to the Middle Lake and vice-versa. I have had a registration no. given to me and will be monitoring this offender, with a view to a possible suspension of membership if he is caught transferring fish. This applies to all Thameside fisheries.
- d) Gates left open at Cobham and Inn on the Lake. If you arrive at Cobham and find the gate left open, do not assume that because it was left open when you arrived, it is ok to continue to leave it open. Please keep the gate closed at all times.
- e) Rods being left un-attended at all the club waters. If you want to sit with your mate at the next swim, then remove your line from the water. If you want to go for a toilet break, then remove your line from the water. If you want to go to the car, then remove your line from the water. Can you see a pattern emerging? Say no more.

Finally I wish you a continuing good season, and remind you that due to the change of Society year from next season, the **final renewal date for next season is the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.**

Tight Lines

**Dennis Hammond, Chairman and Head bailiff**

**[Match Secretary \(Derek Graves\)](#)**

Good support still continues for our matches even when the weather has been rubbish. We have one more trophy and points match for the championship on the 25<sup>th</sup> November at Claygate and then the Fur and Feather, Details of which are below.

# **FUR AND FEATHER COMPETITION**

## **HORSHAM LAKES, UPCHURCH**

**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**Draw 8.30, Fish 9.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m.**

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

**The Three Mariners P.H,  
509 Lower Rainham Road,  
Rainham,  
Kent,  
ME8 7TN**

Yes that's right. You did read it correctly. For the first time ever competitors will get a sit down meal in the pub and and it's all free (except for the drinks), but numbers are limited so don't delay  
Please ring Derek Graves on : **01634 221445 (answerphone), text 07771528633 (please do not ring) or email [twapsfishing@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:twapsfishing@hotmail.co.uk)**. with your name and membership number **no later than 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

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 Three Mariners PH.
- 4. Free Food** – Traditional Xmas Dinner (or Salmon alternative) buy your own drinks at the bar or free tea and coffee
- 5. Lots of Prizes and Raffle**

### **Directions to Lake and Pub**

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 to describe would be:-\_Turn off the old A2 at the traffic lights into Otterham Quay Lane\_ and at the Roundabout (3 Sisters Pub) take the second exit to stay on

Otterham Quay Lane which will then become Horsham Lane. Proceed past the Brown Jug Pub (on your left) and the fishery entrance will be on your left.

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

From the Gravesend area:- Go through the Medway Tunnel on the A289. Continue to follow A289 until at Grange Roundabout take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit onto the B2004 (Lower Rainham Road). Stay on Lower Rainham Road until the '3 Sisters Pub' Roundabout. Turn left at the roundabout into Otterham Quay Lane. This becomes Horsham Lane and the fishery entrance will be on your left (just past the Brown Jug Pub)

If you have not been to Horsham Lake before it might pay you to familiarise yourself with your choices of route before the day, by referring to your A – Z. We look forward to seeing you at the parking area anytime from 8 a.m. ready for the Draw at 8.30 a.m.

**VERY IMPORTANT NOTE.** Unfortunately there are a limited number of places, 35 in total, and those wishing to fish the match will be on a first come, first serve basis. Should you however say you wish to fish the match and then don't turn up you will be liable for the cost of the Christmas dinner and charged accordingly.

**Tight Lines and a Happy Christmas, to one and all, from your Committee.**

