



WASPSNEWS

Little Mountains 2017 Newsletter

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Well, what can I say. To be honest I am still coming to terms with the loss of our dear friend John. He was one of the nicest natured people I have ever met, His life seemed to revolve around helping others and kept me company at work for many years, most weeks he would find me something to do up the lakes on my day off.

As most of you are aware, On November 13th we had a little event at the lake to celebrate John's life and have planted a Cox's apple tree.



Once the hole was prepared some of Johns ashes were added, also the contents of Johns ashtray tin from outside the back of the shop, John used to visit me virtually daily for a cuppa and fags.

I later discovered that John had told his family that he didn't smoke (although they secretly knew he did, but felt that if he thought they didn't know he wouldn't

smoke at home), which explained his regular visits to the shop and lake to get his fix of nicotine. I used to tell him he didn't need to go there every day, now I understand the reason, although to be fair he honestly loved the place and had mentioned that when the time came he wanted his ashes spread around the place.





Johns family donated a lovely hardwood bench which has been sighted on the back lake where he used to sit with his daughter Jo and Granddaughter Aimee.



John regularly greeted many of us with the phrase "Hello you old bugger", this has been inscribed on the brass plaque on the bench. I regularly go up and say hello to the old bugger when seated on the bench. He may not be there in person but will always be there in our memories of the lovely gentleman that he was.



After planting the tree and unveiling the bench we went to the cabin where we had tea, coffee, beer and soft drinks together with a selection of sausage rolls made by Johns wife Anne and cakes made by Sally Stronge. It was nice to see over 30 of the members present.

I have not fished the lakes since last August and it hasn't felt the same up there without him, however I know he would have wanted us to all to continue enjoying the place and catch a few for him.

BAILIFF

Following the loss of John we are technically without a bailiff, however I like to think that effectively you are all bailiffs and should you see anything of concern you get in touch with me.

JOHN MORLEY

Although still a member his absence from the fishery was a topic of concern. Sadly, at the time of Johns funeral I got the news that another member, John (the Yorkie) Morley had died following a battle with his health. John had a wicked dry sense of Yorkshire humour which I shall miss.



TRACK RESURFACING

Last year we resurfaced the track leading to the lakes with road scalpings, I was so impressed with the results from the first load that I went and ordered a second batch to complete the whole of the track and parts of the car park. The turnout for the work parties was fantastic and I thank you all for your participation. I'm sure you will all agree the result has been a resounding success and consequently I plan add some to part of the track leading to the back lake and the exit slope down.

WORK PARTY

This years work party will be held on Sunday 26th March running from 9am til lunchtime. The lakes will be CLOSED for the work party but may be fished by attendees after the work party has ended

SHIP AHOY.....

I'm on the lookout for a small fibreglass dinghy for maintenance of the fishery, if anyone knows of a cheap unwanted boat please let me know, condition is not really important as long as the water stays on the outside.....

LAKE CLOSED

Following a request from our landlord please note that the lake is to be closed and OUT OF BOUNDS for **Christmas Day and Boxing day every year.**

The lake is also closed on the **LAST SUNDAY IN MARCH** for the annual work party where only attendees of the work party may fish after the work party finishes.

LAKE PROJECT

Over the years many of the swims on the lakes have been structurally rebuilt and improved , paths have been opened, trees have been cut down and numerous plants planted.. At last I believe we are virtually there and most future work will be for maintenance purposes only, although in addition to the spreading of the road scalplings I also plan to brick the path up around the storage shed.

MATERIALS

In past years I have asked for suitable materials (i.e. bricks, slabs etc) I don't think we need any more , however if you do have anything that may be suitable feel free to get in touch with me.

Sand, Gravel and ballast can always come in handy.

Please do not deposit anything down there without asking me first.

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE....

Last year I was contacted by a national business estate agency asking if I wanted to sell my business, my response was no not unless the price was one I couldn't turn down. The upshot of it was that they would market the shop on a **NO SALE NO FEE** basis. Realistically the price they have put it up for is unrealistic so the likelihood of me selling is extremely unlikely. Ive got 4 years until I retire and I cannot see me packing up before then.

COMMON SENSE RULE



If the "Road Closed" sign is up please to not drive past the sign .

Also when the track is wet or during wet weather please do not drive around to the back reservoir.

W-A-S-P-S CLOTHING

We have a selection of polo shirts (£18) and hoodies (£30) made up bearing the club logo. Other garments such as sweat shirts or fleeces can also be ordered.



I plan to be ordering some more very soon so if anyone is interested please let me know so that I can add them to the order.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

There have been incidences where members have not got their newsletters etc due to incorrect email address's etc particularly when members have changed their ISP from say BT to TalkTalk and loosing their old email address in the process. I strongly recommend that members get a non dedicated email account such as Gmail, Hotmail, Live etc and not use the ISP based email accounts. The added benefit of these type of accounts is that they can be accessed using a smartphone, laptop, Ipad/tablet, or computers from virtually anywhere

Furthermore, when I do retire I fully intend to keep the lakes on to give me somewhere to spend my time cutting the grass etc.

DORIS

Storm Doris knocked over several trees recently so a few of us have been down and cut them down.



MEMBERSHIP & FEES

When we did the track last year I exceeded our budget when I bought the second load, also the cost of Johns tree, plaques and drinks was outside of the budget. Several people asked if they could make a donation however as John was there for all of us I felt it should be that all of us share the costs, so in addition to the landlords increase I have added a small amount to cover these expenses, however this should give us a surplus next year so I don't envisage and increase for the 2018/19 season to cover the landlords annual increase.

- Single ADULT membership will be £60 per season.
- Family membership will be £90 per season.
- Daily guest permits will be £8 per day.

Membership places are limited and renewal is available at the shop now, your current membership expires on 31st March after which it may be offered to the next person on the waiting list should you fail to renew as I have to pay the lease in April.

Payment can be either cash or cheque (made payable to "WASPS"). Payment using Credit/Debit cards is not possible as the only terminal I have pays into the shop account not the fishing club.



I have created a FACEBOOK page to keep members updated and to allow members to share info and pictures of captures. Unfortunately not many members currently access the page often because of misguided apprehension about facebook. A lot of people are wary about facebook as they believe that it shares too much information, to register all you need to enter is Your Name, Age,, Gender and email address. It is very simple to use and it is up to you what you see and who can see your profile. Trust me, it is a very safe and simple facility. If you have a smart phone you can even update your catches from the lake.

Try it, register and if you don't like it de-register and close your account, simple, I can assure you that it is the easiest way to keep up to date with what is happening at the lake etc. If you need a hand give me a call.

UNAUTHORISED GUESTS

I have heard of members having a child fishing without having a family membership. **This is contrary to our insurance and to the terms of our lease and will result in expulsion from the club of anyone breaking this rule.**

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ACCESS & PARKING

We have a one way system so that access to the back reservoir is via the far entrance slope and exit via the slope between the two reservoirs (**STRICTLY ONE WAY, MEMBERS MUST NOT DRIVE UP THE EXIT SLOPE OR DOWN THE ENTRANCE SLOPE**).

We have several lay-by style parking places at the rear of the front reservoir to allow members to park in their swim, however anyone using these parking places is to ensure that their vehicles are tucked right in to allow other cars to drive past.

[PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE ACCESS TRACK AROUND THE REAR RESERVOIR EXCEPT IN THE DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS.](#)

A BIG THANKYOU

You are all a credit to the sport and I am pleased to have such a friendly group of members in the club who all contribute to such a pleasant and happy atmosphere at the lakes.

A big thankyou to everyone who has made efforts, contributions, donations etc this season there have been so many that I will not try to name everyone for fear of forgetting somebody and causing offence. I really appreciate the help and efforts

FINALLY

I hope you all enjoyed fishing at our friendly little club this this season and I hope that you have a successful forthcoming season and enjoy your fishing. I look forward to seeing you in the shop or at the reservoirs.

Tight Lines

Little Mountains Reservoirs Map



KEY: Yellow Dots = Swims Red Dots = Parking Places Blue Arrows = One Way

Bottom Reservoir Swims

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| 1. Grotto | 9. Ritchie II |
| 2. Drain Pipe | 10. Ritchie I |
| 3. The Owl | 11. Harold's |
| 4. The Deep | 12. Lifebuoy |
| 5. Pear Tree | 13. Oak Tree |
| 6. Shed Swim | 14. Apple Tree |
| 7. Bench Swim | 15. Jack Horner |
| 8. Khazi Corner | |

Top Reservoir Swims

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| 16. Vicious Rose | 25. Hole in the Corner |
| 17. Top Lifebuoy | 26. Gap in the Trees |
| 18. Silver Birch | 27. The Stump |
| 19. The Pinch | 28. Middle Lifebuoy |
| 20. Bullrushes | 29. The Overflow Pipe |
| 21. Little Oak | 30. Gap in the Reeds |
| 22. Top Right | 31. Maple Tree |
| 23. Comfy Swim | 32. Middle if the Dam |
| 24. Johns Bench | 33. Top Left Corner |