

COMPULSARY WORKING PARTIES for 2004

To LAS Members

With the number of waters we have there is always a substantial amount of work to be done to keep them up to scratch.

Still waters: Last season we were able to carry out quite a bit of work, namely the track at Manor, swim repairs, clearing of fallen trees etc.

The Estate managers at Linton have been carrying out a lot of work around the lake, clearing a lot of the bushes/small trees mainly on the north side. A number of the paths will now have to be rebuilt. There is the normal clearing & burning of fallen trees & replanting of saplings. A number of swim need rebuilding & fences repaired, the silt traps need maintaining, as well as the normal weed clearing, the lilies & reeds have to be trimmed back, tracks to fill in & repair, not forgetting the LITTER some of you are still leaving!

Rivers: These tend to be neglected. We now have two large petrol strimmers which certainly helps when it comes to swim/path clearing, however we do have to be careful because some stretches are designated as SSSI conservation areas.

Undergrowth on the banks / swims along some stretches of the Tiese & Weed on the Beult was a problem in 2003!

After the winter floods there is always a few swims to rebuild, especially on the Medway.

There is the yearly job of repairing, checking locks & replacing the vanishing signs, so you see there is always plenty of work to do.

We are still continuing to implement the fishery management & development as laid out in the Dr Bruno Broughton report commissioned way back in October 1991.

To achieve this we need Members help. In past years they had been on a voluntary basis, the turn out for these has been disappointingly low to say the least, therefor two years ago we decided to revive the **COMPULSORY** working parties. We will be retaining this for the 2004/2005 season.

ALL *MEMBERS are requesting to attend at least ONE of the following 6 dates.

Be warned, we keep a note of those who don't turn up!

After all it's only one morning out of a whole year!

The preliminary dates are as follows: -

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| 1.) Sunday 25th April. | 2.) Sunday 9 th May |
| 3.) Sunday 23 rd May. | 4.) Sunday 6 th June |
| 5.) Sunday 19 th October. | 6.) Sunday 7 th November. |

As you see, there are some dates later on in the year. This is for the new & late rejoining members. We don't want you to be felt left out, do we?

All these dates will be confirmed in the March '04 newsletter, on your new membership card / fixtures list or this page of the web site.

- We all **meet & sign in** at **Linton Park Lake car park** - starting at **8.30am till at least 1.00pm**. We go to the various venues from there.
- (Remember to bring along any suitable tools & equipment i.e. Spades – Forks – Saws – Rakes – Bush Hooks – Scythes etc.)

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ***Juniors** (under the age of 17), **LIFE, OAP, Disabled & M.P.A.S. members are EXEMPT**
- There is a **£10.00** levy on members that do **not wish** to attend **any** working parties. **(See Renewal form)**
- **NEW MEMBERS:** It is **COMPULSARY** for them to attend at least one of the above dates (or a **£10.00** levy applies.)
- If you are **UNABLE** to attend **ANY** you **MUST** inform **Chris Knowler** ASAP. He's the man who will be keeping all the records.
- (WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT SOME MEMBERS CANNOT ATTEND WORKING PARTIES; SUCH AS HEALTH PROBLEMS, WORK WEEKENDS, LIVE A LONG DISTANCE AWAY.
IF YOU HAVE A VALID REASON **ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU AT LEAST RING TO LET US KNOW YOU AREN'T ABLE TO ATTEND.**
DON'T JUST IGNORE US, WE ARE SYMPATHETIC.)
- **Naturally, all waters being worked on will be CLOSED on those dates.**
- **Note: It is the individual member's responsibility to ensure that they sign in at any work parties they attend. Records will be taken from this.**

Note: Letters are being sent out to those members who didn't attend any work parties, pay the levy or ring Chris Knowler for last season 2003/2004
This requests payment of the levy before they can rejoin.
