

PETWORTH & BOGNOR ANGLING CLUB



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Work Parties

Many thanks to those that regularly attend our work parties we do appreciate your efforts. We are always happy to see new faces at work parties and we can always find you something to do whatever your abilities.

Date	Venue	Times
13th May	Coultershaw	08.30 Start
20th May	Stemps & Cart	08.30 Start

Our match season starts fairly soon and we have some interesting early season matches on a variety of waters. See below for a brief description of these early season matches. The matches on away waters require us to pre-book pegs so please book in where indicated.

Upcoming Matches - Check your handbook for times.

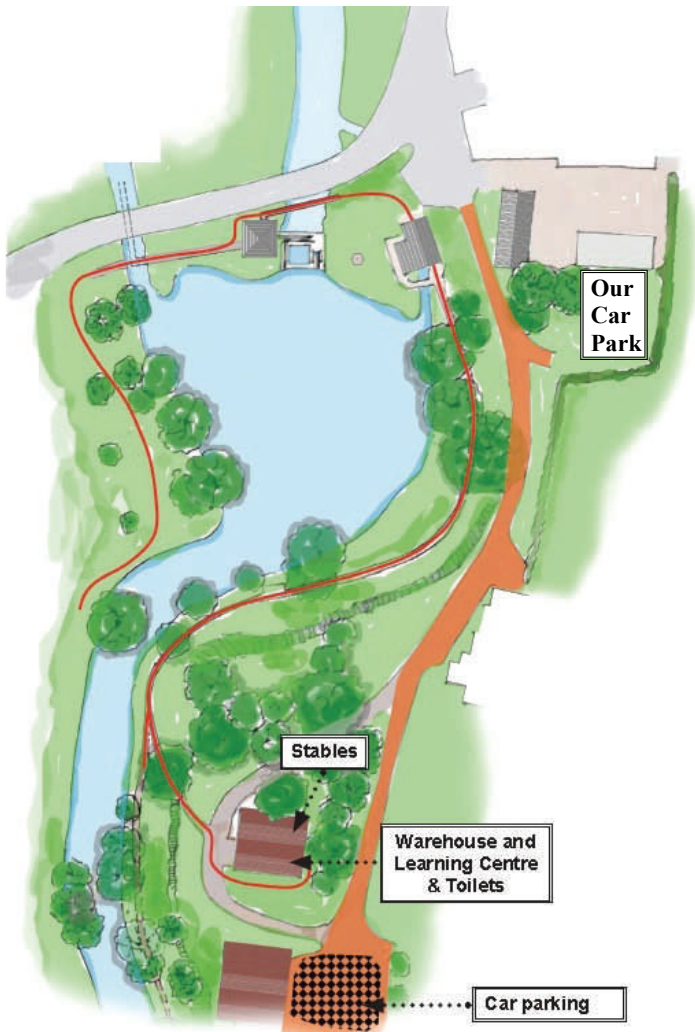
Date	Venue	Comment
Tues 15th May	Hurston Match Pond	Our traditional opener on the match pond at Hurston, normally produces some good mixed carp and bream bags
Sun 20th May	Stanbridge View	This is an interesting water which can produce some big bream weights as well as plenty of carp BOOKING IN is essential.
Wed 23rdMay	Hurston Middle Pond	It will be interesting to see what comes out as we slowly move this pond to a mixed fishery
Sun 27th May	Hurston Match Pond	The first Sunday match on a home water. Will we see some good silver fish nets?
Wed 30th May	The Granary	This venue becomes more and more popular and good weights are expected
Sun 3rd June	Petworth Park	Our first match on Petworth Park of the season, and we have heard there are some good early season bream catches
Wed 6th June	Cart Pond	An evening match on the ever popular Cart Pond and the first of a two match series.
Sun 10th June	Petworth Park	Back to Petworth Park for another go at the bream.
Wed 13th June	Stemps Pond	The second of our two match evening series at Walberton.
Sun 17h June	Chichester Canal (Hunston up)	A change from catching big fish at Petworth Park & Hurston. Time to get the light tackle out and build a net of roach.

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Pre– River Season Social Evening

Friday 8th June from 7.30pm

Following last year's successful evening at Coultershaw we have decided to do it again. This year we will have Arnie Worsop from the EA as a guest. Arnie is leading a project to put some flow deflectors in the river at Coultershaw and he will be explaining exactly what will be going on. This work is scheduled for late summer / early autumn.



Pictorial map courtesy of
The Coultershaw Trust



LOTTERY FUNDED

The event will be held in the area of The Stables and Warehouse at Coultershaw, we hope for a fine evening but we will have cover in the event on inclement weather! We thank The Coultershaw Trust for allowing us to use this area for our event. Those that are regulars at Coultershaw will no doubt know where the buildings are, but for those less familiar with the area, please refer to the illustration to the left.

As last year we will have a couple of volunteer chefs providing barbecue food. Beer, wine and a selection of soft drinks will also be provided. Please come along to meet your fellow club members and have a chat about fishing in a relaxed atmosphere. We should be starting at 7.30pm and will be going on until around 9.00pm, there are no set times so you can turn up whenever you like. We would ask that if you are going to attend, you must let us know before the event so that we can arrange for sufficient supplies and our volunteer chefs know how many to cook for.

We will also have some tackle that has been donated to the club for sale. If you would like to donate any tackle, please contact us [HERE](#). **All proceeds will go to improving our fisheries.**

Please feel free to bring along your partner or guests but let us know if you are attending and how many **before June 1st**, you can e-mail [HERE](#) or contact Roger Poole - Chairman using the contact details on the inside back cover of your handbook.

We look forward to seeing you and we just have to hope that the weather is kind to us!

Specimen Fish Winners from 2017

Our Chairman Roger Poole had the task of judging our specimen fish entries for the 2017 /2018 season. We have two trophies and the winners also receive a complimentary membership for the coming season.

Brian Hooper has had a run of big barbel from both Coultershaw and Fittleworth and thoroughly deserves the barbel trophy for the 2017 season. Pictured left is Brian with one of his fish, weighing in at 15lb 14oz this magnificent fish was caught at Coultershaw in October.



The second trophy is for the best other species submitted. We had some interesting entries with a couple of club records among them, interestingly both from Petworth Park. But Roger decided that Ian Mintram's superb bream of 7lb 3oz from Watersfield should take the trophy, interestingly Ian was actually targeting some big Arun roach which he heard were around when his big bream showed up.

Congratulations to both winners and we hope you enjoy a years fishing on us. We are ready to receive your submissions for the new 2018 / 19 season and if you would like the chance of a complimentary membership next season, please send your pictures together with details of your catch and any witnesses to us [HERE](#). We look forward to seeing your entries.

Help Needed

We are still looking for an experienced book keeper to help our treasurer. Our books are in the form of a comprehensive spread sheet which does most of the work for you, however it still requires the data entry and sense checking from time to time. Our current book keeper will work with the new recruit until they are confident with the system. So if you think you can help and have 2 - 3 hours per month to spare please contact us [HERE](#)

Fisheries News

Still Waters

The Granary

The Granary can only be described as red hot at the moment with some very good carp catches. The carp are coming out at anything from a few ounces (which shows that we have good recruitment in the water) to some mid to low doubles. For those that prefer a lighter style you can catch rudd all day long and build a decent weight of them. The perch that we put in a couple of years ago are also showing in reasonable numbers and they have bred on as well.

Hurston

With some warmer weather all three ponds at Hurston are fishing well. There are plenty of crucians and tench to be had from the Tench Pond. Most swims benefit from a raking before you start and it is a good tactic to rake your swim as soon as you get there. It will settle down while you tackle up and you will often find that the fish are there and very little feeding is required. The middle pond now has something for everyone, there are of course the resident carp, but for those that want something different you can find roach, rudd, perch and bream on lighter tackle. The match pond is producing decent mixed nets of bream and carp and some of the smaller silver fish are showing as well

Stemps and Cart

After a very variable winter Stemps and Cart is fishing very well for carp at the moment and catches of anywhere between 6 and 12 per session are common. We have still not heard anything of the perch that were put into the ponds just over a year ago, however if our experience at The Granary is anything to go by they should start showing from now. I've not heard much in the way of silver fish catches, however I suspect that most anglers that go to Stemps & Cart concentrate on the carp

Petworth Park

Petworth Park seems to have started where it left off last season with some excellent bream catches being recorded with some good tench and crucians coming out as well. This water does not fish so well when it is flat calm so although the water looks magnificent under these conditions with the park reflecting in the water, you can find that the fishing is hard. If you are considering fishing Petworth Park you really need a bit of a westerly or south-westerly breeze on the water. That little bit of ripple on the water and the wind in your face (if you are on the road bank) can make a really significant difference.

Chichester Canal

I've not heard any reports from the canal at the moment so if you have fished it recently please let me know how you have got on.

Fishery Log Books

These reports rely upon you, our members, filling out the log books that you can find at most of our venues. So when you finish your session please remember to spend a couple of minutes letting know how you have got on, even if you have a blank it can be as important as a red letter day. If you would like to give us a more detailed report you can do so by [e-mail](#) or give any of the officers a call - you can find there numbers on the inside back cover of your handbook.

Hurston Bailiff Contact Details

The mobile number in the handbook is no longer active, so if you need to contact someone about Hurston please do this via the Fishery Officer button on the website or if urgent please phone the Secretary who's details are in your handbook.

Fisheries News

Rivers

Towards the back end of last season our Chairman - Roger Poole took some time out from fishing to walk the bank and catch up with you - our members. He was particularly interested on your thoughts about our river fisheries. We took this together with your thoughts from the membership survey to a meeting with the EA. A lot of you were happy with the state of our rivers but a significant number felt that we should be looking for more stock in the Rother, particularly in the light of recent reports of river stocking in the angling press.

We had a frank discussion with the EA officers and they explained their position with regard to putting further stock in the Rother.

Barbel: Barbel were first introduced to the Rother between 40 and 50 years ago and they are not considered a native species in the Rother. They would have to be recorded in the river for at least 150 years before that would be the case.. There is an overriding EA policy not to stock non native species into rivers, so unfortunately we are not going to get a stock introduction.

We have done much to improve spawning areas in the river and we know that they do spawn. However recruitment is low, but there are things that we can do to help increase recruitment of the fish from spawning and the EA have committed to help us with these measures.

Other Species: Fish stocks have to be introduced during the winter months, when water temperatures are low, unfortunately this is when we generally see the greatest flows on the river and there is the distinct possibility that any fish introduced will be washed straight out. The measures to help recruitment of barbel will also benefit other species by providing safe areas for fish to hold up in during these high flow periods. We are also looking at ways to increase in-stream plant life (weed) to provide areas for roach and dace to spawn. Increased spawning areas and more refuges should mean an increase in naturally recruited fish.

It is known that siltation is a significant issue and work has started with farmers to reduce silt getting into the river. There are areas where the high flood banks stop silt depositing on the land and the EA are looking to see whether these can be reduced in areas. This will benefit us as anglers as it will improve access to the river and should lead to a reduction of silt deposition in stream.

There is a lot of work here and as well as a commitment from the EA to help, there is also hopefully going to be a contribution from ARRT who are currently bidding for funding to carry out this sort of work. We have supported this bid and we hope that you will support us by helping out with these projects.

So although the EA are not prepared to put new stock in the river they have committed to work on improving the environment to give naturally recruited fish a better chance of survival. Not perhaps the result that we wanted but they are convinced that this is the best way forward and they are the experts.