

# COFTON LAKE CONSERVATION LTD

## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017



Dear Member,

As a busy year. Maintenance work has been carried out around the lake and as always we must thank the Fishing Club for the work they have carried out. Special thanks to Tim who organized the working parties and thanks to the night fisher men who turned up to help with the maintenance of the pathways. Sadly very few members of Cofton Lake Conservation Ltd turned up. Dates for working parties around the lake are always posted on our website and will be announced at the AGM.

A few of the directors inspected the proposed extension of the pathway from the boardwalk along the rear of the houses on the Barnt Green Road. Due to the fact that this area is so wet a boardwalk would have to be erected along most of it which would be costly. As this would not benefit the fishing club and only a handful of members would use it, it was decided not to proceed with this project in the near future.

Irene Barclay had received a quote for duck floats. 1.2m sq complete with anchor fixing points and 50 m rope, landing platform and tethering kit fully assembled at a cost of £197.50. To be discussed at AGM.

A bench was installed near to the boathouse in memory of Richard James who was a member of the fishing club and worked on the maintenance days and sadly passed away in February.

A meeting was held at Bittell Reservoir in December for the Bittell Reservoirs Diffuse Catchment Management Committee. This meeting is held annually and hosted by members of Barnt Green Waters. Three of our directors/committee members attended. Also in attendance were representatives from St Modwen, Canal and River Trust, Environment Agency, Natural England, National Trust, Bromsgrove District Council and Barnt Green Parish Council. Bittell reservoir is having the same problems with valves and pipes that we at Cofton had some years back and has had to be drained and the fish netted. Work seems to be going to plan and hopefully completed sometime next year and the fish returned. High levels of phosphate had been recorded and a lengthy discussion took place as to its source. Water samples had been taken from various sections of incoming water and investigations are continuing. Representatives from Bittell had reported success in reducing the amount of Himalayan Balsam from the banks. Cattle had been put to

graze and the Himalayan Balsam had been massively reduced! There's room for thought for Cofton!

CLCL had been contacted by a local resident who claims the little pool leading from cofton lake had high volumes of silt and this was affecting the wildlife. This was reported to the Environment Agency who were going to look into it. This pool is owned by St Modwens and is on their land.

Please note the gate number on the lock will change as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

We would again point out that this number should not be passed on to friends and neighbours. They are only allowed in the lake area accompanied by a fully paid up shareholder.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - THE AGM WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018**

To be held at Generous George - at the island at the top of Groveley Lane in their conference room at 4.00 pm. Please do try and attend.

We would like to thank Rob McCulloch who is acting as our accountant, Simon Munn who looks after our website and of course the committee. Thank you all for your continued support and we all wish you a Merry Christmas and Healthy and Happy New Year.

Diane Carr - Chairman  
Cofton Lake Conservation Ltd  
December 2017

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Annual subscription is £12 but the Committee would like to thank all members who pay more - they can be assured that this money is put to good use.

Name.....

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Subs to be in by end Jan. Cheques made out to Cofton Lake Conservation Ltd and sent either to Sue Garvey 58 Ashmead Drive Cofton Hackett B45 8AB or the registered office 19 Cofton Lake Road, Cofton Hackett, B45 8PL or direct into our bank sort code 30-96-12 - a/c number 53186960

According to the Memorandum and Articles of Association the subs for the lake are due from the date of the AGM until 1 January in the following year. Anyone not paying in this period will have their share cancelled and made null and void.