

York & District Amalgamation of Anglers.



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CLOSURE OF THE "DONKEY WOODS" SECTION. As reported in the last Newsheet, for safety of our member's reasons this water will remain closed until further notice, but the closure will be kept under constant review, with regular inspections.

LAYBOURNE LAKES. It has been agreed that complex will be closed to fishing on Mondays from 1st May to the 30th September. This is to benefit the fish (No.1 on the Objects of the Amalgamation), and will also give a period of time when essential maintenance of the area may be carried out.

HOWSHAM (OPPOSITE THE HALL). Once again, the length of the river from the bottom of the field opposite the Hall, downstream to the weir, is now a "Private Fishery" and all York members are prohibited from fishing there. It is understood that the YDAA 'board' at the roadside stile has been suitably amended. A further noticeboard is to be placed at the bankside showing the water available for fishing, with an arrow pointing upstream. We have been informed that the golf course is now no longer in use, therefore any reference to it must be discounted when information about the water is given.

POPPLETON (MOATFIELD & SELLARS'S). Notice has been given that the parking arrangements for this water are being abused. Details of parking for the venue are shown on page 31 of the Year Book. Continued unauthorised parking, may lose us the water..... please park pretty.

CHRISTMAS CHEER MATCH. The match committee, organisers and the club were rather disappointed by the low number of anglers returning to the club after the match for the prize event, especially after all the effort put in. Whilst it is appreciated that a good number of members come from fairly far away, and they may consider that the prizes are of less consideration than getting home in good weather conditions, it nevertheless remains that a large number of prizes were not claimed. They may like to know that perishable goods have been donated to the Salvation Army for their Christmas promotions for the needy, and the other prizes were the subject of a raffle at the Animals Hospitals Cup match. (Match and Competition Rule 10 applies, Committee discretion).

YEAR BOOK 2009. After final 'proof reading' this was returned to the printers on Monday 1st December, therefore it should be available in the usual outlets before Christmas. Christmas presents perhaps?

FISH PROTECTION. We are again coming to the period in the year when weather conditions may result in flooding over the areas of flood plain. Locally these are Poppleton Ings, downstream of Skelton railway bridge, Clifton, Fulford and Palace Ings. When floods recede, fish may become 'trapped' on the flood plains, and as a result die, or provide fodder for seagulls, etc.. A call to the Environment Agency on **0800 80 70 60** should prompt an immediate response for a rescue operation. Look after the fish..... look after your fishing.

SEASONAL GREETINGS. As is customary at this time, may I, on behalf of the Officers and Committees of York Amalgamation, offer all members, sales agencies and readers, your families and friends, very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2009. May your fishing produce much pleasure, personal bests and possibly financial rewards.

