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## AGM 2020

The Annual General Meeting is to be held at The Royal British Legion Hall, White Hart Lane, Hawkwell on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 8.00pm.

The Agenda is as follows, Officers statements, Election of officers where all existing officers will be standing except for Paul Baker, who is vacating the position of Membership Secretary. He will be reverting to the general committee. All committee members are standing again and we have three nominations for vacant posts. We have a vacancy for the Membership Secretary's job, however as there haven't been any volunteers Michael Salmons will be doing the job for 2020. There are two amendments to existing rules and also three new rules to vote on. There will be an opportunity to have your say at the end of official business in our AOB slot.

We will be keeping our fees the same for 2020 so payment on the night would be accepted.

## Chairman's Statement

The club has had a very productive year with so many things that have been a benefit to the fishing, fish quality and infrastructure of the club, too many things to list in detail here, though we will go through a few, for the rest please come along to the club AGM on 21st January 2020. This is an important meeting for the club and its members, it is an opportunity for you to have input into what you want from the club and gives us the committee a chance to tell you of our plans.

First we would like to thank all those members that made donations to the Fish Fund, particularly the match men who have donated continually through the year, by donating winnings, raffles and donating fishing tackle etc. We have raised over £3000 in this last year since the start of the fund announced at the last AGM. All of this money has been spent on fish stocks for all our waters, we purchased a selection of fish including tench to 11lb, crucian carp, ide, chub, barbel, skimmer bream, bream to 5lb, common and mirror carp. In addition to purchasing fish, we have assisted in a number of nettings of other waters from which we have obtained more fish for stocking. We have also been promised several hundred tench for delivery this winter, which will be spread though all our waters. These stockings have given our waters a good selection of different fish something for everyone. So thank you all for your generosity over the last year.

Secondly we would like to thank the team of members that turn up week after week to keep our waters in pristine condition and have undertaken numerous projects over the last year on the clubs infrastructure. Without the dedication of these members we wouldn't have the facilities and beautiful waters we have. We are always wanting assistance from any member, so if you can spare a few hours please come and help us, just a few hours can make a difference and you will we are sure enjoy the banter and camaraderie with the rest of the team.

Here are a few of the major things that the team have achieved just in the last year:

- With the assistance of a generous grant from the Angling Trust we were able to complete the cormorant proofing of the small lake at Lambourne, by the erection of high level ropes, this was a mammoth task that took several hundred man days to complete
- Aeration system for both of the small lakes at Lambourne and Beauchamps, these systems have been a real success in keeping our oxygen levels high in both of these lakes, which help not only to keep our fish alive, but much healthier and active. These are a must as we introduce more fish. Plans are also in place to install these on the main lake at Beauchamps this spring.
- Construction of secure storage and covered area at Beauchamps
- Fresh water and disinfectant pumping on the toilets, separate fresh water tanks have been installed to flush the toilets. This may not seem a major project, but it is if you use the toilets in the summer, now it is a much better experience!
- Hand rails for safety along the steep banks at Lambourne for the safety of our members.
- Weed clearance of the main lake at Beauchamps, which involved several members chest deep in water and a lot of hard work. This will need to be a continuing exercise to keep the weed at bay.

In addition to these major items there was of course the normal activities of swim repairs, tree and hedging pruning and general maintenance, all of which takes many man hours.

A very good year for the club and we hope that all our members have enjoyed the enhanced fishing with good quality, more fish and species over the last year. We know from the match results and members fishing reports that catches this year have been very good.

With the fish stockings next year we expect it to be even better, so to all members have a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.