

York & District Amalgamation of Anglers.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS. Some members may find that they are unable to sign the 'signature strip' on the back of the plastic card. This has been taken up with the manufacturer and further supplies will have been amended so this problem is eradicated. In the meantime it is possible to sign the strip using a pen suitable for entering titles on compact or computer discs.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR 2016. (SURVEY). Initial returns to survey sheet 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. The more detail we have will help in our deliberations when deciding where and what needs to be done with our fisheries

FISH RESCUE. Again, the rivers are in flood conditions, for the last six weeks at least.....when they go down the flood plains will, no doubt, hold a great many stranded fish.....a call to the Environment Agency (0800 80 70 60) "free" will enable a fish rescue operation to take place. Clifton Ings, Palace Ings and the Donkey Woods are the usual places where fish get trapped. Look after your fish.

FISHERY MAINTENANCE. Once again, when the river banks become available to us (see previous item) they will, no doubt, need some 'tender loving care', as will the still waters that we have. The annual call for volunteers is therefore being made. The Committee recently discussed the formation of a 'working plan' to establish where and what needs doing and the need to prioritise the order of attention. Advice of the work schedule will be given in due course and contributions of many sets of 'willing hands' old be appreciated.

SAND HUTTON GRAVEL PITS. Reports have been coming in about the low water level in the main pit. We are aware of this, and understand there is a proposal for some works in the area. You can rest assured that your Committee is watching the situation closely and will take whatever action is necessary to protect the water.

SELLARS'S WATER. Unfortunately, this is still in abeyance awaiting a response from City of York Council to our offer on the revised rental agreement.

BURN ROAD POND. Again, another venue where commercial works are proposed. This also is known to your Committee and objections were placed before the appropriate District Council when it was originally proposed, and it is understood that these will still be valid under the resubmission of the plans.

LITTER/RUBBISH. With the rivers in such a high state of flooding, this may seem a bit of a silly time to talk about litter, but once they have gone down there will be a lot of stuff left behind. Obviously, big stuff (such as trees, polystyrene blocks, fridges, etc..) can't be dealt with by anglers, but smaller items (chip boxes, plastic bags and suchlike) should be removed and disposed in the correct way.

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