



Summer newsletter 2012

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Message from the Chairman

Thank you to all members

The response from members over the last 12 months has been fantastic and easily matched the determination of the committee to overcome the challenges presented by the predation at Reydon. With otter protection completed on three of the four lakes and stocking of carp into Kingfisher and Denny Lakes and crucians and tench in Paisleys Pond the excitement is building for the opening of the new season.

Generous donations

As I write this I can advise that the level of support continues. At the May committee meeting I reported that over £530 had been received in donations in addition to the levies being paid.

Only a couple of days later they continue to roll in with one of £150. The number of donations makes it difficult to write to everybody so I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have donated for your generosity.

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Work continues

I would also like to thank those of you who have continued to support the work parties.

Whilst the work on the otter fencing by one of the regular teams was rightly recognised through the presentation of the TIGER Trophy, there are several other members who continue to support the work.

A couple of Committee Members must be mentioned. Dean Bridges has supported virtually every work party and researched and organised the fish stocking whilst Laurie Baker continues to work quietly in the background undertaking repairs, replacing gates and carrying out regular strimming. There is always a risk in mentioning names so if I have missed anybody please accept my apologies and my thanks for what you have done.

Successful AGM

The new venue for the AGM, the Sole Bay Bowls Club, got the thumbs up from the 50 or so members who attended . Consequently our meetings will continue to be held there with the next being the Open Meeting on 2nd July, 7.30 for an 8.00pm start. This is your opportunity to bring up ideas or concerns and to ask questions of the committee as well as to help shape the future direction of the Society . It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

Junior involvement and matches

One of the most satisfying moments of the AGM was when a Junior member volunteered to take on the long vacant position of Junior Committee Member. Although too young at present , Brer Cornish will be joining the committee in August and hopefully this will help the Society Juniors to take a more active part in the Society.

Certainly there have been several juniors supporting this years work parties and the committee and match anglers have responded to these positive signs by organising some junior matches.

These will be fished alongside the senior evening matches.

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New teach-ins

In another initiative, Head Water Bailiff Jed Gerrell is keen to meet all of our junior members for a chat and teach in session. This will take place early in the season at the Reydon Pits, so look out for dates on the notice boards and website.

Match secretary still wanted!

On a less positive note we are still short of a match secretary and this has reflected in the restricted programme of matches being put on this season. If you are interested in this post or joining the committee then please contact me.

Minutes secretary wanted!

The committee would also like to recruit a volunteer to act as minutes secretary at committee meetings and Society meetings. The role would involve giving up one evening per month, to take minutes, type them up and distribute them.

If that sounds of interest to you or someone you know (doesn't need to be a Society member), then please get in touch with me.

The Away-Day is back

Another matter raised at the AGM was the members desire for the reintroduction of the annual Away-Day. Our treasurer Archie Maclean immediately took this on board and has organised a coach trip to Suffolk Water Park on the 22nd July.

Whether you want to take part in the match or pleasure fish you will be made welcome but please book quickly as places are limited.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a successful and enjoyable season and to encourage you to provide feedback on how you get on, I'm off to sort my gear out.

Barry Reid - Chairman

Notices

Away-Day

Sunday 22nd July—Suffolk Water Park

See website and notice boards for details
<http://southwoldanddistrictfaps.onesuffolk.net/>

AGM and rules

50 members attended the Society's successful AGM in April at the new venue of Sole Bay Bowls club.

Please ensure you are familiar with any rule changes by reading your membership book.

Combination padlocks

We have had to introduce combination padlocks to Reydon, in response to well-meaning members of the public leaving the gates open to help wildlife move around the area.

It's in our interest to ensure that the gates are kept closed — make sure you lock the gates using the padlocks at all times.

Padlock number

Teach-ins

Teach-ins will be introduced this season to help members get more experience with fish-care, tactics, and consideration for the environment and other members. The teach-ins are particularly aimed at helping the junior members but all members are welcome to attend.

Dates are not set yet, so watch the notice boards and website for details.

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