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# Welcome to The Sussex Angler

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Despite some of the worst ever weather on record and our rivers repeatedly bursting over their banks we are still hearing of good catches and a few huge fish coming from our waters with massive barbel again dominating the news. I feel certain that next season could well be the year in which the British record is broken, very possibly by some margin, from one of our waters. (the weight of the current British barbel record is 21lbs.01ozs) Please send us pictures of any of the big fish that you catch. ( any species of course ).

Elsewhere a great deal of work has been carried out on our Hurston Lane fishery. Re-stocking has vastly improved the fishery and the weed has again been cut, but will no doubt return. I feel that a show of thanks must be given to our fishery management team of Nelson and Ray along with all those that have given up so much valuable time to help out on the Hurston fishery project. The water now shows vast signs of improvement, more work and stocking will take this fishery to the level that we have always aimed for. Many thanks again to everyone of you that took time to help out on this vital club project.

recall, that we lost due to a change of owners a year ago. This was a very popular water with our members and would appeal to those of you who enjoy good fishing in peaceful locations. The very first fish that I caught on this water was a lovely 10lbs+ carp, I would certainly recommend that you give 'The Granary' a try this season.

One downside is a slight fall in membership numbers, the first ever since we joined together as the Petworth and Bognor Angling Club. This seems to be part of a pattern in local clubs during the last year and can probably, at least in part, be put down to a year of unrelenting rain and appalling weather. I cannot promise good weather for next season but guarantee that the committee, the bailiff team and the local tackle shops that support our club, will all be working tirelessly in the background to provide you as a valued member the very best angling opportunities and value for money that we possibly can.

Thank you again for your support and tight lines to you all.

**Nigel Chapman**  
**Chairman**



We have some great news in that all being well, we have renegotiated the fishing rights back on the Granary Lake at Storrington, a water, you will



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# Fishery Improvements

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Back in the autumn of 2011 we had to repair quite a sizeable leak on Cart pond. The picture illustrates the work in progress but also how low the water had got. Unfortunately we appear to have another leak developing a bit further along from the section we repaired so it looks as if we are going to have to do the same again. We also notice that in places the island on Cart pond has virtually washed away and we are going to have to do some re-instatement work.



Again we are going to have to significantly lower the water level and the plan is to put some woven hurdles around the island (similar to those used for the revetments at Storrington) and back fill. The window for doing this is going to be quite short we think we can do some preparation work but once conditions are right it will be a case of all hands to the pump and we hope that we call upon at least some of you to lend a hand.

## Scheduled Work Parties for 2013

Date	When	Venue	Main Tasks
24/2/2013	Sunday	Hurston	General Maintenance
24/3/2013	Sunday	Hurston	General Maintenance
7/4/2013	Sunday	Coultershaw	General Maintenance
12/5/2013	Sunday	Bethwins	General Maintenance
28/5/2013	Tuesday	Hurston	Weed Clearing
9/6/2013	Sunday	Stemps	General Maintenance
23/7/2013	Tuesday	Hurston	General Maintenance
18/8/2013	Sunday	Hurston	General Maintenance

Sunday work parties start at 08.30 and run to around midday - we normally try to provide a sausage sandwich or similar.

Tuesday work parties start at 17.30 and normally run to 21.00.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Nelson on **07944 539077** or Mick on **01243 603783**.

We also have occasional extra work parties, so please keep an eye on the website and look out for notices in the **Arun Angling** shop.



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# Archive Photographs

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Ray Newnham - one of our oldest members recently delved into his archive of pictures for me and found these. They are obviously all from prints as digital was not around when these were taken



Top left is Simon Paine, a previous Match Secretary, renowned for the state of his box. Top right is Les Heath with surely the longest rod rest available. Immediately left is Ray Huskisson who seems to have found himself a platform and finally below is Phil Tubb on the 'Ice Cream Van'.

These pictures were taken at Watersfield probably around 1994 / 1995





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# Ray (Bailey) Newnham

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Steve (chugger) Chant in his favourite swim at Shopham. Steve is one of the Chant brothers with Dave and Tony who were regular match attendees through the 80's and 90's.



Shopham again but some debate as to who exactly this is. Strongest contender is Steve (Mac) McCavish, again a previous Match Secretary. Steve's father was a driving force in the club, particularly with the creation of Stemps and Cart and was Chairman for a number of years

In front of the lens this time, Ray Newnham relaxing at Hurston Lane with Ken Cox another former Chairman of the club. I would put this at around 1998.

If you have any old pictures of members or waters and would like to share them please contact Steve Simmonds on 01243 583179



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# Tales from the Rod Room

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**Nigel tell us how he has taken up sea fishing again**

The origins of the Bognor Angling Club date back to days around the time of the First World War and the club was founded under the name of the Bognor Regis Amateur Angling Society. Many other major clubs along the coast such as those at Eastbourne, Hastings and Deal can also trace their origins to this period with men returning from the horrors of war in the trenches who were all probably wanting to return to a more normal life, sea fishing became a very popular hobby and the catches would also help to feed a family in those difficult times.

As a youngster I would spend nearly all my spare time fishing from local harbour walls, beaches, creeks, and piers. I have never lost the feeling of excitement and anticipation that I would get tackling up on a cold winters night with the prospect of catching, hopefully, a cod or two on the incoming tide. These memories of my formative times as an angler have stayed with me for many years and after a year of hideous weather and dangerous flooded rivers my fishing has been curtailed to a fraction of the opportunities of a normal year.

Whilst thinking about what I could do and quite by chance I spoke to someone selling a very nice second-hand beachcaster and reel. With very little hesitation I bought the rod and reel and instantly started to daydream the great memories of the past about night tides, paraffin tilley lamps and cod being pulled from the surf.



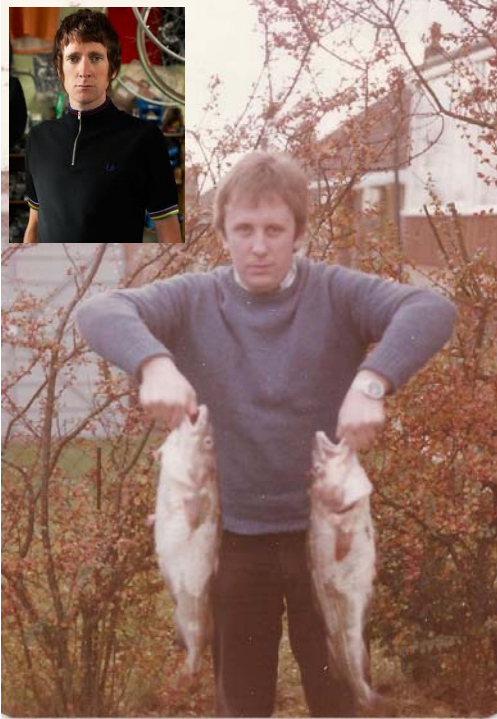
**“The Hayling Billy” by railway artist Norman Elford**



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## By Nigel Chapman

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**This is me with my two Kent cod**

I reckon there is a passing resemblance to the great Bradley Wiggins, (picture top left) what do you think .....Editor

All of this daydreaming sent me back often beyond forty years to memories of my youth like the stormy afternoon on the disused Hayling Billy bridge when I hooked and landed a conger eel of about 15lbs whilst fishing for flounders, a complete fluke I admit, but a memorable moment for me and something that is indelibly imprinted in my memory.

And that's what I have from my days sea angling, many great memories of incidents like the stormy night on a Kent beach when the sea seemed full of cod and despite the strong winds several anglers fished and I would guess that nearly everyone that did fish had cod, John my fishing pal had three really good cod and I caught two nice but smaller fish. It was exciting to be out fishing in such weather. However I am certain if I had we been closer to home we would certainly have called it a day and returned to the comforts of our homes.

Sea anglers soon learn the influence of weather and tides are key ingredients to success in this form of angling, storms will churn up the sea bed and the food that fish rely on is ripped from its shelter and washed around in the stormy seas. The abundance of food during these periods can create something of a feeding frenzy. Apart from cod, fish like bass, whiting and flatfish will often be close inshore feeding heavily on this easily available food. Keeping an eye on the weather, local knowledge of tidal movement and at which times and areas to fish are all factors that many sea fishermen put to good use when deciding upon when and where to fish. Being able to read these often makes the difference between a good and great angler. Come to think some of this type of analytical thinking is also the key to success in many aspects of coarse fishing.



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## Tales from the Rod Room cont.

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When I tried things for out for myself very recently the reality was very different, my ancient paraffin tilley lamp which had probably been put away in the garage caked in damp salty water twenty odd years ago had corroded away in something useless that looked like a piece of marine salvage.

On the beach things were even worse, the smooth pendulum casting style of years gone by has deserted me, even with my 'new' rod and reel the long smooth casts that I used to pride myself on, sending baits far out into the 'cod feeding zone' are now a distant memory, replaced by an uncomfortable and poorly timed swing that delivers less than impressive results.

Has age and time taken its toll on me? Perhaps, but with a lot more practice this year the far fewer cod that are left swimming in our seas these days will from next autumn hopefully see me back on the beaches, casting baits back toward the distant horizon again, waiting for that powerful bite that almost drags the rod from its rest and the powerful thudding of the rod tip as the distant angry hooked fish shakes it's head in the strong tidal current. This type of fishing can be really exciting, I am very much looking forward to it! I

now plan to have at least a few trips back to the shore each year. Perhaps you might give it a try.



**The classic pendulum cast**  
*picture courtesy of Angling Times*

**It amazing how much has been written about pendulum casting, there are books , manuals and DVD describing and helping you to fine tune the technique.**

**One of the most well known authors in the field is John Holden who also offers practical courses, perhaps if I don't manage to find my casting style again I will have to go along.**



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# Tackle news

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**I checked in with Tim at Arun Angling the other day to find out if there is anything new and exciting on the horizon**

Tim pointed me in the direction of the latest seat box from Preston. At the time of writing this is imminent but should be in the shops by the time you read this. It is called the Absolute Station. It is described as a radical redesign of their already popular Station range. New features include;

- larger diameter legs for improved stability whilst still being able to use all the off-box accessories
- removable covered footplate
- concealed front drawer
- integral spirit level



**The new Absolute Station does come with quite a hefty price tag, retailing at just under £700. But it certainly looks the business.**

For the angler that likes to move around rather than sit on a box all day. I thought this roving kit from Korum looked like a good deal. You get a chair, tackle bag and a skeleton style quiver for your rods.

The chair and tackle bag can be put together and carried rucksack style. The chair has adjustable legs, will take the Korum accessory range and weighs only three kilos. The bag has exterior pockets for nets, unhooking mat and tackle with a good sized main compartment.

The quiver can be used with either two rods and an umbrella or three rods (Given the recent weather I think I would opt for the two rods!). It can be easily adjusted for reel position and rod length.

The whole kit has a retail price of just under £100.



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# Summer 2012 with Ellis

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**Tim is probably more familiar to you as the proprietor of Arun Angling., and pretty much anytime you go in there Tim is around. So just to prove that he does occasionally get a bit of time of to go fishing.....**

August, and a very rare sunny day in 2012. The long awaited first fishing trip with Ellis, grandson of 5½ years began. The match lake at Hurston was to be the venue, I arrived in the car park at around 09.30 with Ellis and his dad Simon. I was delighted to find six other cars already in the car park, the improvements that our fishery management teams have made are obviously paying off.

We made our way to the match lake and set up half way along on the stream side. We decided on a three method approach; I would be using a margin pole, Ellis who we placed between us would be using a waggler rod and Simon went for a feeder.

Fishing corn I was in within ½ hour but promptly lost the fish - 'T Nudds on normal form then'. An hour passed without another bite and with the noonday sun approaching it was actually quite hot, what a turn up for this summer! Ellis decided it was time for lunch and went to demolish his 'Chicken Dippers' in the shade. Suddenly I was in again and as the elastic shot out of the end of my pole I had to apologise as I thought I had taken out Ellis's waggler rod in the fight, 'no you haven't' Simon replied we're in as well. All that time without a bite and then two fish on within seconds. This time I was determined to land my fish so after a

careful battle it came to the net and I was soon admiring a beautiful 9lb mirror in my net.



**Ellis keeps a respectful distance away from my Hurston 9 pounder**



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## By Tim Nudds

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The Ellis / Simon fish was not so big, weighing in at 3lb something. When we tried to position Ellis for the all important trophy shot, you can see that he was having none of it as the only picture I managed was of Ellis legging it past Dad. He really wasn't too sure about these flapping beauties!



**‘This is just too close - I’m off!’**



**With Ellis over the horizon I did get a good picture of Simon with their fish**

Anyway, we spent another couple of hours on the match lake without a bite (normal Nudds service resumed!) so we decided that we should give the tench lake a go. Ellis was much more in his element and had fun catching tiddlers, obviously much happier catching something that was small enough for him to hold.

All in all a great first days fishing with my grandson.





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# The Granary

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**We are very pleased to be able to announce that we have been able to bring The Granary back into our portfolio of waters.**

I was one of three of us that first saw this water in the autumn of 2010. We were absolutely amazed with the setting and a few fish topping reinforced our thoughts that we really would like to be able to take it on. We then met with the owner who told us that he had leased the lake some time ago to another local club but unfortunately that had not

worked out. Consequently he was a little nervous but said that he was prepared to give us a one year trial.



**Three views of The Granary taken shortly after our first visit.**

We asked about stock and he said that he knew that there were carp to approaching 20lb and plenty of small silver / red fish but he wasn't sure what they were. These turned out to be rudd and there are certainly plenty of them. He also mentioned that he believed

that a few years ago a couple of sturgeon had been introduced to the lake but he wasn't sure whether they were still present. It was agreed we would commence from the start of the 2011 / 2012 season but it was agreed that we could have a one day fish-in for us to get an idea of the potential of the water. The fish in went well with most of the anglers who took part catching carp using a variety of methods and baits. If you wanted to go for the small fish then there were loads of rudd present and a few of them were getting on towards the pound mark.





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## By Steve Simmonds

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**Vince, Tim and Roger with fish caught during the first fishing visit to The Granary.**



Our first season on the venue went pretty well, some anglers found it a bit of a struggle but others did really well and made it their number one destination. Unfortunately after that first year we learned that our landlords were in the process of selling the property to move to pastures new and would not be in a position to renew our lease. We have kept an eye on what has been happening and were able to talk to the new owners at the beginning of the year. Following that meeting they have agreed that we can take a new one year lease and if all goes well we will be able to negotiate something longer from 2014 onwards. We have decided to limit the number of anglers on the venue to 12 at any time and would therefore ask you to always sign in and out so other anglers can see how many people are on the water. This will avoid the disappointment of walking down to the lake and finding that it has the full quota of anglers.

If you are going to visit The Granary and want to know what to expect there was an article in Issue 6 of our magazine which can also find on the website by typing in the this address [http://www.sussexangling.co.uk/Online/Sussex\\_Angler\\_6.pdf](http://www.sussexangling.co.uk/Online/Sussex_Angler_6.pdf) the article appears on page 7. Having only fished the water a couple of times during the year that we had it I have to say that I am looking forward to having a few sessions in the coming season.

If all goes to plan then we can look at stock type and levels from 2014 onwards and I believe that we can make this a really good fishery in the future.



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# Petworth Park

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## Terrific Trip

My enjoyment starts the moment I leave home. I drive along Ford Road towards Arundel. And just as the Castle and Cathedral come into view, I cross an invisible line to enter the South Downs National Park. It's an area of outstanding natural beauty and most Club waters are found within this new Park's boundaries.

And furthermore, our Club venues are in beautiful wild places, far away from main roads, industry and crowded city centres. I slowly climb the Downs on the old London Road, as it follows the tree lined wall enclosing Arundel Park. I'm soon across the South Downs Way and coasting down Bury Hill. At the bottom of the hill, I take a sharp left into West Burton Lane. The lane runs parallel with the wooded slopes on the lee side of the Downs. It's a great place to see different types of deer feeding in the fields at dawn and dusk. Once



**The White Horse - Sutton**

past Bignor's Roman Villa, I drive through olde world hamlets and villages like Sutton where I sometimes stop off at the White Horse for a pint on my return home. These are places time appears to have forgotten. The lanes are so old the trees on either side join up above the road to make dark leaf tunnels, hundreds of yards long. Its unique features like this which support the areas National Park status. The lane winds up and down hills, past churches, cuts through woodland copse and across open fields before Petworth House and her rolling Parkland comes into view.

## The Lower Pond

It's a stiff and hilly 10 minute walk from the car park to the Lower Pond. It's a pity, as I know this makes it inaccessible for some members and a tiring trek for others. But if you're able to make this hike, it's well worth your effort. Why? Although called Lower Pond, it's actually a 7 acre lake with two wooded islands. It's the aristocratic equivalent of a pond compared to the vast main lake in front of Petworth House. But don't be put off by the size of this venue. I've explored two sides of the lake. And you'll be pleased to discover, I've caught decent fish in each swim I've tried and even in short 2 hour evening sessions after work. I'm not a very skilled angler. So imagine the fish you could catch with your better techniques. I've also learnt there is no need to cast 100 yards out in an effort to find good fish. I've taken my best specimens from four feet of water just two rod lengths out.



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# By Edwin Hoskison

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## Lots of quality fish

The Lower Pond is a mature fishery. The lake is fed by the estates natural spring. The clean water produces a large stock of good quality fish and in excellent condition. The Club's website highlights the variety and size of fish in this water; Crucian Carp to 3lbs, Tench to 4lbs, Roach, Rudd, and Perch go to 2lbs. The Bream thrive here. There are lots between 2 – 4lbs and 'snorters' go to over 10lbs. There is also the odd double figure Carp. I've taken numerous Bream around 2lbs and my Petworth Park personal best is 4lbs. And inevitably, I've lost several bigger fish. As there are so few snags in the water, my poor technique is to blame. I love to catch the posh Petworth Tench. They remind me of countless childhood summer mornings spent fishing with my mates. I've caught a lot of hard fighting 3 to 4 pounders. And a stunning red eyed olive green beauty of 5lbs. A large family out walking watched the tug of war between this fit female fish and an old man. I had to smile as I got a spontaneous round of applause when my quarry was safely netted. But after a furious five minute fight, I was too relieved to take a bow! And to my surprise, I was suddenly surrounded by children. They enthusiastically asked me about the fish; Can I stroke it? Does it bite? Is it a World or Olympic Record? Can it breathe in water? What does it eat? And my favourite - Does it know Peppa Pig? If you don't know, Peppa is a popular kid's cartoon character with many friends of differing species. Never underestimate a child's interest in the natural world. I was able to 'impress' my audience with my only Latin words – Tinca Tinca which as you know means Tench. I have to thank Mr Crabtree's fishing books for this knowledge. The crowd listened intently as I explained the Tench is also known as the Doctor fish and why. Some people stroked the female fish's flanks. And they were stunned by how smooth she was. Like a Biology teacher, I explained it's due to the

thousands of tiny scales and thick slime. The children jumped at the chance to help put her back in the lake. Five pairs of spindly legs inched towards the water's edge. And five pairs of small hands carefully lowered the landing net into the water. They held the net steady to let this beautiful Lady of the Lake recover in her own time. And my class shouted goodbye as she finally decided to flick her spade sized tail and glide serenely down into the lake.



**Mike Kitchener & son Oliver with a typical Petworth tench**



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# Petworth Park

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## Perfect Parkland

When the Pond's fish are in no hurry to bite, your enjoyment doesn't stop. You can simply watch England's largest and oldest herd of Fallow Deer, grazing, at rest or at play in the surrounding parkland. Small groups of deer regularly visit the lake to drink. The Lower Pond is set in the stunning 700 acre parkland of Petworth House. This parkland is one of the finest examples of an English landscape park designed and built by the world famous architect Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. It's a fantastic setting for your fishing trip. So if wild deer don't appeal, you can simply wonder at the landscape 'Capability' Brown's imagination created. The rolling grassland is dotted with big mature trees to give beautiful views. On a bright summer evening you'll soon discover how Petworth's parkland inspired J.M.W Turner to produce a series of famous landscape paintings. Turner, known as 'the painter of light', is the artist who did most to raise the profile of landscape painting in England.



## Fish Petworth Today

I've tried to explain clearly why I'm so passionate about Petworth. And I hope I've inspired you to try this venue. It's a world class experience provided by your Club membership. Not many local angling clubs' can promise to give you that. Don't forget all this and much more awaits you for just £86 a year. A visit to Petworth's Lower Pond guarantee's you a fab day out. Your journey to Petworth through an area of outstanding natural beauty, the South Downs National Park. Your venue is situated in a world class landscape. The Pond is actually a big lake. It's surrounded by wooded parkland full of the best of British flora and fauna. The Pond's clean spring water is packed with quality fish of 8 different species, in prime condition. And often you are the only fisherman. What more could you want?





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# The Bang-On Method

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**Club member Christophe Pelhate has spent the last couple of years perfecting his new system for putting your hook bait and loose feed where you want them.**

A new method is born for our rivers...

Drifting a ledger rig in the current to reach a difficult spot is nothing new, but I have taken this a step further using a balloon...

The “Bang On” method, as the name suggests, relies on drifting a rig which is attached to a balloon to the desired target area... Once there, a simple strike of the rod activates a small mechanical device which in turns “pops” the balloon and the rig sinks in the desired position. The balloon is surrounded by a mesh not only to keep all the balloon bits inside, but also turns the mesh into a feeder if the balloon has been previously filled with bait. Mastering the method takes time and practice to make it perfect, the right pressure inside the balloon will ensure that the fish and the neighbourhood aren’t overly disturbed and the proof is in the pudding is two double figure barbel that have succumbed to this innovation.

The method is best used on a “by pass” which is attached on the main line by two safety clips. This allows the angler to fish a venue without the Bang On and makes it more versatile.

Several by-passes can be prepared in advance to speed things up...

Once ready, they can be clipped and unclipped onto the main line with ease.



The new striker version, which is at the core of the development has a small sharp “one way” pendulum that pivots on an axis during the strike...

It has also a small disarming cap to keep it safe during manipulations...

A small rubber band also ensures that the pendulum retracts into position after popping the balloon. There are two ears on each side of the striker to secure it on the mesh of the balloon.

To fill the balloon with bait, use a loading tube or loader with a pump...Balloons can be prepared in advance to speed things up.

The mesh material is elastic and is secured on the by-pass using two balloon clips in a parallel manner.



The length of the mesh will be dictated by the size of the balloon. Its

pattern is small enough to ensure the retrieval of all the balloon bits, but also big enough to let small particle bait like pellets, hemp or maggots through.



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# The Bang-On Method

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The balloon is re-inflated and secured inside the mesh.

The balloon is then clipped on the by-pass and the striker secured around its ears with the mesh, ensuring a good



contact.

The prepared by-pass is finally secured on the two mainline safety clips.

Just before the launch, the safety cap must be removed, and the rig becomes live...



Let the rig drift to your chosen spot.

Give the rod a sharp pull to pop the balloon...



And your bait and feed are just where you want them!!

If you don't get your line right first time round retrieve gently and try again



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# By Christophe Pelhate

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Although the balloons are made of natural latex, the balloon fragments must be retrieved from the mesh and disposed of at home.

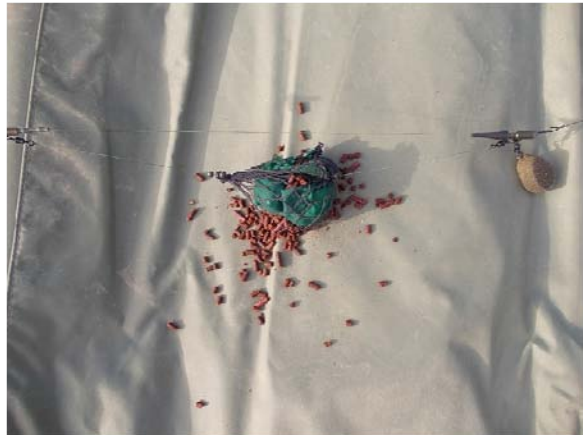
Hopefully, the method which has got a UK registered patent and has been endorsed by the EA will be available to you in the not too distant future, so keep an eye open for it...

I am certainly hoping that Tim at Arun Angling will be stocking the device once it is ready.

No more excuses for losing your rig in the trees...

"Your swim just got bigger"

Tight Lines!



**This barbel came from a particularly tricky swim using my system.**



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# In Depth - Hurston Match Pond

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Another in our series where we ask an angler to focus on one of our venues

The first swim we come to is the first platform with the Jane Oram bench behind you. To your right across the outlet from the lake is a fairly extensive stand of reeds. These are best reached with a small feeder or bomb and are a good holding area for carp. Although in the winter the reeds will have died back this is still a good area to fish to. Immediately in front of you is open water and to your left an area of lilies which can be easily reached with a pole. Both these areas produce in the summer months but are less productive during the winter.



**The first platform**



**The second reeds swim**

The stream side is generally deeper than the other side but shallows up considerably in the area of reeds around a third of the way down. There is one swim either side of the reeds and these can be heart stoppers, carp are your target and you fish as close to the reeds as you dare and hold on tight as once hooked the carp will make a mad dash back into the safety of the reeds. If you get more than one in three out you are doing well.

Water depth along this side is 3 - 4 feet down the middle and during the summer months there are plenty of silver fish to be caught. This is the most reliable area for the skimmer bream that were introduced last winter although they do not appear to be showing that well this winter. All along this side fishing tight to the island is likely to produce carp and it is also worth trying an inside line as well.





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## By Mick Greenway

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The depths along the other side of the pond tend to be a bit less with 2 - 3 feet down the middle. The fishing is similar with silver fish down the middle but you also find the odd brown goldfish, again fish tight to the island for the carp.



**The end swim on the high bank side**

The pond narrows at this point and the bay to the left is quite shallow. It used to be very snaggy but is much better after the last round of work parties. The carp tend to be here in the summer. A couple of swims along from here (look for a tree stump to your left on the inside) is always very consistent for carp. Fish right over just to the right of a small clump of reeds.



**The cut back swim**

Wherever you fish on the match pond you don't need that much bait. A couple of cupfuls of pellets, use 2 - 4mm as feeders with 4 - 6mm on the hook. Half a pint of maggot and pinkies are going to last you the best part of a day together with a few worms and a bit of sweet corn. If you are going to use groundbait you really don't need much and half a bag of something like Swim-Stim green or Marukyu EFG 121 which both seem to work well will be more than ample for a days fishing.



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# Fine Art and our Waters

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Edwin's article on Petworth Park spurred me to look at examples of our waters and venues that have graced the walls of various art galleries.



*The Lake, Petworth* painted in 1828 / 29 by Turner is part of the Tate collection but is housed in Petworth House

Two pictures titled *Rother at Fittleworth*



The picture above was painted in 1903 by Wilfred Williams Ball .



This picture is by John Rushton Noble and is part of the Government Art Collection. It is currently housed in the British Embassy in Manilla. It was probably painted in the late 1940's early 1950's.



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## By Steve Simmonds

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Two views of the Arun, unfortunately neither are identified precisely but certainly the lower one could well be Watersfield or that sort of area

I actually made enquiries about buying this watercolour when I saw it as it was very reasonably priced. Titled *Man fishing on river Arun*, dated 1901 and signed F K Malcom. Unfortunately when I made enquiries at the gallery it had already been sold



This watercolour by George Arthur Fripp is not dated but is likely to have been painted somewhere between 1860 and 1896. It is currently part of the Government Art Collection

Back to Turner and his picture entitled *Chichester Canal* painted in 1828 and part of the Tate Collection. The vessel is thought to be carrying coal.





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# Our Rivers

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## River Arun - Watersfield

The river shows many facets along the one mile stretch at Watersfield. Depth and flow can vary greatly from swim to swim. In general terms the top section starts relatively shallow gets deeper and then shallows up again. The mid section is very difficult to fish due to a combination of reeds and low lying ground, although there are a few really interesting swims to be found. The lower section tends to dry out on the inside in places as the tide falls but find the deeper glides and you will be in to some serious fish. Virtually at the end of our stretch there is a gem of an inside line gravel run. Roach, dace and perch can be caught all through with bream liable to show virtually anywhere. We have always seen the odd chub and plenty of chublets but more recently anglers have been reporting bags of good chub from this stretch.



## River Arun - Stopham



Our new stretch of the Arun above Stopham bridge is approximately one mile long and although still tidal the conditions are quite different from Watersfield. We have had reports of excellent roach fishing with plenty of fish in the ½ to 1 lb bracket with specimens approaching 2lb there are good numbers of bream and chub as well. There are some good sized carp with fish to certainly 15lbs and quite possibly

better, we have not heard of any barbel on this stretch but there is nothing to suggest that they are not around. Of particular interest during the winter months is the size of pike with fish approaching 20lb. We are still getting to know this water so would greatly appreciate any catch reports.





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# Our Rivers

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## River Rother - Coultershaw

Probably the most well known stretch of the Rother. This stretch of approximately one mile offers a rich variety of fishing. As well as the barbel for which it has become famous there are quality chub and bream on this stretch together with all the other species that you would expect with some fish at specimen or close to specimen size there are even a few double figure carp which give as good an account of themselves as the barbel.



## River Rother - Shopham

Immediately below the Coultershaw stretch and offering similar opportunities. There are fewer barbel on this stretch but more chub and this is probably our best stretch for grayling. The section is on the north bank both above and below Shopham bridge.. This stretch of the Rother can be fly fished but remember that we operate a strict catch and return policy.



## River Rother - Coates Castle

This is our longest stretch of the river running for approximately 2 miles on the south bank from Shopham bridge to just above Fittleworth bridge. The variety of fish on this stretch is unusual with double figure carp, chub to 6 lb and bream to 8 lb being supported by a good head of roach, dace, grayling and gudgeon with the odd barbel as well.



## River Rother - Fittleworth

The lowest of our stretches and offering the north bank for just over a mile and approximately half a mile of the south bank.. There are plenty of chub, roach and dace to be caught with pockets of good bream all the way through the section..



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# Our Still Waters

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We have 10 individual waters on 6 venues ranging from the beautiful estate lake at Petworth Park to tranquil farm ponds at Bethwins and Stemps & Cart.

**Hurston Lane** Our Hurston Lane fishery has undergone a massive redevelopment and restocking programme over the last year.

**Tench pond** A further stocking of tench was made at the end of 2012. These added to the crucian carp rudd and perch should ensure plenty of bites most of the year.



**Carp Pond** This was reopened at the back end of 2011 having been extensively restocked with a fine range of carp to 20lb. There is also a good head of rudd and big perch in this lake. We may need to close the lake for a couple of days in the late spring for weed removal. Look out for notices.

**Match Pond** The stock in the match pond has been revitalised with the introduction of further carp, silver fish and some bream during 2011. Further bream were stocked during 2012.



**Chichester Canal** We enjoy several miles of fishing on the Chichester Canal. During the warmer months good mixed bags of roach, rudd, perch, tench and skimmers supplemented by the occasional large bream or carp can be taken from almost anywhere. In winter the fish tend to move up towards the canal basin and this becomes one of the prime spots as it remains ice free for all but the hardest winters. The basin is also particularly noted for its pike during the winter months.



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# Our Still Waters

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**Bethwins Farm** Situated near Chiddingfold, Bethwins Farm offers two attractive ponds in a tranquil setting surrounded by woods and farmland. The Lower Pond contains good sized carp to 15 lbs, together with a lot of perch. The Upper Pond has a good stock of tench and some decent sized carp to 10 lb. This is a great spot for a day “away from it all” in beautiful un-spoilt surroundings.

## Stemps and Cart



Stemps Pond (left) is stocked with common carp, crucians, tench, roach, rudd and bream. Cart Pond (right) is stocked with carp, roach, skimmer bream and provides good year-round sport!



**Petworth Park** This glorious 7 acre lake set in the picturesque grounds of the Petworth Park Estate holds a good stock of tench, bream, and crucian carp. Pole, waggler or feeder tactics all prove productive and with light but regular feeding mixed bags exceeding 70 lbs are not uncommon. Bream are generally in the 3 lbs to 6 lbs bracket with some fish approaching double figures, the tench go to 5lbs and crucians to 3lbs!



**The Granary** After losing The Granary for a year due to a change of ownership we have got it back and hope that we will be able to develop this fishery for the future. The main stock at the moment is a good head of carp from a few ounces to 20lb, together with a massive head of rudd with some fish around the 1lb mark..



# NOTICE OF AGM

The club will hold its Annual General Meeting  
at  
The Black Horse - Climping  
on  
Thursday 21st November 2013  
at  
8.00 pm

Please submit any motions or matters for consideration in writing to The Club Secretary (address as per your handbook) by Thursday 31st October 2013

## Interested in Joining the Club

Fill out a membership form and send it with the appropriate fees and photos to;  
**Arun Angling, The Old Blacksmiths Yard, Water Lane Angmering BN16 4EP**

Or join on the spot at the following tackle shops;

Aldwick Angling, Bognor	01243 829054
Arun Angling, Angmering	01903 770099
Hansfords, Fareham	01329 280213
Havant Angling, Havant	02392 450700
Tropikoi Angling, Bognor	01243 842660

## Membership Fees for 2013 - 2014

Membership Type	Full Year	Half Year
Full Adult	£86	£54
Family (2 adults & 2 children)	£135	£85
Senior Citizen	£43	£28
Student	£43	£28
Registered Disabled	£43	£28
Junior (aged 13 - 16 inclusive)	£20	£10
Juvenile (aged below 13)	Free	Free
Associate (non fishing)	£2	£2