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## **MARCH NEWSLETTER 1996**

Dear Member

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Hopefully this newsletter will reach you in time to remind you that Peter O' Reilly will be coming to talk to us on Tuesday March 12th about fishing in Ireland which should prove to be interesting particularly to those members who have been on fishing holidays in Ireland. His visit is being paid for by the Irish Tourist Board so it would be encouraging to see it well supported by our members.

The new season is only a few weeks away and I'm sure that you've all been busy tying flies with boobies and tadpoles at the top of everyone's list, I expect people will also have been changing rods, reels and lines, one or two people have even changed wives!. The first consignment of stockfish went in last Thursday and will be followed by several more deliveries before the start of the season although this year John Marshall is intending to stock more fish later in the spring to reduce the number lost to cormorants and limit the excessive number of fish taken in the opening fortnight so hopefully there will be more consistent fishing through the season. At the excellent talk on taxidermy by Chris Elliot John Marshall made known his stocking plans for the coming season, this year there going to 132,000 trout stocked of which 7,000 will be brown trout and 25,000 of these fish will 2lb+. The 4 Water season ticket price remains unchanged at £499 and represents excellent value for anyone able to fish a lot and I think that quite a few will switch from the Rutland only season ticket now at £449, I have included a 1996 price list with the newsletter which I hope that you find useful.

Following the resignation of Sean Cutting as Competition Secretary a lot of his organisational responsibilities have been reallocated. John Maitland has taken on the role of organiser for the Major Clubs series of matches and I have included information about this in the newsletter together with an entrance form, there are 26 places available in the 5 match series and it would good to see as many participants as possible this year. The two bank matches organised by the club have been scheduled in April and May hopefully to provide plenty of fish and so that weed is not a problem, to enter all you have to do is sign up at the Lodge between 8am and 10 am in the morning. The two Oliver Cup matches are being coordinated by Richard Hearth and entrance forms will be sent out in late April, the Hanby Cup is being organised by Graham Pearson and Stuart Illsley (I have included details and entrance form), the Roger Thom match is to be run by Roger McCarthy again an entrance form for the boat match will be sent out in the next newsletter, the bank leg is on May 6 Bank Holiday Monday. As usual the Loch Style competition will be run by Vic Winterton and Mike Ellis and members are responsible for booking their own boats. Finally the Pro Am match which was a great success last year will be run by Brian Thomas and he will be contacting the large number of successful competition anglers in the Club for their cooperation in this event. This year there is to be a bit of variety in terms of venues, following the Grafham revival the second Oliver Cup match will be held there on July 14th and the boat leg of the Roger Thom match is to be held at Pitsford.

I missed the Taff Price talk although I'm told that it was well supported and there were lots of photographs of vicious looking Tigerfish. The cookery evening was not as well supported as last year although it was still a successful event and members will now know what to do with all those trout. For me the most interesting talk so far this year was that by Chris Elliot who gave us an insight into the work of a taxidermist and also provided us all with some very amusing anecdotes and tales of his exploits in what is an unusual job, remember never put a mole in the microwave and if your tax disc has run out to avoid prosecution simply get hold of a dead baby giraffe and lioness and stick them on your back seat.

The Leicester Show takes place at the Granby Halls on Friday 15th March and is usually worth a visit , it is as much a social occasion as a shopping expedition and I always seem to spend most of the evening renewing acquaintances with Rutland regulars

Graham Pearson is once again organising the Thames Water Shield which is to be held at Farmoor 2 on Saturday May 4th to raise funds for the England Youth Team ,if any young Club members who are interested in fishing in the England Youth National Championships it is to be held at Grafham on July 20th. For more details on either of these two events contact Graham Pearson , 30 Uppingham Road, Houghton on the Hill, Leics. LE7 9HH Tel 0116 2412797

I am reliably informed that the cormorant population at Rutland has declined, why this is no one is sure although some would say its because they've eaten most of the food in the reservoir. There is really not a lot else to say at the moment but once the season starts then please let me know of any big fish, new killing flies or amusing tales

John Harrison is to retire as treasurer at the end of this year and we are still hunting a replacement, it is also likely that two new Committee members will be needed so if you would like to get involved then please speak to one of the Committee.

Paul Wild  
Secretary