

News from the Chairman: March 2018

Members shall shortly be receiving the Club's latest Newsletter summarising what was said and agreed at this year's AGM but following the monthly Committee meetings I shall be posting brief news reports here to bring you up to date with what is happening at the Club.

At the AGM member Liam Ogden kindly "volunteered" to look at the website and advise on ways in which it could be improved. I'm not sure if Liam fully appreciated what he was taking on! However I am pleased to say that he has taken this on board and will be developing and managing the website from here on in. I am further pleased to say that Liam has agreed to join the Committee and I'm sure that "Club Website" will be a regular item on future agendas!

Many improvements have already been made but it is very much work in progress and we still have a long way to go to get the quality of website I feel is needed to best promote the Club and the fishing it has to offer.

I believe it is important for the website to look fresh and be up to date. Hence there will be a Club News section in which my monthly news reports will appear but I want members to contribute as well. It will not be a running forum of comments (such as you may get on Facebook or Twitter) but more of a magazine format for members to submit articles and news worthy items.

So if you have had any particularly good days fishing or wish to divulge what flies have been successful or want to comment generally on the fishing or anything else Club related and wish to share this with other members, then please submit what you want to say by email to Liam at liam.ogden@icloud.com . If suitable for publication (!!) then Liam will upload your article to the website's Club News and if articles are accompanied by photographs, then so much the better.

After a couple of months or so items will be archived (but still be accessible) in order to keep the Club News page up to date. So please help in making the website one of which the Club can be proud.

Turning to other matters the new season is upon us. Due to the recent bad weather our fish suppliers have a backlog of deliveries to catch up with and therefore the initial stocking of the reservoirs will be a little later than usual this year. Rest assured that stocking will take place at the earliest opportunity.

Members who attended the AGM will know that there was debate about the use of guest tickets. To help monitor and ensure the proper use of Guest Tickets the Committee has resolved that from now on members taking a guest must first, by telephone, "book on" their guest with the head bailiff for the water concerned. For Churnclough this is Carl Ainsworth (Tel 07834 077874) and for Laneshaw, Bob Pearce (Tel 07761 376012). Treasurer, Richard Benson, will no longer be taking bookings for guests and I would ask that you amend the details in your 2018 Membership Cards accordingly. Please note that ALL GUESTS MUST BE BOOKED ON before fishing; this applies to both those using your "free tickets" and those on the half price day tickets.

Tight lines in 2018.

Paul West Chairman, Colne Water Angling Club