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## Newsletter - January 2005

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Dear Member

Just an update on last month's newsletter, keep you all up to speed for the New Year...

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Good News! Despite increase in water rentals & inflation there will be NO increase in membership fees this coming season, Try & get them in on time, there is a waiting list, although we give existing members first chance, remember there are new applicants waiting.

### **Another reminder that subscriptions are due in before 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2005.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** Again this will be held in the Committee room at "The Bull Inn", Linton, Nr. Maidstone. Kent. On **WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2005 at 7.45pm.**

There will a number of changes on the committee & officer's side so please try to attend; it's your society, your chance to have your say.

**PRESENTATION OF CUPS & TROPHIES:** As last year this will be combined with the AGM.

Will existing Cup & Trophy winners **please return** Trophies to Match Secretaries ASAP **before** end of **JANUARY 2005.**

As you see from our trophy list we have quite a number that have been donated by many ex-members over the years, if you catch a good fish please enter it, very few of the trophies get awarded, mainly because of a lack of applicants.

**COMPETITIONS:** These are all run on a calendar YEAR basis. **Mark Chapman** also intends to revive & run **five** additional "**Summer Wednesday Evening Comps**" on the rivers. There will be a Trophy & prize money. 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 ones. All the match dates & details are on the new 2005/06 membership cards. The first three 2005 winter league ones are on your current membership cards as well.

**CLOSED WATER PERIOD:** **There will be a revision to three of our still water venues.** Some good news & some bad! You will be informed of these at the AGM & they will be detailed in your new 2005/2006 membership card.

**RIVERS -** The close season will remain unchanged 15<sup>th</sup> March till 15<sup>th</sup> June inclusive as per Environmental Agency Statutory Regulations. Don't see any changes there in the foreseeable future.

**RULES & DIRECTIVES:** **Unfortunately we had to issue three new ones in 2004**

They are there to protect our fish, fishing, fisheries & our fisherman! Please obey them! To remind you they were as follows:-

**NIGHT FISHING:** "**NO juniors (under 17) will be allowed to night fish unless they are accompanied & supervised at all times by an adult. i.e. full card holding adult member over 20 years old**"

Directive 26 - "**No fishing directly amongst or within the actual confines of the reed & lily pad areas, this applies to all Linton waters.**"

Directive 27 - "**The use of live fish as bait whilst fishing on any Linton waters is banned.**"

In the past; whilst it had been frowned upon & an unwritten agreement with certain associations that live fish would not be used by our members as bait for Pike fishing, there was no actual Rule or Directive in place to cover for this method of fishing in our Society or on our waters.

Because of the sensitive political issue, ethical grounds, some incidents + the bad press received in some quarters it was decided at the committee meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December that "Directive 27" was to be proposed, seconded & voted on. It was passed with a 7 to 2 majority. All you Pike, Perch & Chub fishermen please take note.

**MAINTENANCE:** We have a reasonable of work to carry out in 2005.

Linton being the main water involved, we've made a start with the North "nuked" bank by putting in place the timber formers to provide the shape of the new bank/path, alas the winters wet weather has taken over making access with the trucks no longer possible to delivered the hardcore & other materials required to build up the bank/path. We now have some additional palisade fencing to erect to make the car park more secure. These jobs & those ear marked for Manor, Staplehurst, Woodchurch, Medway Beult & Teise have now been put off till April.

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## COMPULSARY WORKING PARTIES 2005: **We are now operating a 2 YEAR ROTA SYSTEM.**

This year it is the turn of & **compulsory** for \*members (with **surname A to H**) to attend at least **one** working party.  
(New members joining after 16<sup>th</sup> June **MUST** attend either the October or November work party)

1.) **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April.**                      2.) **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May.**                      3.) **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**                      4.) **WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> June.**  
5.) **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June.**                      6.) **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October.**                      7.) **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**

- \*JUNIORS (under the age of 17), LIFE, OAP, DISABLED & M.P.A.S. MEMBERS ARE EXEMPT.
- There is still a **£10.00** levy for members that **do not wish to attend any** working parties.
- Those who **did not attend, pay or ring last year** have been issued with a letter requesting them **to pay the £10 levy NOW!**
- We do keep a note of those who don't turn up! If you are **unable** to attend any you **must** inform me (Chris Knowler) or pay the levy. I will be keeping the records. *Always ensure that you sign in when you do attend!*

MONTHLY RAFFLE: You'll get a form with your renewal details so come on! More of you who enter the bigger the prize money! It will only cost you **£12** for a whole year's entry; that works out at only 25p a week! You can join anytime & have as many entries as you like (one lucky member won twice last year.) MPAS members are welcome to participate.

WE NEED MORE OF YOUR PHOTOS for the WEB SITE: Visit us on <http://www.lintonangling.co.uk>.

We need more of your decent Linton fishing photos; we know you're catching the fish! Please send them in (putting name, address & details on the back) direct to me, by post or e-mail, to the above address. (They will be returned after use)  
In the past **Tony Spall** & I have been involved in providing a lot of the material. (We do need more of you to contribute). It has been great success but to keep the interest going it does need constantly updating. This is where you come in.... Weather you have anything interesting to say, angling tips or ideas, if you have any tackle you wish to **sell** or **want**, you can advertise it **free**. Why not send them through? Visited our "chat line" yet on the LAS Forum page? The site is only as good as the information we get from our members.

Our "Webmaster" **Warren Muckell** can be contacted directly on [[warren@aumworks.co.uk](mailto:warren@aumworks.co.uk)] for advice on the web site or even if you (or your company) are thinking about starting your own one, he's the man to speak to.

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the committee & other officers for all their hard work for the Society in 2005, especially **Martin Worrall, Jason Tuckey & Alan Clarke** who spend a great deal of their time on our various waters.

I will be writing to you again in the April 2005 newsletter with a little more detailed information on the season's fishing/waters & a report on the AGM, I hope to see you there.

May I take this opportunity in wishing you all the best for the New Year & tight lines for the remainder of the season.

**Chris Knowler**

Honorary Secretary  
For & on behalf of LAS Officers & Committee

1<sup>st</sup> January 2005