

DECEMBER NEWS SHEET

We wish all BDAC members a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year from your President, Chairman and Committee.

Money raised from the three carp competitions and both of the Adult match sections raised the marvellous sum of £1682 in the 2009 season. This money was split between the Club's sponsored charities as follows:-

£600 to Essex Air Ambulance	£200 to Little Havens Children's Hospice
£178 to Hopefield Animal Sanctuary	£176 to Cancer Research UK
£176 to Royal National Institute for the Blind	£176 Glebe Infant School and Unit for the Hearing Impaired

£176 to Walter Boyce Centre for adults with learning disabilities

Letters of thanks have been received from all these charities thanking the Club for the donations. Well done to all our match anglers who have proved so generous

RECORD MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009/10

The Club had the highest membership figures ever for 2009/10.

Ordinary members	2375	Lady Associates	702	Intermediates	39
Juniors	635	OAPs	1120		

This makes a grand total of 4871 members.

2011 PROPOSED FISHERY IMPROVEMENTS

Shaun Mahoney, the Fishery Liaison Officer, has identified the following works to be done in the new season. This year priority will be given to Straits Mill, Braintree as a lot of work is required on this Club owned water to open up a lot more swims.

Southminster - widening of sewage bank path on Pit 1, widening of the path at far end of Pit 6 and shoring up of banks with gravel boards. A new abstraction point to be constructed.

Straits Mill - clearing of trees around the small lake, reinstatement of swims on small lake and dead tree removal on both lakes. The re-negotiation of a grass cutting contract to keep the small vegetation down all year round.

Asheldham - reinstate swim in the meadow and removal of some lilies.

Windmill Lakes - construction of new wooden bridge between Old Island and Long Lakes, replacement of some platforms on Field and Swan Lakes and the purchase of a small container for storage.

Hicks Farm - extension of the car park.

Bicknacre - purchase of a small container for storage and provision of a strimmer.

Armigers - tree removal, steps to platforms and rebuilding of ground around swims.

Stocking - a budget for stocking of fish possibly at Parsonage Farm and Thoby Wood.

Contingency - budget for new platforms and swims if deemed necessary plus mileage costs and unseen materials bills.

All this comes to a grand total of £25000 allocated for 2011.

Some of this work will have to be done during the fishing season and the Committee apologises in advance if this causes any inconvenience to members.

There have been reports of bad fish handling by members fishing for pike at Straits Mill. If you want to fish for pike get someone that has the experience to show you how to handle them then it's quite simple and safe. IF YOU ARE SCARED OF THE FISH DON'T FISH FOR THEM Some excellent advice and instructions can be gained by going to the PAC website www.pacgb.co.uk and look at the fishing tips.