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A warm welcome to our new members and returning existing members for this new season. We remind all members new and old of our basic fishery rules.

Barbless hooks only, no braided line under any circumstances, maximum breaking strain of 8lbs, no fixed bolt rigs except for Guru X Safe rigs, no fish over 2lbs to be kept in keep nets except in matches (special rules apply) and not nuts or beans as bait. We have found banned tackle at our fisheries and as a consequence, tackle checks will be made and if the rules have been broken your membership may be terminated.

Work Parties

The dates for this year's work parties are as follows:-

Lambourne 22nd and 29th March 8.00am to 12.00 noon

Beauchamps 5th April and 19th April 8.00am to 12.00 noon

We have a lot of work to be done and work parties help to keep our waters fishable, so your help would be appreciated. If you cannot perform your work parties the fines for one missed is £10 and for two missed is £30. To assist with your renewal would you please send your fines with your renewal fees as this will ensure you get your new membership book.

Fishery News

February marked the 15th anniversary of the start of the construction of our Beauchamps Fishery in Shopland Road. Below are photographs of the field that it used to be, during construction and as it is now. A lot of work has gone in over the years by our members and all should be proud of what has been created from an unused field to both a great fishery and environmental "paradise". A big thank you to all members, past and present who have helped over the years to achieve and construct our own fisheries.

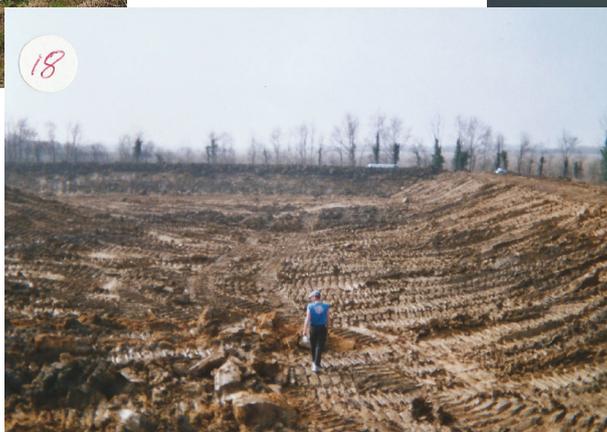


We have all been complaining about the recent amount of rain we have been having, although for the club it now means that Beauchamps lake is on the way to being full which sets us up well if we have another dry summer. To



assist in this we have been removing some more willow trees, as a mature tree they can drink over 150 gallons per day. However, we will be replacing them with more appropriate plants as and when finances enable us to purchase them.

Fishing this winter on the whole has been very good on all our



waters and as an example the last match at Beauchamps on 20th February, on a wet and windy day, was won with 18lbs of good quality fish.

Message from the Chairman

Firstly I would like to thank all the members who attended the AGM in January; the present committee was re elected with two new members Ken Ives and Martyn Thompson joining our ranks. Mike Salmons takes over membership duties within his Secretary role. This was an informative evening, with the committee getting feedback on how the club is performing.

We were able to keep membership fees stable for another season with no increase. Fees are now due and it would be appreciated if you would pay them promptly. Renewal forms can be found on line at www.poas.co.uk. The fees are: Full membership £60, aged 65 with 5 years membership £45 (joined before 2018) and junior £5



Thanks to all those members who have donated money to our fish fund last year and also to the members of our match team who donated their winnings and profits of match day raffles. The club raised over £3000 for the fish fund, which was all spent on fish stocking at our fisheries. We are again continuing with the fish fund this year, so any

small donations would be most welcome, as would any surplus fishing tackle which we could re-sell would be much appreciated.

Below are details of the fish stocking we supplied to our fisheries from this money.



Lambourne – good quality carp, tench and silvers

Beauchamps – Ide, chub, tench, barbel and bream, including some bream to 5lbs and tench to 1lb

We did not buy all the fish supplied, the club also assisted in the netting of a number of waters and we were rewarded for our help with fish. We were also given some lovely

tench from the EA, in the region of 750 in number and distributed between our two fisheries. We now have good contacts with the EA and other clubs and we could be in with a good chance of receiving more fish in the future.



**COME ALONG TO OUR
OPEN DAY**

The Club is holding a club open day at our Beauchamps fishery on 25th May 2020. The money raised is to be donated to two charities, Havens and the Cancer wards at Southend Hospital. Further information will be released as it comes in with respect to trade and information stands. Food and refreshments will be available.

If you have any fishing tackle that is surplus to requirements that you could donate for re-sale that would be appreciated as would other forms of donations to our raffle on the day.