



*Strong in the arm....
Weak in the head...*



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-----Important Information!! Read And Comply!!!-----



The Environment Agency

Following our recent contacts with the environment agency we have been given confirmation of a new virus that is infecting the East Anglian fishing waters! This includes rivers and also private fishing lakes. The disease is known commonly as Koi Carp Herpes, and can affect all types of species of carp, but once it is confirmed within a certain area of water the results and treatment techniques are quite severe, the main treatment being a mass cull of all fish, not just those infected, a complete drain of the lake infected, and a re-liming of the base over 2-3 years. This could cause our lake to close for 4 – 5 years. The most recent confirmation has been out towards Earith, around the fenland fisheries area. We are not sure what waters are infected at this time but WE DO NOT WANT IT IN OURS!!!!

Due to this we are taking extreme measures to protect the water and the fish within our lake. We will shortly, if not already, set up dip tanks which will be located within the car park and also by the gravel bank, of which all tackle and equipment, nets, mats, waders and waterproofs must be disinfected before and after use. We also ask that member stick to a one fish location at this time, only Hamptons or not at all! Once again we do not want this to affect our lake and we would hate to see this become a widespread national problem. Thank you for your help in this matter.



R.I.P. Benson

As some of you may already know the world famous 64lb common carp known to many by the name of Benson was sadly found dead a few weeks ago. It is believed that she was about 35 years old, and thousands of anglers would flock each year in hope of catching her. Although old age may be the most common reason for her death, peanuts and almonds were found by the lake where her body was found, and as these in their raw state can be poisonous for carp it is unsure of the true cause. An investigation is ongoing.

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Match List

There are currently four matches penned in for this year:

Date	Description	Times
12th June	Open Night Match	7pm Draw – 8:30 start
18th July	Hamptons Cup	7am Draw – 7:30 start
22nd Aug	Gudgeon Match	7.45 - 8 start
19th Dec	Fur & Feather	8:30 Draw

The next match for this season is the good ol' gudgeon match. This usually consists of standing in the river with top sections of rods and loose line, fishing between your toes with a maggot the same size as the fish. This year is no exception. Many of the members fishing in this match are meeting at Fenstanton clock tower at 7.30 and making their way down to dead man's bend for a start at 8. For other members it's just a way to find out where our river actually is. For more information contact Adam or Daniel, or for match advice contact Les or Billy.



Hamptons Cup Result

I think the bad weather the night before put a few people off the Hamptons cup this year but with the people who turned up, there was plenty of fish coming out. Simon put up a good effort but came 5th with a mixed bag. Adam, Pies, came 4th with a bag of Rudd and roach some good sized ones, 3rd with another good bag of bits was G I Joe himself, Parker down in the wooded corner. In 2nd place was the chairman Dan with a good 5lbs Tench and a small Bream, with a mixed bag to make it up to a total of 8 1/2 lbs. But in 1st place with a total of 16lbs was Malcolm with a big 9lbs bream, a Tench and some other nice silver fish. A good days fishing was had by all, hopefully bigger turn out for the future matches.

The trophy will be back on display soon in The George.



Loz's Pet Cat

I think I'll let the photo speak for itself for this one!!!

As you can see Loz has triumphed again, this time with one of the big cats, at last hey Loz!! Many have tried, but few have been caught and Loz has put in many hours waiting for his catch of the year, and I think it's finally paid off. Loz managed to pull out a 35lb 6oz catfish, using a nice premium cut of mackerel. As you can see by the picture Loz is very excited at finally, pulling this monster out, but hey... wouldn't we all be??? So there you have it... i told you they are in there!!!!



Sea Fishing Trip

Sun, sea a big boat, 8 men with fishing rods and beer what more could you ask for???

Mackerel, Tope, Bass maybe....

Well we struggled but eventually managed to pull up some mackerel which set the day off nicely. But unfortunately that was about our lot, apart from the illustrious sea creatures so rare to the human eye that catching one is a near impossible task. What were they I hear you cry, well they are usually a yellowish colour and from reports have the slowest take ever... Yes you've guessed it the starfish. People have tried for hours but with no luck so it was a great surprise that we managed to get 5!!

It was agreed that the day was a great success, not only were we on a very nice boat fishing in the middle of the wash, but the skipper threw us a buffet style lunch at the mackerel/Tope fish interval. This just gave the fishing experience an extra special twist to an already great day for all, especially Les who has finally managed to find out what catching a fish is all about.

As promised there has been a follow up trip booked for the 21st November. This will be sailing from Lowestoft and fishing for catch keep cod. For more details and cost contact Les Millross, email at bottom of page.



Hey Litter Bug

It has come to the attention of the committee once more that there must be tramps living within our lake, either that or we have anglers whose houses do not have rubbish bins. There are no resources for rubbish collection down the lake at present, and shall not be for the foreseeable future as we do not want litter building up down there. This being said we would ask that all members take their litter home at the end of their session, this means all the way not just into the car park.



A Pigs Life

As some of you may have heard or seen our little friends of whom we had come to love and look after, sometimes talk too, and for some members of the club some of those more intimate moments, have sadly gone to little piggy heaven. I'm sure they will be missed. This means that the paddock remains empty at the present time, but unfortunately we will not be able to access the rear of the lake and the beach end with vehicles at this time, as the pen is being readied for next year's handsome little devils. It will however be used during match days only.



Committee Meetings

The next committee meeting is to be held at The George at 7:30pm on the 1st September 2009. Any point you wish to put forward to the committee, or just show your face then all are welcome.