

R&DAA

INFORMATION SHEET

APRIL 2020

CORONA-VIRUS

With all of our venues closed due to the Governments ruling we can only stay at home and keep safe. The three week lockdown will be reviewed in April and we must wait to see what happens then. We am not going to try and speculate on the future but we don't expect much good news at that stage..

We are still bailiffing our venues especially with a view to fish theft and our bailiffs are using their exercise period to do this. We have removed one permit from a member who decided to fish Farnham Flint during the lockdown..

AGM

The AGM was called off due to the Corona-Virus situation and will be rescheduled for some time in the future

VOLUNTEERS

We have not moved any further forward with either the Friday Drop-in Club or the weekend work parties. As soon as this ban is over we will be looking to get these going

.2020-21 PERMITS

Hopefully we will be back fishing in time for the start of the new season. Permit prices will see no change from the 2019-20 season with Senior Permit at £75.00 (£80.00 online), OAP/RDP £55.00 (£60.00 online) and new Junior permits at £5.00 (under 12) and £10.00 (12-17). You will be allowed to take a partner at no charge as long as you share the same swim .Clubs requiring permits please contact me. Permits will be available from mid May online and in tackle shops.

SHARED WATERS

We should have an agreement in place for the start of the new season with Jolly Anglers for the sharing of their water on the Thames at Wallingford with our water at Wallingford and our Northmoor venue. This will give us 4 miles of the Thames at Wallingford and the ability in the future to hold Association matches.

WHISTLEY MILL

We had planned to get a contractor into Whistley Mill to clear some of the fallen trees currently in the Loddon, as well as re-grading the access track. Obviously, this has had to be put back, again due to water levels. We were hoping to get this re-scheduled as soon as the water levels dropped but we will have to wait.as the bird nesting season will then stop us.

LOWER BENYONS

A serious bank collapse is located immediately below the fish pass at Lower Benyons. The bank erosion was initially caused by the sheet piling which forms part of the pass. Unfortunately, a fallen tree on the opposite bank has also spun around in the extra flow, causing water to be pushed toward the already eroding bank, which has then accelerated the erosion, to the point at which the bank has started to collapse. We have had a number of meetings with both the EA and the land owner (our landlord), where I have offered our help, in collaboration with both parties, to carry out a temporary fix. While this isn't strictly an RDAA issue, we feel as an act of 'good will' we should help out where possible.

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One rather upsetting issue we have had to deal with, was the river bursting its banks and flowing directly into the ponds housing our year one/two and three Roach, at the Roach project. At one point the water was so high within the hatchery, one of the tanks was floating around! The ponds are netted off, so we are hoping to have retained some of the larger fish. Again, once the water levels drop, we will get a clearer picture. The floodwater unfortunately wasn't the only issue at the Roach project, persons unknown, decided to steal our tractor and chipper amongst other things. In doing so, they ripped out all of the solar gear and batteries, which is used to power the pumps and aerators. This resulted in a large proportion of last year's fry dying which were housed in the tanks. So, all in all, it's not been a good start to the year!!

FISH STOCKING

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We have recently taken delivery of more 1lb-2lb carp for Willmotts, this time from VS Fisheries. This takes the total stocked into the pool well over two thousand. We are still waiting for the 750 Tench and 800 Crucian carp from the EA for Callows pool. These fish were due last month, but I think the EA have been a little stretched recently

Please remember Keep safe and stay at home.