

**Henham update Autumn 2011**

Henham has been suffering low water levels for some years, and matters came to a head when water levels continued to fall in the period leading up to the renewal of the lease in 2011. The pond was deemed unfishable through lack of water and with the summer still ahead of us, and no prospect of getting sufficient quantities of water into the pond, the committee felt it was unable to commit the membership to the ongoing expense for a water we would have to close, nor to be associated with potential fish welfare issues. The committee investigated pumping and dredging options but had to rule these out due to huge costs and practical difficulties. The Environment Agency were consulted but were unable to offer assistance. Negotiations were ongoing with the landowners, but no solution was available to either party so reluctantly notice was given to the estate. The estate has since accepted the offer of notice, and the society no longer has any fishing rights on Henham estate.

**Reydon fencing October 2011**

Most of our current resource and energy continues to be directed at the Reydon complex at present. The waters in the Society's ownership have been prioritised, and great strides made in protecting the fisheries from otter predation. Pits 2, 3, and 4 are close to being fully protected now, and once they are, restocking of all three of these pits will commence in Autumn/Winter 2011.

**Waters policy October 2011**

The society exists to provide good quality fishing to members, and the committee will actively pursue opportunities for further waters for members. Such waters need to improve the society's fishing, and be available within our financial restrictions. If you know of any opportunities please email the committee via [sadfaps@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sadfaps@hotmail.co.uk).

**British Legion club closure October 2011**

Please be aware that the British Legion club in Southwold has sadly been forced to close. The venue is no longer available to us, and an alternative venue will be used for Open Meetings and AGMs in future.