

York & District Amalgamation of Anglers.

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FISHERY MAINTENANCE. I have received adverse comment recently about the parlous state of some of our fisheries, namely Burn Road and Hemingbrough Ponds and the waters south of the City on both banks, resulting in the complainants saying they would not renew their membership if the situation did not improve. The latter venues may affect the current Winter League Series but in all cases when the members were asked if they would be prepared to put some hours in to help improve their venues apathy ruled and they declined any volunteer help. As the average age of your Committees is 63 years, (12 of the 21 over 60) it therefore becomes necessary for the general and fitter members of the Amalgamation to 'get down and dirty' to ensure the future continuation of access and availability of our fishing. The recent survey questionnaire resulted in a number of members stating that they would be prepared to engage in bankwork, but names have not been confirmed.

Your Amalgamation needs you!!!!

KIRKHAM/HOWSHAM BARNFIELD. The following report has been received from a member.--
*The footpath after the wood is quite muddy and treacherous and the footbridge has broken boards. For that reason NYCC have closed this path. The closure sign was not there upon arrival but when I left a notice had been posted to the gate at the entrance to the field. It will no doubt affect the many walkers but I would suggest that if one wishes to fish up to the first field there should be no problem. Whilst the footbridge is just passable, NYCC are covering themselves against anyone injuring themselves. -
Care should be taken when visiting these fisheries.*

A.G.M. POINTERS. Code of Behaviour Rule 13, amended, also add Rule 22. Constitution "Day Ticket Rule, Annual General Meeting, date, Membership Rule, (Permits, item 5, *please see amendments in 2017 book.* Subscription fees for 2017 agreed as follows :- **Adult £44.00, Disabled/Senior Citizen £27.00, Intermediate £22.00, Game permit £120.00, Park View Night Permit £30.00** (£10.00 for concessions, £10.00 administration fee for the first year).

2017 Y. D. A. Of A. Booklets/Cards are now available.

BENINGBROUGH ABOVE. A visit to the farmer enabled us to see a receipt for over £100 donated for parking on the 'concrete block' since the box was installed. This will not, of course, be solely from anglers, but from dog walkers, hikers, etc,. It was interesting to note that a certain amount of foreign coinage was donated, and whilst this is not to be encouraged, it will all go towards the Yorkshire Air Ambulance funds.

FORWARD PLANNING. The Trustees had a meeting before the last G. P. C. and presented several documents to that group for their consideration and reporting back. It is hoped that this will enable several proposed projects to be prioritised with consequential improvements to the fisheries.

As we are now coming into the festive season
may we wish you, your families and friends
a **Merry Christmas** and a
Happy and prosperous New Year.

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