



Winter 2012 Newsletter

Well, where has the year gone, it's been a busy one for us and next year looks just the same!

Website

We have revamped the website and if I must say so myself I think it looks fantastic, if you have not seen it yet have a look, it's has lots of up to date information on what's happening in the club plus catch reports, photos etc. Your Member login's should be issued in the next month or so and will be e-mailed to you (if we have your e-mail address)

We are always looking for additional photos so email your photos to catches@southlakeas.co.uk please try to avoid large attachments, send a number of emails with smaller attachments if necessary.

We now have a Smartphone App for Android too, so members can keep up to date with the Latest News, Catch Reports, Photos and What's Going On at our venues. You can download it from <http://southlakeas.mobapp.at/> A version for Apple iOS, Blackberry and Windows Mobile could follow if the feedback is good.

AGM Announcement

I know we are still in 2011 and its still months away but this is worth getting in your diaries now.

Next years AGM will be held **on Friday 6th April 2012 at the Oakwood Centre Woodley.**
The AGM will start at 7pm and will follow the usual format, and will include the **Opening Night Draw for Southlake (Friday June 15th 2012)**

This years AGM will be followed by "An Evening With" Slide Show

Two Special Guest Speakers (To Be Announced Soon)
Tackle Roadshow from Leading UK Tackle Firms (To Be Announced Soon)
Rig Clinic (To Be Announced Soon)
Two Bait Clinics (To Be Announced Soon)
A Bar (This one is confirmed)

Free to Southlake Angling Society Members, £5.00 Entry On the Door to Non-Members.

Start Time: Approx 8pm

More details in the next news letter or key an eye on the website to get the information earlier.



Charity Carp Match

This year's event was another success and was won by Martin Hopgood. A big thank you to all who took part. Can I remind those participants still owing sponsorship money to give it to either Martin Hopgood, Tim Athey or any other member of the committee.

Redlands

The Committee will be carrying out some fisheries management at Redlands. We have been in consultation with the Environment Agency for some time now regarding improvements to Redlands, and shall be shortly embarking on an exercise that will improve the venue as a whole. This will involve reducing the biomass of the lake by reducing the head of Bream, which will result in increased water quality to enable our fish stock of remaining Bream, Tench, Carp and Silver Fish to flourish and grow. This work will also assist in restoring the balance to the lake and providing much needed funds to enable us to carry out further improvements, such as completing the work on the Ponds at the top of the venue to transform these into a dedicated match fishery.

So the Netting can take place uninterrupted, Redlands will be closed to fishing during the days on both Friday 16th and Saturday 17th but will be open again to fish the nights. Those fishing Friday night need to at least reel in at 1st light (approx 7.30am / 8am)

Members are welcome to attend to view the netting. However I would advise in advance that the primary objective is the removal of Bream, not a survey of the Carp stock. Please don't expect the netting to be stopped so you can be shown all the Carp prior to slipping them back into the lake.

There will still be lots of work to be done around the lake, so rather than stand around waiting for Carp to be netted we would like to think that those attending will participate in an impromptu Work Party too, and talking of work parties.....

Work Party Dates

At present all the work parties will be taking place at Redlands. Start times will be 9am through to 1pm at least. There are 12 Work Parties planned which should give all those who still haven't attended ample chance to attend. Anyone who has already done a Work Party but wants to come along to support us and help out further can also attend. The dates are as follows:

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Saturday 7th January and Sunday 8th January

Saturday 21st January and Sunday 22nd January

Saturday 4th February and Sunday 5th February

Saturday 18th February and Sunday 19th February



Cormorant Watch

Angling's representative body, the Angling Trust, has launched a new web site for anglers to record sightings of cormorants, goosanders and mergansers throughout the UK:

www.cormorantwatch.org The new site is easy to use and will gather vital data to help persuade government of the need for action to protect fisheries.

The Angling Trust succeeded in persuading the Fisheries Minister Richard Benyon to carry out a review of the licensing procedures and he has stated that he is prepared to take "bold decisions". As part of this review, the Trust needs data on the abundance of cormorants to convince the government to take decisive action.

Anglers can record sightings and activity of cormorants anywhere in the UK, directly onto a Google Maps driven micro-site at www.cormorantwatch.org Users will also be able to scroll around the map and zoom in to view details of each recorded cormorant sighting and watch the real picture of cormorant predation in UK waters build up week by week.

If any members see Cormorants on our waters we would encourage you to record them via the www.cormorantwatch.org website.

Southlake

Southlake has produced some stunning fish so far with a number of 30lb plus mirrors and commons the best being a 38.02 mirror to Carl McConnell, see the website for a picture of this and many more of this years catches.

River Loddon at Riverside Park

I can't believe how few people have been taking advantage of this great stretch of river, with a little bit of effort those that have, have had some good double figure barble, some fine chub and silver fish. Have a go it's a great venue.

Have a great Christmas, Paul.