



# WASPSNEWS

## Little Mountains

### 2009 Newsletter

#### **THAT WAS A YEAR THAT WAS**

Blimey, what a year we've had. Firstly we were subjected to a wet unsettled summer, followed by what can be summed up as "the winter of discontent". It got cold in October and didn't warm up again, consequently not many of you have ventured out over what has been a long protracted autumn and winter. Roll on Spring.....

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Word has spread regarding the popularity of Little Mountains Lakes, resulting in the membership numbers reaching the target, consequently I am now operating a "Waiting List". I will be renewing memberships from the middle of March onwards, your membership expires on 31st March and will be help open until the 14th April after which the next person on the waiting list will be offered the place.

#### **FEES**

Fees for the 2009/10 season will remain at the same price of £40 for Adults and £60 for family membership.

#### **WORK PARTY**

I have ONE work party planned for **Sunday 29th March 2009**, the work scope includes repairs to the track, New parking area on the back lake, cutting back some of the vegetation, opening new swims on the back lake and removal of a fallen tree in the front lake

#### **THE REEDS**

Unfortunately, some of the fish have previously been injured when snagged in the reeds on the back lake, consequently over the last 18 months I have been removing most of the long reeds that were taking over parts of the lake.. In the process new swims have opened up giving access to areas which were previously un-fishable. I have planted numerous lilies in between the swims to try and give the fish cover where the reeds had previously grown.

#### **PLANTS WANTED**

Most of the overhanging branches which were in the lake have been removed, but in order to create suitable fish cover areas we will need to plant these areas with lilies and reed beds (short length reeds). If any member has access lilies, reeds or water iris, or knows somebody who has some they want to get rid of please let me know.

#### **BENCHES WANTED**

As you have noticed, I put a garden bench in one of the swims on the front lake and would like to place a few more around the lakes. If anyone has any unwanted suitable timber or metal garden benches please let me know.

#### **NEW TIMES**

In order to keep good relations with local residents the access times are now changed to 6am till 10pm in the May-September and dawn till dusk in at other times of the year. Failure to comply will result in immediate expulsion..

#### **WEBSITE**

The club now has a website for members to exchange info etc.

#### **ACCESS**

The access tracks and pathways around the lake have been cleared to give vehicular access around the back lake, together with NEW parking areas, however there have been occasions when access around the lake has been prevented by members blocking the tracks & paths with their vehicles, brollies, bivies and tackle. Therefore it is **COMPULSORY** that the track & pathways be kept clear at **ALL** times and that cars are parked in designated car parking areas only. Remember that driving to the rear lake is only allowed in the **DRY SUMMER MONTHS ONLY**

#### **FISH STOCKS**

I haven't forgotten the large Crucians, they are on order and will be stocked when available.

#### **MEMBERS UPDATE**

Stephen Ellis has finally had his kidney transplant after many years of trotting off the hospital three times a week for hours of dialysis. He has made a good recovery and it is nice to see him with his new lease of life.

#### **THANKS**

Finally, thanks to all the members who attended the work parties and helped create a beautiful venue. Also to **ALL** of you for making it a cheerful club and joining in the friendly atmosphere. A special thanks to John Brench for his help and regular visits to the fishery.