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| Hello from your new membership secretary |

# About myself

My name is Mark Hayley, I am 59 years old and was recently voted in as the club's new membership secretary at the recent AGM after Ian Petch decided to retire from the role after more than twenty years' service to the angling association, I have some exceptionally large shoes to fill as Ian has been outstanding in the role.

Some of you will know me through attending some of the matches I organise for the club or meeting me on the bank & having a chat, I love to go fishing and count myself very lucky to be one of the members of H&DAA who can enjoy our beautiful lakes & river.

# Clubmate

Obviously, there will be a steep learning curve and I have been working hard to learn as much as I can about Clubmate, the platform we use for our memberships before the renewals are opened back up for existing members at the beginning of May.

At the AGM there were a few rule changes voted in by the attending members that will have a direct effect on the Clubmate memberships and the way they can be renewed / purchased, and I thought it important to let you all know about them.

# Membership plan name changes / Association rule changes

In the past there has been confusion as to whom the senior membership category is for, with this in mind we have renamed the ***“Senior”*** membership category to ***“Adult”*** to try and reduce the mistakes that have happened in the past, we have also renamed ***“OAP”*** to ***“Over 65’s”*** just to make things a bit clearer.

The First Rule changes are to **Night fishing Permits,** the limit to how many members can have one has been removed & now a Night fishing permit is available to all categories of fishing member over the age of eighteen who have been association members for one full season, subject to an additional fee, Night fishing permits will allow fishing with up to three rods at night provided the member has a corresponding EA rod license.

With regards renewing your plan on Clubmate, you will be able to choose your membership plan with or without the ***“night permit”*** currently the night permits are £30 extra,

The second rule change is regarding ***“One night, fishing permits”***, these are now only available to Fishing members over the age of 18 who have been a member of the association for one full season or more not in possession of a full night permit & can be bought from the membership secretary.

The changes in both single & season night fishing permits means we now conform to both the associations insurance & safeguarding policies, this means the ***“intermediate”*** membership category can no longer night fish our waters, with this in mind we have removed this membership category, the Junior category now includes members between the age of ten to seventeen at the start of the season, the Junior category costs just £15 & hope it compensates those intermediate members who have lost their ability to have purchased night permits (although there are no intermediate members with a night fishing permit in our association at the time of writing).

# We now have the following membership categories that will be able to Auto renew via clubmate at the beginning of May.

Non-Fishing

Minor (under ten years of age)

Junior (Ten to seventeen)

Adult (eighteen to sixty-four)

Adult with night permit (eighteen to sixty-four)

Disabled

Disabled with night permit.

Over 65

Over 65 with night permit

Life

Life with night permit

The process is done via your clubmate account on either a personal computer, tablet, or phone, Minors will have the ability to also choose Junior & Juniors can also choose Adult as they get older, if you need to change categories to over 65 or disabled then please contact me at membership@hdaa.co.uk & I will be able to send you the renewal invitation for the new category.

*Special Note*: I have set the Clubmate renewals up so members who were on the discontinued membership categories will be able to select the equivalent new plan, for instance if you were on the intermediate membership plan you will be able to choose the Junior plan or if you have become eighteen, choose the Adult / Adult with Night fishing permit.

If you were on our senior membership plan you will be able to choose Adult or Adult with night permit, same goes for Senior with two or three rod night permit you can choose Adult with Night permit & OAP will be able to choose the over 65 membership categories, with or without night permit.

I will write a guide soon that might help you.

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# Summary

As you have read, there are some small changes (renaming of plans) that will affect many of you, I haven't make these changes lightly and can reassure you that they have been made to simplify the membership structure after the rule changes voted in at the AGM, if you do have any questions then please email me at membership@hdaa.co.uk

I look forwards to seeing you on the bank soon, until then enjoy your fishing & Tight lines!

Regards

Mark Hayley.

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