

# **R&DAA**

## **INFORMATION SHEET**

### **JANUARY 2021**

#### **DOUGIE WILLIAMS**

We have learned that Dougie a former E.C. member has passed away at his home in Wales. He had made the grand old age of 99. We offer our condolences to Dougie's family.

#### **VIRTUAL MEETING**

We used the online Zoom facility to hold our December E.C. meeting and it proved to be a very successful

#### **AGM**

I am proposing that we use the online method of meeting for the AGM which I am hoping to hold on Monday March 15<sup>th</sup>.2021. As last years AGM was cancelled due to Covid lockdown and that there is still every chance that meetings will not be allowed in March so at least an online meeting would go ahead. I will keep you updated as to how we will do this when I have figured it out myself.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Permit sales have tailed of now as expected but we still have had our best season for many years. Keeping these new members for next season will prove to be very hard but if we can keep at least half then we will have done well.

#### **RIVER KENNET AND CANAL REPORT**

Martin Kent has carried out a study on the effects the closure of the Canal for boat usage during lockdown with regard to turbidity. This report will be used in our quest to get the proper River Kennet back. I would like to thank Martin for all of his hard work and an excellent finished document

#### **NIGHT PERMITS**

We have stopped the sale of Gold and Silver permits for the rest of the current season due to high sales that threatened to overwhelm our lakes. The structure and the way we sell these permits will be altered for the new season and these will go on sale with the General Permit in mid May.

#### **FISHERIES OFFICERS REPORT**

##### **DEPUTY FISHERIES OFFICER**

Jamie is settling in now proving to be the asset I hoped he would be. He has now taken over the responsibility of the volunteer working parties and is doing a great job.

#### **VEGETATION**

Cottage Lane Lakes venue is seeing a little attention with regards to clearing some of the trees that are overhanging or actually in the water. This work will continue utilising volunteers on an 'as and when' fashion over the winter months.

Wyles has seen some similar work, with a number of problematic trees removed from the righthand corner of the lake.

On the subject of trees, I received an email from one of our neighbours at Pingewood Lagoon, expressing concerns about a number of large trees on our bank, adjacent to their property. After calling in a favour, I had the trees visually surveyed by Englefield Estates 'woodsman'. He unfortunately confirmed that they were of concern. I have since instructed our tree surgeon to carry out work to remove them. Work will be carried out between the 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> of December

Canals & Rivers Trust are up to their usual tricks in regards to bankside clearance, despite us having an agreement as to the extent of their work to the 'offside' they have chosen to ignore it. I have placed a complaint regarding the work on Burghfield carried out by their contractors. (update today, Friday 11th I have sent a further complaint regarding work on Calcot.

## **CALLOWS & WILLMOTTS POOLS**

These venues are starting to get a good reputation and the hut is starting to gain a reputation as a good place to visit and we are seeing a lot of new members and returning members off the back of it.

## **TIME LIMITS**

On the big Carp lakes, Pingewood, Englefield, Flint and Whistley we have seen a huge increase of anglers, so much so, I have implemented a 72hrs on, 48hrs off rule. This will be enforced until the end of the current season.

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