



March 2015 Newsletter

Well one season ends and a new one begins, it has been another very busy year for the club, 2015 promises to be an exciting year.

AGM Announcement

The AGM will be held on **Friday 17th April 2015 at the Inn on the Park, Woodford Park Leisure Centre, Haddon Drive Woodley RG5 4LY start time is 8pm.**

If you have anything you wish us to discuss formally at the AGM, please send in writing to The Club Chairman 106 Fairwater Drive, Woodley, Reading, Berkshire, RG5 3JB no later than 3rd April 2015 or email clubsecretary@southlakeas.co.uk

Redlands Lake Closure

Redlands will be closed from Sunday 29th March 18:00 until 1st April 12:00 as The British Army Infantry Carpers will be holding a qualifying event to identify this year's Infantry team to go forward to the Army Carp Festival and to represent the Infantry in the Inter Corps Carp Competition. We are proud to play host to the first qualifying event.

Redlands Carp Match

There will be a singles carp match at Redlands on Friday 15th May until Sunday 17th May 12:00, the draw will take place on the Friday (15th) at 18:00. There will be a £10 fee to cover the cost of the BBQ on the Saturday. Anyone wishing to take part should contact Simon Stobie at The Carp Shack (01189 662 544) or call the club phone number 07745 749606, deadline for entries is 1st May 2015

Redlands family & charity Day

We will be holding a family/open day on the Saturday 5th September, we are still developing the day/weekend but there will be the chance for people to have a go at fishing on Little Redlands both anglers and non-anglers of all ages, angling tuition, a junior match, and a pair's match starting Friday 4th Sept from 18:00 until Sunday 6th at 12:00 on the main lake. More details in the coming months as firm things up, so make a note in your diaries it promises to be a great weekend and at the same time raise some money for charity.

Membership

Due to the increase of the cost of our lease with Wokingham Borough Council for the extended fishing season on Southlake and our wish to further improve our Redlands facility there will be a small increase in the cost of some of the Annual Membership fees from the season 2015/2016.

We have also introduced a new membership type 'Little Redlands' (the original stock pond), this has been restocked and considerable work has taken place improving the surroundings.



The Carp Shack in Woodley has kindly agreed to be the postal address and the drop off and collection point for application forms. **Please be aware that payment for membership is either by cheque or cash in person, the Carp Shack will NOT be offering a card payment service.** We would advise that there may be approximately a 7 day turnaround from receipt of your application and you may not be able to obtain your permit on the same day in store.

Southlake

A reminder that Southlake goes back to two rods only as of the 1st April 2015, don't get caught out!

Fish care

It is vital that we look after our fish properly, when carp and pike fishing you must use an unhooking mat or cradle that is suitable for the size of fish that are in our waters. There will be a number of rule changes being introduced in regard to fish care and the bailiffs will be checking, make sure you read your new rule book, ignorance is no excuse.

Rod Licences

Just a reminder that rod licences expire on the 31st March, make sure you don't get caught without a valid rod licence, it could be expensive!

Help us keep you informed

With the 'floating' close season the only realistic way to let you know when the lakes are shutting is via email, so please provide us with your email address when completing your membership form.

If you change your email address at any time please let us know at news@southlakeas.co.uk

Look forward to seeing you at the AGM, Paul.