



KINGFISHER NEWS

JANUARY 2023

MR REG BUTCHER, B.E.M.

We have great pleasure in passing on the news of the award of the British Empire Medal to our President, Mr Reg Butcher.

In 1972, Reg introduced the Thames Estuary Research Experiment. At this time the River Thames had suffered many years of constant pollution and aquatic life was virtually non-existent. Reg set up an annual match with the object of monitoring the changes in fish life in the river.



REG RECEIVES HIS MEDAL FROM THE LORD-LIEUTENANT OF KENT, THE LADY COLGRAIN.

This popular annual event has continued ever since and has provided valuable information for those organisations that are tasked with the restoration of our rivers. Reg was also heading up the then thriving, Sea Section of Kingfisher APS. Sadly, this section is no longer in existence but Reg continues to support the society as committee member and President.

CONGRATULATIONS!

MEMBERSHIP CHARGES FOR 2023/24

The following charges will be applicable from 1st April 2023, when current coarse fishing memberships expire.

<u>Membership</u>	
Adult membership	£95
OAPs, Juniors, Ladies	£47
OAP rates apply only to members who are in receipt of State Retirement Pension on 1 st June 2023. Juniors must be under 18 on 1 st June 2023.	
Family members*	£23
Family members are defined as Wives or Children (under 18 on 1 st June 2022) of full adult members.	

<u>Night Fishing Permits for Paddlesworth and Hoo:</u>	
Adult	£70
OAP, Junior, Ladies	£35
Family members	£17

<u>Third Rod Permit</u>	
Valid only on Pollard Lake, Rugby Lake and Hoo, Heaton Lake.....	
	£35

Guest Tickets	£10
(Suppliers listed on your membership card)	

Replacement key deposit	£20
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Annual subscriptions must be received by 15th May 2023. It is permissible to add your 3rd Rod and Night Fishing options at a later date.

Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to ‘Kingfisher APS’.

Details of renewals are given on the ‘MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CARD’ section of your membership card.

***- Each season, we are asked to add family members to a current membership. We are unable to do this as family members, as well as Accompanied Young Anglers, are only enrolled from the waiting list. WAITING LIST AT THE TIME OF WRITING – 692 APPLICANTS**

PADDLESWORTH WORK PARTY WEEKEND

The dates for the work party weekend for 2023 are

3p.m. Friday 19th May – 3p.m. Sunday 21st May

Please keep an eye on the Paddlesworth notice board for more information. The venue will be closed for fishing on this weekend except for volunteers at the work party who will be able to fish overnight. Come along and give a hand on one or both days and meet some of the other members. We are arranging for another barbeque.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2023 Annual General Meeting will be held at The Inn on the Lake Hotel Watling Street, Shorne, Gravesend, DA12 3HB, on Thursday 18th May at 8 pm. Agendas will be posted to members prior to the meeting

SOCIETY KEYS AND LOCKS

We have recently experienced a spate of incidents involving the failure of society locks. A number of these were caused by the member rather than by a fault in the lock. In several cases the key had been damaged and it was this damage that caused the problem.

A key that has been even slightly bent can become stuck in the lock.

A further problem has been experienced where lubricant unsuitable for the lock has resulted in the lock failing. The lubricant needed is silicon based, unlike many household products.

Please help us to avoid these problems – Calling out a locksmith is an expensive business!

SOCIETY WEBSITE

Terry Willett, our website manager experienced some problems with the kapscoarse website during 2022. The site is now up and running again and is the easiest way for society info to be passed to members. The latest post (Dec 2022) was a Health and Safety issue:

Due to a recent tragic incident we want to remind everyone who is bivvying-up this winter to stay safe.

Heaters, stoves and Barbecues are dangerous inside a bivvy. There are lots of other ways to keep warm. Use a hot water bottle, a winter-rated sleeping bag, good thermal and waterproof clothing, boots and socks.

Plenty of hot drinks and food should keep us all warm and angling safely over the winter months.

FURTHER STOCKING AT PADDLESWORTH

October saw another stocking of C4 and C5 Carp at Paddlesworth. 30 fish from VS Fisheries were stocked with 3 going into the Pads Lake, 7 to the Rugby Lake and the remaining 20 to the Pollard Lake.

The fished weighed between 12 and 18lbs.

