

# York & District Amalgamation of Anglers.

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**CONGRATULATIONS DUE.** York Angling Association took part in a challenge match with Worcester & District United Anglers Association at Top Lane on the New Junction Canal, on Sunday, 23rd August. York AA were seeking to retain the Sir George Eddy Shield which they had won on Worcester's stretch of the River Avon at Pensham last year. A strong wind blowing directly across the canal into the anglers' faces made conditions difficult, and bites were hard to come by. Local tackle dealer, Dave Woods was drawn in Section 3 fishing against Worcester's top anglers Reg Bastable and Paul Wilson who took first and second places in the match, but he secured a creditable top weight for York of 4 lbs 7 oz. Section 2 was comfortably won by York, YDAA Chairman, Jeff Marley leading the way with 1 lb 14 oz, and Mark Collier taking 1 lb 3 oz whilst two visiting anglers failed to trouble the scalesman. With all to win or lose in Section 1, York had the two top weights from Paul Handley and Dave Carr, both with 1 lb 4 oz. On tallying the section points, York had achieved a win, and retained the trophy, by a mere three points. Next year's match is expected to be on the River Severn at Diglis.

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**YORK & DISTRICT WINTER LEAGUE.** In order to facilitate better conditions for anglers a member of the YDAA Committee has volunteered to organise a number of "work parties" on the Fulford stretch to increase the number of pegs available, as recent 'growing conditions' over the past few months has made the bankside vegetation "run riot" and closing off the fishing places available. These parties, (everybody likes a party !!!), will take place on the following dates... Sat. 3rd. Oct., Tues. 6th. Oct., Tues. 13th. Oct., Sat. 17th. Oct, Tues. 20th. Oct, Sat 24<sup>th</sup>. Oct and Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Oct., meet 10am at (St. Oswalds Road) behind the Uni. Rowing Club or on the bank at peg 1, and plan to wind things up around 2pm, but it often drags on, so as not to leave loose ends. All 'partygoers' please take note and attend as and when you can bringing equipment (spades, rakes, secateurs, forks, brushes, hedge cutters, etc..) .....the more of you the more places can be gained to make the matches somewhat easier. Of course, the programme is subject to river conditions, floods will cancel the events.

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**LAYBOURNE LAKES.** A report has been received of certain anglers, in evening sessions, using 'floating bread' as a bait. This is despite the two notice boards (one large one at the entrance) and the big yellow one at Marley Pool, stating bread is not to be used as a bait, even advising on the yellow one "Not even for Ducks". Anglers seen to be using bread on these waters will no doubt be subject to some form of disciplinary action.

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**FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES.** On a better note, it is pleasing to report that book sales this year up to now, have well exceeded the figures for last year, although Day Ticket sales (both normal and Selby Canal) and Laybourne permits show a minimal decrease in numbers.

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**RAWCLIFFE LAKE.** E-mail reports have been made regarding members of the public complaining of verbal abuse from anglers and from anglers complaining about dogs running loose and swimming in the lake. Efforts have been made to pour some oil on these troubled waters, which hopefully will bring peace and harmony to what is a combined public/angling use. For information, the lake is a balancing lake for the estate, (owned by Yorkshire Water), is designated a public open space (City of York Council) and managed on their behalf (York & District Amalgamation of Anglers). It is 'private fishing (members/day ticket only) and YDAA does not have any jurisdiction over the general public and their use of the facility.

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