

York & District Amalgamation of Anglers.

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STAN TOMLINSON. It is with some sadness that we must record the passing of our Vice-President. Stan died peacefully in hospital on 30th April, having being admitted on 8th March. A staunch supporter of York Amalgamation, in many official positions, for more years than we care to remember, he had reached the grand old age of 91, and his wisdom and wit will be sorely missed..

THE "PRESS" COMMUNIGATE WEBSITE. Over the past few weeks certain correspondents on the YDAA 'message board' section have been using terms which are found to be insulting, offensive and in some cases obscene. If the discourse continues in this vein, then there is a strong possibility that the "Press" may take it upon themselves' to close down the 'message board' service, which would not only be a loss to the Amalgamation, but also to those who wish air their views in a sensible manner. Correspondents are therefore requested to keep their comments in such a moderated language, so as to continue what has, so far, been an informative site.

LAYBOURNE LAKES. Those of you who have visited this complex recently will have seen the start of improvements to the water quality – further improvements are to be undertaken, despite the water depth being a little more than anticipated for the time of year, especially down the left hand side and the end of the island.

PARK VIEW LAKE. An amount of work has taken place here regarding the entry, and footpath access round the lake. Further improvements are scheduled for the platforms when the material arrives.

RED HOUSE LAGOON. With the assistance of Yorkshire Water, a wider path has now been created through the tree from the car park, and the fence has been raised by one bar to allow the passage of barrows, wheels, etc., but there is still the 'flight of steps' to get over. It is hoped that stile may be placed adjacent to these steps. Further improvements to the access to here and the riverside are anticipated.

LITTER. There is still evidence of litter on many of our waters, despite regular requests for this to be taken home and disposed of. It is appreciated that the vast majority of it is not deposited by anglers, but is carried downstream by the river, having just been 'dumped' by the general public. However, as it is seen on the river banks, the public then just puts the blame at the door of the angler. This is a 'nimby' case, perpetuated by the 'out of sight, out of mind' culture created by the present "throw away" society.

VETERANS MATCHES. These are held on Wednesdays, usually the second Wednesday of the month, with additional other Wednesdays. Anglers are asked to respect the "older generation", and not fish Marley Pool on these dates, as the 'senior citizens' do not meet until 12 noon. Dates of the matches can be found in the Year Book, on the "Communigate" website and in the "Press". 'Veterans' should be over 60 on the day of the match, tickets may be obtained from Terry Pinder.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT. A number of anglers have indicated that they would be prepared to give assistance in bank works and improvements, via the 'website'. It would be appreciated if Mr Dinkel would let us have his address, if not e-mail address, so that he may be contacted regarding future work parties.
