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**PRESEASON
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FOOT AND MOUTH

At the time of going to press there is still concern at the latest outbreaks in Yorkshire. The response of our members to the crisis has been warmly welcomed by our riparian owners and has confirmed the Societies commitment to working closely with them. With luck, the latest outbreaks will be contained but it is difficult to give you firm guidance as things can change on a daily basis. We continue to work with the landowners and would suggest that you **assume the waters will be open** on June 16th **unless indicated by a sign at the venue**. We will do our best to publicise any that are closed. We will be placing disinfectant bins for anglers to dip their boots **on arrival and departure** at various venues. **THESE MUST BE USED**, you are therefore advised to take appropriate footwear. Please act sensibly and do not invite guests from outside our immediate area. The only water that we know will not be open on the 16th is the **short Suffolk bank of the River Waveney at Wainford**. The Norfolk bank will probably be open with a dip tank as will several other venues.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

John Purdy

Dear Members,

With a new season almost here, it's time to welcome both old and new members to our Society. Once again I trust you will have an enjoyable time in the months to come.

Beverly, our Membership Secretary, informs me almost everybody has renewed their subscriptions which is good, we must be doing something right. Also, we have had a good response to our questionnaire about where you fish. Well done and thank you very much, this will be of great assistance to the committee.

It is with sadness that I have to confirm that the Henham Dairy Pond will only be available until the end of this July. What happens after that I don't know. All I can say is watch the angling page in the Lowestoft Journal. If there is any change, we will try to publicise it as widely as possible.

I hope the weather will be kind to us on the 4th August for the Junior Open. As it was so popular last year, we will put on a BBQ after the junior match and follow it with a senior match and BBQ to round off the day. I look forward to seeing you there.

The Away Day is on the 1st July to Cobbleacre Park, Hevingham. This is always a good day out so book early if you would like to go, phone Archie Maclean on 01502 476746.

To finish, it's all the usual things to remind you about. Make sure all cars are parked where they should be, always pick up all litter on the banks or paths and finally, be careful at the waterside, water levels are still high and edges of banks are not always as safe as they look,

tight lines,



Chairman - John Purdy

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- 1st OCTOBER - NEWSLETTER**



FISHING LINES

In this article we hope to publish letters from the Membership and where possible print a response should one be requested or felt necessary.

Letters can be on any fishing related subject and need not necessarily be to do directly with the Society. (Remember we are members of Suffolk County A.A.A & Suffolk Wildlife Trust etc.)

To make this worthwhile the Committee needs your support so please send your letters to:

THE SECRETARY, 19 SUSSEX ROAD,
LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK, NR32 4HG.
AUTUMN DEADLINE 1ST OCTOBER

REPAYING THE HARD WORK

Having a conversation with Barry, I happened to mention a humorous incident that happened a few seasons ago and he said that over a very long angling career (I'm 72) I must have witnessed many of these. He then requested that I write a few down so that they could be used from time to time in the newsletter.

I must admit that I hedged for I am certainly no writer. However, thinking it over, I thought it might, in some small way, go towards repaying all the hours and hard work that Barry and the rest of our committee put in every year to improve and protect our fishing so I have decided to give it a go.

Comment: This is just one of many ways members can support the Society, George's first story appears on page 11.

WHALE OF A TIME

I have resided at Halesworth since 1965 and have often thought about the Society. Finally, last year I fished Buss Creek a few times and had good catches. I took my Grandson who was 11 years of age on a trip and we had a whale of a time. When he returned home my son told me he never stopped talking about the fish he caught. I like these pits so thought I would apply to join the Society. Now that I have finally retired I would like to try my hand at the other waters when I can,

W. Flowerdew

Comment: Juniors can still enjoy themselves without the computer!

OBITUARY :

JOHN HEED: A Society member since 1989, John passed away in November aged 76. Despite his age, John was an extremely active member and only recently stopped attending work parties with his older brother Fred who he regularly fished with. Always armed with a joke or a story of past fishing exploits, he was the first member to supply an article for the new style of newsletter. He loved the companionship provided by the sport and was always keen to book his place on angling trips to Ireland & Denmark as well as to support the Society Awayday which he never missed.



Indeed, the photo shows John during our Taswood Lakes trip last summer.

ALBERT DAVIS: Aged 85, Albert passed away shortly after being taken ill in February. A member since 1990, he used to pay the odd visit to the Deep Hole and Henham Dairy Ponds. As he became less mobile, his first love was Reydon number 2 pit. Whilst his original interest was fishing for Carp and Tench, in recent years he was more than happy fishing for Roach and enjoying the peaceful surroundings. He avoided fishing at weekends to allow those that worked the opportunity to fish. He liked nothing better than getting to the water early on a summers morning to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the early morning sun, packing up after two or three hours. The family interest in fishing continues with both his son and grandson being members of the Society.

**“You’re not putting me back
in that, are you?”**



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Cobbleacre Park Lakes Hevingham

This year we are trying a new venue for the Away Day on Sunday 1st July 2001 following the success of Taswood Lakes which has served us well.

Off the A140 Norwich to Cromer Road, Cobbleacre Park Lakes is a 5 lake complex, holding a wide variety of fish both small & large. The lake has several islands and a spit, water depths to 6 feet. Barbless Hooks, no beachcaster methods or floating dog biscuits

Our venue will be the new Match Lake which has 27 good pegs all cut level with timber boards. The lake contains Roach, Rudd, Tench, Goldfish, Crucian, Perch, Eide and last December Bream and 2000 small Carp were to be introduced. The lake also holds about 40 Carp that range between 7lb and 10lb. This will allow you to choose between fishing for the bigger fish or catching lots of smaller ones and should provide plenty of sport for everyone.

In close proximity to the lake is The Chequers at Horsford which is a well respected hostelry. Numbers are obviously limited to 27 pegs so book early to be assured of a place on the next trip.

As can be seen below, last years trip was again well supported.



AN EVENING WITH BOB JAMES

PART 1 OF A REPORT BY BARRY REID

Only touching on the fact that the Anglers Conservation Association get things done, Bob went straight back to his childhood memories of 1951 when, as a boy, he played by the River Thames. His family had no interest in fishing but he was fascinated with water, making dams, catching tadpoles then moving on to specemin hunting, newts! His mother told him that he could only fish if he passed his 30 yards swimming certificate which he duly did. Later, when caught fishing and challenged, he said he “had permission” and proudly produced said certificate to prove it. He started fishing the canal and if anybody actually had a bite it was talked about for a week.

Bob then went on to talk about what was basically a common sense, thinking approach to fishing. For example, fishing in duck feeding areas as the fish get used to the free meals. He cited one example where he observed Carp feeding off discarded take-away plates, fish soon learn. He said he often spent three hours just looking at a water and an hour feeding it before actually fishing.

He recalled a particular trip to France when he came across what was described as a fishing match. This consisted of damming off a small stream both up and downstream and filling the isolated channel with Trout. The picture of numerous French “anglers” standing shoulder to shoulder trying to capture these unfortunate fish proved highly amusing. The reason he was actually there was to fish for large Carp in a local lake. The fish were located but the problem was they were 20 feet deep in 60 feet of water about 100 yards out. Boilies on the bottom didn’t produce, neither did floaters. What to do? This produced a classic demonstration of how every angler should take a step back and think about it. Bob found an area that was 20 feet deep and baited it up so that the scent of the feed would be intercepted by the Carp at the same depth. They picked up the trail and bingo, simple as that.

To keep things in perspective he brought up the name of the great Bernard Venables explaining to the audience that he had never caught a 2lb Roach or a 20lb Carp. You don’t have to be a record breaker to be a great angler!

Bob said he only ever fished what he considered to be nice looking places

and was more concerned with what sort of wine he had than with what flavour the boilies were. His basic philosophy was not to make things too complicated.

Bob then turned to the subject of lady anglers. He observed that the few that actually fish do it their own way, just using their instincts. Having said that, he had an experience where a friend's wife washed her hands in the water and it had little effect. However, as soon as a man washed his hands, the salmon left the area, makes you think doesn't it?



Bob and Jane James of the Anglers Conservation Association

Bob's current fad was to fly fish for everything, making flies out of whatever he felt might work, even a red rubber band had been used. He said that lure fishing was really catching on as it was an ideal method if you only have a couple of hours to spare and you could keep the gear in your car. His tip was to start by casting along the bank keeping the rod tip up and making a figure 8 in the water on the retrieve. He particularly wanted to encourage anglers to try for Chub off the top but stressed that you should not hold back whilst drifting through. He also recommended winter grayling fishing and for something a bit more unusual, Shad fishing. His next tip was for budding photographers, if the fish's tail is damaged, simply disguise it with a few leaves.

Moving on to the use of bait flavourings, Bob suggested that you should keep changing these throughout the day. The other important point was not to over do it, just wiping the bait on the bottle cap was all that was needed.

Putting things in perspective again, he reminded us that the natural history museum reckon that a Carp has roughly the same intelligence as a chicken.

He again reiterating that you should not make things too complicated. He was particularly keen to encourage Father and Son outings and suggested that the simple things were the most interesting. He concluded the first half of the evening by suggesting that anglers should not fish for too long and that they should "get a life" but still dream about how beautiful it all is.

A great start to a great evening with an audience well and truly captivated.

MORE THAN CATCHING FISH

Recently invited by one of our members to his Golden Wedding anniversary I was pleased to accept as Roy and I go back over 50 years as workmates and angling friends.

Looking round I noticed that he had invited all of our old team of six that had been so successful in the SCAAA matches years ago. We had fished as Eastern Coachworks and over a drink we were soon pushing back the years.

All agreed that we were lucky to still be able to enjoy our fishing as 3 of us are over 70 and the youngest is 55. It soon became apparent that none had lost their sense of humour which was our hallmark and somehow the conversation turned to how we would like to "slip the hook" when the time came. John (ever the joker) insisted that too much sex would see me off (at 72 I wish!), others said that after a good day fishing, just go home, relax and just fade away. John miming the actions said that he would just like to fall off his fishing box into the water and he would know that he had fished to the end.

Reflecting back on the conversation I can honestly say that not one of us mentioned "past glories" but what we did recall was all the friends we made over the years, from all over the country, by meeting them on the river banks. Surely this proves an old adage. There is more to fishing than just catching fish.

 George Crisp

COURTMANS CLASSICS A LIFETIME OF FISHING

FIRST FISH - River Thames 1939 - Aged 8. Had a rod and tackle for my birthday and taken out to "have a go" with garden worms the only known bait. Caught a Ruffe, and ran shouting up the bank to my parents with the unfortunate fish trailing behind. As I recall, it survived and was returned to the water. The bug had bitten and the fishing career started, with some improvement to fish care.



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from where once there was a continuous barge traffic. The Pinn had a good head of Skimmer Bream, Roach, Perch and the odd Pike all for a shilling (5p) a day.

We fished for Roach with self hooking floats, consisting of paste, suspended below a quill float pushed through a large cork disc. When rings appeared in the water from the disc, the fish was on. We also used a combined feeder and bolt rig for Bream. This consisted of a twig tied about a foot from the hook with a large piece of paste moulded round. The paste both attracted fish, and provided the weight. It worked quite well, although as far as I know we were the only two using this method.

RIVER TAW - Chulmleigh aged 15 to 17. Friend and I obtained permission to fish the local Salmon beat for coarse fish only. What a River!!

PINN- Not
river, but a
canal
into the
from a
gravel pit

DACE - With a couple of local girls whose appetites we were too naive to understand (or risk) we went after the Dace. Wading in I had 20+ around the pound mark on maggot, trotting down, in a couple of hours.

In those days I had a lot of body hair and was able to wade out with a large tin of maggots clipped onto a hairy leg. I can still clearly remember the conversation when on coming back to the bank, delectable Margaret snatched off the closed tin complete with a three inch or so strip of hair. Perhaps there were other things we could have been doing after all.

SEA LAMPREYS - In the shallows were large Sea Lampreys, up the River to spawn. Many were the best part of three feet long, easily caught by hand though in shallow sections of water, which was great fun splashing through at a trot clad only in underpants. One we took back to eat. I don't know how they should really be cooked, but the one we had tasted like leather and stale fish paste. If history is true, no wonder that King John died from eating too many.

ROACH - Deeper runs had lovely Roach. Lots of small fish, but not difficult to get a two pounder now and then. In those days, good fish went into the pan, but Roach were a disappointment so back they went in future.

In a large shallow, down from the slower Roach water, for no apparent reason was an almost square hole, about 15 foot each way, so we swam down "for a lark". I went down until I reached my limit when the water was cold and with little vision. Never did find out what and why it was, something of a prat for swimming down though.

Frank Courtman



SMALL FRY

News of a good catch? Items for sale or swap? Lost and found? Small anecdotes or anything else which members may find of interest? This is the place to let the other 480 or so members know all about it. All you have to do is pick up the phone and have a chat with the Secretary on 01502 518198 (email sdfaps@btinternet.com) or, if you prefer, drop a line to: The Secretary, 19 Sussex Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 4HG.

Closing date for the next newsletter will be October 1st 2001.

DONATIONS

Several years ago, one of our members suggested that the opportunity be given for members to make a donation to Society funds. His suggestion was based on the fact that many members were, for various reasons, unable to support the workparties but would perhaps like to make an additional financial contribution to help pay for some of the work. Ever since then, we have included the option to make a donation on the paying in slip. The Committee have been amazed at the success of this, so much so that the number of members making individual donations has meant that we are unable to write to individuals to thank them personally. This year, the Society has received around £340 and the Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed.

A.C.A.N.S.

I can hear you all saying "what the hell does that stand for". Well hopefully it won't be too long before you will all know instantly that it is the Anglers Consultative Association For Norfolk And Suffolk. You will recall that you all received a flier advertising the fact that an open meeting was to be held to set up the organisation and agree its constitution. The evening wasn't particularly well supported but those that did attend represented a wide spectrum of different angling interests. These included the tackle industry, fishery owners, club representatives and individuals covering pleasure, specimin and match anglers. The consultative will have direct input

to where it matters and will represent all angling interests in Norfolk and Suffolk. Our Society has joined in its own right and also has input through Suffolk County A.A.A. We are certain that it will become a formidable organisation, helping to look after the interests of our members. Rest assured you are well represented with John Purdy being elected as Treasurer and Dave Crisp on the Committee. Please try to support it whenever you can and as more information becomes available, consider joining as an individual.

ANY MUGS OUT THERE

Our Head Water Bailiff Barry Wentworth is still on the lookout for a Buss Creek Commemorative Mug. If you want to get rid of one, or know a man who does, please contact Barry on 01502 722746 or 07881 876332.

MEMBER SURVEY

What a magnificent response to the survey we put out with our paying in slip. Initial indications are that almost 70% of members who renewed there subscriptions have returned a filled in form and as I type this we are still getting a few trickling in. The information contained in this simple survey will prove invaluable to your Committee and give a much better picture of our members angling habits. Even saying "I did not fish last year" is of help to us. Although not fully analysed, the early results are throwing up some surprises, particularly in respect of the number of members using our sections of rivers. There will be more detail on the outcome of the survey in our Autumn Newsletter but for now the Committee would like to thank all those who took the trouble to respond.

YORKSHIRE

Although as I type this I have not yet received the year books, I am sure our members will again have the opportunity to gain free access to the Rivers and Lakes controlled by the Leeds and District AA. If you fancy a trip up North, perhaps to try for your first Barbel or Grayling, then please contact the Secretary for details. These include a full set of maps for all the venues and a few tips on where to go, including bed and breakfast accommodation. I can also provide advice on baits, tactics etc. if needed. (Obviously you will need to await Foot & Mouth all clear for the area).

River Waveney Regeneration Project

The projects river reconstruction works were fulfilled with the completion of the riffles at the Diss Golf Course section. The large Dace of the 60's are not back yet but within weeks small ones were seen on Simon Johnson's sensitively designed runs and riffles.

Next on line was the introduction of fish to the common stretch opposite Earsham. All was going well until the dreaded foot and mouth hit, resulting in a total embargo on the movement of all fish, frustrated yet again.

The latest plan is for the introduction of disabled platforms above Ellingham Mill. With the support of Bob Blizzard, the Foundation for Sport and the Arts has at last recognised angling, despite advice from the NFA that this would not happen. This has now opened up nearly £6000 in funding. The final hurdle is a Planning wrangle with Waveney District Council and the Foot and Mouth problems. Some of the funding is likely to go towards new for old disabled priority swims at Harleston Wortwell & Districts number one pit. Diss Town Council and others still need to sort out the permissions required for the angling development at the back of Diss Co-Op and have only just accepted that it needs to involve altering the river and introducing fish!

Mid Suffolk District Council and their consultant Mike Harding seem to have gone their own way with the project at Scole Bridge. Not content with our quote of £680 with recycled materials and voluntary labour, they have come up with a quote of £2,500 and unsuitable materials. As a result we have withdrawn our support for the project.

I have also made a submission, supported by Suffolk County AAA, to object to a further licence abstraction at Brockdish.

We are nearing completion of the regeneration project. It has been a worthwhile exercise and of benefit to those less fortunate than ourselves. Our influence has been noted and I have accepted an invitation to go on the Broads Angling Strategy Group to work with the Environment Agency to produce a Fisheries Action Plan. The experience gained in applying for grants has encouraged me to apply for funding via a European Life III application to try to reverse the affects of Pymnesium. The grant experience will hopefully help the new Anglers Consultative Association for Norfolk & Suffolk as I hope to play a major part within it.

So the acorn grows and will hopefully progress from the initiative we began with, under new banners to achieve more for angling in our area. Our thanks for your support.

Dave Gladwell,

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE REVIEW OF SALMON & FRESHWATER FISHERIES

CLOSE SEASONS: There were more comments on this than any other part of the review, with the vast majority expressing opposition to the recommendation that the coarse fish closed season should be abolished. The Government endorsed the Environment Agency view that such a proposal should be based on sound science and that at the moment there is insufficient evidence available, thus no decision should be made. The Government agreed that the closed season should principally be used to conserve fish and not for furthering the conservation of fauna and flora unless part of an overall conservation scheme not restricted to anglers only. Many boating and canoeing interests objected to the removal of the closed season but the Government's view was that conflicts between different interest groups should be resolved in other ways.

LIVE BAITING: The recommendation was that where the release or escape of livebait could have an adverse effect on a valuable freshwater ecosystem, or rare fish population, the use of livebait should be banned in the water in question. The Government accepted this in principle and noted that the Review Group felt it did not have the expertise to reach a judgement on the ethical issues involved. The E.A submitted for confirmation a bylaw making it an offence to take fish for use as livebait unless the fish are retained and used only in the water from which they are taken. There was strong support for this. The Minister of Agriculture Fisheries and Food therefore confirmed the bylaw. It was also agreed that bylaws could be introduced to ban livebaiting in particularly sensitive locations. Interested parties have an opportunity to object under normal bylaw making procedures.

PREDATION: Several recommendations were put forward for consideration due to the concern about Cormorants. Arguably, the most important of these was that the administrative procedures for deciding licence applications to kill birds by shooting should be changed so that an application can be lodged without the supporting evidence of serious damage. This was rejected by the Government as the licensing procedure is dependent upon evidence of, or the need to prevent, serious damage. The excuse was that this may lead to initial processing and determination of a large number of applications which were not subsequently needed, this being a waste of resources.

Full document available for viewing from the Secretary



QUALIFYING WEIGHTS & RECORDS

The weights in bold type and with a star are actual Society records as listed at the end of the tables. All other weights are minimum qualifying weights. Members may make a claim for any category. Please provide as much information as possible and two witnesses, or one witness and a photo, or a committee witness. Other species will be considered.

WATER	MIRROR CARP	COMMON CARP	CRUCIAN CARP	TENCH	BREAM
SHERWOOD WATER (1)	27lb 5oz* (1) 22lb 7oz*	16lb 4oz* (2)	1lb	5lb 4oz* (12)	3lb 8oz
KINGFISHER LAKE (2)	10lb	10lb	1lb	4lb 8oz	4lb 8oz
DENNY LAKE (4)	19lb 2oz* (3)	12lb	1lb	2lb 8oz	-
PAISLEYS POND (3)	14lb 4oz* (11)	3lb	1lb	2lb	-
BUSS CREEK	-	-	-	5lb	6lb 10oz* (4)
HENHAM DAIRY POND	11lb 8oz* (5)	9lb	1lb 8oz	2lb	-
GILLINGHAM LAGOON	4lb	4lb	12oz	4lb	5lb
R.WAVENEY GILLINGHAM	-	-	-	4lb	5lb
R.WAVENEY SHIPMEADOW	-	-	-	3lb	4lb
R.WAVENEY WAINFORD	-	-	-	3lb	6lb 7oz* (6)

WATER	ROACH	RUDD	CHUB	EEL	PERCH	PIKE
SHERWOOD WATER (1)	1lb	1lb	-	2lb	1lb 8oz	-
KINGFISHER LAKE (2)	1lb	1lb	1lb	2lb	1lb 8oz	-
DENNY LAKE (4)	1lb	1lb		-	1lb	-
PAISLEYS POND (3)	12oz	12oz	-	-	1lb	-
BUSS CREEK	1lb	1lb	1lb 8oz	2lb	1lb 8oz	-
HENHAM DAIRY POND	-	1lb	-	-	-	-
GILLINGHAM LAGOON	1lb	12oz	-	2lb	1lb	15lb 2oz* (7)
R.WAVENEY GILLINGHAM	1lb	12oz	1lb	2lb	1lb	8lb
R.WAVENEY SHIPMEADOW	1lb	12oz	3lb	2lb	1lb	12lb
R.WAVENEY WAINFORD	1lb 12.5oz* (8)	12oz	4lb 8oz* (9)	2lb	1lb	14lb 8oz* (10)

- 27lb 5oz Mirror Carp - R. Naunton 2000
22lb 7oz Mirror Carp C. Cook - Junior record 1998
- 16lb 4oz Common Carp, B. Balls 1997.
- 19lb 2oz Mirror Carp, D. Newland 1997.
- 6lb 10oz Bream, P. Youngman 1999
- 11lb 8oz Mirror Carp, T. Swan 1998.
- 6lb 7oz Bream, R. Turner 1999.
- 15lb 2oz Pike, H. Moore 1998.
- 1lb 12 1/2oz Roach, R. Turner 1999.
- 4lb 8oz Chub, M. Stannard 2000.
- 14lb 8oz Pike, W. Sizer 1997.
- 14lb 4oz Mirror Carp - M. Stannard 1999
- 5lb 4oz Tench - J. Hurren 1999



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

BARRY REID

HENHAM As our Chairman has advised in his report, we only have the use of Henham Dairy and Black Shed Ponds until the 31st July. What happens after that we are unsure, but rest assured, if we can keep it we will. The current plan is for the water to be leased (for 9,999 years) with four of the properties on the estate. In order to do this, the properties and the water have to be offered with no tenants, hence the 31st July date. We have all been expecting this for some years and must consider ourselves very fortunate to have kept it for so long. Never the less, it will be a very sad day for our Society if the plans go ahead. The only good side is that we have secured the official use of the toilet at Henham whilst the lease continues so please feel free to use it. Having dealt with the estate for some years I know only too well how quickly its plans can change so I would urge you all to maintain the extremely high standard of behaviour that has so impressed the managers in the past. If our lease is extended, we will advertise the fact as widely as possible through signage, Lowestoft Journal and tackle shops.

2 hook rigs The proposal put forward at the A.G.M that “unless Pike fishing, only one single hook rig to be used on Society waters” was passed and is now a rule of the Society.

opposite / adjacent SWIMS At **last years** A.G.M. a proposal was put forward that “Anglers must not fish more than half way between adjacent or opposite swims”. Whilst this was adopted, and became a rule of the Society, it was unfortunately missed out of the rule book. It has now been incorporated and I must apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

water levels Well, have you all seen enough rain yet? The aquifer has certainly been topped up to its highest level for years which bodes well for those who fish the rivers as the flow rates increase and hopefully the quality of the fishing. However, it's not so good for the pits as the few who have bothered to turn up for work parties have struggled against extremely high water levels. Much of the planned work has not been

possible as many of the paths, let alone the platforms, have been under several inches of water. Some areas will be unfishable until levels drop and all areas must be treated with caution as it is extremely difficult to assess the damage the water may have done. To help open up as many swims as possible, members may use the disabled swims on Buss Creek and Sherwood Water (1) until the 1st July.

DISCIPLINARY Our Society and its members have an enviable record of an extremely high standard of behaviour. This is well known to not only our members, but also in the angling scene as a whole. This helps tremendously when we are negotiating our leases so it is of the utmost importance that our rules are effectively policed and enforced. Last season was one of the best yet in respect of general behaviour and compliance with our rules. However, the Committee did have to deal with one incident involving the use of 2 rods by a member on Denny Lake before the 1st October. The disciplinary procedure was instigated and the Committee's view was that the member involved should be suspended from fishing Society waters for 2 months with the start of the ban being the 16th June 2001. I have been asked to make all members aware of this and the fact that a hard line will be taken for any breaches, please make sure you read the rules in your membership book.

GUEST MEMBERS We had hoped to extend this to Henham but due to the situation that has arisen it was agreed that the remaining time there should be reserved exclusively for our members. A guest ticket still represents excellent value for money, see page 22 for the benefits you get. You should have a booking form enclosed which can be used at Purdys or Sam Hooks.

deaths When members of our family finally go off to fish the other bank, the last thing on our mind is the fishing club. However, it is a sad fact that every year, one or two of our members pass away. The Society always try to send flowers or a donation and sometimes send a representative to the funeral but we obviously need to know about it. If you hear of any members passing away please try to let the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer know as soon as possible.

TOILETS In response to feedback from the open meeting, a ladies toilet has been provided adjacent the existing one on Kingfisher Lake (2). We are also working to provide 2 more toilets on Sherwood Water (1) but these will require Planning Permission so may take some time to sort out. As mentioned, the toilet is also available at Henham.

GUEST MEMBERSHIP RULES

- A. Guest Membership ticket must be purchased by a Member before the guest enters land or water controlled by the Society.
- B. The Member must ensure that the guest has a valid Environment Agency Licence.
- C. The guest must be fully accompanied by the member at all times when on land or water controlled by the Society.
- D. The member is fully responsible for the guest member at all times.
- E. The guest member must observe all Society rules as if he was a member.
- F. Any breach of Society rules by the guest member will be deemed to be a breach of Society rules by the member.
- G. Only one guest member will be permitted per member per day. (Only a limited number will be available)
- H. Guest Membership tickets can not be purchased by junior members.
- I. A guest member may fish any Society water other than HENHAM DAIRY AND BLACKSHED PONDS.

WHAT YOUR GUEST GETS FOR THE EXTRA £2.00 (extra 50pJuniors)

QUESTION	Day Member	Guest Member
Can ticket be bought in advance	NO (same day only)	YES up to 2 weeks
Can guest fish before 9am	NO	YES
Can you both change waters during day	NO	YES
Can guest fish on a Sunday	NO	YES
What waters can be fished	Sherwood Water or Buss Creek Only	ALL Waters except Henham
Other than Henham, do special rules apply	YES	NO, same rules as full members
Can your guest use groundbait or 2 rods	NO	Same rules apply as for members



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

DATE OF REPORT: MAY 16TH 2001

NUMBER OF JUNIORS NOW SENIORS	
NUMBER OF JUNIORS NOT RENEWED	7
NUMBER OF JUNIOR MEMBERS	4
NUMBER OF DISABLED MEMBERS	27
NUMBER OF SENIOR CITIZENS	11
NUMBER OF SENIOR MEMBERS	62
TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS	340
NUMBER OF PLACES NOT RENEWED	440
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL SPACES TO FILL	30
TOTAL NUMBER OF SPACES TO FILL	10
TOTAL NUMBER OF JUNIORS ON WAITING LIST	40
TOTAL NUMBER ON WAITING LIST	22
DATE OF OLDEST APPLICATION ON WAITING LIST	126 23/07/97

CHANGED ADDRESS OR LOST YOUR CARD ?

Identity Cards: Please remember that your membership book is not valid unless you produce it with your identity card. If you have lost yours, changed your address or your photo is out of date, please send a passport sized photo with your name and address **printed clearly** on the back.

Bailiffs: Will all bailiffs who have not yet returned their bailiff cards please do so as soon as possible so that a new card can be issued for the 2001 / 2002 season.

BEVERLY REID
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
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THE SOCIETY YEAR

This is the place to find out what your committee have been up to during the last 12 months.

July 2000 - Section of river secured for further 3 years, parking complaint at Henham investigated but no problem found. Formal concerns expressed via surveyor at works on Mights Bridge and potential for flooding. Millennium day / junior open posters prepared and sent to schools, costings for event worked on. A.A supplies sponsored Awayday, excellent day out. Public liability for events investigated, additional insurance taken out. Agreed to support Suffolk County AAA web site and NACA petition to retain closed season on rivers. 6 offers of membership not taken up, reserves written too. Confusion over unhooking mats at Henham, manager appropriately advised and agreement reached. report of 205lb bag Henham and record 27lb 5oz Carp Sherwood. Bags to 78lb Buss Creek and Rudd to 1lb 8oz.

August 2000 - Environment Agency asked for Buss Creek update. Agreed portaloo and marquees for millennium day. Good feedback from members on standard of fishing, day membership numbers slightly increased. 8lb Mirror Carp **removed from Buss Creek**.

September 2000 - Positive response from E.A regarding Buss Creek but very slow progress. Advertising in newsletter successful, final payment received. Millennium Day well supported, 44 Juniors and senior matches 14 and 16., good support from Sam Hook Sports and Nick Larkin. Society web pages completed. Visiting club match missed off fixture list, signs erected and notice in press with apology. 76 on waiting list confirmed wish to stay on it. 24lb Carp and 6lb Tench reported from Kingfisher. Double Hook rig being used on Denny Lake, to review for AGM. Concern raised at poor access and safety of piles at Gillingham.

October 2000 - Discussions on compensation claim for inconvenience during Mights Bridge works. Work started to sell advertising space and on newsletter. Condition of toilet raised. Agreed to support complaint about Waveney Regeneration funds being diverted from where intended to be spent. Public Liability insurance renewed. Meeting with owner about Gillingham access etc. Formal complaint submitted - fishing 2 rods.

November 2000 - Anglian Water working on alternative discharge away

from Buss Creek, Surveyor working on final report Might's Bridge. Advertising space taken, web pages passed to SCAAA. Open and fixture meetings arranged. Toilet repairs / spares needed. Formal complaint discussed. Awayday 2001 venue agreed, Pike Match cancelled - flooding. Water well up everywhere, agreed items from committee for open meeting.

December 2000 - Agreed compensation with Suffolk CC re: Might's Bridge. Open meeting, good discussion, 18 attended. Fixture meeting not supported at all. Toilet repair in hand, Pike Match rearranged. Report of Mink on Denny Lake, divers brought in to unblock overflow pipe from pits. Paisleys Pond closed as water over banks, agreed Xmas cards / gifts to be sent.

February 2001 - Anglian Water solicitors now involved with Buss Creek issue. Paperwork provided to confirm compensation claim to SCC. Enquiries received about future adverts. Discussed open meeting feedback - guest members, concessions for waiting list applicants, stocking / pike, rivers, barbless hooks, water usage survey, Bob James night, millennium day, toilets, Henham. Formal complaint ratified - 2 month suspension at start of season. Awayday - coach booked. Sleepy Hollow scheme being looked at. Price for new match scales. SCAAA Bungay Common questionnaire received.

March 2001 - AGM date confirmed and format agreed, also to mailshot flyer on proposed Norfolk and Suffolk Consultative. Received copy of Government response to Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Review having previously commented on it. Agreed to seek EA advice on stocking. Bulk order of materials delivered for work parties.

PIKE

The Committee are currently researching the pros and cons of introducing Pike to the Reydon Complex. There is an awfully long way to go on this and I am certain that if there is any doubt at all, the Committee would be on the side of caution. Advice is being sought from the E.A and other sources and the debate having started at the open meeting continued at the AGM. The subject is obviously a sensitive one raising passions in both "camps". The Committee would welcome your views, ideally in writing (perhaps for the letter page)

GILLINGHAM ACCESS - The landowner has confirmed this is to be significantly improved by the end of June. It certainly needs to be as on last inspection it was impassable. Please bear with us, it will be sorted.

COUNTY NEWS

This years conference was held closer to home at the Hatfield Hotel in Lowestoft. Bearing this in mind it was surprising to note that it was not as well attended as it has been in previous years.

Chairman John Purdy reminded those present of the need to build on what the organisation already had. There was always plenty of advice available and sharing this must be the way forward. The proposed changes in subscriptions would hopefully be fairer and encourage smaller clubs to join. As Chairman he wanted to try to visit as many clubs as possible to try and find out if it was thought that the County was going wrong. He concluded by thanking those that had helped him through his first year as Chairman.

Secretary David Crisp reported a heavy involvement with the owners of Bungay Common over the last 12 months in respect of the new lease arrangements. The questionnaire sent to member clubs generally supported retention of the waters resulting in a 15 year lease being worked on. Work would continue to look for a water somewhere in mid Suffolk. The County had also been involved in the investigations into the Norfolk and Suffolk Consultative as it had been found not to have had an AGM for at least 5 years. Work was continuing to involve more clubs and organisations in the south of the County and to try to set up deals with a day ticket water and a fish supplier in order to provide further benefits to member clubs.

Treasurer Leslie Crisp reported a good year financially as the organisation was again operating in the black, day ticket sales at Bungay Common were particularly encouraging thanks to the steps that had been taken.

The Saltwater Secretary reported the section had been in decline for a while and as its new Secretary he was determined to reverse the trend. This hadn't been helped by the foot and mouth crisis affecting matches. He predicted a heavy involvement for the County at national level in the coming months. The litter problem continued to crop up and steps were being taken to counter the accusations, especially as match rules are so strict relating to this.

Freshwater Match Secretary Andy Wilson-Sutter said it had been a pretty good year although foot and mouth had caused problems in the latter part of it. Regent Office Care and LEC Hire again provided valuable sponsorship for the Junior Team as had member clubs such as Southwold. This had helped the juniors to put in much improved performances at several matches. Malcolm Runacres came up trumps again for the seniors with a section win at the national.

Dave Gladwell gave a presentation on the newly formed Anglers Consultative Association for Norfolk and Suffolk. Anglers had shown a clear

desire for this to go forward and, following the inaugural meeting, a funding application was being prepared. It is obvious that this will become a very important

organisation for the anglers of Norfolk and Suffolk.

Following an update on the Buss Creek situation guest speaker Paul Hammond gave a presentation on the Sleepy Hollow, or Trusson's Mere project, earmarked for Darsham. This very ambitious project seemed well on the way to raising the 4 million pounds needed to create a woodland, wildlife and angling habitat. The response from the floor was rather mixed with a good deal of suspicion being raised as to how much of a commercial venture this was, despite it being a Trust.

Final speaker of the day was from the Norfolk Anglers Conservation Association. Having given a brief history of the organisation he went on to talk about the sort of work it was engaged on and how the fishery side was run almost as a separate entity. He was encouraged to see so many organisations within the County dealing with similar issues and taking on the big boys.

Another good Conference with allot of useful information being exchanged. If you are members of other clubs I can only suggest that they are missing out if they are not members or did not attend. Time and again the words team work came up. I would urge you all to ensure as many clubs as possible join

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MATCH SCENE

Well, will we or won't we start this coming season? I think we will but keep your fingers crossed just in case.

This year we are going to try something different, it's the "Golden Peg". This has worked well for some other clubs so lets hope we can make it work. The idea is that a peg is drawn out before the match draw. Should you then draw that peg you have to win the match to collect the money. However, if you don't win the match, the money is carried forward to the next match. However, to be fair to all, if you have not taken part in the Golden Peg draw for at least 3 matches you will not be eligible to enter the Golden Peg part of the competition. This is to stop anybody waiting until the money has risen to a reasonable amount before entering. Lets please all be sensible about this.

The winter league matches are to be confirmed in the Autumn Newsletter so please make sure you read it if you want to take part in the series.

Thanks to all the people who supported the fixture meeting, especially Ivan Julings. At least he made the effort to attend. If the venues are not what you would like this year well I am sorry, but you had your chance to make your views known.

Chairman & Match Sec. with major prize winners at the 2000 Junior Open



I am looking forward to the Junior Open match on the 4th August. It's great to see the children and parents supporting the event. Don't forget, if you would like to help, or would just like to see what goes on, you are more than welcome to attend.

See you on the bank,

Dave E.

MATCH RESULTS SEPTEMBER ONWARDS

Sunday 3rd September - **Senior Challenge Cup** River Yare 8am - 1pm
1st A. Crisp 15lb 2oz all roach, 2nd D. Crisp 13lb 14oz all skimmers, 3rd.
A. Watson 10lb 4oz roach & skimmers (5 FISHED)

Sunday 17th September - **Senior Accumulator Cup**
Harleston Ocean Pit 8am - 1pm
CANCELLED DUE TO FUEL SHORTAGE

Sunday 5th November - **Pike Pairs**
River Waveney, Ellingham Stretch 8am - 1.00pm.
CANCELLED DUE TO FLOODING

Saturday 18th November - **Winter League**
Beccles Quay 8am - 12 Noon.
1st P. Manthorpe 7lb 8oz, 2nd J. Hurren 5lb 8oz, 3rd A. Watson 4lb 0oz.

Saturday 2nd December - **Winter League**
Beccles Quay 8am - 12 Noon
1st. R. Forster 13lb 8oz (1 Bream included), 2nd J. Hurren 10lb 10oz
3rd. P. Manthorpe 7lb 13oz.

Sunday 3rd December - **Eric Woods Pike Singles**
Venue changed to Broome Pits 8am-1.00pm
1st G. Doy 9lb 4oz, 2nd M. Burgess 8lb 7oz, 3rd P. Goldsmith 4lb 4oz.

Sunday 17th December - **Xmas Fayre**
Henham Dairy Pond 9am-1.00pm
1st P. Manthorpe 28lb 8oz, 2nd J. Hurren 19lb 4oz, 3rd I. Julings 7lb 0oz

Sunday 31st December - **Winter League**
Beccles Quay 8am - 12 noon
CANCELLED DUE TO ICE

Sunday January 14th - **Inter-Club Match**
Beccles Quay 8am - 12 Noon
Southwold 80.5 points, Carlton Colville 50.5 points 1st R. Foster (S),
2nd A. Crisp (S), 3rd P. Manthorpe (S), 4th A. Watson (S),

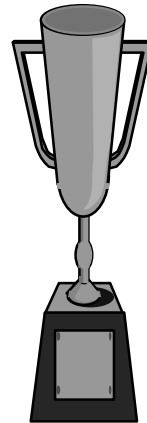
Sunday January 21st - **Winter League**
Beccles Quay 8am - 12 Noon
1st.R. Foster 9lb 6oz, 2nd. N. Crisp 7lb 14oz, 3rd M. Stannard 5lb 13oz

Sunday February 4th - **Winter League**
Beccles Quay 8am - 12 Noon
1st R. Foster 11lb 8oz, 2nd I. Juling 3lb 12oz, 3rd P. Manthorpe 1lb 11oz

Sunday February 25th - **Winter League**
Beccles Quay 8am - 12 Noon
1st S. Hurren 5lb 8oz, 2nd J. Hurren 4lb 2oz, 3rd R. Forster 2lb 12oz.

2000 - 2001 TROPHY WINNERS

Senior Carp – A. Watson
Junior Carp - H. Waller
Friston Aggregate Cup – H. Waller
Arthur Sullivan Awayday – A. Dyer
Countess of Stradbroke Trophy – J. Stannard
Peter Sherwood Memorial – J. Hurren
Summer Series – J. Hurren
Senior Challenge – A. Crisp
W.G. Denny Cup - J. Hurren
Committee Cup - B. Mumford,
Winter Series – P. Manthorpe,
Eric Woods Pike Trophy – G. Doy,
Senior Pairs - A. Watson / T. Jillings
Junior Challenge - H. Waller
Millennium Match - P. Manthorpe,
Junior Open – J. Turrell



Well done to all of the above, thanks to all for your support.

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