

# Friends of Ogden Water Memo.

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## New Date for A.G.M. and Social

With last weeks A.G.M. being cancelled, a new date for the meeting and social event has now been set for:

**Thursday 1st February.  
7:00pm for 7:15pm**

The Committee would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused due to the cancellation, particularly to those who didn't get the message and braved the weather conditions to attend. Also, thanks to Lorraine and Craig for telephoning around and informing all about the cancellation.

Anyway, we hope everyone will still be able to make it.

And don't forget, as well as voting for the new committee and Chairman Craigs review of 2006, there will be a **FREE** buffet and drinks. Plus, for fun, one of Margarets famous **prize quizzes**, and a great raffle! Please come along and support the **AGM**. All are very welcome.

### Christmas Tree Recycling.

Thanks to all who braved yet another wet afternoon on Saturday 13th January. Sixteen hardy volunteers turned out to join Chris Buckley to sort out the Christmas trees that had been dropped off at Ogden for recycling.

By this time, over 400 trees had been dropped off - so the team had their work cut out for the afternoon. Amazingly, the majority of the 400 trees had been trimmed and placed into the brash layer by the end of the afternoon. Big thanks to all who helped from Dave and Robin for doing such a superb job.

PS. Christmas Trees are still welcome!

## **Storms hit Ogden Water (and everywhere else!).**



Of course, the reason the AGM was cancelled was because of the fierce storms that whipped across the country on the 18th January.

With twigs flying through the air everywhere, and large branches being ripped off trees, the Ogden Woods weren't a safe place to be. For that reason, the decision was made to close the estate last Thursday. Unbelievably, a few members of the public were still intent on entering the site, ignoring the warning signs and secured gates and potentially putting their own lives at risk.

Because conditions were as equally as bad on the roads, and there was no real way of guaranteeing 'normal' conditions would have resumed by the evening, the AGM was cancelled. With police advice being not to venture out and erratic power in the classroom, the only sensible conclusion was to cancel and stay indoors!

Hopefully the weather will be much kinder to us on the 1st February. No forecasts of heavy snow, are there?

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## 150th Anniversary Celebrations.

You may be aware that this year celebrates the 150th Anniversary of Ogden Water. To mark the occasion, the reservoir dam wall will be re-created into the Victorian 'Promenade'. To do this will require no small amount of money - the target for the fund raising is £8,000! Read on to find out how the efforts are going.....

**Raffle....** The winning tickets for the 150th Anniversary raffle were drawn on the 20th December. In total, the raffle raised a fantastic £230, and all prizes were gratefully claimed before the Xmas Festivities! Thanks to all who entered.



**Seats.....** Demand for the seats has been astonishing, with the 6 seats required for the 150th plans now on order with the Rochdale Canal Workshops.



Artists impression of how the dam may look. Kindly provided by Bespoke Artworks.

## Lamp posts.....

Again, much interest has been made in placing a memorial lamp post on the new 'Promenade'. In the style of the old Victorian gas lamps, they are central to the plans for refurbishing the damwall. Three are required, but one is already spoken for. Get in touch with Ogden Water (01422) 249136 if you're interested in donating a lamp. Be quick!

## Last but not least.....

Last week heralded the welcome news that Yorkshire Water, too, will also make a significant contribution towards the fund. Their input will bring the total raised so far up to nearly £6,000! Amazing.

Thanks to all who have supported the project so far, from donating prizes and buying raffle tickets, to buying a bench and to doing all of the necessary leg work to get the project off the ground!

## 2007 Ogden Water Calendar



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