

# York & District Amalgamation of Anglers.

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**WORK PARTIES.** Two more work parties have been arranged for Mondays 4<sup>th</sup> **and 11<sup>th</sup> April** to continue the maintenance works at the Laybourne Lakes complex. Brown's Pool needs work on the path right round and Marley also needs a certain amount of work. All volunteers will be welcome from 10:00 hours, bring a shovel and 'wellies'. Other tools, strimmers, loppers, secateurs, etc., would be useful, as would strong arms. Work from ten-ish for an hour, or two, or three, or until you get fed up.....  
Few turned up for the March effort, mainly due to short notice, but April's should have been in the "Press" on 24<sup>th</sup> March. Many thanks.  
Unfortunately, again no doubt due to the short notice, no-one turned up on 4<sup>th</sup> April, to help the man organising the clean up.

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**SAND HUTTON GRAVEL PITS.** Any angler fishing these pits between now and the middle of April should note that access from the A64 at the MAFF buildings turn-off will be closed for 'gas works'. Access will only be able via the Claxton turn-off and thence through Claxton village, approaching the pits from the other direction.

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**CLOSE SEASON.** Rivers and flowing waters are now closed to fishing until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June. However, stillwaters and canals are there for you to go fishing. Unfortunately certain anglers are abusing this 'openness' and are fishing without permission, i.e. poaching our preserves. Evidence of this has been reported on the Selby Canal and our Bailiffs have been asked to carry out documentation checks on all 'open' waters. Please ensure that you always have your credentials on your person when fishing as it is an offence not to carry them. Any member of York Amalgamation is entitled to ask any other angler to show their permission to fish, and this should be shown without any disagreement. If you do this please have a colleague with you and do not put yourself into any confrontational situations.  
Advice from the Environment Agency is if you suspect poachers are committing an offence then ring them immediately on **0800 80 70 60 (freephone)** for official action.

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**ENVIRONMENT AGENCY MATCH RETURN CARDS.** Another decent sum this year after gaining maximum payment, despite a little anomaly with the address for returning the cards to. Did you know that matches fished on "Commercial" waters also count when sent in to the Agency, also that clubs who are not members of the Amalgamation can submit cards, thus keeping the Agency knowledgeable of how all waters are fishing? These cards can be obtained on application from their office in Coverdale House, Amy Johnson Way, Clifton Moor, York YO30 4UZ.

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**LAYBOURNE COMPLEX.** A notice is being put up showing all match bookings made up 1<sup>st</sup> April. This is for the information of all anglers. Please do not remove or deface it. Further additions will be advised through the New-sheets and the website.

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**BURN ROAD POND.** A recent inspection has taken place and the place is described as a 'shambles' with a great deal of "angler's litter" around the fishable pegs, cans, bottles, food containers, etc/. However, on the more pleasing side, four of the platforms have been replaced.

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