



WASPSNEWS

Little Mountains 2019 Newsletter

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Hmmm GLOBAL WARMING.....

This time last year we were being subjected to the "Beast from the east" with bitterly cold arctic weather, When spring finally arrived it lasted a couple of weeks before a spectacular long hot summer, although to be honest it was often too hot to go fishing. The winter has been very mild, with last month being the warmest February on record. The temperature has dropped back to normal now and hopefully we won't get a sting in the tail like last year.

TRANSITION

Apparently some willows have an active lifetime of 15 years, after which they become top heavy and are prone to drop their branches, split or fall over ripping up the bank in the process. With this in mind the farmer advised me last year of his wish to bring in a machine to take out the sallows (Grey willow trees). Obviously if the farmer had done so ALL of the willows would have been removed in one go leaving the lakes somewhat barren and like a war zone. I offered the alternative option of removing the trees ourselves on a gradual basis and over the last year numerous trees have been cut back or removed. I appreciate that it has opened up the lake and removed a lot of cover which will have moved fish out of certain locations until they get used to their new surrounding or until the new vegetation has a chance to grow up. This will be an ongoing process and we have been planting suitable replacement plants which include a varied selection of hardwood trees, laurels, assorted fruit trees, together with numerous buddleia plants. Gradually as the new trees grow the remaining willow trees can be cut back and eventually removed,

I had not intended to remove the big willow tree in the corner by the apple tree on the front lake, however when i discovered that it had been used as a human lavatory with a pile of turd and paper it left me no alternative other than to remove the cover. It is so frustrating and disgusting when we have a toilet 100 metres away behind swim 8 (Khazi corner).

FISH REFUGE/SANCTUARY

Cormorants are known to visit the lakes therefore i plan to create a fish refuge in each lake in an area not normally fished, these refuges will be constructed of branches tied together and sunk into the lake near the bank under the trees. Each area will be marked by poles in the water so that anglers are aware of the potential snag hazard and as such will be classified as a "NON FISHING ZONE".

WORK PARTY

This years work party will be held on Sunday 31st March, running from 9am til lunchtime.

The main tasks will be track repairs, rebuilding swim 27 on the back lake, building a new swim where one of the big willows was removed near the tool shed, and creating the fish refuges.

As per usual drinks and biscuits will be available.

The lakes will be CLOSED all day of the work party. for the work party but may be fished by attendees after the work party has ended

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

MEMBERSHIP & FEES

Last year the fees were frozen despite an annual increase of lease on the lakes, this year we have another increase in our lease and together with the cost of numerous chainsaw blades, petrol, plants etc it will require and increase in our membership fees.

- Single ADULT membership will be £65 per season.
- Family membership will be £100 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.

ACCESS TRACK

The lakes are principally for irrigation of the crops with access tracks for the farmer. Anglers are not allowed to park on the access track nor are they allowed to block the track with their tackle, chairs, bivies etc. **IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO BLOCK THE TRACK AND SAY YOU WILL MOVE IT IF THE FARMER OR ANYONE WANTS TO DRIVE THROUGH. SUCH BEHAVIOUR RISKS OUR LEASE AND ANY OFFENDER WILL FACE THE CONSEQUENCES.**

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.

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**).

ROAD CLOSED

The rules clearly state "Vehicles may only drive to the back lake during the DRY WEATHER. If it is wet or the "ROAD CLOSED" sign is in place no vehicles are to use the track leading to the back lake."



The sign is normally placed at the side of the track, not on the track otherwise it would obstruct the farmers access. If the sign is erected then access is strictly prohibited to vehicles driving to the back lake.

A REQUEST FROM PAUL THE BAILIFF

Thanks for nearly everyone keeping the place clean and tidy, hardly any litter has been found at the lakes, however he often has to pick up used tea bags and cigarette butts (neither of which are biodegradable, contrary to popular opinion). Tea bags are only 80% paper fibre, they also contain heat resistant polypropylene..

Please can you leave the lake as you found it and take home All rubbish.

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT & GDPR

All members are required to sign a membership agreement confirming their acceptance of the rules and acknowledgement of risks. Last year new General Data Protection Regulations came into force requiring permission for personal records to be held, for administration purposes your name, address, phone number and email address are recorded, however they will not be shared with any other part or organisation.

Therefore **ALL** members will be required to sign the new agreement with the GDPR paragraph added when renewing this year, If I forget to ask then please remind me.....

MATERIALS

We sometimes need 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.

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 losing 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



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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Copies of all of our newsletters, rules & maps can be downloaded from our website www.w-a-s-p-s.com

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. Not only does it sterilise your nets, it makes them smell nicer as well.

You can purchase NETSAFE disinfectant from my shop.

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE....

A few 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.

A BIG THANKYOU

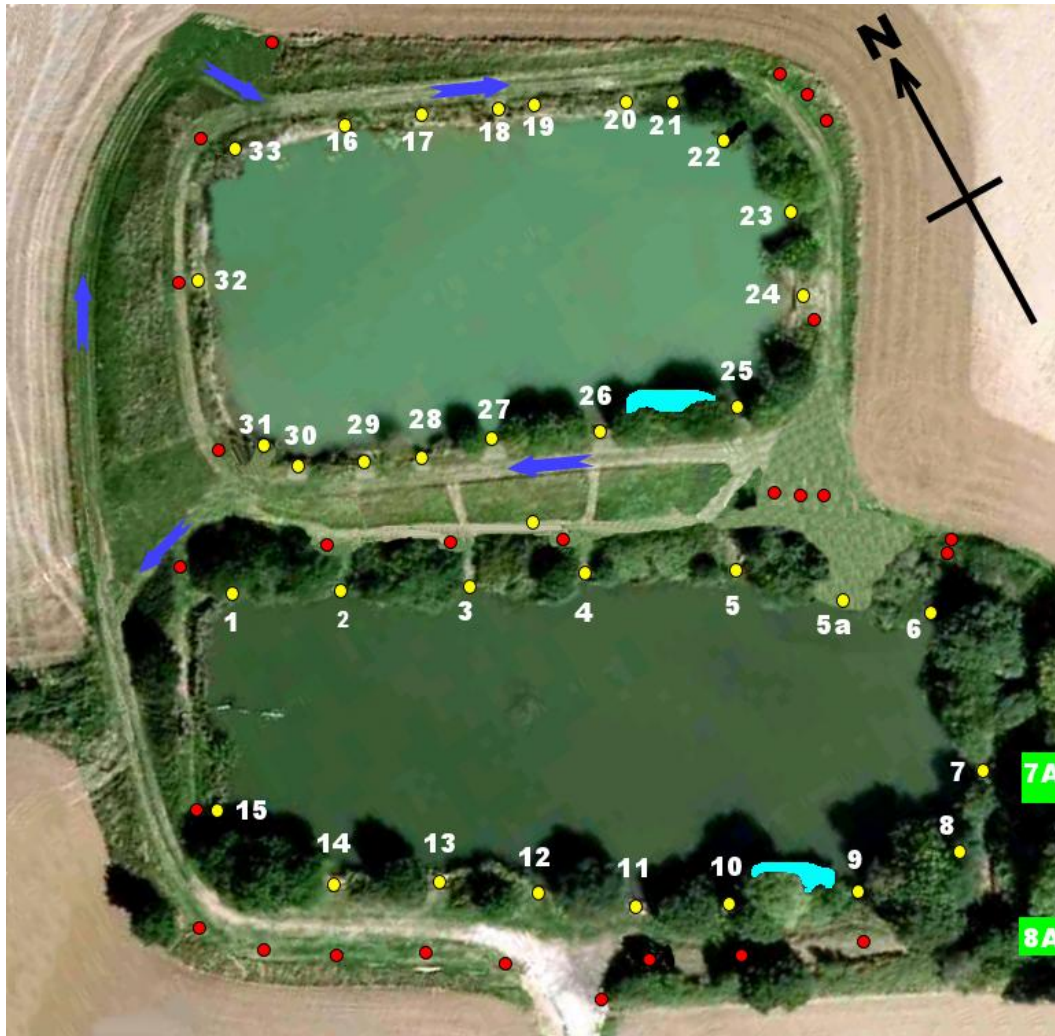
You are all a credit to the sport and I am pleased to have such a friendly group of members in the club who all contribute to such a pleasant and happy atmosphere at the lakes.

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
 Aqua = Fish Refuge Green 7A = Cabin Green 8A = Toilet

Bottom Reservoir Swims

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

Top Reservoir Swims

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| 16. Vicious Rose | 25. Hole in the Corner |
| 17. Top Lifebuoy | 26. Gap in the Trees |
| 19. The Pinch | 28. Middle Lifebuoy |
| 18. Silver Birch | 27. The Stump |
| 20. Bullrushes | 29. The Overflow Pipe |
| 121. 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 |