

York & District Amalgamation of Anglers.

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MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR 2016. (SURVEY). Initial returns to the survey sheet (nearly 100 up to now) are throwing up some rather interesting results. However, to get a more detailed picture it would be appreciated if members could take the time to let us have their thoughts when answering the survey questions. Some comments may provide answers to the questions posed in the item below (Improve Your Fishing). The more detail we have will help in our deliberations when deciding where and what needs to be done with our fisheries. These are being sent out with the membership cards and details book up to the middle of February and may be posted back to us, or left at your local tackle shop.

DANGEROUS RIVER BANKS. Bailiffs visiting the waters have reported that following the recent floods several areas of banks have been undercut and are in danger of collapsing when walked upon, and all banks are subject to a later of mud, etc., which makes walking also hazardous. Areas reported up to now include the Donkey Woods, Fulford and Tockwith. Please remember fishing is not worth risking your life for.....

IMPROVE YOUR FISHING. One way to achieve this is to join a local club, to fish better waters and catch a better stamp of fish. Many Working Men's Clubs used to have a fishing section and a few still do. Some own or rent their own water, but if not, there is always the local Angling Association forming an 'umbrella' organisation over the local 'private' clubs. Feature in the competitive element (if so minded), then a decent day's pleasure can be gained with your mates, having a good day out and communicating with Nature. Sad to say we have lost a number of clubs in the Amalgamation over the last few years, and hopefully, this trend will cease, or even be reversed. At present only eight clubs are affiliated to YDA of A. On a more pleasant note the Waters Secretary advises that all club venue applications have now been allocated.

NIGHT/GAME PERMITS. These are in process of being revised, the new layouts being issued in due course.

PALACE INGS (aka WATER FULFORD). The Carstairs Trust has commenced various works on this area and a compound has been formed inside the gate. This is not to be used for parking, the usual parking arrangements along the grass verge to continue. Eventually, when all works have been completed it is hoped that a car parking area through the gate may be made available to anglers. Watch this space.

CANAL HEAD, POCKLINGTON. Following the recent floods the Canal & Rivers Trust has been inundated (no pun intended) with alleviation and repair works, and have advised us that the fish removed from the venue will not be replaced until a date in March. In the meantime, platforms there carry a note stating that there are no fish in the water at present. Anglers should avoid Canal Head until advised that the fish have been replaced.

LOSS OF OUTLETS. Sad to report the closure of two more tackle shops, Bulmer's of Monkgate/Lord Mayors Walk, and Hooks & Tackle on Huntington Road, the latter sadly due to the recent flooding of the area. Chas has indicated that he hopes to carry on his "hand built rod" business, so if anyone fancies getting themselves a purpose built rod, give him a ring, or, "www.burnsbuiltrods.co.uk"

LITTER. Once again, just a reminder to pick up, bag up and remove any litter that you may come across when getting to your selected peg, a 'tidy peg' is a 'safe peg'. Many thanks, gentlemen.

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