



Norman Young Retires.

Norman finally closed his last AGM as chairman of the Linton Angling Society on Wednesday night of the 7th February 2007. On behalf of the Society the new chairman Tony Spall gave a short speech thanking Norman for all the hard work he has carried out over the many years on behalf of our Society.

Norman's been a member for the last 35 years; in the early days he was involved in running the Junior section with such names as Syd Flood, Brian Jenner, Jim Howell, Paul Weise to name but a few.

He joined the committee early on where he was involve in many of Linton's projects, work parties, stocking, water negotiations etc. He eventually progressed to Vice chairman, then on to Chairman & membership secretary, a position he's held for the last 10 years. A job he handled admirably.

As most of you know for many years Norman has run his own small building company specialising in renovation work on listed buildings, he was never short of work, a tribute to his expertise in this field.

On our fishing trips together Normans often talked about retiring; well the day has finally come, he is! Selling up his property in Detling & is actually moving further up country to Wales or Cheshire.

I'd describe Norman as a true angler & excellent match man; weather is catching Roach on the Beult, Bream on the Medway, Barbel from the Seven, Cod off Dungeness, Tope & Conger off Ireland or Rainbows from Bewl, Normans done it all & successfully. I've had the privilege of fishing with him on quite a few occasions.

They say that behind every successful man there is always a woman, this is very true in Norman's case, his wife Sue has always been there to encourage & assist him in his role in any way she could. Mind you I think the constant phone calls got a bit much sometimes especially late at night!

In he own rite she is well known on the cat scene as a successful breeder & winner in shows & competition of her specialist Champion breed of 'Russian blue'.

During the meeting Norman mentioned that we had negotiated a long lease for two new waters, an existing & brand new reservoir situated fairly locally; he was instrumental in finding & negotiating for these, a fitting tribute & high note to leave on.

So on behalf of LAS Tony presented Norman with this token of our appreciation, a 12' -1 ¼ lb. Barbel Rod specially built by a famous Kentish Rod builder. We all hope he gets plenty of use out of it during his retirement.
Committee representative Paul Stevens presented Sue with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.
We wish him all the very best in his retirement.
Thank you once again Norman & Sue.

Tony Spall

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