



WASPSNEWS

Little Mountains 2018

Newsletter

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GOOD RIDANCE

Well, I don't know you folks but I have seriously had enough of this winter. It seems that it has been dragging on for eternity and here we are now recovering from the grips of the Beast from the East. Its been ages since we had a decent spell of warmer dry weather.

Fortunately last summer was rather pleasant and the lakes continued to fish well, although the weather went down hill rather rapidly in the autumn and has continued to be somewhat abysmal.

BAILIFF

Last season I appointed long term member Paul Lawrence to take over the role of Bailiff, it was a difficult task to take over from our good old friend John who sadly died last year. However Paul has risen to the challenge and done a sterling job and Im sure John would have approved of his efforts.



Unfortunately Paul recently had a fall and managed to sever the tendon in his arm, the good news is that the surgeons managed to find both ends of the tendon and join them up however they did have to create a spectacular scar in order to

complete the operation. He is out of action for three months, so lets all hope he has a quick and complete recovery.

TRACK RESURFACING

Over the last couple of years we have been resurfacing the track with road scalplings which have worked exceedingly well, this year I plan to continue the process and dress any final outstanding areas

MATERIALS

Im on the lookout for a railway sleeper so if anyone has one they no longer require please let me know.

Also, if anyone has any unwanted paving slabs....

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.

WORK PARTY

This years work party will be held on Sunday 25th 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

CAPTAIN PUGWASH.....

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.....

TREE REMOVAL

The landlord has expressed a wish to remove the sallow (Goat Willow) trees from the back of the front reservoir as they continually lean over the water and undermine the bank, I will hopefully let you know nearer the time when this is likely to happen. One advantage will be a dramatic reduction in the fluffy scum dropped in the water by these trees, I will be having a word with the farmer to see what we can grow as an alternative although it may look somewhat bare in the meantime.

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.

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE....

A couple of years ago 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. In the unlikely event that I did sell the business rest assured that I will be keeping the lakes as a project to keep me occupied in my retirement.

SAD TIMES

Rhiannon Bailey

This season has seen further tragedies, firstly with the sad death of young Rhiannon Bailey, daughter of Kevin Bailey. She had been bravely battling with cancer over the last few years and we finally thought she had beaten it only to die suddenly of a lung infection in December. It is particularly tragic that someone so young should be taken from us.



Ken Vinicombe

I received the sad news that former fireman with the prosthetic leg Ken Vinicombe with the had passed away on 22nd January.



Ken, after leaving hospital received palliative care at home for a short time and peacefully passed with his wife Pat and family with him. His ol' ticker finally had enough.

I know Ken enjoyed the fishing at Little Mountains but more so the jokes and banter with club members and taking his grandchildren to have fun and learn the sport.

Peter Lane

Last week I got the news that long term member Peter Lane died suddenly on Sunday 26th February, Pete regularly fished on Sundays and was often accompanied with his granddaughter (who cherished beating him). He will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.



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.



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

MEMBERSHIP & FEES

The landlord has given us an annual rent increase however last years increase has left enough of a balance so that there will not be an increase in fees for this season.

- 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.



Don't forget about our FACEBOOK page where I try 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.

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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.](#)

KOI HERPES VIRUS (KHV)

There has been an outbreak of KHV at Cleverly Mere in Hatfield Peverel resulting in the death of numerous carp., there is no treatment available for the disease and once in a water it remains in the fish forever occasionally rearing its head and causing fatalities of some of the fish.

It is impractical for us to have dip tanks (requiring constant changing of fluid) therefore to protect our fish ALL nets, slings and mats must be thoroughly dry before use on our fishery.



I also recommend that members use fish safe disinfectant/sterilising spray that can be sprayed on your nets etc when packing up, so that it has a chance to soak in and do its job.

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.**

RUBBISH

Thanks for everyone keeping the place clean and tidy, hardly any litter has been found at the lakes, however I have noticed a few tea bags discarded in the bushes, contrary to popular opinion Tea bags are not fully degradable as most are only 80% paper fibre, they also contain heat resistant polypropylene which is not biodegradable.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kim'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping underline that curves back up towards the end of the name.