

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2006

Dear Member

A last brief newsletter before the December one that goes out to you all just after Christmas together with the Renewal forms & notification of AGM.

Now that November is upon us the fishing has started to slow up; however now's the time the keen Carp & Pike boys like it the best, with this year a late autumn, not so many members on the waters & quieter there's a better chance of catching the fish at their heavier weights!

The bailiffs report it has been an excellent year for catches; our waters have produced some fine specimen fish... Carp to 30lb, Tench to 10lb+, Bream to 11½lb, Chub to 7lb, Crucian to 3.12lb, Perch to 5lb, Roach to 2½lb, Rudd to 1½lb, Pike to 28½lb & an Eel of 5lb. It has been a good year for Linton, fishing wise & with our full quota of members.

Members seem to be well pleased with the new section of waters at Staplehurst & the fishery at Benover.

River Beult at Chaney Court Farm, Staplehurst: The weed on the Beult wasn't as horrendous as previous years; it was fishable throughout the summer even on this new section resulting in some excellent catches being reported.

Regarding the **River Beult**, it would appear that English Nature, SSSI & EA have plans! On the face of it don't sound that good or helpful to our angling! Like lowering the water levels throughout the year, this will seriously affect on our River fishing! Hmm... we'll reserve judgement until **Don Brown** & I have discussed a plan of action.

A hastily organised emergency meeting of the KFCA at the EA offices in Addington is now on the agenda.

We will keep you all informed of any of the latest news via the Forum page!

Oakapple Fisheries.

The members that have fished it are extremely satisfied with the results, OK they may not be massif in size but it does produce! Being only ½ & ¾ acres, these established waters are mainly for the 'general day angler' with a good stock of fish Bream, Roach, Rudd, Perch, Koi & the odd not-so-small Carp.

As an example, I was speaking to **Barry Andrews** (our Match Secretary) the other night, he & his son Ritchie spent just 4 hours fishing over there & ended up with well over 35 lb. mixed bag, Bream to 4lb. Roach to 1lb & a few small carp!... & that's in November!

However... here we go...The rules... Just to remind that few again.

IT'S DAY ONLY - 7.00 am till 8.00 pm. i.e. NO NIGHT FISHING! - TWO RODS ONLY.

PLEASE PARK ONLY WHERE INDICATED & DISPLAY YOUR PARKING PERMIT!

JUNIOR 'A' & 'C' members (i.e. under 17 years old) MUST be accompanied by FULL Adult Member.

That means that the **gates open at 7.00am**. (Not necessarily that fishing starts then!) The owner does NOT like being woken up at 5.30am! (nice one... whoever it was!)

YOU MUST DISPLAY YOUR PARKING PERMIT. This hasn't been happening. The owner wants to ensure that the cars parked there are all from bona-fida members. (If you've lost you permit, send a SSAE to **Norman Young** & he'll send you a new one!)

The Bull Inn - Linton

Good news! We're back in there...

As from November we will be holding all future events there i.e. committee meetings & AGM's.

Warren had a word & with the new Landlords **Dominic Knight & Teresa Cansick**, explaining the situation regarding the previous Landlord; they welcomed us back with open arms saying it would be great to have us all back at the Bull, it's where we belong... After all it had been our headquarters since 1946, some 60 years!

I for one am looking forward to sampling a pint or three of their excellent 'Spitfire'.

(At this point in time we think it best that they do NOT sell our guest permits)

MATCHES:

Disappointingly we were unable to scrape together enough 'match members' to form a team to fish the **KFCA 2006 Championship**, this was held in September on the **Royal Military Canal, Hythe, Kent**.

It seems that some of our 'big match guns' were on holiday or unavailable.

Come on lads we've got to go for it next year!

We are now into the second leg of the winter series, again only a few points separate the top positions, as last year it could be a last match decider; with this season newly introduced system of 'drop a match' it makes it even tighter & more competitive!

Our Match Secretary, **Barry Andrews (01622-858722)** has done a brilliant job organizing & running these, the two draws for 'Lucky peg' & 'Secret weight' has added extra interest. If you fancy it come along, we always could do with a few more competitors.

Congratulations to **Don Brown** for winning the Summer Shield; only 4 points separated the top 5 competitors!

Also to **R. Cheeseman** as winner of the 'Monday Summer Evening Competitions'

WORKING PARTIES:

Have you attended a work party yet? If you're eligible & surname is 'I to Z' or you're a recent **new member** & you haven't attended one or paid the £10 exemption levy, a reminder; the last one is on **19th November**.

If for some reason you can't attend please ring **Chris Knowler**, he's keeping the records!

Those who haven't attended, paid or been in contact will be receiving a letter from Chris.

The October WP was a success, with quite a bit of work being achieved; reeds at Manor being one job 'out of the way' thanks mainly to Jason & Alan, Martin reported that the Park looks a lot better.

One of the jobs on the list in November is filling in the pot holes on the track at Manor also some work on the Rivers.

BAILIFFS COMMENTS:

Alan, Jason & Martin would like to remind you of the rules, read the rule book, that very small minority especially new members are still bending & breaking them!

I think we've done the reeds saga to death on the Forum. No point in any more warnings, I think all members got the message!

I won't go into the normal gripes of litter, excrement, parking, fishing in the reeds, no membership cards or guest permits... Don't want to be accused by some members of being negative!

A special thanks to our new bailiffs **Garry Lee, Glen Rolls & Ian Coffey**.

Royal Military Canal.

Just a reminder to bailiffs really, Linton A. S. have the sole licensed fishing rights from the E.A. for the 3 mile section, Ruckinge Bridge to Giggers Green Bridge, anyone fishing it must be a member or have the relevant Day Fishing Permit **irrespective of which bank they are fishing from.** Anglers are only allowed to fish from the Southern bank.

Poaching:

Please keep your eyes open, there have been more reported incidents on other club & commercial waters; our 'East European asylum' friends see angling differently to us, they're fishing for the pot!

Whispers are they're now using organised gangs with nets!

Any problems or suspicions ring us immediately. If there is a large group of them you are advised not to approach, isn't worth getting hurt over, contact us or the Police **immediately**,

The bailiffs can only do so much, they can't be everywhere 24/7; we rely on you, our members to keep us informed of what is going on, we must all pull together to protect our waters.

Another reminder...

FANCY FISHING THE RIVER ROTHER & other bits of the R.M. Canal situated in Kent & Sussex for just £3.25 a season?

Linton Angling Society is looking into joining the '**Rother Fishery Association**' where it offers fishing their controlled sections of the river & canal, some **12.5** miles in total for just **£3.25** per participating member per season. It's all down to the interest & response we get from our Linton members.

Note: RFA do not allow individual affiliation; only clubs may join.

If you are interested just send in the "tear off" section at the bottom of your September Newsletter to **Chris Knowler** or ring him on **01622- 812502**.

So far we haven't had that good-a-response! IT'S UP TO YOU!

DON'T FORGET THIS WEB SITE!

If you have any old or recent fishing photos suitable for the web site! Please send them in, putting name, address & details on the back (they will be returned after use) or by e-mail (jpg.).

We do need more of you to contribute.

Been on the Forum page yet? Anything interesting to say, interesting stories, angling tips or ideas, want information?

Want to sell anything? Why not send it through?

Monthly raffle, entered yet? The more entries we receive the bigger the prizes!

This time of the year is busy for the committee, planning next year's events calendar, possible new waters, subs & financial planning for 2007-08. Updated constitutional & rule changes that are coming at the AGM.

IF ANY MEMBERS HAVE ANY IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS, WORRIES, PROBLEMS ANYTHING, PLEASE CONTACT US, YOU'VE GOT ALL OUR NUMBERS ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS, AFTER ALL IT'S YOUR CLUB!

May I take this opportunity in wishing you all good fishing for the remainder of the season. Next mailed newsletter will be in late December.

Tony Spall

Vice Chairman

For & on behalf of LAS Officers & Committee

1st November 2006