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Work Parties

We only have one scheduled work party which is at Stemps & Cart on 18th August, however, we will soon have the materials in place to complete the work on the island in Cart Pond and this will lead to some closures of the water. We will make sure these are published on the website and Facebook page and please check the notice board at the venue. We are looking for a few volunteers to help out with this. If you think you can help please contact us [HERE](#) and we will let you know with as much notice as possible when we will be continuing the work

With Keith Hughes now at the helm our match season has got off to a good start and it is encouraging to see some new faces.

Upcoming Matches - Check your handbook for times.

Date	Venue	Comment
Sun 4th Aug	Stanbridge View	An away day on a venue that has provided some excellent fishing on our previous visits. BOOKING IN is essential
Sun 11th Aug	Fittleworth	We are hosting a Three Counties match on the river at Fittleworth.
Sun 18th Aug	Hurston Match Pond	The pond fished well in the early season matches and has been producing good pleasure bags.
Sun 1st Sept	Hurston Middle Pond	This is a pole only match which could prove very interesting.
Sun 15th Sept	Marsh Farm	An away day joint match with The Sportsman Club at this well known Surrey fishery which is renowned for the size and quality of its Crucian Carp. BOOKING IN is essential
Sun 22nd Sept	Hurston Match Pond	Back to Hurston Match Pond
Sun 29th Sept	The Granary	Plenty of Carp and Rudd are expected to come from our prolific Granary fishery.
Sun 29th Sept	Coultershaw	The annual charity fish in to celebrate the memory of Chris Humphry and raise some money. If you would like to join in please contact PETER FOSTER

Coultershaw Summer?? Barbecue and Social

Despite foul conditions we had a good turnout at the Coultershaw social. Dave soldiered on heroically in the rain albeit under his gazebo making sure that everyone had plenty to eat, while we made full use of the warehouse to shelter from the rain and chat. Tim enlisted the help of 'Supersalesman' Chris Exall and they did very well on the used tackle stall raising in excess of £270. Lots of views and ideas were exchanged by the anglers that were there, however, it would be good to see a few more of our still water anglers next year as although this event is held adjacent to the river it is by no means intended as a river anglers event - all are very welcome.



Webmaster Les Heath and Facebook moderator Clive Fennel trying to strike a deal with Chris Exall on the used tackle stall



Chef Dave sporting some very trendy head gear provided a magnificent spread of food for all to enjoy.

From our bailiffs

Our bailiffs do a magnificent job in looking after our waters and making sure that they are in tip top condition. We are lucky to have a small band of volunteers who regularly help them out at work parties but we would of course like to see a few more of you putting something back into our fisheries.

The work parties (although the most visible) are only part of a bailiffs job, they regularly patrol our fisheries making sure that the anglers they meet are members - unfortunately non-members still chance their arm hoping to get away with fishing our waters. Although it doesn't seem important our bailiffs are always talking to our anglers, offering advice on where to fish and how to fish. Let's face it they are generally the venue experts.

In order to help them in these tasks they would ask that all members read their handbook, this is not an ornament but contains vital information on what you can and cannot do on our various fisheries.

Listed in the back of the handbook are all our matches when we close a fishery to anglers apart from those that are fishing the match. The water should be vacated at least three hours prior to the published start time. We have had a number of occasions recently where we have had to ask members to leave a water as there was a match just about to start.

Dog owners; we know it is good to be able to take your companion out with you but we have strict instructions from our riparian owners and the tenant farmers not to allow dogs on a number of our venues, these are all recorded in the handbook so please check before you take your dog with you.

Litter; we are lucky that we don't generally suffer too much from litter, but the odd bit can still be seen on our venues, please take it home with you or if you see someone elses litter on one of our venues please take a couple of minutes to pick it up and dispose of it. This helps our bailiff concentrate on the more important aspects of our fishery management

Contact with bailiffs; Our bailiffs are there to help you and are always happy to offer advice either on the bankside or you can give them a call on the numbers listed in your handbook, but, civilised hours please. A couple of bailiffs have been contacted recently very early in the morning by anglers asking for advice on where to fish and what bait to use. An extreme example I know, but a bailiff was once phoned up at 10.30 at night by an angler at Watersfield. A dead sheep had floated into the anglers swim and he wanted it removed - needless to say the bailiff suggested the angler try another swim!!!

Venue Reports July 2019

Last year at this time we were looking at extreme hot and dry conditions and whether we needed to take some extra precautions. This year we have not had the heat but we still seem to be a bit short of rain, so water levels are generally a bit low. We had to briefly stop the use of keepnets on Stemps & Cart and we will continue to review all our waters.

River Rother

We are getting used to the lower levels that we experience through the summer months, however there is still a reasonable amount of flow and some colour in the water. We are again seeing plenty of Gudgeon in all stretches of the Rother a sign that water quality is improving.

Coultershaw

The Barbel are a bit quiet at the moment a few have come out with a couple of mid teens being recorded. Fishing a float for silver fish is producing some reasonable catches and the odd Chub is showing not only to the barbel anglers but also to the float. The EA surveyed the section downstream of the cattle drink at the start of the season. The most notable fish they saw was a pike of an estimated 20lb. They did also find a few Bream

Shopham & Coates

Both up and down stream on Shopham and the downstream Coates stretch are producing reasonable bags of silver fish and the odd Chub. And there have been some really good sized Dace reported from the Coates stretch. There are plenty of Trout around which are falling to coarse fishing tactics, these vary from a few ounces up to 2lb. Generally quite quiet on the Barbel front but Shopham seemed to produce later in the season last year.

Fittleworth

Fittleworth has been producing some really good mixed bags of silver fish, Dace have been predominant but there have also been some good sized Roach as well as the odd large skimmer Bream and a few good perch with the best I've heard of being well over 1lb. I have also heard of some big Eels being taken from the section immediately below the bridge.

River Arun

Watersfield

Those that fish Watersfield will know that we have had an issue with the farmer installing an electric fence very close to the bank. We have been in contact with the estate and have been promised that this will be resolved very shortly. I've not heard much on the catch front and on my one visit all that seemed to be coming out were Eels. Those that like the lower stretches will be pleased to know that there is now a good access path to the bottom levee.

Stopham

The Stopham stretch is very weedy at the moment and it is quite difficult to find a swim to trot. But for those that prefer the feeder fishing the holes is the weed can produce some good Roach catches as long as you don't attract the Pike (which are quite numerous) into your Swim. If you do find a trottable stretch then beware of the Bleak which prolific in the top layers of the water and will follow baits in particular maggots and caster down to quite a depth. Fishing sweet corn avoids the Bleak and can sort out some quality Roach.

Chichester Canal

I have only had a couple of reports from the Chichester Canal and these were from different areas, however but accounts report very good skimmer Bream, Roach and Rudd catches. Fishing the bottom of the inside shelf with small baits (pinkies) over a bit of groundbait is producing plenty of fish. The trip boat is running fairly regularly but the fish do not seem to be spooked by this for very long with bites starting up no more than five minutes after the boat has gone through. In the evening there are a lot of paddle boards on the canal, most are experienced and give anglers a wide berth, however there are a few beginners who have less control of their direction. They do not seem to put the fish off unless they happen to plough right into your swim.

The Granary

The Granary is producing some good Carp bags particularly when fishing to the island from the near side swims or to the weed beds from the golf course side. For those that want something a little less hectic or muscle sapping some of the Rudd are getting quite sizeable and provide good sport on light tackle, however, a word of caution, you quite often find that the carp follow the Rudd and you are quite likely to find yourself struggling with a Carp being hopelessly outgunned on light tackle!

Petworth Park

This season has carried on from where we left of last season with some really big bags of Bream being caught by pleasure anglers with 20plus fish being caught per session. There are also good Crucian Carp and Tench to be had but if you end up with a big shoal of Bream in front of you these tend to muscle the Tench and Crucians out of the swim. I find that it is best to look for these on the inside line on the road side swims or behind the far islands.



Dan Bolton has had some excellent sessions on Petworth Park with plenty of Bream but crowned by this new club record Crucian Carp at 3lb 5oz



Steve (The Biker) Warner is a regular contributor to our galleries and is pictured here with a lovely 3lb 3oz Crucian Carp

Hurston Lane

The Match Pond and Middle Pond at Hurston have remained relatively weed free so far this year. The Tench Pond has just had a big weed clearing operation carried out by a work party prior to a recent match. There are now 10 fishable swims on the pond, however, it still might be worth having a rake with you if you decide to fish. As for the fishing there are plenty of Tench coming out from a few ounces to 3lb plus, Crucians although not the size of those coming from Petworth Park, Best baits seem to be worm, corn and maggots (although you can get pestered by the Rudd) and fish up to 2 feet off the Lily pads over a small amount of groundbait.

The Match Pond has produced plenty of good mixed bags with Carp & Bream making up the bulk of the weights but there are also plenty of Roach and the odd Perch. Fish with pellet, meat and corn for the bigger fish and maggot for the Roach.

The Middle pond is also fishing well with lots of small stuff to small baits such as maggot and the Carp are responding well to pellet and meat.

Stemps & Cart

As mentioned we are hoping to be able to complete the work around the island on Cart Pond over the next month so look out for closures. Both ponds are fishing very well with plenty of Carp and Silver Fish coming out. A particularly notable session was had by Glen Riley and Nelson Keet who fished next to each other in pegs 14 and 15 in Stemps for the BBQ match. The managed to land over 140lb of Carp between them with Glen just coming out on top. For the pleasure angler, whatever your preference or tactics there are plenty of fish coming out of both ponds. The Cart Pond Carp seem to be very active at the moment, they are not big fish but can rightly be described as pockets rockets as they are incredibly hard fighting. There are also a lot of skimmer Bream with the occasional 'proper' Bream coming out, these are often falling to carp fishing tactics and baits. We are seeing the odd Tench coming out - you might recall that we stocked 200 4 - 8 inch Tench last January, we would have hoped to have seen a few more coming out to general tactics.

Caption Competition

This is just for fun, spotted at a recent match and captured by Mick Greenway are these two classic shots of Glen Riley and Phil Tubb. We would like to know (in not too many words) what Glen was saying to Phil.



Please let us know [HERE](#) and we will publish those that we think are most amusing in our next issue.