

# York & District Amalgamation of Anglers.

## Newsheet 337 (07.15.)

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**LAYBOURNE LAKES.** A concerned angler has reported that recently when fishing the complex he noted that many members are not availing themselves of the facility provided for disinfecting their landing and keep nets (matches only). ‘Dipping tanks’ have been provided for this purpose and should be used on all visits to the venue. Especially as there have been reports and Environment Agency involvement during a possible fish disease scare at Chapman’s pond. It’s up to the members to protect their fish and ‘dipping’ of nets is one way preventing any contamination.

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**FOUND/LOST TACKLE.** During a recent match on the Donkey Woods a section of a rod was found. The owner can claim it from the Waters Secretary, in whose hands it now resides.

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**ILLEGAL FISHING/POACHING.** If it is the case that when fishing or walking the banks you may see activity which you think is of a suspicious nature, please notify the Environment Agency without delay on 0800 80 70 60. Rumours abound that this sort of damage to your fishing has been taking place on local waters recently.

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**FIRST SUNDAY “OPEN” MATCH.** Notably this attracts an increase in entries over the last two years of 48 anglers. Unfortunately only three of the entrants were from York. It is interesting to note that on the same day no less than four local clubs held matches on other venues, thus potentially reducing the entry significantly.

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**BANK MAINTENANCE.** Again, one of our Committee members has been out clearing. Strimming has been carried out on Brown’s pool at Laybourne, Canal Head at Pocklington is still being cared for although he noted that in a number of the early pegs there are reeds which need cutting back, and he also paid a visit to Kexby. At Sutton Car Park there was the usual litter deposited by picnickers which he removed, but he was not prepared to remove the remains of someone’s defecation which had attempted to be covered up by a number of tissues and some plastic. Really, it is disgusting what some people do with disregard to the natural environment. From the amount of rubbish seen on each visit it would appear that the area has now been abandoned by the persons who were making complaints about the condition of the site.

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**LITTER.** My annual rant about litter.....when you get to your peg, be it pond or river, if there is litter there then you inherit it and should remove it. Best way is to take it home and dispose of it in the bin, don’t just leave for someone else to shift. No doubt it is probably left by the general public, but they are the ones who naturally blame the anglers. Don’t give them the ammunition.

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