

PETWORTH & BOGNOR ANGLING CLUB



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Work Parties

Many thanks to those who 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. We have no scheduled work parties at the moment but as always we might need to muster some willing hands. In particular we are hoping to do some work on the island on Cart Pond if we can source the materials for this autumn. So keep an eye on the website and your inbox!

Our match season is running along nicely, we've had some good weights on both club and away waters. 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
Sun 23rd Sept	Sumners Ribbon Lake	In combination with The Sportsman Club. This prolific water produces mixed big weights BOOKING IN is essential
Sun 30th Sept	Coultershaw	Want to try your hand at Barbel fishing, then why not fish the Chris Humphry memorial. This is a great fund-raising day with a very social atmosphere . BOOKING IN is essential
Sun 7th Oct	The Granary	Separate weighs for carp and other fish and the best overall angler wins!
Sun 14th Oct	Stemps & Cart	We host a Three Counties league match at Walberton
Sun 21st Oct	Arun - Watersfield	We have had good silver fish from the Arun and some big fish have been lost. BOOKING IN is essential
Sun 28th Oct	Hurston Match Pond	Our first winter series match at Hurston. It has fished really well for pleasure anglers during the summer, lets see what happens in a match
Sun 4th Nov	Sumners Pond	Back to Sumners on the match pond this time and again we will be fishing with The Sportsman Club. BOOKING IN is essential
Sun 18th Nov	Passies Match Lake	All in for this match at Passies. BOOKING IN is essential
Sun 25th Nov	Hurston Match Pond	Our second winter series match on the Hurston.
Sun 2nd Dec	Bernies	This popular venue always produces a few good weights and stories. BOOKING IN is essential

Flow Deflectors at Coultershaw

Earlier this year, when we had the social evening at Coultershaw we invited Arnie Warsop from the EA to talk us through his proposal for some in-stream river improvements. These came to fruition when club members worked together with a team from the Environment Agency to install four new flow deflectors at Coultershaw. There was also work done on a fifth location - the fourth peg in the wire to rebuild and enhance the flow deflector that was already in place. I managed to get down there to take a few pictures and generally get in the way. I have also filmed the works together with a couple of interviews and I will be editing this into a short which I hope will be available soon on our youtube channel. Please keep an eye on the website and your inbox for more information.



Our team at work being shown the ropes by EA officer - Arnie Warsop



The EA team work on No. 4 in the fence



It wasn't just a spade and fork job!



The always subtle sledgehammer!!

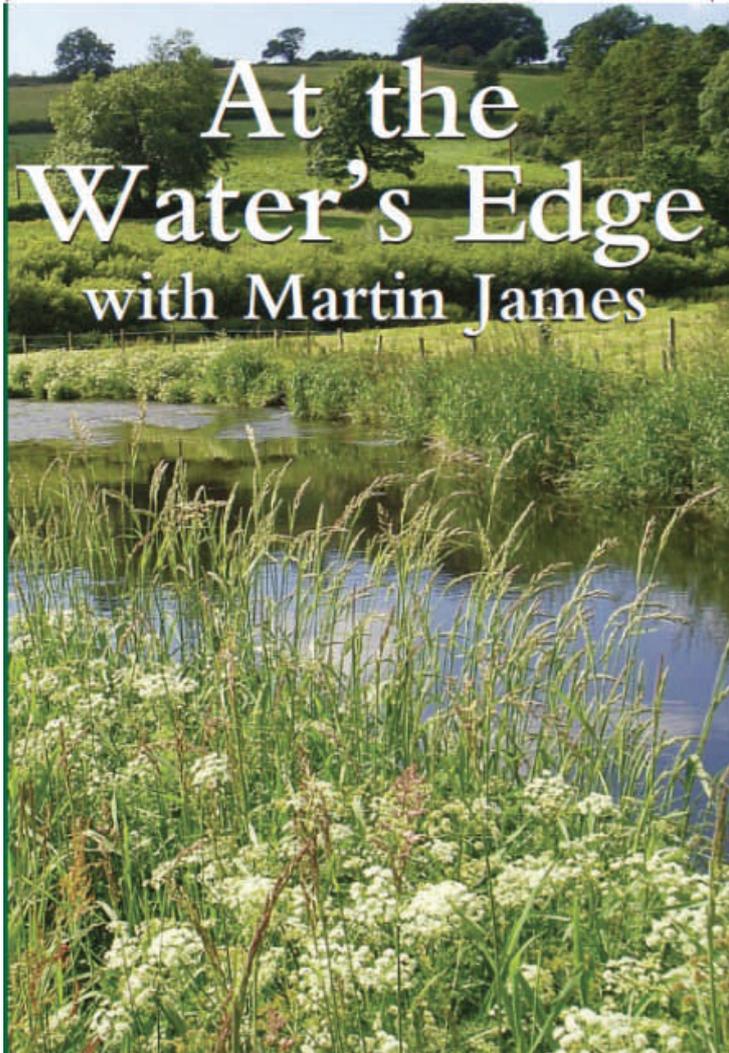


Wiring the woody sections to the posts

Martin James's Roach Challenge

Martin James is probably our furthest flung member, living in Lancashire and travelling down here to fish our waters when he can. Martin does have some family in the area so he is able to use them as a base when he fishes in West Sussex.

Martin was well known in the North West as an angling broadcaster on Radio Lancashire and across the country on Radio 5 Live until he retired about 5 years ago. At around the same time he was awarded an MBE for his charity work and services to angling and conservation. He is also one of the Angling Trust's ambassadors.



Martin has a new book out; At the Waters's Edge - From Sticklebacks to Sharks Tiddlers to Tuna, the Avon to the Amazon. With contributions from Len Arbery, Gary Newman, Trevor Bross, Mick Holgate, Martin Salisbury, Phil Chun, Will Carter and Scot Richmond. The book covers all types of angling, including his travels around the world. He has kindly donated a couple of copies to the club. Martin would like one of these to go to an adult member and one to a junior member, however there is a catch - literally!

Martin has asked that we present one book for the best Roach, Rudd or Perch caught by a junior member and the other for the best Roach caught by an adult member. Finally these should be float caught fish!

For the Juniors it would seem that The Granary could be the best venue to target some of the Rudd there which are getting pretty big. There have been some good Perch and Roach from both the Arun and Rother, so plenty of venues to try.

For adult members both our rivers produce good roach and I am going to predict that Stopham could be the winning venue.

What we would like from entrants is details of weight, species (for Juniors) and a picture. It would be really good if you can get someone to witness your catch as well.

The competition will run until the end of the season alongside our normal specimen competitions. The anglers that submit the biggest Barbel of the season and the best other species will win a year's complimentary membership. Details are on page 48 in your handbook and on the website.

Help Needed

Bookkeeper

We are still looking for an experienced bookkeeper to help our treasurer. Our books are in the form of a comprehensive spreadsheet 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](#).

Facebook Page

We are looking for someone who is a regular facebook user to work with us to revitalise our facebook page. If you are interested in the club and a regular facebook user and think you can help please contact us [HERE](#).

Fisheries News

River Rother

Although we have now had quite a bit of rain the levels have not held up. We have had short periods of higher water levels followed by a quick drop back to what we are now coming to regard as normal summer levels. However the river is still carrying a reasonable flow and colour.

Coultershaw

The best barbel of the season is now 18lb 8oz just 1oz below the club record. The member who caught the fish reported it to our bailiff but did not want it publicised further. It was caught during one of the periods of higher flow. New flow deflectors have been installed at the top end of the stretch and were put to the test shortly afterwards when we had some heavy rain and the river rose by over 2 feet. Everything is still in place and the deflectors definitely seem to be doing their job. Some work was done on the No.4 swim in the wire and this needs some further attention, we have mentioned it to the EA and they will hopefully rectify this soon. The swim is Ok when the ground is dry but a bit boggy in or immediately after rain. Apart from the barbel plenty of silver fish are being caught on the float. It was interesting to see a shoal of Dace apparently completely undisturbed by the work going on around them when the deflectors were being installed.

Shopham / Coates

We have trimmed some of the paths to make access a bit easier to these stretches. A few Chub are coming out to static baits and I have reports of one or two Barbel being caught from further down on the Coates side. Float fishing with maggot and caster almost anywhere is producing decent mixed silver fish bags and we have some regular fly anglers on the water who report steady fishing

Fittleworth

Anglers are continuing to encounter a lot of Gudgeon on the Fittleworth stretch. There are also a lot of silver fish falling to maggot. Although a lot of them are small (hopefully a good sign for the future) there are one or two better specimens coming out with the best Roach I have heard of to date weighing in at just over 1lb. The Barbel anglers are picking up Chub on pellet or boilie baits, together with the odd skimmer or better Bream

River Arun

Watersfield

Although there are plenty of Roach and Dace to be caught at Watersfield, we have seen a significant increase in the Bleak population and it can be difficult to get a small float-fished bait down to the more attractive species. Again quite a few skimmers and one or two better Bream have been reported. I thought I would also include the following report from one of our members;

I had a good day fishing on 31st August 2018 at Waterfield, I caught 30 Roach, one Bream, 4 Dace and 2 Gudgeon. It was a very pleasurable day, the river seemed to be alive with roach. When I arrived there was a cormorant on the opposite bank to where I fished which flew off, but I also saw a group of 3 birds flying over on a regular basis four times, down towards the tall darker trees across from the boundary gate. The buzzards seemed happy circling up in the sky and the swallows seemed to be having a good feed too fattening themselves up before they leave us, I didn't see the heron I saw 2 weeks ago though.

We greatly appreciate these reports from our members - more please!!

Stopham

Stopham is very weedy at the moment and it is difficult to find a decent trot to float fish, however there are plenty of holes big enough for feeder tactics. The first field has been cut so walking is much easier. Personally I wanted to float fish and eventually found a short run in the second field. As with Watersfield there are a lot of Bleak in the upper layers and they will eagerly follow a maggot or caster down. I found that sweet corn was the answer and caught some good quality Roach; not many but the best was over 1lb. I'm thinking that my next trip will be with a reasonably light feeder rod. The most interesting fish reported recently was a very large (around 4lb) probably Roach / Bream hybrid. It would be nice to think it was a Roach but this is almost certainly a pipe dream as it is only a few ounces off the British record, however.....

Hurston Lane

Sterling efforts from Keith and his team have kept the weed levels very manageable at Hurston this season. Well done, I'm sure that all the anglers that fish here really appreciate it.

The Tench pond continues to produce some excellent catches with anything up to 30 Tench in a session. It can be quite exciting as a 4lb fish gives a very similar bite to a 4oz one, of course it is different from this point onwards. Interspersed with the Tench are the odd Crucian, the ratio seems to be 1 Crucian to every 9 or 10 Tench. There are also plenty of Rudd, which seem to be getting bigger and the odd Bream and Carp show up as well.

There are plenty of clear swims in the Middle pond and virtually all of them are fishing well for Carp as well as the other species that are now present.

As well as plenty of Carp and good sized Bream there are plenty of silver fish, with roach approaching 1lb, tench and some better perch showing up.

The Granary

Mike and his team had been hard at work at The Granary, they have done quite a bit of tree work and also some weed removal making sure this popular venue is in tip top condition.

Our anglers are enjoying some great Carp and Rudd catches from this venue. There do not appear to be any real hot swims, once you put a bit (but not too much) feed in the fish will move into any of the swims round the lake.

Chichester Canal

Still plenty of silver fish from the canal and I have had further reports of a good sized shoal of bigger bream between Hunston Bridge and the barge. I really must get down there and see if I can find them!

Petworth Park

Weather conditions have provided a number of bumper days for those that fish Petworth Park (you need a decent south westerly breeze and a bit of cloud cover). The best I have heard recently is a catch of around 30 Bream to two anglers who were float fishing on the road bank, other anglers have reported 10 plus Bream per session. There are also plenty of Roach, Perch and Rudd to be caught with some becoming quite sizeable. If you are after the Tench and Crucians these seem to be found close in at the bottom of the inside shelf. There are quite a few Pike moving at the moment and one angler reported connecting (inadvertently) with five in a session recently.



Juvenile member Leonard Senior who fished with his Godfather at Petworth Park gives the thumbs up to the best Bream from their session

Walberton – Stemps & Cart

Although we have suffered from low water levels at Stemps and Cart this has not had any adverse effect on the fishing and virtually any method and any bait will give you a good day's fishing whatever you target. On Stemps the favoured Carp pegs are producing up to and sometimes more than 10 fish per session and in other areas you can find the odd carp together with plenty of silver fish. In Cart Pond the pattern of plenty of silver fish with the odd carp holds true from virtually every peg. May we remind members that they should fish from marked pegs only and not to cut any new swims.

Please Note:

Following consultation with the farmer at Walberton it has been agreed that the gate should now be left open from dawn to dusk. If you are the first to arrive at the venue in the morning and the gate is locked please leave the gate open. If you are the last angler off the water in the evening then please close and lock the gate. You do not need to close and lock the gate during the daytime.

Please don't forget to fill out the log books at our venues, it really helps us in compiling these reports. If you have any photographs of your catches that you would like to share please forward them to us [HERE](#).