

WEM ANGLING CLUB

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2016

This is the fourth of an occasional series of Newsletters aimed at letting the Committee notify you what is going on within the Club. Please feel free to let us know what you would like to see included in future issues.

With the number of members we have it is impractical and costly to provide a personal copy of each Newsletter. This will be displayed at both Hawk Lake and Tilley Green and e-mailed to those of you we have an e-mail address for. To add your name to the list receiving an e-mail copy simply send an e-mail to the Secretary, Fred Clarke, at fred.wemac@talktalk.net and he will do the rest.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Send out more Newsletters!!

MEMBERSHIP YEAR

This is simply a repeat of what was in the last Newsletter

Apparently this is an old query that comes round every now and then (probably every year!!!). So to clarify, the Club year runs from 1 Jan – 31 Dec every year. In order to fish a club water you must hold a current membership card. The bit in the rules about having until the end of Feb to renew is simply to 'reserve' your existing membership. It does not mean you can fish from 1 Jan until the end of February without paying your fee. To help remind you to renew your membership the combination locks will be changed as near to 1 Jan as we can practically do so.

In short, if you do not have an in-date membership card, you are not a member of Wem AC, you cannot fish Club waters and you are not covered by the Club's insurance. If this is not enough, then be aware that you will be committing a criminal offence under Schedule 1 of the Theft Act 1968 and, therefore, liable to arrest by the Police. Maximum penalty if convicted is £5 000 fine and forfeiture of anything being used to 'take' the fish. If you are interested then a quick look here -

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1968/60/schedule/1> - gives the actual legal statute while Goggling 'Theft of Fishing Permission' will give plenty of more information including explanation of the legal meaning of 'take'.

Note that the combination number of the Club's locks has been changed to the new one as shown on your 2016 membership card. If you haven't renewed, now is a good time to do so.

CONSTITUTION

A revised constitution has been written and was approved at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 3 December 2015. Copies are displayed (or will be!!) at both Hawk Lake and Tilley Green. If you would like a copy then please e-mail Fred Clarke and he will send you one. Note that changes to the Constitution can only take place following an EGM or AGM.

FISHERY RULES

The rules governing the day to day use of club waters and other matters are now published as Fishery Rules and are contained in your membership card. The rules can be changed at any time by the Committee and does not require an EGM or AGM to be held. Thus, please keep checking the Club notice boards for any changes.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Over the past years there have been a number of allegations of poor behaviour on Facebook to the extent that a number of individuals have chosen to leave the Club. The Facebook page is not 'official' in so far as it is not run, vetted or administered by the Committee. However, in light of the difficulties the page has caused we have asked the Administrator to close the page down; this has been done.

TILLEY GREEN

We have decided to hold some Club matches on the large pool at Tilley. However, the stands are not in the best of condition. Consequently, these are in the process of being replaced. The stands have been made and will be installed once the ground has dried out.

EXPENDITURE

The following major expenditures have been made so far this year (eg since the AGM):

Tree surgery at Hawk lake - £7 800
Fish stocking at Tilley Green - £2 174
New Safety equipment for Hawk Lake and Tilley – £485
Christmas matches - £470
Wood to renew stands at Tilley - £325

LOOS

The loos seem to have helped with the problem of 'litter'. We have decided to leave them in place throughout the year so they are available for work parties.

WORK PARTIES

This year's work parties are going to be organized by Bernard Coslett and Ian Clorley. Please contact them if you are able to help.

FINALLY

As ever, any constructive comments on the content or format of this Newsletter will be gratefully received!!

Fred Clarke
Secretary