

Newsletter - July 2005

Dear Member

As promised here is a brief up-date to keep you informed on what's happening in Linton; Had hoped to get it out to you earlier but there had been a delay in sorting the lease for the new venue. A reminder to those old members who haven't rejoined yet, please get your subs in ASAP. We will be closing membership when we are up to quota.

FISHING: Our bailiffs report that the fishing has now switched on with good catches on the still waters. Manor had fishing well with the best carp so far at 27½ lbs + a number of 20's; it has slowed down over the recent hot spell. Linton has produced some good fish up to 28 lb. & some good Tench catches with fish up to 7½ lbs. Woodchurch has had some excellent mixed bag catches & Toke has again fished well. Most members are pleased with the revised closed periods; saying that Staplehurst opened on 20th May after the long break, so far there have been some good catches of carp off the top with floaters. The first two matches on the rivers went well with reasonable weights & good catches of Roach. Duck weed was a problem on Beult at Hawkenbury so venue was changed to Medway, this now applies to 4th July evening match. See the revised dates below.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST TICKETS: Please be advised,

"The Bull Inn", Linton. NO LONGER SELLS GUEST PERMITS !

However arrangements are being made with "Nicks Tackle", Maidstone & "The Countryway", West Malling to now sell these.

EVENING MATCH DATES: Mark Chapman is organising the Summer Evening Matches & has sent me the **new revised dates**; They are different from those indicated on your yellow membership cards. These are now to be held on:-
Monday EVENINGS from 5.00pm till 9.00pm finish.

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| 1.) | June 20th. | River Medway - Wateringbury. |
| 2.) | July 4th. | Weed problem! Now on River Medway - Wateringbury. |
| 3.) | July 18th. | River Medway - Wateringbury. |
| 4.) | August 8th. | River Beult – Hunton. (If weed problem go to River Medway - Wateringbury.) |
| 5.) | August 15th. | River Medway - Wateringbury. |

These will start at 5.00pm & finish around 9.00pm. They will be "Rovers". **If you can't make 5.00pm you're most welcome to turn & start up any time you can.** It's a good way of spending your summer evenings & you get practice in for the League Matches. There will be a separate Trophy & prize money. For further details please ring Mark on **01634-725910**

NEW WATERS:

Good News! We have just negotiated a long lease for the exclusive fishing rights on a stretch of the **Royal Military Canal** from **Rucking Bridge to Giggers Green Bridge**. This stretch is some **3 miles** long & is crossed by four bridges. The water opens on the **1st July 2005**. However it is a SSSI site so the normal river **close season** does apply.

This famous venue was built way back in 1809 to protect us from Napoleon. It now hosts many successful matches & competitions holding most species of coarse fish, Tench, Carp, Roach, Rudd, Bream, Perch Pike & of course Eels.

The Canal can provide excellent sport with good bags of Tench & Bream in the summer early mornings & late evenings also autumn is particularly productive for Roach & Perch. Pole fishing & Quiver Tip with Feeder, Stick float & Waggler being the most popular methods. For those specialist anglers who wish to spend time to explore & search out their haunts & lies there are some good size Carp & Pike. This venue does produce some big eels.

Non Members & guests will be able to purchase Day Permits from local tackle shops in Ashford & Tenterden. They are also available from those named on your membership card or by applying online via our Web site. **HOWEVER PLEASE NOTE!**

THERE ARE **NO TICKET SALES ON THE BANK!** ALL TICKETS **MUST** BE PURCHASED **BEFORE** FISHING COMMENCES.

A few words of warning!

Beware of overhead power lines. There are a few HT cables that cross over this canal at various points, don't use rods, long poles or fishing under or within **30 metres** of them.

This water, like many small, slow flowing rivers is prone to weed growth, in the height of summer it can get quite extensive, however with nearly three miles of canal & four bridges crossing it you can always find a clear area to fish.

As parking is limited Members & guests are requested to park sensibly in lay byes & at the side of the roads. Do not block field entrances or obstruct the farm tracks & roads. Please report back & let us know how you get on fishing this venue, any photos for the web site would be appreciated.

WORK PARTIES & MAINTENANCE: Thanks to those members who turned up to help, it is appreciated.

Revision to one of the dates, printing error, should of course read **No: 5 Sunday 12th June 2005** not 12th October as stated on your card. New members don't forget to turn up to the ones on either 9th October or 6th November. If you can't make it ring **Chris**.

So far we have improved the hard standing area for parking at Manor, extended the palisade fencing at Linton + the general weed & undergrowth clearance, on the June ones we concentrated on the rivers.

For up to date news & views visit the Forum page on our site.

May we take this opportunity in wishing you all good fishing for the rest of the season.

Tony Spall
Vice Chairman

1st July 2005