

From 1 March 2014, WADAS members will have access to Barns Court Fishery, Turners Hill Road, Crawley Down, West Sussex RH10 4HQ during daylight hours, seven days a week.

Members have to produce both their rod licence and current rule book in order to fish for free on any of the three ponds currently available.

Our usual fishery rules apply but in particular: Barbless hooks only, all anglers must have a landing net and unhooking mat, keepnets banned except on matches. Note that **chick peas and all nuts are banned** and groundbait to be used in moderation.

Chairman Dave Harper said: "We are always looking to improve our portfolio of waters and hope this water will provide comfortable fishing with easy access for our pleasure anglers. Match anglers can look forward to a future facility also whilst specimen boys have an ideal stalking pond."

### **New canal book**

Angling writer and all rounder Dom Garnett has written the first book on Canal Fishing in 34 years and there is a You Tube Video available on [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUhb8DeC0NY&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUhb8DeC0NY&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

### **MBK Junior Open Matches 2014** Date Location Draw Fish Saturday 12th April

special guest Alex Clements Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm Saturday 26th April Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm Saturday 10th May

special guest John Alexander

Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm Saturday 24th May Pump Station, Greatham 12 noon 1pm - 4pm

Friday 30th May Coloured Ponds, Rake 5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm Saturday 7th June

special guest Adrian Eves Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm Friday 13th June Pump Station, Greatham 5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm Saturday 21st June

special guest Russ Evans The Obsessed Angler

Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm Friday 27th June Coloured Ponds, Rake 5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm

Saturday 5th July Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm Friday 11th July Barons Ponds, Liss 5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm

Saturday 19th July Pump Station, Greatham 12 noon 1pm - 4pm Friday 25th July Coloured Ponds, Rake 5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm

Saturday 2nd August Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm Saturday 9th August

Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm Saturday 16th August

special guest Keith Arthur

Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm Saturday 30th August Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm

Saturday 6th September

special guest Sarah Collins GHoF

Pump Station, Greatham 12 noon 1pm - 4pm Saturday 20th September Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm

Saturday 4th October Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm Saturday 18th October

Juniors versus Senior Helpers

(Mum's, Dad's & Grandparents)

& Winner of Winners Trophy Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm Male & female coaches will be on site throughout matches to assist *Tackle can be borrowed by PRIOR arrangement ONLY* 3 Age groups; 13 - 17 years, 9 - 12 years & under 9 years old A list of [rules](#)

### **New Water for WADAS**

**A fantastic opportunity, this is an invite to a Talk By Keith Arthur.**

Keith Arthur is kindly giving up his time next Tuesday (28th January) to give a talk at Get Hook on Fishing Ealing from 19.00 – 21.00. This is to help raise some funds for the project, tickets are available on the door and will be priced at £5, refreshments will be provided.

Keith will be talking about his angling exploits across the globe as well as offering a question and answer session.

This really is a brilliant opportunity to learn from and interact with one of our sports top names. Please pass this information on to your club, friends and any other angler who may be interested!

Directions to the site can be found in the following link (there is ample parking in two public car parks):  
[http://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/200878/parks\\_in\\_the\\_borough/663/greenford\\_parks/2](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/200878/parks_in_the_borough/663/greenford_parks/2)

And the charities website is available to view here should you require any more information on our work:  
[www.ghof.org.uk](http://www.ghof.org.uk)

Looking forward to welcoming you on the 28th!

James Thornhill  
GHoF Ealing Project Manager

Regards Grant Fear

**Grant Fear**

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**A Partnership between the Angling Trust, Environment Agency and Thames 21.**



**For Sale Preston Innovations  
Space Station Compact. Sold for  
£100**

### **Dick Hodges Angling Administrator RIP**

Hi All

Following a phone call this morning from Alan Williams, KFCA Chairman, it is my sad duty to inform you that Dick Hodges, KFCA President, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday 22nd December.

Many of you will have known Dick over many years and were aware of his total dedication to the angling world. He will be sorely missed.

I will inform you of funeral details when received, as the KFCA will of course send a tribute of some kind , subject to family wishes.

Dennis  
Hon Secretary  
Kent Fisheries Consultative Association

- The funeral of Dick Hodges will be held on the 15th January at 11.30am at the Eltham Crematorium. After the service there will be a reception in the boat house in Danson Park, Bexleyheath, all are invited. Dennis, Bob and myself will be attending, representing the KFCA. If you are intending to go would you please let me know so that I can estimate the numbers for them. We will be sending wreath or a donation to charity.RegardsAlan

## Appeal for Tackle

tel  
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BATTERSEA  
LONDON  
S.W.11. 2A.Z -  
19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013

Dear Dave,

Many thanks for the Xmas card, and also the reason I have written to you is if you hear of any Decorating Work big or small could you let me know urgently as I had my seat box plus my reels inside and my Rod Hold all and Rods stolen a while back so I'm in need of work to replace them as I am on a pension the money I get is taken by rent food Gas Electric etc so the only way is to hopefully find work somewhere i.e. private work, also not being able to go fishing is driving me nuts as I've been fishing since I was 10 yrs old so if you know anybody or hear anything please let me know.

Many thanks  
Tight lines  
Steve  
ALBOROUGH.

Some members may recall Steve Alborough who has appeared as a guest on our Thames matches as well as taking part in our Thames Championships. He has had his tackle stolen and clearly misses his fishing! If you can help him out in any way, give him a call!

## Pat Hill Matches 2014

The big news is that the **Bob Nudd Junior Match** has been discontinued after 14 years. In its place will be an "Invitation only" event to be held on Sumners Match Lake on Saturday, 28 June. More details later.

As usual, juniors are welcome on the matches listed below as well as seniors. Details from Pat Hill on 01293 871198

Day	Date	Venue	Comments
Saturday	April 5	<b>Sumners Match Lake</b>	
Saturday	April 12	<b>Sumners Match Lake</b>	

Wednesday	April 23	<b>Sumners Match Lake</b>	
Saturday	May 3	Jennys Lake, Stammerham	
Wednesday	May 28	<b>Slaugham Match Lake</b>	
Saturday	June 14	<b>Sumners Match Lake</b>	
Saturday	June 28	<b>Sumners Match Lake</b>	<b>Junior Match by invitation only</b>
Saturday	July 12	Snake Lake, Deans Farm	
Saturday	July 19	Five Oaks Fishery	
Thursday	July 31	Slaugham Match Lake	
Saturday	August 9	Clover Lake, Stammerham	<b>Pairs Match</b>
Friday	August 22	<b>Sumners Match Lake</b>	
Saturday	September 13	Clover Lake	
Saturday	September 27	Ribbon Lake, Sumners	
Saturday	October 4	Snake Lake, Deans Farm	<b>Peter Hill Memorial Match</b>

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**See the first version of next season's fixtures now - [click here](#)**

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## **Tackle for sale**

For Sale: Daiwa Tournament Pro 16m Pole with the following: an original unused Tournament rod/pole holdall with new diawa blue tube half extension butt section, short no 4's 4 top kits all brand new & unused : (2 match & 2 power interlastic carp both worth £85 each) The main part of the pole is of a good secondhand condition and is approx 4yrs old although it hasn't been used for the last 18 months. I bought it as a spare but it sat in my garage unused. I am offering it for sale at **£950 ono**. Also: Preston Pro roost kit (designed to take 8 top kits) new condition, never been used still in bags sells for approx £37 in shops, for sale £250 ono. If anybody is interested in the above please telephone me and I'll bring it to the next match that I attend. Regards Steve Mullins 01306 886199



**Angling Trust Resumes  
Recruitment for Voluntary Bailiff  
Service in the South  
East**

The Angling Trust have resumed recruiting for the Environment Agency South East Voluntary Bailiff Service (VBS). This will close at the beginning of March pending the April 2014 induction and training day.

Expressions of interest for the South East area or for the planned expansion of the service into other areas should be sent to [bailiffs@anglingtrust.net](mailto:bailiffs@anglingtrust.net)

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**Join us for the RiverFest 2013 Final - Spectators Welcome!**

Over the weekend of 16th/17th November, 60 anglers will be competing to win a share of £24,000 in the first ever RiverFest final on the River Wye at Hereford. The winner will walk away with a cool £10,000, which is the biggest prize ever for a river competition!

We'd like to invite you to come along to watch the action with us. Parking and entry is free for Angling Trust members and you'll be able to watch and meet some of the best river anglers in the country doing their stuff. There's a path all the way along the match length and access is easy.

Cars should be parked in the field adjacent to the Hereford Rowing Club at the bottom of Greyfriars Avenue, HR4 0BE.

Spectators will also have the use of the facilities and be able to get refreshments at the rowing club where there will be a bookmaker present to take bets on your fancied anglers.

In addition, Dave Harrell, the man behind the RiverFest concept, will be on hand to answer your questions and to show you his full range of DH Angling products.

The draw takes place each day at 8am and the club is open to Angling Trust members from 9am. Fishing is from 10.30am until 3.30pm each day.

We hope to see you there!

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### **Angling Trust Membership now available on monthly Direct Debit**

We've responded to feedback from anglers by introducing a new monthly subscription option. Individual members can now spread the cost of Angling Trust membership over 12 months by paying just £2.50 a month with Direct Debit. As the nominated Primary Contact for your club we are asking you to please pass on this news to your club's members by forwarding them this email.

The more members of our affiliated clubs that join us as Angling Trust individual members the more political clout and resources we will have to run campaigns and take action on issues like poaching, pollution, commercial over-fishing at sea and predation.

For £2.50 (...yes that's less than the price of a pint of beer!) each month all anglers will now know they are doing the right thing and supporting their sport's representative organisation, and the work of Fish Legal, in the same way that birdwatchers join the RSPB or shooters join BASC. What's more, individual members get great benefits like public liability insurance worth £14.99, two magazines a year, monthly e-news and up to 20% off fishing permits, tackle and books.

This new monthly payment option will make it easier for those who prefer to pay for individual membership of the Angling Trust in instalments rather than in a single £25 lump sum.

To set up a £2.50 Direct Debit payment your club's members just need to go to [www.anglingtrust.net/join](http://www.anglingtrust.net/join) or call 0844 77 00 616 (Option 1). For those who prefer to pay in one single payment there's still a one-off £25 option for adult members instead.

*The total of £30 for 12 X £2.50 monthly instalments reflects the administrative fees we have to pay for taking 12 Direct Debit payments.*

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### **Bruce Smashes Club Record**

Senior Citizen Bruce Scott took the field apart at Framfield's Spring Lake on September 22 to set a new six hour club record of 411-12-0. See match news for full story.

- Bruce won a Bait-Tech Clubman prize through Angling Times for the above catch. Not resting on his laurels, Bruce has landed his best ever stillwater barbel of 7-5-0 at Hartleylands Farm

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**Barston fish are elusive** WADAS members John Palmer and Dave Harper travelled to the West Midlands to take part in the David Hall Match Fishing/Pole Fishing Subscribers Event. The 200 peg match took place on Friday, September 20 at Barston Lakes (pictured left) and Packington Somers. Both our intrepid two were on Barston with Dave including three barbel in his modest 6-10-0 mixed bag, though a fish straightened his hook on the method. John was second in his five peg section further down the same bank that saw a massive 143 lb bag winning at peg 21, the angler on favoured peg 124 coming second. Both members vowed to return in 2014 despite

having a smoker setting off the hotel fire alarm at 1.30 in the morning!

### **Drennan England triumph in Poland**

England scored one of their best ever victories on the Zeranski Canal in Poland to take team gold after a sensational first day where the side scored four section wins (Steve Hemingray, Alan Scotthorne, Sean Ashby and Will Raison) and Des Shipp finished a lowly third (!) Steve Gardener remained as bank runner on Day Two as Drennan England repelled a strong French come-back to bask in victory. Steve Hemmingray and Alan Scotthorne took silver and bronze individual medals to top off a sensational result.



## Angling Trust Announces New Chairman

The Angling Trust has appointed fishing pioneer George Stephenson as its new Chairman, with immediate effect. With several decades experience of managing safari and fishing businesses around the world, George Stephenson brings great knowledge, business acumen and an excellent contact list to the role of Chairman of the rapidly-growing and dynamic representative organisation for all anglers in England. The post was widely advertised and attracted a number of high quality applicants.

George Stephenson spent 25 years in Africa running safari camps before setting up a highly successful business for Roxton Bailey Robinson arranging fishing expeditions throughout the world. He is also Chairman of the Save the Rhino Campaign and he now lives on his farm in Wiltshire which includes two miles of the River Nadder and a carp lake. He has been a passionate all round angler since the age of 4, catching coarse, sea and game fish

throughout the UK and around the world.

Among a host of notable catches in the UK and around the world, George considers the highlights to be a 23lb pike from the River Wye, a 32lb salmon from Iceland, a 96lb Nile Perch and a 30lb English Carp. Whilst he has caught many exotic species including long-tailed tuna on the fly from Kenya, sea trout from Argentina, black marlin, sailfish and tigerfish from Africa he still enjoys targeting brown trout, chub, grayling and bass back home in England.

The new Chairman has identified a number of priorities for the organisation over the coming years, which include: Accelerating the steady growth in membership of the Trust among individuals, clubs, fisheries, riparian owners, the angling trade, and charter boats. Increasing fundraising from private donors and corporate sponsorship to support specific campaigns and the English national angling teams. Continuing to develop the relationships with Sport England and in particular the Environment Agency to deliver the National Angling Strategy. Working more closely with the various disparate angling organisations in Wales and Scotland to create more unified representation for anglers throughout the UK. Recruiting new volunteers to the Angling Trust board to provide strategic direction to an organisation that turns over nearly £2.5 million a year and employs nearly 40 staff.

Mike Heylin has served as Chairman since shortly after the formation of the Trust in 2009, and announced his intention to step down at the AGM in 2012. He will remain as a member of the Board of Directors for the time being and said: *"I feel privileged to have served the angling community for the past four years and proud of what the organisation has achieved in that time. I warmly welcome George Stephenson's appointment to the role and feel that he has the skills and experience the organisation needs to take it forward to the next step in its development."*

New Angling Trust Chairman, George Stephenson said: *"I am delighted and honoured to have this opportunity to give something back to fishing, which has been a very important part of my whole life. Mike Heylin, Mark Lloyd and all the Directors and staff of the Angling Trust should be congratulated for the enormous progress they have made since 2009 in unifying the angling community to support a single representative organisation. I*

*look forward to working closely with them to develop plans to build on the success of the past four years. It is essential that all anglers are made aware of the excellent work being done on their behalf by the Angling Trust and its partner organisation Fish Legal.”*

Fisheries Minister Richard Benyon said: *“I have been very impressed by the Angling Trust and all that it has achieved in the past four years. They have robustly made the case for the protection of fish stocks and anglers’ right to fish for them and they are developing a wide range of programmes to deliver the National Angling Strategy which I launched last year. I know of George’s work and very much welcome his appointment as Chairman – his knowledge and experience of the world of angling and fisheries will, I’m sure, be very useful to the Trust in the next stage of its development. No doubt I will be hearing from him and his executive team often in my role as Fisheries Minister!”*

Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive of the Angling Trust & Fish Legal said: *“On behalf of all the staff and volunteers, I would like to thank Mike Heylin for the immense amount of time, energy and enthusiasm he has given to the Angling Trust. His dedication to angling and fisheries over forty years has culminated with a huge contribution to the formation and early development of our unified representative body. I am very grateful to George Stephenson for volunteering to take on this role and I am looking forward very much to working alongside him and the rest of the board to build on our success so far.”*

Charles Jardine, from Fishing for Schools, said: *“I am utterly delighted to hear of George’s appointment and I enthusiastically endorse him as the new Chairman of the Angling Trust as the unified body for all anglers. He is a beacon of common sense, someone who knows what the future needs - and how to get there.”*

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## **Ladycross Farm**

Members are reminded that we relinquished the rights to this water on 31 August 2013. Please do not visit this fishery and respect the privacy of the owner and his family.

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**For Sale Preston Innovations Space Station Compact.** This is a standard catalogue item together with extras. Top section includes a sliding pole rig section tray, divided 40mm sliding tray and two lift open areas divided into two. The slide out bottom section includes a deep container for bulky items and another shallow tray. The sliding footplate is removable if required, the legs are double extending to cater for fishing in shallow water, eg River Thames, Weir Wood or Irish Loughs. **£220 ono.** **Contact Dave on 07956 163414**



**Giant grassies for Alphonsus Selhurst angler**  
Alphonsus Duffy has been having good bags of fish at Old Lodge Farm. In amongst the normal carp to 5 lb, he banked this near 20 lb grass carp. A return with brother Augustus saw both anglers land numerous carp to 6 lb in a six hour session.

- Weir Wood Reservoir is currently good for bags of roach and bream to pole and waggler tactics on the south bank. Groundbait is the key with Ken Barnard recommending the feeding of six baby's heads at the start of a session to ensure bags of 20 lb plus.

**Friday 19 July 2013**

### **Angling Trust team hails breakthrough over cormorant problem**

Anglers and fishery managers have today welcomed the decision by the Natural Environment and Fisheries Minister Richard Benyon to replace the current bureaucratic and wholly inadequate system of licensing the control of cormorants with a new catchment-based approach which will allow for predator control based on local needs rather than arbitrary national limits. The Angling Trust's Action on Cormorants campaign received high profile political and celebrity backing including from TV presenter Chris Tarrant.

The Angling Trust has invested a huge amount of time and energy over the past three years campaigning for angling clubs and fishery managers to have the right to protect fish stocks from predation by cormorants.

Bird numbers have exploded out of control since the 1980s to the point where the survival of many fish stocks was being dangerously threatened. For example, on the once famous Hampshire Avon Environment Agency surveys have shown a virtual collapse of roach in the middle reaches of the river where cormorant predation is the highest. Salmon smolts attempting to return to the sea have been dangerously depleted in many rivers endangering successful recruitment in future years and rural fishery businesses have seen their livelihoods threatened as a result of unsustainable predation.

Although details are yet to be fully clarified, the main features of the catchment-based system look set to include:

- \* an end to arbitrary national limits on numbers of birds to be shot
- \* three regional advisors to be appointed to support fishery managers, funded by Defra
- \* cormorant numbers to be assessed annually by catchment
- \* as long as the conservation status of the birds are not threatened, the scheme will continue annually

In his letter to the members of the Defra review group Richard Benyon made clear his determination to protect fish stocks saying:

‘We must balance how inland fisheries and aquatic bio-diversity can be protected from fish eating birds in an effective, proportionate and timely way.’

During the review process the Angling Trust published a 10,000 word ‘Dossier of Destruction’ illustrating the impact that the increase from 2,000 to nearly 30,000 of over-wintering cormorants has had on fisheries, angling clubs and rural businesses. There were 80,000 hits on the Trust's special Cormorant Watch website recording sightings of the birds.

Angling Trust Chief Executive Mark Lloyd said:

‘Back in 2010 the Angling Trust persuaded Richard Benyon to review the hugely-bureaucratic rules which have completely failed to protect fisheries and wild fish stocks from the dreadful affects of a near 15-fold increase in cormorant numbers in the UK over the last 25 years. Time after time we had reports of angling clubs and fisheries whose stocks were in real trouble only being allowed to shoot a couple of birds a year when literally hundreds of these lethal predators were wreaking havoc on the local fish stocks.

‘We’re delighted that we have won a major decision from the government this week to announce sensible predator management measures and will work with them to find a sensible balance between birds and fish in each and every catchment. The current situation had got completely out of control and real action on cormorants has been long overdue.’

Angling Trust Campaigns Chief Martin Salter added:

‘This looks like being really good news for both angling and fisheries and is a tribute to years of hard work by many people who were not prepared to stand idly by and watch our fish stocks being decimated by squadrons of cormorants, many of which are European birds not native to the UK. At long last, those of us who care for the nation's fisheries will be given a chance to deliver a safer environment for young fish and threatened species.

‘We are particularly grateful to Fisheries Minister Richard Benyon MP, his Labour predecessor Ben Bradshaw and all the other MPs from right across the political divide, including our colleagues in the All Party Parliamentary Group on Angling, who have supported this campaign. Thanks must also go to everyone who sent off one of the 100,000 postcards produced by the Angling Trust to lobby their MPs and to our friends in the angling and countryside media for regularly highlighting this important issue. Now the challenge is to make Mr Benyon’s new scheme work so that our fish get a fighting chance to survive and breed.’

George Hollingbery MP, Chair of the APPG on Angling said:

‘I particularly welcome Richard Benyon’s insistence that it was perfectly possible to produce a scheme that allows for greater and more effective control of cormorants without endangering the conservation status of either birds or fish. I hope everyone will now get behind what is an entirely sensible approach based on the needs and challenges in individual catchments.’

The declining roach stocks of the Hampshire Avon became a centrepiece of the Action on Cormorants campaign with a 16,000 petition from the Avon Roach Project being presented to Richard Benyon in February 2012 by a delegation that included celebrity anglers Chris Tarrant and Feargal Sharkey and wildlife film maker Hugh Miles.

TV presenter Chris Tarrant said:

‘At last we seem to have a government minister who is prepared to take action to enable angling clubs and fishery managers to protect our vulnerable fish stocks from unsustainable predation by squadrons of these lethal predators whose numbers have expanded incredibly over the last 20 years’.

Trevor Harrop from the Avon Roach Project welcomed the news saying:

‘We are delighted by this announcement, and see it as a victory for common sense. Now, we look like having the right to protect our vulnerable and endangered fish populations, the work we do through the Avon Roach Project to restore the river’s natural fish population stands a far greater chance of succeeding.’

RSPB member and award winning wildlife film maker Hugh Miles added:

‘At long last we are seeing some sensible concessions to save our valuable fish life from the tragedy of unsustainable predation by cormorants. This follows years of hard and dedicated work by the Angling Trust and many others and represents a real triumph for all those who have contributed to the campaign.’

Environment Agency data shows that angling in England & Wales is worth in excess of £3.5 billion to the economy and generates nearly 40,000 jobs. Rural businesses have warmly welcomed the Government announcement on greater controls of fish-eating birds.

Adam Fox-Edwards from the Arundell Arms in Lifton, Devon, the premier game fishing hotel in the South West said:

‘It is important that both the public and politicians realise the huge economic value of both our fish and fisheries. Cormorant numbers have spiralled out of control in recent years and it is vital for businesses such as ours that a sensible balance is restored.’

### **The Angling Trust has secured an important breakthrough in the war against poachers and fish thieves.**

Now all 132,000 police officers in England and Wales will have web access to fisheries enforcement guidance and the law on POLKA - the national Police On-Line Knowledge Area.

Officers in the 43 forces in England and Wales routinely refer to POLKA when they encounter incidents and

offences beyond routine beat policing.

POLKA will now include the Angling Trust produced Elementary Guide to Angling Law and Fishery Enforcement which has been endorsed by the police National Wildlife Crime Unit.

It explains to police how fishery enforcement works and details how both poaching, which carries a maximum fine of £5,000, and fish theft from enclosed waters are matters for the police.

While anglers have become increasingly angry about both problems, police have lacked guidance on the action they can and should take.

This Angling Trust guide to the law will also be used by wildlife crime officers to brief colleagues in individual forces.

The Trust's Fishery Enforcement Manager, Dilip Sarkar, himself a former police officer, said: "*This is a really important step forward in educating the police. It will be of special interest to anglers in the South East where the Trust and the Environment Agency are piloting the Voluntary Bailiff Scheme to put more trained eyes and ears on the banks.*"

*The Trust urges water keepers and individual anglers to report incidents to local police but also phone the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60 to keep them in the picture."*

The Angling Trust together with the Environment Agency has also produced an 'impact statement' on poaching and fish theft - explaining why the offences are serious. It will be used as guidance by the police National Wildlife Crime Unit and by the courts in determining sentences.

#### **Notes to Editors:**

Poaching is defined under the Theft Act as stealing fishing rights and carries a maximum fine in on conviction in a magistrate's court of £5,000.

Police are also empowered to check rod Environment Agency rod licences.

Fishing in the close seasons carries a maximum fine of £50,000. Tackle may be confiscated.

#### **WADAS first again**

Warlingham & DAS are today (July 9 2013) proud to announce that they are the first entrants to the newly formed **National Fishing League** organised by the Angling Trust. Our speed of entry even caught the Trust's office staff out as their briefing is due to be delivered later in the week. Results will be published weekly in Angling Times where results will appear regionally to begin with

#### **THE NATIONAL FISHING LEAGUE**

The National fishing league is designed to reward regular participation in grass roots competition.

It is managed and promoted by the Angling Trust in partnership with the Angling Times and supported by funding from Sport England.

There are two leagues – a member FISHERY league and a member CLUB league with separate competitions in COARSE, GAME and SEA.

Registration is open from 9th July 2013.

Registration is open to AT affiliated clubs and fisheries only.

Member clubs and fisheries pay a £25 registration/admin fee to enter an unlimited number of qualifying fixtures. This is done by telephone. *0844 77 00 616 (Option 1) during weekday office hours*

Clubs/fisheries to confirm the number of competitions they want entered to 30TH March 2014

Points counting competitions will run from 3RD AUGUST 2013 to 30th MARCH 2014 inclusive.

Results to be sent within 48hrs of fixtures end along with completed league paper work to the relevant AT regional officer who will process with the Angling Times. Templates will be provided for this.

Local club and fishery rules apply to registered fixtures

### **INDIVIDUAL ANGLER ENTRY**

League entry is for individual anglers.

Any angler can enter (AT or non AT member) **FREE OF CHARGE**. This is done via the link [www.anglingtrust.net/nfl](http://www.anglingtrust.net/nfl)

Anglers can fish in **ANY** National Fishing League registered competition in the country that is open to them.

There are five categories MALE, FEMALE, VETERAN (OVER 55), DISABLED, and JUNIOR (UNDER 17) these are to be declared when entering.

A National, Regional and County points Champion will be recognised and rewarded in each category. In each discipline and in both leagues after the competition closes on 30th March 2014

All competitors must be in possession of a unique participant number prior to competing and must ensure the event organiser records this when entering.

There is **NO LIMIT** to the number of qualifying competitions fished per competitor between 3rd August 2013 and 30th March.

### **LEAGUE RANKING POINTS**

To gain any ranking points – **Club League**

An angler must compete in a National Fishing league club competition registered by an Angling trust affiliated club and hold a unique participant number (UPN) at the time of the event in which they participate.

To gain ranking points – **Fishery League**

The fishery must be a member of the Angling trust.

Anglers competing in a National league registered fishery competition must hold a unique participant number (UPN) at the time of the event in which they participate and the event must be registered in the National Fishery league.

Anglers without a valid UPN are not entered into the league and do not qualify for ranking points.

Points are awarded on the basis of the result gained according to the table below. These points contribute to their National and Regional and County rankings.

POSITION	POINTS
1	15
2	12
3	10
4	8
5	6
6	5
7	4
8	3
9	2
10	1

Every angler is allocated 2 points for entering each competition regardless of finishing position.

A first place is seventeen points and a tenth place is 3 points

Points are awarded on the basis of the angler's residence. If you live at a non-permanent address, e.g. full-time students and members of the armed forces, you score points in the region and county of either your temporary or permanent address.

**IT IS THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROMOTING CLUB/FISHERY AND INDIVIDUAL ANGLER TO ENSURE THAT RESULTS ARE CORRECT, RECORDED PROPERLY AND SUBMITTED TO THE RELEVANT ANGLING TRUST REGIONAL OFFICER ON THE TEMPLATES PROVIDED.**

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### **Fairlight Fishery**

**Max Aldous, the owner of Fairlight Fishery has asked us to mention that he lost a dozen fish following an incident upstream in late May which resulted in the June 2 competition being switched elsewhere. Subsequently a further eight fish perished but no more problems have occurred and the water is fishing well. We are happy to put the record straight.**

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**\*\*\*\*\*For Sale\*\*\*\*\***

*Matrix Superbox - unused. Worth £479 retail, will accept £345 ono. Happy to deliver in Croydon area. John 07958 728680*

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#### **Daniel hopes pole rigs will keep him afloat**



Former WADAS member Daniel Diment has branched out into making custom pole rigs and hand-tied hooklengths. The pole rigs should be of particular interest in that they are claimed to be virtually indestructable with foam bodies covered with several coats of varnish. The eyes cannot be pulled from the body either making them ideal "jungle warfare" rigs. See [www.polerigs.co.uk](http://www.polerigs.co.uk) for full details and a field test here in due course.

#### **Alan Harrington Memorial at Willinghurst**



**Alan Harrington**, pictured left fishing the Thames at Medley, sadly passed away in October 2012 was linked to WADAS by virtue of being Chairman of the Surrey Winter League whilst Dave Harper was his young secretary in the 70s and 80s. He was a staunch member of Englefield Green AA and a popular member of the open circuit around his Surrey home. Alan and his son Mark were also a keen participants in the Lower Thames Championship that we ran between 2008-2010. Inevitably a memorial match has been arranged at Alan's favourite commercial water, Willinghurst. The whole complex has been booked for September 15 (clashes with our match on Bough Beech). If you are interested in entering Don Garnish on 07828 485665 is the man to contact.

### **Method mix v micropellets - what really happens underwater**

Ever wondered what happens after your feeder enters the water? There is a superb article that reveals just that with the aid of underwater photography in the June 2013 edition of **Match Fishing**. At £3.95, the article is worth the cover price alone.

### **Charley Clark in Pole Fishing**

Junior member **Charley Clark**, who could show at the WADAS match on Puddledock in July features in the July 2013 issue of *Pole Fishing* Magazine. On sale now at good newsagents.

- The day Charley might have joined us at Tylers Common, she was busy winning the Junior UK Pole Championships beating over 50 others at Westwood Lakes

### WADAS Juniors net the Gold Medal for Croydon



Croydon's Manager Jake Marshall went one better than in 2012 to guide the team to gold following an exciting match. Holders Enfield's chances of retaining the top dog spot were cruelly snatched away from them when two of their team failed to show. Nathan Oliver took top honours nonetheless with 113-7-0. **Teams:** 1 Croydon 67 pts; 2 Bexley, 64; 3 Ealing, 55



**Callum Blake** doesn't fish as often as he would like but showed what a good team man he was at peg 19 by landing this 46-11-0 bag using method feeder and dead maggot as well as pole tactics to earn second top points on the outer swims on Horseshoe. He now adds a team gold to add to last year's silver team medal and retire in style.



**Tom Barnard's** final Youth Games saw him once again drawn on the Horseshoe Lake where he fished peg 49 with mostly pole and meat over pellets to land 65-8-0 and earn a Bronze medal in the senior section. Since his debut in 2008 at Brook Farm, the New Addington lad has accumulated three Gold team medals, a silver and bronze, failing to win a medal only 2010 when one member of the team failed to show.



**Gabriel Collins** may have turned out for Lambeth but had Croydon manager Jake Marshall demanding that he moves to a Croydon school in order to be eligible for the Croydon side! And little wonder as the 8-year-old with little technical help hammered out 62-0-0 from Willow Lake for eighth out of 20 in only his third ever match. Gabriel also included his first ever tench and barbel in his net caught mostly on meat over pellets. Lambeth finished a credible joint 6th after finishing 20th in 2012.



Meanwhile 9-year-old **Callum Hutchins** increased his 2012 weight by nearly 100% and one higher place. Pole and a poly ball saw him slapping the water and picking up fish close to the surface before switching to the margins to land 86-6-0 for fourth in section, improving upon his 44-4-0 bag from Ash in 2012.

### Victory for Gabriel at second attempt



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New WADAS member used his half term break wisely and fished the Friday evening MBK Junior match on May 31 as a last minute practice for the London Youth Games. He was drawn on **Coloured Pond 3 at Rake** and fished with pole and maggot or meat over pellet to land this mixed bag that went 15-0-0. This was just his second visit to the venue and second ever match but the eight-year-old has impressed onlookers as he is able to land his own fish and use a disgorger. On this match, he even demonstrated that he can feed his margins whilst playing a carp! Gabriel was also third overall in the match that included lads to 16-years-old. He now turns his attention to fishing for Lambeth in the London Youth Games on June 2 where he will be fishing the prolific **Tyler's Common Willow Lake**.

- Whilst Gabriel turns out for Lambeth, WADAS members fill the Croydon side with Tom Barnard and Callum Blake both fishing their last event due to age on Horseshoe Lake. Nine-year-old Callum Hutchins is expected to feature well on Willow Lake but there is no room for Olivia Blake who is first reserve for the third year in succession.

### Woodpeckers providing plenty of fizz

**John Palmer** spent two days at **Woodpecker Fishery** this week (May 30 and 31) and had some top notch sport. One the first day fishing Osprey Lake, it was a bite a chuck with pole and meat over pellet and meat to weight an estimated 80-90 lb. The second day at peg 5 was not so exciting but nonetheless fruitful visit.

### Martin Salter does the business!



Former Reading West MP and Angling Trust National Campaign Co-ordinator Martin Salter was on hand at this year's trophy presentation to give an insight to fishing down under as well as the working's of the **Angling Trust**. He is pictured with two of the youngest WADAS members Callum and Finlay Hutchins with other trophy winners in the background.

### Fairlight Fishery fixture changed

We have been notified that our fixture due at Fairlight Fishery on June 2 is not happening following a pollution incident. The replacement venue is **Kingscote Lakes** near East Grinstead, previously known as Leggatts Lakes.

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### WADAS Nets Weir Wood Fishery



IN a fast moving turn of events, WADAS have swooped and obtained an agreement to fish **Weir Wood Reservoir** for a whole season, seven days a week for free on production of the WADAS Rule Book.

The usual day ticket price is £10 for seniors and £6 for concessions

And there are no restrictions on those interested in carp angling, however night fishing session will incur a £10 charge.

The 280 acre water is home to trout (NOT INCLUDED!) plus quality roach, bream, carp, perch and pike.

And match anglers will be pleased as two competitions will be allowed per year at no extra charge.

The initial contract will be for one year with a three year extension if both parties are satisfied.

There are other benefits with the use of an 1,100 yard length of the River Medway during the usual river season plus if you fancy going afloat you can hire a boat for just £10 per day including fuel and safety kit.

Other benefits will be added from time to time which will see members having additional waters available at reduced cost.

- The Committee regret to announce that it has been decided to end our agreement with the current owners of **Ladycross Farm** after a number of years. In accordance with the agreement, there is a three month notification and so angling will continue on the water until and including August 31.

Bill Harris has kindly agreed to monitor the numbers going down there until the end of our tenure. There will be a working party to arrange removal of our shed. When visiting the water, members are once again reminded that smoking is not permitted on the property and please remember not to climb over the gate from the car park.

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## Ladycross Farm

There has been one report of an angler fishing well after sunset. Please remember this is not permitted - the feeling is this was probably an unauthorised visitor. Also note that only Blue Badge holders may park within the fishery. **"Henry always let me park here" will no longer wash!** Park in the industrial site only. Finally, no clambering over the gate please - open the combo lock and then the gate to enter and leave the fishery. New fencing with barbed wire has also been erected, though this may affect neighbouring anglers on the Rookery AC

controlled lake more when unshipping their poles.



**No it is not Chris Tarrant in disguise but Clifford Slogrove climbing trees to help open up swims at Old Lodge Farm Fishery.** On a cold but dry April 6, Cliff was joined by Terri-Louise McNally and Dave Harper for a productive morning's work but 13 others failed to show up. **You know who you are!**

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### Final AT SuperCup team named

Craig Winchester leads the team of eight in this Sunday's clash (April 7) at **Milton Lake**, Bury Hill Fisheries against Dorking AS and the Royal British Legion. Also taking part are Mark Merrett who won the points, Martin Cook who won the weights, Paul Oliver, Antony and Graham Stevens, Bruce Scott and his "apprentice" Alex Whiteing.

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#### **AT SuperCup latest**

**Milton Lake, Bury Hill Fisheries** is the venue chosen by hosts Dorking AC for the 3-way clash with WADAS and Royal British Legion on April 7. Our captain Craig Winchester has replaced original squad members Micky Biles, David King and Bob Stone at their request with **Bruce Scott, Graham Stevens** and **Alex Whiteing**.

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**New Membership Form now available on this site**

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#### **CORMORANT REPORT 4 March 2013**

The Angling Trust has today published a comprehensive 10,000 word report highlighting the damage done to

fisheries and wild fish stocks in the UK as a result of a fifteen fold increase in cormorant numbers over the last 25 years. The report includes a comprehensive case study on the decline of the Hampshire Avon as a fishery, technical data from recent Environment Agency surveys of fish stocks in a number of key catchments, alarming evidence on the impact of cormorants on the endangered eel population and case studies of unsustainable avian predation from across the country.

The dossier has been sent to Fisheries Minister Richard Benyon and to MPs from all parties who have backed the Angling Trust's campaign for more protection for fisheries. It was launched with a photocall with Charles Walker MP (Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on angling), along with the AT's Mark Lloyd and Martin Salter.

### **Report highlights**

- The Angling Trust has been campaigning for nearly 3 years to change the licensing regime for the control of cormorants and goosanders. As part of this process, anglers have recorded nearly 70,000 sightings of these birds throughout the country in the past year at [www.cormorantwatch.org](http://www.cormorantwatch.org).
- Cormorant numbers have increased since protection was introduced in 1981 via the European Wild Birds Directive. Numbers of over wintering birds, which traditionally were around 2,000 in the sixties and seventies, rose dramatically to 14,554 in 1987/8 and to a peak of 30,188 in the winter of 2003/4 - a doubling of numbers in 6 years and a staggering 15 fold increase in just over 20 years.
- The Environment Agency's Eel Management Plans submitted to the European Commission under the Eel Regulation has made eels the most protected fish in Europe due to the collapse of their population numbers, yet the plan estimates of the number of eels consumed by cormorants in inland and estuarine waters in England and Wales to be between 29-43 tonnes.
- The number of over-wintering cormorants is currently estimated at 23,000. Each individual bird eats at least one pound of fish every day, which equates to 2,760,000lb of fish lost each winter.
- Numbers have increased by the influx of the migrant European sub-species *Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis* from mainland Europe.
- The biodiversity of our rivers and still waters is at serious risk from excessive predation from cormorants and goosanders whose numbers have exploded in the last two decades to unsustainable levels.
- Rivers and waterways are failing under the Water Framework Directive and of those failing more than 50% do so due to poor fish stocks. The Angling Trust and Fish Legal are pressing for concerted action on abstraction, pollution and habitat damage, but fish stocks need urgent protection NOW from predation.
- Cormorants and goosanders inflict serious injuries on fish too big for them to eat leaving them vulnerable to disease and death.
- Action is needed now to allow angling clubs and fishery owners to protect their fisheries better and there is a strong case for cormorants to be placed on the general licence giving them the same status as rooks, jays and magpies.

The government is shortly to respond to the recommendations of a special DEFRA review group which are expected to include proposals to reduce the current restrictions on cormorant licensing by Natural England. At the moment applicants have to go through a complicated and bureaucratic procedure that often results in a wholly inadequate outcome providing little protection for the fishery and is expensive for the taxpayer and rural businesses.

Angling Trust Chief Executive Mark Lloyd said:

“This ‘dossier of destruction’ is just a sample of the thousands of angling clubs, fisheries and rural businesses which have suffered damage from cormorants and goosanders destroying their fish stocks. I am very pleased that the Minister, and his team at Defra, have taken such a close and careful look at this problem and are identifying a range of options for responsible and protection of our nation's freshwater fisheries from unsustainable predation. The Angling Trust will work with our members to ensure that the government's chosen

option is implemented responsibly and proportionately.”

National Campaigns Coordinator for the Angling Trust Martin Salter added:

“We know that some have tried to claim that cormorants and goosanders are not a problem or that there is no evidence to support a change in the current woefully inadequate licensing system. This report nails that claim once and for all which is why we have sent a copy to Environment Minister Richard Benyon and all the MPs who have contacted the Angling Trust in support of our Action on Cormorants campaign. Our vulnerable fish stocks in this country deserve better protection and we are hopeful that this time the politicians are listening.”

High profile supporters of Action on Cormorants include TV presenter and keen angler Chris Tarrant and former RSPB film maker Hugh Miles.

Celebrity angler Chris Tarrant who attended the campaign launch last year said:

“Freshwater fisheries provide easy pickings for cormorants and they can drain a river system or lake of silver fish, in a matter of days. I was shocked how long it took to accept that research was proving time and again what a massive problem they were but we must give people whose livelihood depends on their fisheries a clear mandate to reduce the numbers of their local cormorant population”.

Award winning wildlife film maker Hugh Miles added:

“The cormorant is a silver fish killer unparalleled in nature whose numbers have increased to such an extent that the middle reaches of many rivers are now all but devoid of once common and sought after species such as roach and dace. Well balanced ecosystems need a healthy balance between predator and prey and we need action now to restore that vital balance and give our fish a chance.”

Trevor Harrop from the Avon Roach Project said:

“We give our hearts and souls trying to reinstate a self-sustaining population of roach in the Hampshire Avon, once one of the most iconic rivers in the country, but the Avon is just one of our priceless ecological jewels that is being plundered on an unsustainable level every day by the huge number of cormorants over wintering in this country. These birds are having an unimaginable impact on our biodiversity and fragile ecosystem and are possibly the biggest threat, not only to our roach but to other endangered species, which we must be allowed to protect.”

**Download a copy of the full report below**

[http://www.anglingtrust.net/core/core\\_picker/download.asp?id=3834&filetitle=Impact+Report+of+Cormorants+on+Fisheries](http://www.anglingtrust.net/core/core_picker/download.asp?id=3834&filetitle=Impact+Report+of+Cormorants+on+Fisheries)

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## **Diary Date**

*The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16 at Woldingham Village Club.*

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## **Stocking Bonanza by the Environment Agency**

### **Where and how many in West Thames**

River Evenlode, Long Hanborough 2000 roach, 1000 dace, 1000 barbel, 1000 chub.

Thames, Penton Hook 300 barbel, 300 chub, 300 dace

**River  
River Wey,**

**Eashing 300 barbel, 300 dace, 200 chub**

300 barbel, 250 chub

300 barbel, 300 dace, 200 chub

barbel

roach

**2000 tench** (a good thing as 2 perch on worm were the only fish on an open coaching day in 2012 - a water for Jason Courtney to try before the cormorants!)

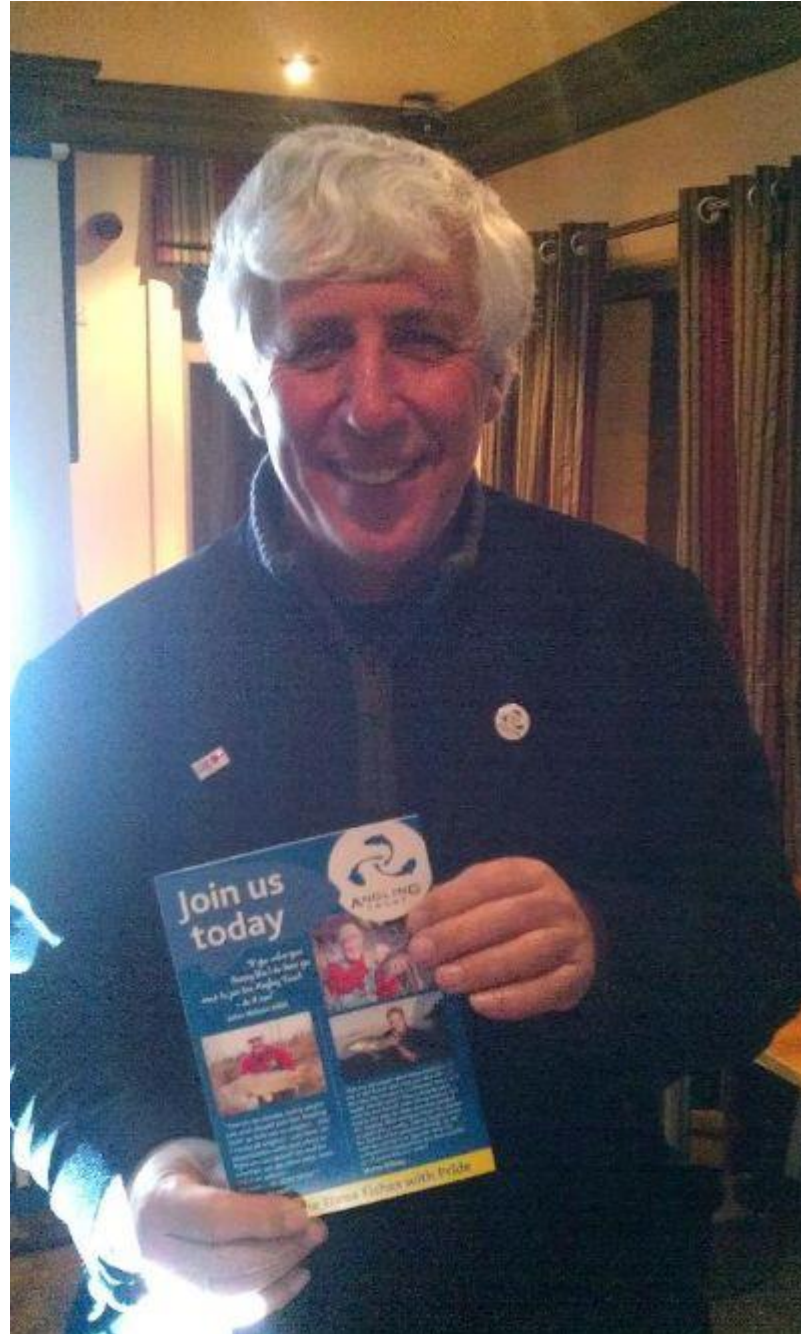
River Wey, Elstead

River Blackwater, Camberley

River Cherwell, Thrupp 600

Bracknell Mill Pond 500 tench, 200

**Rye Dyke, High Wycombe 8000 roach,**



**Special Guest in May** We are proud to announce that the former **Reading West MP Martin Salter** has kindly agreed to present our trophies on **28 May** and give us his unique insight and no-holds-barred opinion of what is happening in the angling world. Since retiring at the last General Election (he was the blob of red in a sea of blue in the electoral map around Reading!), Martin has been on a long sabbatical down under catching some fish that John Wilson, Robson Green and Jeremy Wade would be envious of! On his return to the UK, the *Angling Trust* were able to snap him up on a part-time basis and he is a true ambassador for the sport. Martin avoids commercials, preferring to spend time fishing on his beloved River Kennet and other rivers. Born close to Hampton Court, his early angling career was spent on the River Thames. **An event not to be missed!**

## MBK Junior Matches

**All Saturday Matches are: Draw 12 noon Fish 1pm - 4pm**

These popular events get plenty of media coverage and every youngster leaves with a goody bag. Regular attendees can usually win a superb mystery prize. For more details see [www.mbkleisure.co.uk](http://www.mbkleisure.co.uk) or contact **Kendra on 07940 048106**

Saturday 13th April	Coloured Ponds, Rake		
Saturday 27th April	Coloured Ponds, Rake		
Saturday 11th May	Coloured Ponds, Rake		Saturday 25th
May	Pump Station, Greatham		Friday 31st
May	Coloured Ponds, Rake	5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm	
Saturday 8th June	Coloured Ponds, Rake		
Friday 14th June	Pump Station, Greatham	5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm	
Saturday 22nd June	Coloured Ponds, Rake		
Friday 28th June	Coloured Ponds, Rake	5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm	
Saturday 6th July	Coloured Ponds, Rake		Friday 12th
July	Barons Ponds, Liss	5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm	
Saturday 20th July	Coloured Ponds, Rake		
Friday 26th July	Coloured Ponds, Rake	5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm	
Saturday 3rd August	Coloured Ponds, Rake		
Saturday 10th August	Coloured Ponds, Rake		
Saturday 17th August	Pump Station, Greatham	<b>Clashes with WADAS Len Tutt Cup</b>	Saturday
31st August	Coloured Ponds, Rake		
Saturday 7th September	Coloured Ponds, Rake		
Saturday 21st September	Coloured Ponds, Rake	<b>Clashes with WADAS Dads and Lads</b>	
Saturday 5th October	Coloured Ponds, Rake		
Saturday 19th October	Juniors versus <u>Senior Helpers</u>		
(Mum's, Dad's & Grandparents) & <u>Winner</u> of Winners Trophy Coloured Ponds, Rake			

## Pat Hill Matches

Pat Hill, widow of famous match organiser Peter Hill has once again organised some friendly matches for seniors/juniors at various Surrey and Sussex venues. Of particular interest to our members are the matches at Sumner's Pond. For details, contact her on 01293 871198.

Date	Day	Venue	Post Code	Comments
April 3	Wednesday	<b>Sumners Pond</b>	RH13 0PR	
April 13	Saturday	<b>Sumners Pond</b>	RH13 0PR	
April 27	Saturday	Slaugham Pond		
May 18	Saturday	Centre Lake, Newdigate	RH5 5DL	
May 29	Wednesday	<b>Sumners Pond</b>	RH13 0PR	
June 8	Saturday	Paddock Lake, Newdigate	RH5 5DL	
June 30	Sunday	Snake Lake, Newdigate	RH5 5DL	<b>Clashes with Back Arun</b>
July 13	Saturday	<b>Sumners Pond</b>	RH13 0PR	
July 14	Sunday	Jenny's Lake, Stammerham	RH12 4PZ	
<b>August 1</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Stammerham Lakes</b>	<b>RH12 4PZ</b>	<b>Bob Nudd Junior Match</b>
August 10	Saturday	Clover Lake, Stammerham	RH12 4PZ	

August 22	Thursday	<b>Sumners Pond</b>	RH13 0PR
September 7	Saturday	Jenny's Lake	RH12 4PZ
September 21	Saturday	Guinea Lake	RH5 5BE <b>Clashes with Dads and Lads</b>
October 5	Saturday	Jenny's Lake	RH12 4PZ <b>Peter Hill Memorial Match</b>
October 19	Saturday	Jenny's Lake	RH12 4PZ
November 2	Saturday	<b>Furnace Lake</b>	RH13 0QZ
November 9	Saturday	Snake Lake, Newdigate	RH5 5DL

### **Rolf's Lake Midweek Trip**

A special trip to fish two days at carp mecca Rolf's Lake seems to have attracted a good turnout for the proposed mid May event.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name</b>
Dave Harper	Brian Beacroft
Dave King	Les Griggs
Steve Allen	John Palmer
Andy Tickner	Craig Winchester
Paul Oliver	Peter Crowhurst
Mark Merrett	Bob "Fluff" Balding

### **Ray Hambling**

Former Membership Secretary Ray Hambling suffered a mild heart attack on Christmas Day whilst visiting his daughter in Gloucestershire. He remains in that area whilst receiving treatment. We wish him a speedy recovery.

### **Angling lands £1.8 million Sport England investment**

The Angling Trust has welcomed the announcement today from Sport England that it has been successful in securing £1.8 million in funding over the next four years for some specific programmes of work to grow angling participation.

This award represents an increase on the £1.56 million that was paid over the last four years to build an infrastructure of 1,400 coaches, 35 County Angling Action Groups and 91 Club mark-accredited clubs.

While the award is less than the £2.35 million maximum bid submitted by the Angling Trust, most sports have had reductions in their funding due to cuts in the grant to Sport England from the Government.

Sport England has asked the Angling Trust to focus particularly on growing the number of anglers who go fishing once a week, and on older and disabled anglers.

The Angling Trust is also working with the Environment Agency to secure funding to support growing the number of anglers, in particular young children. As part of the National Angling Strategy launched this year – Fishing For Life – the Trust will be working with others to build the case for other funding organisations to support angling participation and to maximise the social and economic benefits of going fishing.

The Angling Trust will use Sport England's funding to:

- Support angling clubs and fisheries through its Club Fish national development programme to offer participation programmes over the four year period.
- Focus on older and disabled anglers through the Let's Fish group angling programme, delivered by Angling Champions at partner fisheries.
- Establish a club and fishery competition framework at national, regional and county level to reward regular participation across all disciplines, age groups and abilities.

Sport England is also providing £138,000 to support up to 800 talented young anglers at regional and national level across the disciplines of game, coarse and sea angling. This investment will help reinforce the sport's talent development programme which is still in its infancy.

**Sport England's Director of Sport, Lisa O'Keefe, said:** *"The Angling Trust has a huge opportunity to increase the number of regular anglers and it is great to see that it has developed its knowledge and insight into their market to get more people fishing more often."*

*"We are pleased to be working alongside the Environment Agency which supports the sport in getting more people fishing as well as on educational and environmental projects. I'm confident that angling will continue to develop over the next four years with our support."*

**The Angling Trust's Chief Executive Mark Lloyd said:** *"While we are disappointed not to have secured the maximum amount in our bid, this continued funding is extremely welcome at a time when government funding is extremely tight. This success reflects the fact that the Trust has set a new standard in professionalism and governance, and that our development team have achieved real progress over the past four years."*

*"There is a huge amount of work to do to grow angling participation, and it needs to be done at a very large scale to have an impact. Sport England have set us some very challenging and specific targets, and we will focus on achieving them as part of an ambitious programme of work to improve angling and the environment on which it depends."*

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## Old Lodge Farm access

Our owners have put a new gate in secured with a combination lock. If a member wishes to access the water, please email Dave Harper ([dave.harper@talktalk.net](mailto:dave.harper@talktalk.net))

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## New Tackle Shop opens in Caterham

A brand new fishing tackle shop threw open its doors on December 8 offering many WADAS members an opportunity to cut down on their journeys to a local tackle shop. Wayne and Lisa Duncan hope their "Simply Coarse Angling" will attract some Christmas custom to repay their brave decision to open at a quietish time of the year.

And there is no doubting their enthusiasm and dedication as the shop will normally be open **EVERY** day from **6.30am!** Late nights are Thursday to Saturday with 7.30 pm closing with Monday to Wednesday closing at

6.00 pm and 1pm on Sundays. So if you are planning a last minute trip, there is no excuse!

On our visit to the shop, the goods are predominately aimed at the carp enthusiast with plenty of bedchairs to try out but there were fresh maggots, Drennan hooks and accessories more for the pleasure and match angler. Those who like ready-tied pole rigs will, apart from the Drennan branded ones, will note packs of three Shakespeare rigs are just £4.75. Predator anglers are also catered for as well as some sea tackle. Fluff chuckers will need to look elsewhere though for the time being!

*Simply Coarse Angling*, who hope to have their broadband up and running soon and a website in due course may be found at 6 Chaldon Road, Caterham, CR3 5PE. Telephone 01883 345808. We wish them the very best of luck.

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## Historic Legal Victory

**Fish Legal has won one of the biggest cases in its 64 year history by securing an injunction to stop a hydropower development on the River Trent at Sawley Weir. We hope that this case will send a clear signal to hydropower developers that they cannot plan or build hydropower turbines without getting permission from anglers first.**

The ruling by the Judge shows that the Environment Agency failed to give proper consideration to angling when it granted the developer an impoundment licence which is now subject to a court injunction. We hope that in future the regulator will pay greater attention to the rights of anglers before giving licences to companies seeking to profit from taxpayer subsidies.

What's more, the Canal and River Trust (previously British Waterways) - the new waterways charity established to promote recreational use of our nation's waterways - was an investor in this development, and tried to defend the damaging scheme at court.

Fish Legal was acting for its member club the Pride of Derby & Derbyshire Angling Association, which was involved in the first ever major case taken by Fish Legal (then known as the Anglers' Co-operative Association) against British Celanese Ltd in 1952. The club would never have been able to defend itself in court without the expertise and financial backing of Fish Legal, which has covered all the costs and risks of this very complex and expensive case. This in turn is only possible because of the subscriptions and donations of the generous members of Fish Legal and the Angling Trust. Many thanks for your support, which enables us to fight to protect fish, and fishing.

## Fancy learning how to fish for pike?

Expressions of interest are requested from members and non-members to learn how to catch and handle predators, particularly pike with tuition from a qualified angling coach. There is room for just six but a minimum of four at £25 for the day (£35 for non-members). The date for the event is Saturday, December 1 with December 8 as a reserve. Email Dave Harper on [dave.harper@talktalk.net](mailto:dave.harper@talktalk.net) for details.

## Car Park row - WADAS wade in

Members turning up to fish the Thames at Laleham on September 23 were astonished to find the car park charges had been hiked to a whopping £10 for the day. Now WADAS, and the Thames Angling Conservancy are to object to Spelthorne District Council, especially as their own website fails to mention the increased

charges.

### **Work in Progress - new design website for WADAS**

Although this website has provided us with a great means of communications with members and the world at large, it is showing its age and there are limitations using the Website Creator application. We are currently trying to use Website Builder which allows for a great deal more than 12 pages plus more scope to include modern attributes and eventually e-commerce. You can see some of the progress to date at [www.warlingham-anglers.info](http://www.warlingham-anglers.info) Pictures are currently an issue but you can check out the new proposed structure which will also include the entire club history before the memories are lost.

### **Old Lodge Farm access - latest update**

The access to the fishery is once again clear with hard standing to the top of the hill and the worrying holes close to the entrance now a thing of the past.

### **River Wandle polluted again**



The River Wandle has once again had a significant pollution from a an electrical fault and fire at Beddington Sewerage Treatment Works on August 21. Reports suggest the area around Poulter Park to have been particularly affected. However Chairman Dave Harper waked the stretch on August 25 and counted less than 10 dead fish but a huge shoal of dace.

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## Fish Handling

All members are reminded that our quarry should be treated with respect and handled in an appropriate manner. This includes not dropping them from height back into the water

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**Callum beats the Doctor!** A very disappointing turn out of just four for the Len Tutt Junior Cup at **Ladycross Farm** on August 18 saw plenty of fish and the youngest succeeding. Young "Dr" Finley Hutchins was on the point and included two carp (*one pictured left*) in his 14-10-0 total. The five-year-old, aided by dad Jerry, was on the point and used pole with various baits as did his 8-year-old brother Callum who was drawn by the stable. He amassed five carp plus roach and rudd for 16-3-0 to win. New member Bertie Edwards was third with 6-0-8 of bits with Tom Lloyd fourth with 1-6-8.

- Fishery owner Adam Vile, his partner Mikaella Edwards and their children laid on bacon sandwiches, hot dogs, tea and cakes in aid of the charity Rainbow House Orphanage in Kenya - well done to them, even David Adby sacrificed his diet to indulge!



**A Presidential Visit** Len Tutt, WADAS's long time President turned up for the annual Veteran's match at Woodpecker Lake on August 3. He was rewarded with a near double figure net of tench and skimmer bream.



Bob Nudd with 11-year-old Jasmine Cooper of Dorking who landed a personal best carp of 9 lb on the annual **Bob Nudd Junior Match** at Stammerham Lakes on August 2. After the cameras left, she later landed a 13 lb carp. The same match saw **Tom Barnard** land 28-13-0 from Clover Lake for fourth place in the 14-18s whilst **Callum Hutchins** was fourth in the Under 11s on Jenny Lake with 17-14-0.

- Tom Barnard also took part in a trial to represent the South of England Juniors at Gold Valley Lakes on August 2. Watch this space for news as to whether he makes the team.

### Scouts at Old Lodge Farm

All members please note that the scouts will be at Old Lodge Farm Fishery from Wednesday August 1 to Saturday, August 5 inclusive and may include canoeing as part of their activities.

### John gets national recognition

Match group member John Gibbons of Selsdon gained national recognition on **talkSport Radio** after donating some items of fishing tackle to **MBK Leisures** who run fortnightly junior matches on their waters in Sussex and Hampshire. Match organiser Kendra telephoned in to "Fisherman's Blues" to thank John for his kind donation. To listen again for yourself, check out: <http://www.talksport.co.uk/radio/listen-again/episode/83075> and go to 07.27 for the piece.

- **Sam Tidmarsh** tried hard in the rain to make an impact in the 9-12s but after a good start struggled and finished with 7-0-0 from peg 7 on Pond 4. But great credit to him as he was in hospital for an operation the previous day and still turned out in the pouring rain - others take note!

### Juniors clinch Silver Medal for Croydon



A great performance by WADAS Juniors who were representing Croydon in the Balfour Beaty London Youth Games saw them clinch the Silver Medal. Fished at a windswept Tylers Common Fishery near Brentwood on June 9, Tom Barnard, Callum Blake and Callum Hutchins scored 60 out of 66 points. But there was no stopping Enfield take the trophy back north of the Thames with a near perfect 64 points. Croydon manager Jake Marshall selected 8-year-old Callum Hutchins to make his debut on Ash Lake peg 15 and was rewarded with 44-4-0 and fifth in his section. Meanwhile on Horseshoe, Callum Blake was drawn on peg 21 and followed the team plan rigidly to put 22-2-0 on the scales for third in section. But it was Tom Barnard who shone with a section and lake winning performance on peg 51 where method feeder and meat followed by pole in the margins gave him 66-14-0.



Tom also had the bonus of beating England Youth International Matt Oliver and earning a Preston Innovations Mega-Tray which Chairman Dave Harper promised him if he won his section! **Pictured left** are Tom with reserve Kieran Bibb, Callum Blake, Callum Hutchins, Jake Marshall and Olivia Blake

- **Update July 2: Croydon clinched the Youth Games Championship overall by a single point!**

### **AT SuperCup eludes WADAS**

Whilst the juniors were occupied at Tylers Common (story above), the six anglers who represented WADAS in the Angling Times SuperCup semi-final at **Passies** finished a credible 7th out of 15, missing out by just two points. The top five teams, led by Guildford Angling go to the National final.

**Team Result: 1 Guildford Angling Centre, 23 pts; 2 AEC Angling, 35; 3 Riverside AC, 41; 4 Tendring Tanglers, 44; 5 Ashmole Rodders, 45 (section countback); 6 South Devon MG, 45; 7 Warlingham DAS, 46; 8 Poplett's Tackle, 49 (section countback); 9 Monk Lakes, 49; 10 Beacontree Bowler's, 54; 11 South Cerney AC, 54; 12 Feltham & Twickenham; 13 Brasenose AC, 56; 14 Rother AC, 58; 15 Bardag AS, 66.**

### **Ian Welch reviews a budget centrepin which may raise a few eyebrows.**

Let me start off by saying that although I use a centrepin regularly throughout the winter months when my small river trotting is in full swing I am by no means a 'pin connoisseur and most certainly not one of those annoying centrepin 'snobs' who frown upon anyone not trotting with a pin – and a 'proper' 'pin at that.

The truth is that not all trotting conditions are best suited to use of a pin and there are times, particularly when the river is sluggish, or when you want a bait to run through a swim at the pace of the current, as opposed to just off pace, when a 'pin is not the first choice. I use what's appropriate on the day and if that's a fixed spool or a closed face then so be it!

I'm also not one of those anglers who sit behind a 'pin (or 'pins) for their barbel fishing; I've got no problem at all with those that do – in fact I'm sure it's great fun - but I'm a properly-tensioned freespool barbel angler as it suits the way I usually choose to fish.

I do however own a couple of half decent 'pins – well, three if you count my Ray Walton Rolling Pin – one a Young's 4.5in and the other a Fox 5in; I know them both well, they know me and they do the job I ask of them and they do it very well.

Although I'm not a 'pin worshipper I appreciate the quality of engineering required to create a good reel and so when a model retailing at £89.99 and currently selling for under £30 landed on the FishingMagic desk I was rather sceptical. I've no problem with budget kit, and there are some cracking examples of it on the market these days, but budget reels always make me nervous as I've seen some horrors but a budget 'pin...it could all be so very wrong.

OK, so what did I find in the box?

A bronze-coloured 4.25in model, which weighed in at 245g – a shade lighter than both of my larger diameter models but certainly not on the heavy side for its size and it felt perfectly balanced with my usual 15ft trotting rod. A stainless, one piece, machine cut spool and frame was fitted with twin wooden handles which, although I rarely if ever use, did look rather fetching. I wasn't overly taken by the bronzed finish, and would have preferred a nice gunmetal, but that is personal taste and aesthetics don't detract from performance.

The spool was unguarded, which I personally prefer, and the ratchet was in the form of a round dial on the reverse of the frame rather than the side-mounted lever to which I am more accustomed but it was easily switched across with a single finger whilst the reel was on the rod. The ratchet itself was a real ear-splitter though; an 'in yer face' raucous wake up call which would certainly get the adrenaline pumping if you were sitting behind one on a barbel session! Not a bad check in any way – just loud!

I took it apart to have a look and the machining looked OK, a drop of 'Rocket Fuel' on the spindle before a spin and off we went.

Centrepins are not so much about how long the spool will spin for when you set it in motion but rather the amount of inertia that is required to set it in motion in the first instance and this one wasn't at all bad. Not quite up to the standard of my other models but not far off and for something costing the best part of ten times less it certainly wasn't ten times off the pace! As far as the actual 'spin' is concerned give the spool a hefty bat and it will run smoothly for over 90 seconds time and time again.

With the rivers currently closed I did not have the opportunity to use it in anger but I did string it up with a Drennan Loafer and take it down to a section of my local River Wey and ran it through several swims, sans hook, just to see how it performed and it did OK. It needed a bit of help to get going in the slower sections – but many other models would have done too – and it performed sweetly in the streamy water where there was enough pace to pull the float through.

Did it perform as well for trotting as models costing ten times as much, no it didn't. Did it impress me for the price, yes it most certainly did, and as a 'pin for donkey work on a static barbel rod or for stalking carp it will hold its own with most models. If you are looking for a first pin for occasional trotting, or a pair for barbel work, I think you will struggle to find better value anywhere.

The Theseus Elegance retails at £89.99 but is currently being sold for £29.99 [HERE](#)

### Hooking a locomotive or two!



The annual NFA Old Boys get together was staged at **Rolf's Lake near Wheatley** on May 23 and 24. With all bar one present, our numbers swelled the midweek afternoon open to 19. Little Brian Hull did the business on peg 22 with pole and meat for 103-12-0. on the opposite bank our very own Dave Harper fished pole and corn over pellet in the margins for six carp to 15-4-0 and a bream along with a 10-4-0 carp on the pellet waggler for 71-12-0 and third spot behind former Dorking star Pete Archer.



With the carp keen to spawn, they were especially lively and real handful with Dick Clegg and Terry Fell having top kits busted - Terry's actually finished up in seven pieces! (Pic above). But he had the last laugh the following day landing fish to a personal best 17 lb (pic left) and 81-0-0, partner Mick Turner winning the day with 104-0-0 to ensure an unbeatable pairs score. Brian Hull was drawn in Dave's swim of the previous day and lost 27 carp but weighed 83-12-0! Dave fished the same peg Terry had and finished well down with two fish for 20 lb! The fishery is a bit too far to be considered for a match but perhaps combining a midweek match and then a private WADAS match the following day, staying overnight might be of interest? Rolf's is a match only fishery with nets being supplied by the fishery. Last word to Dick Clegg OBE: "I have fished loads of venues but have never caught carp as strong as these." See also [www.rolfslake.com](http://www.rolfslake.com)

#### Open Match May 23

Pos	Name	Peg	Weight
1	Brian Hull	22	103-12-0
2	Pete Archer	23	74-12-0
3	Dave Harper	18	71-12-0
4	Liam Bough	6	55-12-0
5	Dick Clegg	14	51-12-0
6=	Sue Iceley	9	51-8-0
6=	John Bennett	32	51-8-0
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#### Old Boys May 24

Pos	Name	Peg	Weight
1	Mick Turner	26	104-4-0
2	Brian Hull	18	83-12-0
3	Terry Fell	14	81-0-0
4	David Kent	20	78-10-0
5	Dick Clegg	9	44-4-0
6	Eric Bootland	13	36-8-0
7	Andre Grandjean	10	25-12-0
8	Barry Sweet	8	23-0-
9	<b>Dave Harper</b>	16	20-4-
10	Harry Lodge	22	11-0-

## AT SuperCup Semi-final awaits WADAS

Warlingham met with Feltham Piscatorials Red at Framfield's Brookhouse Lake on May 13 and ran home by five sections to three - see match reports

## WADAS represent Croydon in the Youth Games

All five of this year's squad to represent the London Borough of Croydon in Angling at this year's London Youth Games are WADAS members, New team manager JAKE Marshall has to choose between seasoned campaigner Tom Barnard, last year's runner up Kieran Bibb, Callum and Olivia Blake and eight year old Callum Hutchins. All have been invited to fish a practice event at Framfield Park Fishery on May 19,



**Here is a blast from the past:** WADAS Juniors travelled up to the River Soar at Kegworth in 1982 or 1983 and returned with the River Soar Junior Championship Trophy! In doing so they defeated the Barcelona equivalent at the time Leicester Juniors. From left to right: **Deighton Ridge, Greg Hames, Yic Tsang and Darren Marshall**

Deighton Ridge commented: *"Just had a browse – and laughed at the Soar Junior Champs photo. Do you remember telling me off for fishing with a lump of Cheese at Hampton Court in the Surrey Junior Champs?"*

*I had been there the week before and seen some boys catching nice big Roach with ledgered cheese! I did catch a nice 11lb one that day and came second in my section!*

*Also saw some familiar faces – and the ones who we have lost since including the legendary Dickie Dodds – an icon to us juniors at the time!"*

## Woodpecker Lakes added to WADAS portfolio

Warlingham & DAS are proud to announce that they have negotiated access to commercial water **Woodpecker Lakes near Worth** for six days a week from 1 May 2012. That translates to free day pleasure fishing on the four lake complex Monday to Saturday on production of a valid rule-book

## Looking for a meat cutter?

There may be snow on the ground at the moment but it will soon be time to think about fishing meat and indeed feeding a tin or two at your favourite fishery. Prices vary as does the quality but a highly regarded one is the Tilley which comes at a reasonable cost. See <http://www.tilleymeatcutter.co.uk/> for their web site

## Pat Hill Matches 2012

Pat Hill, Peter Hill's widow is to continue running small matches aimed at both juniors and seniors. Ken and Tom Barnard in particular enjoyed these. To book in, call Pat on 01293 871198. Draw for all matches is 09.30 except for Jennie Lake and Clover Lake which is 11.00.

Date	Day	Venue	Post Code	Comments
11 April	Wednesday	Summers Pond	RH13 0PR	
29 April	Sunday	Jennie Lake	RH12 4PZ	
12 May	Saturday	Centre Lake		
26 May	Saturday	Clover Lake		
8 June	Friday	Summers Pond	RH13 0PR	
24 June	Sunday	Snake Lake	RH5 5DL	
21 July	Saturday	Centre Lake		
<b>2 August</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Stammerham</b>	<b>RH12 4PZ</b>	<b>Bob Nudd Junior Match, 65 peg limit, payment in advance only</b>
15 August	Wednesday	Guinea Lake		
22 August	Wednesday	Summers Pond	RH13 0PR	
8 September	Saturday	Clover Lake		
22 September	Saturday	North Lake	RH5 5BS	
<b>7 October</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Centre Lake &amp; Paddock Lake</b>	<b>RH5 5DL</b>	<b>Peter Hill Memorial Match</b>
13 October	Saturday	North Lake	RH5 5BS	
27 October	Saturday	Guinea Lake		
10 November	Saturday	Jennie Lake	RH12 4PZ	

## MBK Leisures announce Junior Matches for 2012

### Junior Open Matches 2012

Date Location Draw Fish

Saturday 31st March Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm  
Saturday 14th April Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm  
Saturday 28th April Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm  
Saturday 12th May Pump Station, Greatham 12 noon 1pm - 4pm  
Saturday 26th May Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm  
Friday 1st June Coloured Ponds, Rake 5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm  
Saturday 9th June Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm  
Friday 15th June Pump Station, Greatham 5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm  
Saturday 23rd June Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm

Friday 29th June Coloured Ponds, Rake 5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm  
 Saturday 7th July Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm  
 Friday 13th July Coloured Ponds, Rake 5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm  
 Saturday 21st July Pump Station, Greatham 12 noon 1pm - 4pm  
 Friday 27th July Barons Ponds, Liss 5pm 5.45pm - 8.15pm  
 Saturday 4th August Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm  
 Saturday 11th August Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm  
 Saturday 18th August Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm - **clash with Len Tutt Junior Cup**  
 Saturday 1st September Pump Station, Greatham 12 noon 1pm - 4pm  
 Saturday 8th September Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm  
 Saturday 22nd September Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm - **clash with Dads and Lads**  
 Saturday 6th October Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm  
 Saturday 20th October

Juniors versus Senior Helpers

& Winner of Winners Trophy Coloured Ponds, Rake 12 noon 1pm - 4pm

Male & female coaches will be on site throughout matches to assist *Tackle can be borrowed by prior arrangement* only Age groups; 13 - 16 years, 9 - 12 years & under 9 years old New for 2012 17 - 19 years old - this age group is only eligible for prize money amongst their own age group A list of rules will be on display at each match and must be adhered to.

They are there to make it as fair as possible. Anyone breaking the rules will be asked not to come back.

**£7.00** per child per match - prizes will be given at end of each match to all juniors fishing

We would like to thank last years supporters for tackle prizes, advertising, fishing reports in the press, on the radio and TV.

We look forward to future help. Anybody that feels that they can help ie. with prize donations or tuition please contact MBK.

For more information please contact either  
 Kenny Wright 07885 754365 or Kendra 07940 048106

## **WADAS Fixtures 2012/2013 update - see Fixtures tab**

### **Campaigning for Angling, by Martin Salter**

It's great to be back and fighting for fishing in the UK and I would like to thank everyone who worked to make it possible for me to be appointed as National Campaigns Co-ordinator for the Angling Trust. This has given me the opportunity to contribute to promoting and improving the sport we all love.

My appointment was launched formally at the House of Commons on December 13th and attracted supportive quotes from Fisheries Minister Richard Benyon and from Charles Walker MP who succeeded me as Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Angling when I retired from the House of Commons last year. It was also great to be starting off with strong support from representatives of all branches of angling including some of our best loved writers and commentators.

Over the next year, I will be working with the Angling Trust and Angling Trades Association and other organisations to: Support angling participation programmes Liaise with the angling trade and other bodies Lobby parliament and ministers Recruit members Campaign for angling and fisheries Raise the media profile of angling Provide strategy advice and policy development

### **ANGLING TRUST AMBASSADORS**

We want to establish a network of 50 plus Angling Trust Ambassadors comprising high profile and well respected figures who would be happy to be associated with our efforts to promote angling, to improve and defend our fisheries and encourage anglers to get involved and to make a contribution towards securing a future for their sport.

It is a measure of the continuing success of the Angling Trust that more and more 'big names' are prepared to

help us recruit new members and are happy to be associated with our work. They see supporting the Angling Trust as a great way of putting something back into our sport and we hope you do too!  
We plan to launch the first 25 of our ambassadors early in the New Year so watch out for further announcements.

### **CORMORANT CAMPAIGN**

We are working hard to get the rules changed to make it easier to control cormorant numbers and our campaign looks like getting real results for anglers.

I've arranged for Richard Benyon to visit the Lea Valley cormorant roost at Walthamstow where our CEO Mark Lloyd filmed the AT Cormorant Watch video so the minister can see the problem for himself. There will also be a high profile petition presentation in February from film maker Hugh Miles and the guys at the Avon Roach Project.

There is no doubt that the Angling Trust is on the rise and is becoming a strong, powerful and effective voice for anglers but we can only do it with your support. Make sure you get your fishing mates to join when you renew your own membership next year.

Hope to catch you catching on the bank!

Tight Lines and have a great Christmas, from all of us at the Angling Trust.

Martin Salter

### **Help create Britain's Oldest Pop Star!**

A couple of years ago Chairman Dave Harper took out Peta Masters' father out fishing for the first time at the ripe old age of 90. This involved a very nice trip to Lake ohn. Now 89 year-old mum Jo is aiming to be Britain's oldest popstar! But you have to vote and that is free.

Just login to <http://oldiecomposers.com/> and vote for Song 18. Jo has an impressive past as a soing composer, so although Jimmy Saville is no more, let's try and do a Jim'll ix It!

### **Angling Times SuperCup Draw**

Croydon Postal play host to WADAS and Royal British Legion Worcester Park in the first round of the **Angling Times SuperCup** to be staged on Sunday, March 11 2012. Match captain has picked the top nine anglers from Division 1 and an angler from Division 2 for his 10 man squad who will miss the Fairlight Fisheries venue on the same day. The full squad is as follows: Bruce Scott, Alex Whiteing, Mark Merrett, Steve Allen, Paul Oliver, Craig Winchester, Micky Biles, Jasper Stevens, Graham Stevens and Tony Georgan. But there is no space for talents such as Steve Longhurst, Hugh Blake and rising star Tom Barnard.

- Sandwich Lake at **Elphicks** has been named as the venue - a bit tight for 24 anglers

### **Cuba for Chris in New Year**

Lower Thames sponsor and WADAS member Chris Dulley has been through the wars recently being forced to cancel overseas angling trips to South America. The keen globetrotter has been struck with pneumonia which

forced him to postpone his latest overseas trip to Cuba which has been re-scheduled for the Spring. But he is particularly looking forward to going to Panama in 2012; "The fishing out there is just unbelievable," enthused Chris.

### **Special Bailiff Scheme launched to help stamp out fish theft.**

**Volunteer four hours a week and join the new volunteer bailiff scheme being trialled in the South East by the Angling Trust and the Environment Agency. Get active on the bank finding, reporting on and finally catching fish thieves and others damaging our fisheries.**

Research shows that fish theft and illegal fishing are the two biggest concerns for today's angler.

By joining the Angling Trust and Environment Agency "Special Bailiff Scheme" anglers can help stamp out fish theft on rivers, lakes, canals and estuaries helping to preserve fisheries for generations to come.

The Angling Trust and Environment Agency are running a three year pilot in the Environment Agency South East Region to prove the effectiveness of well trained volunteers in acting as a back up to full time Environment Agency bailiffs in their difficult task of policing our fisheries.

Volunteers in the South East are invited to apply now for this opportunity to make a difference.

The Angling Trust is initially looking for twelve volunteers in each of the four areas within Environment Agency South East, forty-eight in total, to work as part of the Angling Trust Team. Volunteers will be subject to a CRB check and will be expected to undergo a training course. They will then work in conjunction with the Environment Agency Team of Enforcement Officers delivering information on illegal activity and in the first year prove themselves capable of monitoring and reporting activities on rivers, lakes, canals and estuaries in their local area, not just on their own club or syndicate waters.

After the first year some volunteers will be offered the opportunity to train for a Management Restricted Environment Agency Bailiff Warrant so that they can extend their duties into licence checking and byelaw offences and take an active role working alongside operational Agency bailiffs in the field. In this role they will be representing both the Angling Trust and the Environment Agency. To be eligible, volunteers will undergo an enhanced CRB check and will have special training to give them the skills needed when dealing with the public in what can be difficult circumstances.

During this period the Angling Trust will be recruiting further monitoring and reporting volunteers to act as eyes and ears and to provide the intelligence to guide the activities of the highly trained Environment Agency bailiffs and voluntary Special Bailiffs.

In year three, some Special Bailiffs will be offered the chance to become fully warranted Environment Agency Volunteer Bailiffs, working independently when licence checking and able to assist full time officers in active operations to apprehend fish thieves and others breaking national fishery byelaws.

Volunteers will be expected to offer an average of four hours a week to the scheme and will be in the vanguard of what the Angling Trust hope to develop into a fully equipped national team of volunteer bailiffs, much like Police Special Constables, working alongside full time Environment Agency Bailiffs who will be responsible for managing volunteer efforts. Applicants will work in the evenings and at weekends as well as during the day.

Volunteers will need to be reasonably fit and able to demonstrate good interpersonal skills, show the ability to write clear and concise reports, keep accurate notebook records and timesheets and have an intimate knowledge of the waters in their area as well as having a full driving licence and being able to swim. This is an Angling Trust initiative and applicants will need to be a member of the Angling Trust to receive insurance cover.

For an application pack email [bailiffs@anglingtrust.net](mailto:bailiffs@anglingtrust.net)

**Non-members:** Join the Angling Trust at [www.anglingtrust.net](http://www.anglingtrust.net)

Membership includes free insurance, newsletters, stickers, tackle and book discounts and other benefits and costs just £25 a year - that's less than 50p a week!

**Notes:**

Environment Agency South East consists of the following counties; Kent, East Sussex, West Sussex, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Surrey, part of Essex, Greater London, Hertfordshire, Parts of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, part of Wiltshire and part of Gloucestershire.

The Angling Trust is the representative body for angling in England. It was established in 2009 and is now growing rapidly. It has a wide range of programmes and campaigns which deliver better angling and fisheries for coarse, game and sea anglers. It takes legal action against polluters and others who damage its members' waters through its legal arm, Fish Legal.

The Environment Agency is the biggest and most wide-ranging environmental regulator in Europe. Its work includes:

1. Reducing the risk of flooding and helping to protect people and places;
2. Helping businesses to make sure they don't harm the environment through pollution or by taking too much water. It issues licenses and permits, and takes action against those who don't take their environmental responsibilities seriously;
3. Improving the environment for people and wildlife. It helps people get the most out of their environment, including boaters and anglers.
4. Influencing and working with government, industry and local authorities to make the environment a priority.

**Oxted Lake shut until further notice!**

**Barrow Green Farm, Oxted** has apparently suffered a fish kill and has been closed to angling until further notice. One claim is that the low water conditions caused oxygen depletion. It is not known the exact losses at this time but the Environment Agency are aware of the incident.

- **Update 22 November:** Chairman Dave Harper spoke to the Environment Agency: "I had a chat with one of the fishery officers who said unfortunately many of the upper reaches of catchments and the problem was down to low flows into the lake and very low oxygen levels. here was no evidence of pollution and although no plant was available (being out at other venues), the EA had assisted by delivering several bags of Hydrogen Peroxide to help bring the dissolved oxygen levels back up."
- **Update 6 December:** Alphonsus Duffy has kindly submitted some photographs of the casualties of the fish kill at Oxted that included carp to 20 lb plus plus most if not all the silver fish population. The water remains closed though the oxygen levels have risen.

## WADAS Juniors to Lord it up at Cow Corner



As part of the London Borough of Croydon's gold medal winning team in angling, WADAS Juniors Tom Barnard, Olivia and Callum Blake were to visit Lords Cricket Ground on Tuesday, September 20 for a special evening sponsored by Balfour Beatty. The awards evening saw them rub shoulders with many sports superstars such as Linford Christie and Rachel Yankey as well as having an opportunity to hold the Olympic Flame and have their picture taken. Well done to them and the London Borough of Croydon for taking angling seriously!

## Old Lodge Farm closure

Due to the Dads and Lads plus Ladies matches taking place on the same day, **Old Lodge Farm Fishery will be closed on Saturday, October 1.** Recent catches of carp from the fishery reported by Bill Harris involved sweetcorn - "I cannot get a touch on meat", he moaned. But WADAS Treasurer Jason Courtney on his first visit had a good day - using, you guessed it, meat!

## WADAS rush to Basingstoke Canal

Whilst we may not be running the Lower Thames Championship this year, WADAS members were busy helping out on the Division 2 National on August 20. The BCAA sent out a plea for volunteers to help steward the event. Dave Harper, Les Griggs, Robin Mahachi, Tom Barnard, David Adby, Steve Allen and Mark Merrett were up before 06.00 and remained at the venue until after 18.00 for the results. Messrs Griggs, Adby, Allen and Harper also attended a briefing at Mytchett the week before the event whilst David Adby and Dave Harper helped clear the bank of the Chequers to Swing Bridge section on Fish 'O' Mania weekend. A big thank you to all of you for a splendid effort that was appreciated by the Angling Trust

*.Dear All*

*Just to let you know that the Division 2 National Angling Championships went very smoothly and according to plan, much of that down to you guys on the day.*

*So I would like to thank you all for your sterling work on the bank or in the car parks, without your help the event would not have the successful event it was.*

*Many thanks for your help.*

*Andre Grandjean*

*Div. 2 National Event Manager*

## Old Lodge Farm Closure

We have been advised that the annual visit by Boy Scouts will be taking place at the Old Lodge Farm fishery between Saturday, July 30 and Wednesday, August 3. Please avoid using the water at this time



**Alphonsus Duffy is shown here with a secret agent rabbit that has been trained to spot carp at a secret Surrey Lake. Given his excellent record at Ox--- - oops, he is thinking of entering next year's Britain's Got Talent**

### **WADAS Juniors help Croydon win Youth Games by a whisker!**

In the first ever match to be decided on points, Croydon won by a single point with 52 at Tylers Common on May 28 with Bexley and Enfield both on 51, the former having a superior weight. Ross Marshall on his final match had a tough draw on Horseshoe but finished fifth in section with 5-8-0. But it was WADAS's Tom Banard who won his section at peg 38 with 23-0-0 of carp and bits set the side well on the way to a medal. Coming to Kieran Bibb on Ash Lake, Croydon were in the silver medal place. One of our newest members, Kieran smashed his personal match best with 52-8-0 of carp on pole and pellet at peg 7 but was thwarted by George McGurk of Bexley who had 53-5-0 from peg 19. WADAS members Callum and Olivia Blake were the reserves as Croydon lifted their fourth Gold in seven years.

### **Late Closure Notice for Old Lodge Farm**

At the request of the owners, Old Lodge Farm Fishery will be closed to members this Sunday, May 29 for the Boy Scouts. Apologies for the very late notice

### **Peter Hill Life Celebration**

Peter's celebration event (please note the committal is private) will be held on Friday, 3 June from 14.00 at the Old Green Barn, Greens Farm, Newdigate, Rusper Road, RH5 5BE

RSVP to Pat Hill on 01293 871198

## Nigel shines at prizegiving



TalkSport's angling presenter (when Keith Arthur is not around!) Nigel Botherway was the special guest for the WADAS prizegiving and told of just some of his adventures, including Mahseer fishing in India. Apart from presenting trophies, Nigel was also asked questions by members, one of which needs research into are tench with red spots healthy or not. Anita Evans once again provided an excellent spread and Mark Merrett arranged for the trophy engraving.

Dave Harper provided the opening poem for Nigel's "talk-in"

Angling now and then                      By Dave Harper  
How we used to look forward to June 16, to the bubbling tench and the golden rudd.  
But now we visit commercials all year round, many are holes with glutinous mud  
In the old days the rivers reigned supreme, and things were much more serene  
But now the Black Death has condemned our water  
To a poorer state than all but the worst polluter  
Years ago the coach came twice a month to take us to catch  
But now its every week our cars take us to a match  
With petrol prices rocketing, our sport could crash with a thud  
Meanwhile let's all look forward to the bubbling tench and the golden rudd

## The one that got away!



Seen at Sumner's Pond on May 22, a free-flying carp, probably a Koi released into the air by a careful kite-owner!

### **Monster landed by Callum from Willow Lake**



New member Callum Blake has been selected as a reserve for the London Youth Games along with his 12-year-old sister Olivia. They visited Tylers Common Fishery on May 21 and Callum landed this fine 10-8-0 mirror carp, a personal best, to conclude a very enjoyable session.

Callum's fish fell to pole and luncheon meat over pellets and is fairly rare as Willow seldom shows fish over 6 lb. Both children were able to try pellet waggler and method feeder fishing for the first time.

### **Peter Hill RIP**



Peter Hill was one of the great match organisers of the past 30 years. Apart from running the Sussex Summer League and Winter League, he witnessed the dominance of Daiwa Dorking in the Super League. His initial tussle with cancer saw him retire at 55 from his plumbing and heating business. But never one to sit on his hands, he worked as a volunteer for a decade in the Post Room of Crawley Hospital.

Uniquely he ran matches where the top prize was a brand new car but perhaps never quite convinced the match fraternity that it was a no-strings attached arrangement. Having survived a serious health scare in February, almost his last act when he was in control was watching the FA Cup eating a chocolate eclair!

Tuesday May 17 saw him rushed back to hospital where he deteriorated rapidly and finally passed away on May 20 at 10.15 aged 68. Many a match angler quaked in fear when he bellowed: "Ere, I want a word with you!" but his bark was mostly worse than his bite, though one or two cheeky youngsters got a clip round the ear including a young Gary Hamilton!

With his wife of 20 years, Pat, they ran the Bob Nudd Junior match annually attracting 70 youngsters along with other small matches, which featured our very own Ken and Tom Barnard. Undoubtedly, angling has lost one of its true characters.

### **Good response to Working Parties at Old Lodge Farm**

Out thanks to the following members who assisted at the Working Parties at Old Lodge Farm, who have created a path around the whole lake an 14 pegs to fish from:

April 30: David Adby, Alan Baker, Dave Harper, Brian Beacroft and David C King

May 7: David Adby, Craig Winchester, Mark Merrett, Steve Allen, Alphonsus Duffy and Augustiine Duffy

May 14: David Adby, Alan Baker, Clifford and Jennifer Slogrove, Paul Oliver, Stephen Eddolls, Mike Stevens and Dave Harper.

### **talkSport Presenter to attend prize-giving**

Warlingham & DAS are proud to announce that **Nigel Botherway** is to present the trophies at our presentation evening on Tuesday, May 24. Nigel, apart from **Keith Arthur's** stand-in when he is away on *Fisherman's Blues* is an excellent all round angler. But Nigel is also a keen cyclist, rower (won't hold that against him!) and nature lover as well as a rugby correspondent for a national newspaper.

Hopefully he will also relate a few stories about his trips abroad and in the UK. Please make him welcome as it is a rare opportunity to meet him, apart from an encounter on the bank!

**Fisherman's Blues is every Saturday and Sunday on talksport Radio, 1089/1053 Mhz (Medium Wave)**

## **New Water for WADAS**

Warlingham DAS are proud to announce that from May 1 there is a new water on their portfolio, just round the corner from the Ladycross Farm Fishery. Less than five minutes drive away, Old Lodge Farm provides a 14 peg lake that is known to hold quality roach, carp and grass carp. However the potential of the water is yet to be realised and can only be done so by members fishing it!

There is good parking in dry weather within 60 yards of the lake that is shaped like a tear drop and holds around 14 swims. No prior booking will be required but for obvious reasons there is no point in having over 10 anglers fishing at a time as aters seldom produce well when packed out. However there will need to be three working parties to clear away brambles etc, though no swim building should be required.

## **AGM sees new blood voted on to Committee**

Unlike the EGM there was little controversy at the AGM on April 12. With Mick Cove retiring and Ray Hambling resigning due to his wife's ill-health, Craig Winchester and Steve Allen were voted on to the Committee. They take up their duties from May 3 when the new Committee meet.

## **Rookery vote sees co-joining kicked into the long grass**

In an astonishing reversal, members turned up en-masse to the EGM and vote against going into a partnership with Rookery AC. However, the feeling of the meeting was that they would not necessarily rule out such an arrangement in future.

## **EGM Latest**

**Tonight's EGM to discuss whether or not to run in parallel with Rookery AC has seen a number of votes by proxy. Of the 12 votes received, two are against the proposal with ten for the move. These will be added to the votes cast this evening.**

**It's good to be back!**

### **1and1 issue grovelling apology**

Dear Dave Harper, (Customer ID: xxxxxxx)

Thank you for contacting us.

We apologize for any inconvenience. We can confirm that our administrators are aware of the issues you are currently facing in regards to the WebsiteCreator and are actively working to bring you resolution. **As compensation for any downtime or frustration you may be experiencing, we have since issued you two free months of service.** This will delay your next hosting charge by two months. We appreciate your patience and hope for speedy resolution. Thank you.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **Bruce Palmer RIP**



It is with regret that we have learned the passing of Bruce Palmer in November. Bruce, along with Paul Raven, made his name as a prolific trophy winner in the late 1970s, whip and pinkie being his speciality before work took him to Chelmsford.

But ill-health and a messy divorce took its toll upon him and although he visited Chats Plain a couple of years back and appreciated the quality of sport, it was to be among his last fishing trips.

## **The discard debate and reform of Common Fisheries Policy may influence EU Changes**



Over £600 million is spent annually by recreational sea anglers in England and Wales supporting an industry of over 19,000 jobs. The limited number of fish species upon which this expenditure depends accounts for only £30.3 million to commercial fishing. Sea anglers are direct stakeholders in fish resources and The Angling Trust has joined the [Fish Fight](#) campaign to give recreational sea anglers a voice in an issue that concerns them and the future of their sport. We hope to open up the debate surrounding our depleted public fishery resources. There are at least four reasons why commercial fishermen discard fish: 1. Fish are too small to be legally landed.

2. Fish for which there is no market.

3. Fish of a size and type for which there is a market but a vessel has no quota.

4. Fish for which a vessel has quota but chooses to discard small or low

value (albeit legal) fish in favour of utilising its quota allowance to land larger fish which are worth more money. A practice referred to as 'high-grading'. Each of these categories of discards have their own complexities but are only symptoms of decades of systemic failure of European Governments to take their responsibilities for looking after our public fishery resources seriously. For decades, the Common Fisheries Policy and the UK Government have functioned to protect the short term well-being of those who catch fish commercially rather than the well-being of the fishery resources themselves. The real irony is that this 'industry centric' approach has actually been devastating to the very sector it has sought to protect because it is fundamentally flawed. It fails to recognise that the single most important ingredient in the debate is quite simply - FISH! For many species, the EU minimum landing sizes are set below levels that allow fish to reproduce. Minimum mesh sizes are far too small. Not only do we not have closed seasons for shoals of spawning fish stocks - when they are most vulnerable - but this is often when many stocks are targeted most by commercial fishing vessels. For decades, politicians seeking short term popularity have disregarded the science. Close to shore nursery areas and estuaries are still subjected to trawling, one of the most indiscriminate methods of fishing. Gill netting and tangle netting have no linear restrictions so some inshore vessels are now working up to 40 miles of net. The 2012 Common Fisheries Policy reform desperately requires a 180 degree turnaround that places FISH FIRST. Such a change in cultural mindset would be the best news over the long term for all who rely on our marine fish resources ew paragraph

## **Anglers Seek Action on Cormorants to Save Rural Businesses**

The Angling Trust has written to Fisheries Minister Richard Benyon MP asking him to to reduce the red tape tangling up the process for applying for a licence to control fish-eating birds, which cause untold damage the UK's £3.5 billion angling industry. Many angling clubs and fisheries which have been in existence for generations are struggling to survive, putting at risk vital direct and indirect rural employment. Without adequate fish stocks, their rivers or lakes cease to attract visiting and local anglers. In the letter, angling's representative body described the problems with the current system for licensing control of cormorants, goosanders and mergansers, which is administered by Natural England.

The system currently includes the following features: Applicants have to complete a 3,000 word, 9 page form to apply for a licence to shoot birds which can put them out of business;

Applicants are asked to detail any ancient monuments near their fishery;  
Fisheries with more than 60 cormorants perched in nearby trees have been granted a licence to shoot just 2 birds a year;  
There is a ban on shooting birds after 15th April, when they do most damage to salmon and sea trout smolts during May and June;  
Unnecessary visits from Natural England staff are made to fisheries, which are expensive for the public purse and time-wasting for rural businesses;  
Applications are only granted after serious damage has occurred - reactively rather than proactively - when businesses are already suffering;  
The national upper limit of licences has been frozen despite reports that the population of cormorants, goosanders and mergansers are all increasing;

The Angling Trust has called on the Minister to make four changes to the licensing process so that angling clubs and fisheries, which employ thousands of people in rural areas, can more easily defend their businesses and fish stocks and help contribute to the economic recovery:

1. Make it possible for fishery managers to control birds all year round to protect their fisheries when they are most vulnerable;
2. Remove the requirements for fishery managers to consult with Natural England staff and to detail the proximity of ancient monuments etc. in their applications;
3. Remove the requirement for evidence of damage and allow preventative control, rather than after the stock has been eaten;
4. Apply, as other countries have, for derogations from limits on the number of birds which can be shot each year. The Angling Trust will be raising these and other issues with the Minister personally at an Angling Summit planned for January 2011.

### **Angling Trust Thames and Southern Regional Freshwater Forum: Tuesday 9 November, 7pm**

The Angling Trust is holding an open forum for members and prospective members in the Thames and Southern regions at The Holiday Inn London Heathrow, Bath Road, Corner Sipson Way, Heathrow, West Drayton, UB7 0DB at 7pm on November 9th.

There will be talks from special guest Keith Arthur, on his vision for the Angling Trust, the work of the Thames Angling Conservancy by David Harvey and AT Chairman Mike Heylin, who will speak on the development of the Trust to date. These talks will be followed by a question and answer session where members and guests will be able to pose questions to the speakers.

Because existing officers are retiring it is hoped that from this forum a new team will come forward to organise the Angling Trust Thames Regional Forum in the future. The Forum is part of the development of regional groups around the country created by the Angling Trust to ensure that anglers can influence the future development of the Trust.

All anglers, clubs, fisheries and riparian owners in the existing EA Thames and Southern regions are invited.

Commencing at 7pm this will be an open meeting for existing and prospective Angling Trust members and will feature special guest Keith Arthur who will give his vision of the future of the Angling Trust.

#### **Agenda**

- Welcome – Mike Heylin, Chairman of the Angling Trust
- Apologies for absence
- “The Angling Trust Today” Mike Heylin
- “A Vision for the future of the Trust” Keith Arthur
- “Thames Angling Conservancy – The Big Society in Action” – David Harvey
- Discussion: The future of the Forum – Officers – Chairman – Secretary – Treasurer Meeting dates and frequency – Funding – Membership – Involvement of the EA – Consultation Responses and Policy Objectives
- Close

## **ATTENTION ALL NOVICE ANGLERS AND IMPROVERS.**

### **JOHNNY HUSSEIN has just won his 1st Open Competition.**

Have you ever considered fishing in an open competition but stayed away because you thought the other anglers were too good to compete against? If the answer is YES, then read on as Redbridge Lakes, one of the fastest growing silver fisheries in the UK have introduced yet another first to fishing!

**REDBRIDGE LAKES** has now introduced a handicap system in its open competitions. This means that even if you are a complete novice, you can test and improve your skills by fishing against some of the most seasoned anglers in the South of England, including England Internationals and still have a chance of picking up a prize.

One such Angler was **Johnny Hussein**, Local businessman and a relative novice to fishing. Johnny, who only started fishing earlier this year, with a bit of practice and the help of his handicap rating managed to take his first win last Tuesday, beating off a couple of the local superstars in the process in only his third match ever.

Currently **REDBRIDGE LAKES** is running open competitions on Saturdays & Tuesdays and will shortly be running some Sunday Matches.

A complete novice will be awarded **100%** handicap to start, that means **whatever you weigh in will be doubled.**

Other new anglers to the competitions will start with anything between 100% and Zero depending upon the organizers discretion.

Your handicap will then be varied depending upon what position you end up in the competition.

“IT REALLY IS QUITE SIMPLE” says Gordon Bullock, Director of **REDBRIDGE LAKES** “and it’s the perfect opportunity for all anglers to improve there skills simply by mixing with seasoned anglers and competing against them”.

If you fancy giving it a go either Email Gordon on [gordon@redbridgelakes.co.uk](mailto:gordon@redbridgelakes.co.uk) or telephone 02085515690 for full details...

### **Off-line but nothing to do with fishing!**

Sorry for the lack of updates but our hosts 1&1 have had a major problem that prevented several sites, including ours, to be updated. Things look like they are back to normal!



**Chris goes Stur Crazy in Canada!** Chris Dulley too time out from his job as MD of Dulley Ceilings and Partitions to take a week's holiday in Canada. He visited Chilliwack on the Fraser River in British Columbia to land fish such as this 238 lb specimen. The creature, that was 7' 9" long was landed on 120 lb braid, 60 lb mono leader with a piece of **salmon steaks** bait!

## David Bird RIP



Former NFA President and Rye & District match organiser David Bird passed away at 08.30 on August 18 after a battle with lung cancer. This was just hours before a planned "living wake". WADAS Chairman Dave Harper paid tribute to the long time agling administrator: "David Bird was without doubt the match organiser that inspired me to run matches. But for him, we would not have run open matches at all as the Committee at the time were not keen for us to do so. It was to him that I turned to for advice. He was a huge presence both locally and nationally and world is a sadder place without him." For more regarding David's cremation and a wall of tributes see [www.davidbird-the-lastword.co.uk](http://www.davidbird-the-lastword.co.uk)

[the-lastword.co.uk](http://the-lastword.co.uk) *David Bird pictured above left with the late Bill Horwood*



**Robbie Taylor dishes out trophies and advice.** *Pictured from left to right: Craig Winchester, David Adby, Robbie Taylor and Steve Longhurst.* Just hours after giving good advice on how to fish forthcoming venues, Robbie Taylor went to Gold Valley for the London & SE Super League and landed 220-10-0 of carp on the pellet waggler, just 5-2-0 behind the winner.

### Top angler to present WADAS Trophies

Unfortunately GOT Baits are unable to attend on Saturday's Trophy Presentation but we have lined up an impressive young angler who is taking the open scene by storm. **Robbie Taylor** (22) along with Peter Upperton have just won the Fish to Win Pairs series that ended yesterday at Sumners. They also qualified for the final of the Angling Times//Maver Pairs at Maver Larford in August. Robbie has had numerous wins on the very venues we will be fishing in the next couple of months or so including Lake John, Monk Lakes and Hartleylands Farm and so will be able to give plenty of advice. He will also be showing one or two techniques that help us all. See you on Saturday night (and Sunday at Willow!) Food will be provided thanks to Anita and events start at 20.00, Woldingham Village Club.

### Kieran beacon for Croydon

Little Kieran Bibb proved to be the star performer in the Youth Games at **Tylers Common** on May 29 as he fished his first carp match on Ash Lake to finish with 39-8-0 of carp on pole and pellet. The 12-year-old had previously fished Willow Lake in practice but this was the first occasion he had a box and side tray. Hopefully this will stimulate him to fish more and perhaps join WADAS. But for Tom Barnard it was a nightmare on Horseshoe where he struggled at peg 52 to get a few silvers and he returned his catch of less than a pound. But Kieran's bag was good enough to put Croydon 8th out of 21 teams. David Petch failed to get out of bed and efforts to raise anybody in his house (apart from the dog) proved fruitless.

### Tom Barnard to lead Croydon in Youth Games

With the withdrawal of Robin Mahachi and the unfortunate collar bone break experienced by Ross Marshall, WADAS's Tom Barnard (14) leads the Croydon team to fish the **Balfour Beatty London Youth Games** at Tykers Common on May 29. He will be joined by David Petch (16) and Kieran Bibb (12), the latter able to look

forward to fishing prolific Ash Lake whilst the older two fish Horseshoe Lake. With the fish spawning on all lakes on Saturday's practice, Horseshoe could fish a lot better than the open match which saw a big top weight but some anglers blanking.

### Membership Books update

Membership books etc are due to be posted this Wednesday, May 25 and so should reach members by the weekend. Volcanic ash is not to blame for the delay for which we apologise!



Lawrie Way was pleased to visit **Redbridge Lakes**, NE London on March 18 where he landed six species of fish including bream, roach, rudd, perch, crucian carp and tench. The water, run by Terrapins match ace Gordon Bullock is due to fully open this July. As you can see the stock is varied - Dave Harper also had chub - but brown goldfish, orfe and ide will be added to the mix soon. There will be a children's play area, cafe, shop and proper toilets. Lake Cuthbert and Daisy are both five foot deep with 30 and 34 pegs respectively. With a variety of aquatic and well as bank plants, a turf bank and well designed swims, this could be one of the prettiest and diverse fisheries in the Home Counties. More details at [www.redbridgelakes.co.uk](http://www.redbridgelakes.co.uk)

### GOT Baits coming to AGM

Apart from the formal business of the actual meeting, special guests for Tuesday, April 13 at Woldingham Village Club are **Trevor Price** of **GOT Baits** and carp bagger **Gary Thorpe** who features strongly at Rolf's Lake, Boddington and Clattercote Reservoirs as well as Oakfield Fishery and Alders Farm. They will be

showing their latest additions to their much respected range of pellets, pastes and additives and you could be going home with several new things to try - not to be missed!

- Dawn Elliott has announced she will not be standing at the Annual General Meeting - Jason Courtney has agreed to stand in her place with Ray Hambling takes over as Membership Secretary. This leaves space on the Committee for another member

### **Last gasp victory for Longhurst**

Steve Longhurst netted the Points Trophy for the 7th successive season with a win at Gabriels Farm on March 14 but Craig Winchester pressed him all the way and missed out by just three points - see Match Results for the full story.

### **Charts Plain decommissioning**

The Committee and other volunteers will be on site at 09.00 on Saturday, March 20 to decommission the water, removing equipment that will be used elsewhere in the future and taking off the locks to allow the new regime to assume responsibility for the fishery.



**The last Hurrah?** Alphonsus Duffy landed this lovely mirror carp from Charts Plain peg 13 on Saturday, March 6 using bread flake suspended midwater. Unfortunately, whilst the camera worked well, the scales didn't but the fish was estimated to be between 18 and 22 lb. "It was a real surprise and I was quite impressed," said Alphonsus. "My rod was nearly bent it two." But is it the same fish caught on fly back in September on the Purley Scouts event?

### **Gabriels cracker for Points Cup**

Steve Longhurst and Craig Winchester have to battle it out at Gabriels Farm on March 14 to decide the Points Trophy after Craig pulled back the deficit to just two points after beating Steve at Charts Plain on March 7

### **Cup crash on rain lashed venue**

With a match at Monk Lakes called off and the rest of the club members declining to turn out at Woodpeckers, this match went ahead in unpleasant conditions with many so called "waterproofs" being anything but. WADAS

started well enough but several struggled to master the conditions. Steve Longhurst's blank spell came nicely to an end with second overall with 41-4-8, However Epsom's Lee Kendrick gave Steve a lesson off the next peg also using feeder and red maggot to put 63-12-0 on the scales. It was heartbreak for Micky Biles who witnessed Dave Bozzie Beard alnd six carp late on his pole line using corn to boost him to second in section. That and perhaps a late carp for the usually canny Paul Oliver would have swung things around. But it was a good match bearing in mind the conditions and we wish Epsom AS well in the next round

<b>Comets AS</b>			<b>Epsom AS</b>			<b>WADAS</b>		
Peg	Name	Weight Pts	Peg	Name	Weight Pts	Peg	Name	Weight Pts
2	Brian Corner	2-3-0 3	4	Jason Beard	7-1-0 1	6	Mark Merrett	5-8-0 2
7	Pete Duffin	36-8-8 1	8	Paul Haymes	15-9-0 2	9	Hugh Blake	8-0-8 1
11	Bill Rayman-Barker	16-7-0 1	13	Dave Beard	15-4-0 2	14	Micky Biles	6-8-0 1
16	Peter Barrett	8-1-0 3	18	Mark Smith	21-1-8 2	20	Steve Allen	22-10-8 1
21	Dick Harrison	16-15-8 3	22	Lee kendrick	63-12-0 1	23	Steve Longhurst	41-4-8 2
24	Steve Mullins	16-8-0 2	25	Norman Youldon	7-2-8 3	26	Antony Stevens	34-1-0 1
27	Rob Tandy	30-12-0 1	28	Joe Flower	8-1-8 2	32	Craig Winchester	5-2-8 3
33	Ken Southon	6-14-0 2	35	Russell Alexander	15-2-8 1	36	Paul Oliver	4-7-0 3
<b>Total</b>		134-5-0 16	<b>Total</b>		153-2-0 14	<b>Total</b>		127-10-0 18

**Monster perch picture exclusive - read about in next week's newspapers!**



Whilst 19 WADAS members struggled at a certain Surrey Lake on February 7, Mick Keeper caught the fish of a lifetime at Oxcopse Lake near Ashington in a competition run by Terry Molloy (whose camera phone picture is left). Mick from Guildford caught this monster **5 lb 2 oz perch**, just 7 oz below the UK record on pole and single caster to a 20 hook and 0.08 line. The match was won by Molloy with 21-11-0 with England Daiwa Dorking's Steve Gardener second on 20-3-0

### Angling Times rides into town



WADAS Members Dave Harper, Mick Cove, Lawrie Way, Ken & Tom Barnard, Mark Merrett, past member Mike MacDonald were joined by local matchmen Steve Nicholson, Robbie Taylor, Jake Marshall and carper Alan Hoare on Wednesday, February 3 by *Angling Times* editor Richard Lee and marketing manager Emma Bedford at the Sir Julian Huxley, Selsdon. Boss Richard Lee (pictured above explaining a point to Lawrie) revealed a number of initiatives to be launched in the paper at the end of March. Although the group have been asked to keep certain things confidential, the free monthly UK Carp supplement will undergo a refresh and a new free

monthly Match supplement is to be launched. There will also be much more local news and a superb set of initiatives to promote angling as a sport and also help the Angling Trust. Dave Harper said: "I have done work for the AT for over 20 years and seen lots of improvements and other, let's just say disappointments, but the paper is currently very good. However the new ideas we saw on Wednesday evening were absolutely sensational".

## **110 Year Old Title Landed By Fish&Fly!**

*The UK anglers 'bible' finds a new home on the internet.*

**Worth, West Sussex** - Online publisher Fish and Fly Ltd are delighted to announce the acquisition of the publishing rights to the legendary 'Where to Fish - The Angling Directory' from Tom Harmsworth Publishing.

'Where to Fish' was first published in the late 1800's and is the fishing equivalent of 'Crockford's Clerical Directory' or 'Wisden's Cricketers' Almanac' and is a reference book well known to fishers and libraries everywhere across the country.

Richard Hewitt the Executive Chairman of Fish and Fly Ltd stated "This title fits in very well with our strategy to be the number one resource for fishers and whilst the book will remain very important we are excited to be able to launch a complementary and intuitive website very soon at [www.wheretofish.co.uk](http://www.wheretofish.co.uk).

This fits in very well with our new Atlas domains and these bring to life the Directory style of sites that can become a little boring and difficult to maintain. See [www.salmonatlas.com](http://www.salmonatlas.com) and [www.carpatlas.com](http://www.carpatlas.com) for sample sites."

Lord Harmsworth owner of Tom Harmsworth Publishing added "Where to Fish' is the only successful angling directory, national or international, comprehensively serving the sport. It is the Angler's Bible. As publisher of the directory since 1982 I am delighted that Where to Fish in passing to Fish & Fly will be in excellent hands."

## **"Haiti Angling Appeal" Fundraiser**

### ***Predator Day - Raffle - Auction***

Angling aims to raise £10,000 in support of victims of the recent Haiti earthquake

Fisheries and the angling trade are uniting for an unprecedented fund raising effort to help humanitarian efforts following the recent Haiti earthquake. It is believed the 7.0 magnitude quake on 12 January killed as many 200,000 people with an estimated 1.5 million left homeless.

Touched by the disaster David de Vere owner of Bury Hill Fisheries has decided to act, enlisting support from Kevin Coe, owner of Llyn Y Gors fishery and The Fishing Warehouse.

### **A charity Predator Fishing Day, Mega Raffle and Auction will be held at Bury Hill Fisheries on Saturday, February 27th**

Tickets to fish this special event are limited and will cost £40 per head with boat anglers paying £100 per boat (2 anglers sharing) and are available from Bury Hill Fisheries with approximately 9 high value tackle vouchers totaling around £3,000 being given away, which have been donated at cost price by Fox International. Top prize for the biggest catch of the day will be a £750 voucher allowing the lucky winner to select the tackle of their choice.

The Mega Raffle and auction prizes are being donated by a cross section of the angling trade and industry, including both bait and tackle manufacturers, tackle shops, angling holidays, celebrity anglers and UK fisheries. It is hoped to make this the largest raffle of its kind in angling history. Tight Lines hope to cover the event and Keith Arthur has kindly agreed to run the raffle and auction.

### **How YOU can help!**

Raffle Tickets and details of the growing list of prizes are available on-line from early February through a website dedicated to the Haiti Angling Appeal Fundraiser at just £1 each.

Click on [www.haitianglingappeal.co.uk](http://www.haitianglingappeal.co.uk) to buy tickets

We make no secret of the fact that we need all the help we can get in maximizing the publicity of this event and to this end ask you to please inform your readers or listeners of this appeal whilst also sending this email to all your contacts in order to get as many people and companies involved in this fund raising as possible. Anyone wanting to donate prizes for the raffle, please contact either David de Vere at [david@buryhillfisheries.com](mailto:david@buryhillfisheries.com) or Kevin Coe on [KCoe@aol.com](mailto:KCoe@aol.com)

### Where the money will go?

Both David and Kevin feel that the monies raised would be more focused and worthwhile given to a small charity, which has a long standing presence in Haiti rather than supporting one of the bigger emergency relief charities. They have therefore chosen to support **SOS Children** a British charity (registered charity number 1069204) based in Cambridge and which has had a presence in Haiti since 1978. You can read more about SOS Children at: <http://www.soschildrensvillages.org.uk>

Thanking you in anticipation.

Regards

David de Vere

### Angling Times SuperCup Team announced

The team of eight selected by Dave Harper to fish for Warlingham against Epsom AS and Comets AS on Sunday, February 28 at Nick's Lake, Hartleylands Farm was announced on January 19.

No	Name	Dave's Comments
1	Steve Longhurst	Club Champion for past 7 years, how can he be ignored? One thing he is good at particularly is catching early which is a real morale booster
2	Hugh Blake	Not a regular but always gives 100%, a very tidy angler. If weather is poor, can be relied upon to score well
3	Paul Oliver	Committed angler who isn't over keen on venue but can do the business and knows commercial fisheries inside out
4	Mark Merrett	Very keen and competitive, fishes every week, fancy him to win overall off the right peg
5	Craig Winchester	Silver specialist but very much knows one end of a carp from another and is hanging on to Steve Longhurst's coat-tails in the Points Cup
6	Jasper Stevens	Good team angler, keen to show he can perform consistently, has scored well at Framfield in 2009
7	Steve Allen	Excellent venue record, hopefully will land ALL the fish he hooks! His speciality is the pellet feeder
8	Micky Biles	A bit of a wild card but has improved greatly and just gets in ahead of two or three others
Reserve	Eddie Derrick	Eddie is keen enough to fill in if there is a late problem but could be the inspiration needed on the bank as he proved at Hartleylands in 2009

"The fact of the matter is that we have an extremely strong squad and I had to think long and hard about who would fish this round," said Dave. "Unfortunately Dave Cattermole, Bob Stone and others just miss out - I only wish it was a 12 man team. But come round 2 and on a different venue, other's undoubted skills will come into

play," he added.

### **Cecil Scores again!**

Life member Cecil Pocock has done well the past two months, scooping £20 in the November draw. With no meeting in December, the final draw was held on 4 January with Cecil again winning second prize with No 6. The £50 winner for December was Augustine Duffy with No 20. Our thanks to all those who supported this scheme in 2009

### **Shock as Treasurer resigns**

Mrs Dawn Elliott has announced her plans to resign as Treasurer and will not be standing for the new Committee in April. The Society are very grateful for her efforts this past two years and wish her all the best for the future.

### **December Match News issued**

Thanks once again to David Adby for producing his newsletter which email recipients received 30 December. Snail mail recipients will get theirs latter. Get well soon David!

### **Angling Times SuperCup Draw announced**

WADAS have again been blessed with a home draw in the 2010 event and will host Epsom AS and Comet AS, neither side having been faced before though Epsom AS take part in CALPAC comps.

### **WADAS scoop CALPAC Grand Slam**

For the first time, WADAS have collected the CALPAC Central Cup, Putney Cup and Invicta Shield in the same calendar year - see match reports.

**Below are the list of *Clubmark* accredited angling clubs as at December 2009. We were one of the first three to receive this recognition and remain only one of 11 and the only one in the capital!**

An0001 angling North West Warrington Angling Association  
An0002 angling Yorkshire & the Humber Wakefield AC  
An0003 angling London Warlingham & District Anglers' Society  
An0004 angling Yorkshire & the Humber Hull & District Anglers' Association  
An0005 angling North West Windermere & Ambleside District AA  
An0006 angling North East Aldin Grange Junior Coarse Angling Club  
An0007 angling Eastern Cambridge Fish Preservation & Angling Society Ltd.  
An0008 angling North West Radcliffe Angling Society  
An0009 angling South East Godalming Angling Society  
An0010 angling South West Bathampton AA  
An0011 angling Eastern Peterborough & District Disabled AS

**Match Fixtures for 2010/2011 now published - see Fixtures page - subject to alteration**

## For Sale

**Matchbox S Class box** complete with footplate and side tray.  
Unwanted prize, still in box, worth £380.00, will accept £250 ono.  
Telephone Adrian on 020 8668 0417



**RIP Richard Dodds**



FORMER secretary, chairman and life member Richard Dodds passed away on October 15, aged just 58, following a short illness. Dickie was a stalwart and active member of the club before he moved to his home at Cross Keys, Hereford. The last three years were a real challenge following a disastrous episode in hospital that left him only able to stand for short periods and ruled out coarse fishing. But he loved going after trout on the Usk and Wye and its tributaries and local stillwaters. Dickie first had contact with WADAS in 1979 when we ran an open on the Wey Navigation and he represented Top Ten MG. Later when he moved into the area, he joined WADAS and represented us in the Surrey Winter League as well winning numerous club trophies including the weights cup in the early 80s. Dick also visited Ireland and Holland on as well as Devon on angling holidays, the latter being fly fishing for trout. He was always a jovial character with an infectious laugh and good company. But as his health declined, he was prone to blood infections, much pain and when he contracted septicaemia in mid October passed away two days later. Dickie has been buried at his local cemetery with Trout and Salmon magazine, waitcoat and hat in the coffin, getting a good send off at the local pub where he enjoyed not only the cider but the local ales. Jason Courtney led the tributes: "I learned a lot from Dickie, a lovely man and a good angler". He leaves his widow

Lynne who intends to auction off his fishing tackle and pass monies to the Wye and Usk Foundation.

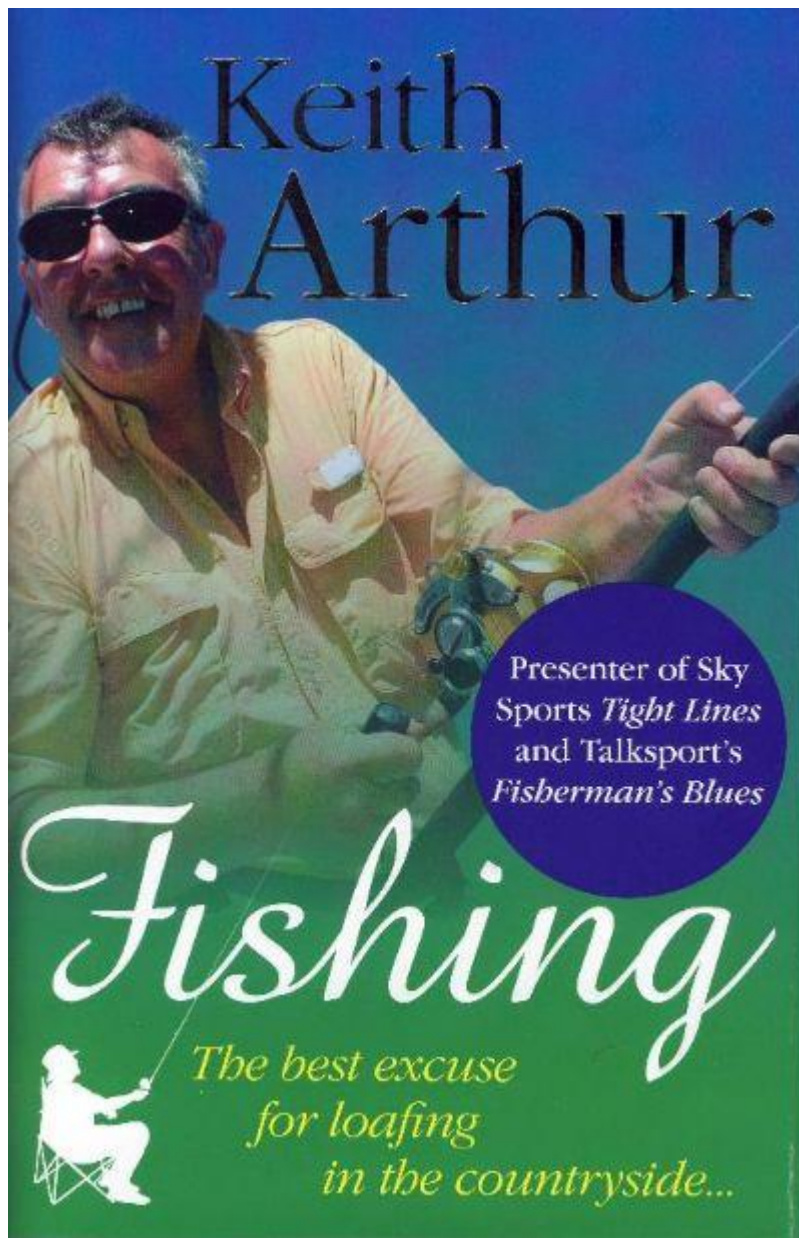
### **WADAS win Putney Cup again**

It was a clean sweep for WADAS in the 2009 Putney Cup held on the Basingstoke Canal at West Byfleet. See full story on the Match Reports page.

### **Lower Thames Championships**

Our premier event of the year, the Lower Thames Championships - sponsored by Drywall Ceilings and Partitions, has reached the 120 entry mark. And that means that Walton is likely to be used. But the best news of all is that we learned live on radio on Saturday September 12 that SkySports are to send a film crew to cover the event for Keith Arthur's Tightlines programme. Make up will be issued to all the Stewards on Tuesday night at

their match briefing!



**Top book to read** Keith Arthur is the angling voice of national radio through his TalkSport Radio programme "Fisherman's Blues" and Sky TV weekly show Tight Lines and has been for many years. In addition he has a pithy and outspoken column every week in Angling Times. Now he has authored his first book "Fishing – The best excuse for loafing in the countryside..." published by Green Umbrella at £14.99.

If you were hoping for the type of naming and shaming seen in his weekly column, then this book is not for you. As the author says, "it is autobiographical but not an autobiography" and covers his early angling days in north London and finishes up in Africa.

The book is clearly aimed at a wide audience because there is a 14 page glossary of terms in the back of the book. Indeed it is a very entertaining tome which made me laugh out loud. Yes I was that loony on the 194 bus last week! Characters such as "Twiggy" and fellow members of the Terrapins match team certainly struck a chord with me as well as the river venues that I used to fish with both Warlingham DAS when they ran coach matches as well as Banstead AS whom I started with.

Strangely, there are no photographs or illustrations at all but the stories painted a more than adequate picture,

especially the unfortunate Carole who made the mistake of trying to retrieve some tomatoes from a "field" for the group picnic on the banks of the Kent Stour at Sturry.

Although a TalkSport listener Glen from Romford opined that there might be more to come, Keith made it clear on air that there are no plans for a follow up book which is sad. That said it must be a satisfied reader that seeks more of the same.



**Is this the lagrest fish in Charts Plain?** That is the question after Dawn Elliott lost a huge fish in the Roberts Raines Memorial. But the 8th Purley Scouts had more success on September 5- with the help of Angling Trust Senior Coach, Alan Sandom. Spotting feeding carp, chum mixers further encouraged the fish and a fly rod with home tied deer fur to imitate a biscuit fooled this superb 14-14-0 mirror carp played out by 12-year-old Daniel Worrel.



### **Playing the monster at peg 9 -**

**here's why we do it:** Hi Dave just a note of thanks to you and the team of instructors that volunteered to help make a fantastic day of fishing i hope they got as much out of it as my scouts did, for the scouts yesterday will have made memories that they will carry on through there scouting time and beyond, we see it all the time with them as a group they might not say much about what they have done dut one night sitting around a campfire talking< say in 18 months time some one will say do you remember? and they will be able to talk back through the day as if it was yesterday, Pip lossing your rod, Mat, Abby and there giant carp? Alex and the top of your rod, Josh haveing me climb a tree to free his line, Danny Hanna and Beth for there first ever fish Joel, Adam who took it there stride, Tom who got into the carp and of course you haveing to row out to get your rod back, was it the fact of you haveing to row out or that the boat was taking in water>> again thank you for the day, if possible can you pass this on to the rest of your team - **Brian Lamont (8th Purley Scouts).**



Scout Alex Jones (13) with a nice carp taken on pole and corn close in at peg 12



**Philippa Blyth (11) might be soon back on the bank after landing this carp on pole and paste**

### **BBQ a success**

Thanks to all who showed up and supported the BBQ - a small profit was made and we were once again entertained by Janice Haves despite being delayed by a succession of misfortune. Special thanks to Mark Merrett, Micky "I am up at 4 in the morning" Biles, Dawn and Neil Elliott and Richard Hoy as well as Julia Raines for the use of the garden.

### **Win Keith Arthur's book**

"Fishing - the best excuse for loafing in the countryside" by Keith Arthur - a cracking read for the angler and non-angler alike - was published last week and there is a chance to win your very own copy by entering a simple competition in this week's *Croydon Advertiser* due out on **September 4**.



**Dave lost at Sea?** It might look grotty weather (it was!) but this little flattie plus tiny bass were caught by chairman Dave Harper on a recent trip to **Grays Promenade** to fish the Thames estuary. Using a pike rod and three ounce grip lead with lugworm on the hook, the fish were taken on an incoming neap tide. The catch, though modest attracted interest from other members including D C King and Mick Cove, though Mick is well known for going on **talkSport Radio** as Mick from Gatwick to discuss marine matters! If anyone is interested in a Saturday trip on August 22, let Dave Harper know. Beware any catches will not count in the weights and points trophies!

**BBQ - whoops!**

Due to a gremlin in the works, the July 2009 newsletter omitted the price for a child in respect of the August Bank Holiday BBQ. It will be **£5 per child** as in previous years.

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There are over 60 anglers booked in to take part in this year's **Lower Thames Championships** to be staged between Laleham and Molesey on September 19. **Our sponsors are Drywall Ceilings and Partitions** (formerly Dulley Ceilings and Partitions) and they have ploughed in £3,000 cash into the event that last year produced a remarkable weight for Mick Hanks. Not Surprisingly, he was an early entry! Volunteers are still needed to ensure the event is properly managed and stewarded. Please contact Dave Harper on 07956 163414 if you can assist.

Janice Haves to entertain at the BBQ



Janice Haves is to be the guest entertainer at the Robert Raines Memorial BBQ on Monday August 31. Janice last performed for WADAS in 2007 and we are very pleased to see her return giving us two hours of live music.

**When Daffy met Sally**



A duck and a carp share an intimate moment(?). Still there was no shortage of big fish hanging around the boathouse at Old Bury Hill Fisheries.



David Adbby holds one of the larger perch being stocked at Peg 3. Plenty of fish were showing earlier in the day, especially in the rushes at Peg 1. David was extremely pleased earlier with a good working party at **Ladycross Farm** that established five pegs.



Martin Moore of Moore & Moore Carp releases 20 lb of perch to 1.5 lb and 200 skimmer bream into Charts Plain on March 22.

### **Farewell to Keith and Sue**

Keith and Sue Pemberton are to leave WADAS and England in the next three weeks and set up their new home in Madeira, Portugal. So now we have international contacts in Portugale, USA, Australia and New Zealand. The couple visited the Committee Meeting on March 3 to say goodbye and kindly donate some tackle for the juniors. We wish the Pemberton's best wishes in their new life..

### **New Water**

WARLINGHAM & DAS are pleased to announce that they have secured the use of a new water in Surrey. It is expected to open 1 April 2009 following a couple of working parties being carried out. More details will follow in a newsletter currently being prepared. Chairman Dave Harper said: *It is great news for the club as it is difficult to find new waters. Thanks to the efforts of David Adby and decisive action by the Committee, we now have an exciting new fishery to explore*".

## Sport England Calls on Anglers

The Angling Trust is calling on all anglers who are members of an angling club, and young anglers, to take part in a new survey. One thousand anglers must register for the survey if angling is to be eligible to receive the promised four year funding package of £1.56m from Sport England and any future funding.

Sport England has commissioned the survey to establish what is important to people when they take part in sport and how satisfied they are with the quality of their experience. The survey goes live in March 2009, however we need anglers to register their details now so that Ipsos MORI who are conducting the research can contact them directly.

The registration process takes about two minutes. All personal details supplied will be held in the strictest confidence and used solely for the purposes of this study.

There are two surveys: one for members of an angling club which is a member of Angling Trust (or which was a member of NFA, NFSA, S&TA): [www.anglingtrust.net/clubmembers](http://www.anglingtrust.net/clubmembers) and another for young anglers aged 16-18: [www.anglingtrust.net/talentpool](http://www.anglingtrust.net/talentpool)

For more details about the survey and electronic links to the study please visit the Angling Trust website, [www.anglingtrust.net](http://www.anglingtrust.net).

Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive of the Angling Trust urged every club angler in the country to complete the survey commenting: "This is an opportunity for anglers to have their say about their experience when they go fishing. The results will help guide our work over the next few years and will affect future funding decisions from Sport England for angling. Please help!"

## The Big One is 27 Years Old!



CAN anyone remember queueing outside Staines Town Hall over 25 year's ago for what was then the Davies Angling Show? Well times have moved on and the show evolved to taking over at Thorpe Park and

now the best venue of all Farnborough International. This year's event is being run over two days, February 28 and March 1 and is the only show worth visiting since the demise of the NEC and Stoneleigh shows - maybe the credit crunch was starting to show then? This year features more manufacturers showcasing their products such as Maver, Preston Innovations and Tubertini. Alongside them will be retailers selling bargain tackle plus celebs such as Des Shipp, Steve Gardener, Tom Pickering, Bill and Virginia Rushmer whilst the carp boys (and girls) will see Ian "Chilly" Chillcott, Dave Lane and the delightful Ruth Lockwood. Tickets are best bought in advance using the **hotline 0845 873 1900**. Tickets are £8 (£5 for U16s and Senior Citizens) and you can also get a VIP Ticket for £20 - click on the banner to be taken to the website

## Charity Event at Tylers Common April 29

Dear All, I've arranged a Charity fishing match for Richard House Children's Hospice on 29th April 2009, see full details below.

### Event Details

**Venue:** Tylers Common Fishery - Brentwood - Essex - Ash & Willow Lake

**Date:** Wednesday 29th April 2009

**Draw:** 8am Draw - Fish from 10am to 4pm

**Entry Fee:** £20 made payable to Richard House Trust.

**Maximum Number of Anglers: 50 Pegs**

**Payouts: Overall Winner £150**  
**Top Weight Ash Lake £100**  
**Top Weight Willow Lake £100**  
**Section Winners Peg 1 to 10 £50**  
**Section Winners Peg 11 to 20 £50**  
**Section Winners Peg 21 to 30 £50**  
**Section Winners Peg 31 to 40 £50**  
**Section Winners Peg 41 to 50 £50**  
**Last Place Lowest Weight £50**

**The Overall Winner will pick up £300.00 made up as follows: Overall Winner £150**  
**Top Lake Weight £100**  
**Winning Section £50**

**£300**

If you would like to fish this Charity Fishing Match, please reply to this email . Warmest Regards John BellTel : 020 8599 2285Mob : 07724 841722

### **Angling Trust Launch on Angling TV**

The Angling Trust was launched last month in London. WADAS has already paid their subscription for the year joining that and Fish Legal, the cost being less than the old NFA/ACA subscription. Click the link to see what happened on launch day [Angling](http://www.onlinefishing.tv/channel/feature/angling-trust-launch/low/) or use the link below.

<http://www.onlinefishing.tv/channel/feature/angling-trust-launch/low/>

### **Siltex dressing applied in Charts Plain**



Charts Plain had a dressing of Siltex on January 31 to help break down silt and release nutrients into the water and generally improve the lot of our fish stocks. Thanks are due to David Adby and his son Steven, Dave Harper, Jason Courtney and Richard Hoy for assisting Ken Crow and his colleague Andy in loading the boat in order for the chalk to be dispersed throughout the lake.

### **Further Angling Summit planned**

Reading West MP Martin Salter has wasted no time in calling for yet another Angling Summit in January 2009 with the Angling Trust fully in place to discuss the new fisheries legislation together with other items that colleagues may like to suggest. The new Fisheries Minister Huw Irranca-Davies will attending 45 minutes or so for a discussion on the priorities of angling.

### Wylands wins planning appeal

A major commercial fishery has won the right to offer improved facilities despite local objections. Wylands Farm, which houses the biggest single lake at 205 pegs in the UK, can now build 15 Fisherman's huts for staying anglers and their families plus a proper facilities centre including a 72 cover restaurant. No more will anglers have to queue in pouring rain to stage a draw or prize-giving, although works will not take place until 2009.

### Angling Times SuperCup 2009 Draw

WELL the draw has been made and Warlingham DAS are one of 90 teams fishing in the Southern area. And fortune has smiled kindly upon us with a home draw; this time we are against Epsom Piscatorials and Tight Lines AC. Whilst no one of match can be described as being easy, WADAS have a great chance of selecting their strongest side to ensure going to Round 2 for the first time. **The match is to be held on Sunday, February 22 2009 at Hartleylands Farm Reservoir (confirmed by Paul Ward December 15) and will be contested by eight anglers per side.**

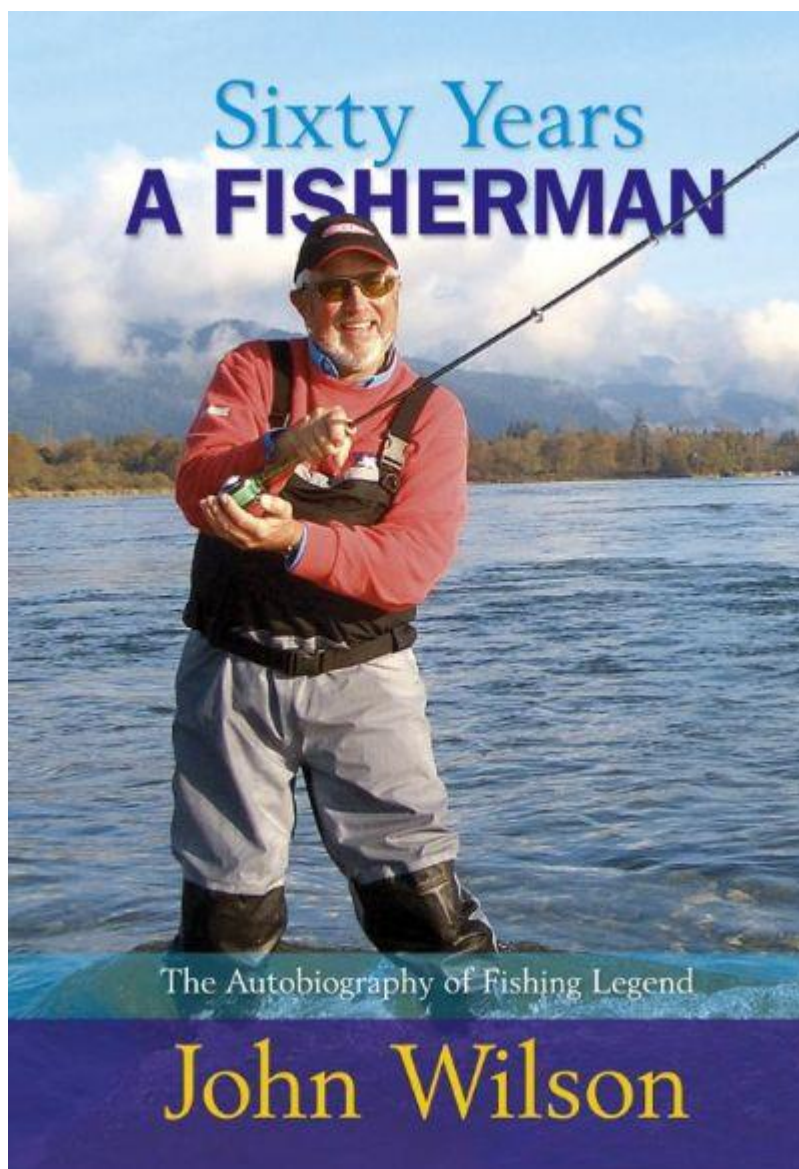
### NFA votes to join Angling Trust and hears that cormorants are off the protected list



MARK Lloyd addressed the EGM of the National Federation of Anglers when they agreed to end 105 years of being by merging with others to form the **Angling Trust**. Mark explained that the new organisation would mean providing better services for anglers including a "Fish 4 Free" scheme.



NFA Environment Director Roy Rettalick announced to the EGM that the European Parliament voted on Thursday, 4 December to remove the Cormorant off the protected list with 583 votes for, 17 abstentions and just 7 against. "Each member country will have now draw up a management plan in order to control cormorants and other species that have been removed from the list," explained Roy



In this week's *Croydon Advertiser*, one lucky reader will win a copy of John Wilson's updated autobiography by answering a simple question. The 400 page volume covers his early days through to Spring this year and is liberally sprinkled with many of his own pictures.

Putting aside his anti-Blair views, he makes it clear what he thinks of today's nanny state, especially as far as angling is concerned. But what a wonderful and full life John has experienced. Starting out as a ladies' hairdresser it was the key to many doors in the swinging sixties and led to serving on SS Oransay and living in Barbados. It was whilst on board and ashore he experienced some of his best grounding in all manner of angling and meeting all sorts of characters.

Eventually, as we all know it led to being numerous TV series for Anglia and Channel 4 and John has strong views on what he thinks of TV bosses!

Though he was born in Enfield in 1943 and has fished in 64 different countries as well as all over the UK, John's closest contact with our area was when he hired a car from Epsom but returned it in rather worse condition, losing his deposit. Why?

You will just have to get hold of a copy.

Wilson makes clear though that the vast majority of his TV *Go Fishing* was filmed on waters available to all and that he seldom was able to pre-bait, in fact the night before if at all. When John finally settled in Norwich and built his own water and got an opportunity to create a second lake before joining them up. The information contained there is worth the asking price alone. John is like a latter day Jack Hargreaves, totally au-fait with country ways but just about managing his computer with wife Jo's help.

History will no doubt show John Wilson to be one of our greatest all round anglers ever having caught an incredible 101 species of freshwater fish from 12 countries and 116 species of sea fish from 22 countries. A cracking tome and certainly if you are contemplating a foreign trip, essential reading.

*Sixty Years A Fisherman*, the Autobiography of John Wilson was published on 27 October by Green Umbrella Publishing, RRP: £18.99, ISBN: 978 1 90582 8395.

**An Inspector Calls - nothing like notice - email received Sunday, 23 November**

Knight, Kavanagh & Page manages Clubmark on behalf of Sport England. They have developed an External Verification programme which is necessary to ensure that National Governing Bodies are maintaining the highest standards in the implementation of Clubmark throughout its sport.

Warlingham & District Anglers Society has been randomly selected for a club visit to ensure high standards of implementation of Clubmark at the club and to ensure consistency throughout the sport. We would like to arrange come and visit your club either on 27th November from 1pm or on the morning of the 28th November, this is to discuss various aspects of your Clubmark award. The meeting should last approximately 45 minutes to one hour.

### **Angling Times Super Cup 2008/09 Squad announced**

Steve Longhurst	Paul Oliver	Phillip King	Peter Crowhurst	Dave Harper
Craig Winchester	Mark Merrett	David C King	Kevin Longhurst	Eddie Derrick
Steve Allen	Mick Biles	Hugh Blake	Tony Garner	Colin Jerrom
Antony Stevens	David Cattermole	Bob Stone	Brian Beacroft	Jason Courtney

### **Bye, Bye Baggaley**



The National Federation of Anglers would like to announce the departure of current Chief Executive, Paul Baggaley who will be leaving the NFA on the 14th November 2008.

Paul joined the NFA on 31st January, 2005, and has since worked tirelessly to create a modern and professional Governing Body for Freshwater Anglers. There have been many successes during his three year reign but his principal success must be the revision and development of the governance of the NFA, which enabled the organisation to chart a new course. This has meant that a revitalized NFA has been able to play a full and active role representing the interests of anglers and providing tangible services to anglers, partners and angling organisations nationwide.

Paul was also integral to the creation of the Angling Development Board, which is tasked with supporting the development of the sport through coaching, club and volunteer development and to help present angling as a modern, vibrant and equitable sport.

Terry Fell, Chairman of the NFA who appointed Paul as Chief

Executive commented, "Paul came into the NFA at a difficult time when questions were being asked as to whether the NFA was the National Governing Body. Paul has helped change this image and this has no doubt assisted us to move forward in a professional way. He has done much for angling and we wish him and his family every success for the future."

Paul Baggaley added, “At our first AGM held at Holme Pierrepont Terry Fell, the Chairman of the NFA went on record stating that the NFA would invest £250,000 in the development of angling. The NFA has been good for its word and we have seen important changes such as the formation of the Angling Development Board, the revised Child Protection and Equity Policies, the NFA’s angling education program *An Introduction to Angling and the Environment*, an insurance package that is saving angling clubs hundreds of pounds in premiums, a popular and successful website and vastly improved marketing and communications.

I am really proud of what the staff and the volunteers that make up the National Federation of Anglers have been able to achieve in three years and on such meagre resources. This merger can only benefit angling in England, but now it’s up to angling organisations and individual anglers of all disciplines to capitalise on the work that has been done so far.”



**Tony Garner picture as requested by his grandchildren! This picture was taken at Frant Lakes.**

**Mark cliches victory at Charts Plain**



MARK Merrett landed carp No 5 at 13.30 from unfancied peg 21 in the Robert Raines Memorial at **Charts Plain** fished on August 25. Dawn Elliott fishing her first competition has been drawn on peg 7, the same swim her son Joe finished third in on Saturday. But she could only one small carp and a few silver fish for just over a pound. Mark was able to land 17-1-8 consisting of five carp, three on paste, two on bread for victory beating 19 others. Dave C King contributed 14-12-8 from the left hand bank followed by Mick Biles with 14-9-8 from the island. Steve Longhurst landed the best perch in five years at 2-4-0. After the match the traditional BBQ was held with superb entertainment provided by **Soul Business**(pictured above),

the rain fortunately holding off

### Good turn out anticipated for the Len Tutt Junior Cup

This Saturday, August 23 sees the Len Tutt Junior Cup match taking place at **Charts Plain**. With the match being reduced to three hours, this has ignited quite a bit of enthusiasm and there are plenty of prizes awaiting. Those expected to take part include Adam "Moneybags" Stainer, Jennifer Slogrove, Robin Mahachi, James & Rebecca Hoy and Joe Elliott

### Daniel's Leaver Heaver

FORMER WADAS member and guest at Lake John, Daniel Diment has announced that he is leaving Kent tackle store **Heaver Angling** and moving to Northampton with partner Esther where her work is based.

That means the Ash, nr Sevenoaks store is closing next Friday (August 22) and currently has a sale with up to 35% off most goods and up to 20% off bait and terminal tackle. See <http://www.heaver-angling.co.uk> for location details. And we wish Daniel and Esther all the best for the future.



**Is this Mr Angry Angler?** Answers on a postcard to the usual address please.

### Keith Arthur stars on Open Day at Charts Plain



AS part of National Fishing Week, we held our Open Day on Saturday, 26 July at Charts Plain Fishery. Apart from NFA coaches offering free tuition, NFW and the Environment Agency provided plenty of welcome packs for newcomers. On a very hot day, everyone caught something with perch, roach, rudd and gudgeon being common plus the occasional carp. Keith attracted a number of people, including some curious club members, and enthused about his day on his Fisherman's Blue show the following day. It was a truly marvelous event and we hope to have gained several newcomers to the sport.

### Lower Thames Championship resurrected

TURN back the clock 25 years and the Thames was the place to be with the last of the San Miguel matches having taken place and Abbot Ale about to step in to support the event for another three years. Fast forward to 2008 and the skip the decline of the river in the 1990s and early Milenium. Record perch, large barbel, carp and bream spectaculars to be had, and there are still roach and chub to be caught. Warlingham & DAS are very proud to announce that they the support of **Dulley Ceilings & Partitions Ltd** for the resurrected event to take place on Saturday, September 27 on the Thames between Laleham and Molesey. For details on how to enter, see the dedicated pageL. Thames Champs.

## **Farewell Slugwash Lane - almost!**

EAGLE-EYED members will notice that the tab for Slugwash Lane fishery has disappeared. That is because the new owner has requested that we remove reference to the fishery from this site. We are, however, currently still able to fish the water **by appointment only**. We have had very little feedback from members about the water and so can only assume that it is hardly fished. However, if you do wish to visit the water, you **must** telephone David Adby on 01883 712299 and seek permission.

## **DebRA get funding boost from WADAS**

The Christmas outing may have had a disappointing end at Bough Beech but thanks are due to several members and organisations that helped raise money for our nominated charity DebRA. A special 'Thank You' to Steve Longhurst and his colleagues at Simpsons Fisheries that raised £230.00 And an extra special 'Thank You' to Bob Stone who raised an exceptional amount on his own £560.00. This boosted the total to £1,147.00 on the day with promises of more to come from Mark Merrett and Mick Cove.

## **Angling Unity to press ahead**

LEADING angling bodies have agreed in principle to establish a powerful new body to represent all anglers.

The boards of the Anglers' Conservation Association, National Association of Fisheries and Angling Consultatives, National Federation of Anglers, and Salmon and Trout Association have agreed to their Chairmen signing a letter of intent committing them to the development of the new body. The full membership of each organisation will be consulted before final agreement. The National Federation of Sea Anglers has been fully involved and will formally consider joining next Spring. Other fisheries organisations will also be welcome.

The new body will build on the benefits the four organisations already deliver to their members and become a unified, powerful voice to protect fisheries, the sport they offer, and the environment on which they depend.

The development has been led by FACT, the Fisheries and Angling Conservation Trust, which already acts as an umbrella body for angling. FACT Chairman Jim Glasspool said:

“This is a major step forward towards a unified organisation which will be able to provide an improved range of services to millions of anglers and be an effective voice for them. Much remains to be done but there is an enthusiasm and commitment from everyone to achieve that goal.”

Michael Heylin, secretary of SAA and a board member of FACT, said: “SAA, as a member of FACT, has been fully supportive of these moves towards a single unified body. We look forward to working as part of the new structure and representing specialist anglers during its formation.”

“For a long time angling and anglers have needed a single body to represent the sport professionally, at last it looks as if we have it within our grasp. SAA would like to congratulate those who have made the commitment to the future for their farsightedness and determination to succeed in these delicate discussions.

The resources of SAA will be available to help this development at every stage and as soon as the new body is established a large proportion of our funds will be transferred to it.” angling bodies have agreed in principle to establish a powerful new body to represent all anglers.

## **ACA win record damages for Wandle**



AN historic agreement has been reached that will see more than £500,000 being paid by Thames Water to restore and improve the River Wandle over the next five years. This follows the devastating pollution incident on September 17 that saw thousands of fish killed and a significant impact on invertebrate and plant life in the river. Thames Water admitted responsibility for the incident within days and has apologised unreservedly to the local community and angling clubs.

The Anglers' Conservation Association has led negotiations that have concluded with the largest settlement in the ACA's 60 year history. That means a £7,000 project funding for a local education project; £10,000 in compensation for the two angling clubs, Wandle Piscators and Morden Hall AC, £30,000 to meet the costs of restocking and an ongoing survey to assess damage to the river's ecology; £200,000 core funding for the Wandle Trust to include support for the cost of an employee who will raise additional project funding to deliver access and habitat improvements along the length of the river; £250,000 over 5 years for a restoration fund to support local projects to improve the river environment; Investment in failsafe measures at Beddington Sewage Treatment works to prevent pollution like this ever happening again in the future.

The announcement of this project will not have any bearing whatsoever on any future criminal prosecution of Thames Water by the Environment Agency for the incident.

- Pictured above is Tanya Houston helping to re-stock the Wandle at Ravensbury Park on December 10. Below is the table that shows what fish went where.

Site	Chub	Dace	Barbel	Roach
Poulters Park	200	150	400	600
Ravensbury Park	800	250	100	900
Mordern Hall Park	100	50	500	500
Hackbridge	100	50	-	300
Wimbledon	50	-	-	200
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>2,500</b>

### **MIDLAND ANGLER, SOUTHERN ANGLER, NORTHERN ANGLING TODAY**

Publication of the above titles will be suspended following the production of the December issues pending an asset sale which is expected to complete not later than December 31st 2007.

Any queries on the above should be directed to Keith Higginbottom at the numbers below:

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### **New Links added 1 November 2007**

Click on Angling Links to see exciting new sites added.

### **Craig is Top Angler**

SILVER fisher guru Craig Winchester is the October winner of the Southern Angler Top 100 and wins a Fox Match fleece in addition to the usual prizes. But it is bad luck for Mark Merrett who misses out by one point in the November edition due out from October 12.

### **Spanish Trip features in Coarse Fisherman**

Meanwhile, the October edition of Coarse Fisherman has a six page spread by our very own Dave Harper giving greater detail of his trip to Extremadura in Spain. Just £2.95 from good newsagents.

### **WADAS BBQ a great success**

AFTER the Robert Raines Memorial contest (see results in Match Reports page), members and their friends were able to relax at the BBQ and listen to the music of Janis Haves ho gave a very nice performance. Below are some more of the pictures of the event.



Mick Biles advocating the use of burgers as bait for the next match.



Janis Haves, a great performance



Whacker learning to cast under the watchful eye of Jason Courtney



Julia Raines with Ben and Louise enjoying the occasion

Joe wins rod for one hour sprint



TEN-year-old **Joe Elliott** proudly shows off his Daiwa Aqualite Match Rod that he won on Saturday, August 11 after fishing a one hour sprint match using whip and maggot. The rod was donated by Martin Greene of Daiwa Sports and we are grateful to him for a super prize that is going to a lad that is at the start of a promising angling career.

## Special Guest for WADAS BBQ



JANIS Hayes will be the musical entertainment on Monday, August 27 for the Robert Raines Memorial Trophy BBQ. Invitations were sent out with the August newsletter. Janis is an established artist and her repertoire includes her own material as well as standard such as *American Pie*, *Every Breath You Take* and *Why Does It Always Rain On Me*. With games, plenty of food there is something for everyone.

## Debra fund raisers are a huge success



THE VETERANS match on July 6 attracted a good field from as far away as North Yorkshire and Bristol and it was those who travelled the furthest who did the best with John and Maureen Collier taking the top weights using pole and maggot, though they got a shock when asked to pay southern prices as they get up north for only a £1 a pint!

Laura Pratt, the regional representative of DebRA was on hand to hear that the contest has raised £775 with other donations still coming in.

Well done to Bruce Palmer not only for returning to the Society after a 20 year gap but for also persuading his old partner and buddy Paul Raven to pick up coarse gear for the first time in 10 years.

Dave Harper collected a bottle of malt whisky for amassing £239 in sponsorship.

The Fishery Managers also did well on July 16 led by Lake John ace Colin Bartlett who alternated between pellet and meat at peg 15 for 48-14-0 of carp, by far and away the best match weight this season.

Both he and runner up Pete Alland of Oakfield who had 22-10-0 donated their sweepstake winnings to DebRA,

Sadly one or two didn't show up which was a shame but all those who came really enjoyed the event and are already asking about 2008.

Dave Harper and David Adby ensured they all had seven of their five a day with plenty of fruit being available for the buffet lunch.

The match raised £780 on the day, another wonderful effort.

## Charts Plain

THE ENVIRONMENT Agency have been requested to carry out an investigation into to some carp mortalities at Charts Plain. Early indications suggest that the problem is a stress related bacterial infection rather than something more sinister.

Members are asked not to use keepnets for the time being and to ensure they adequately rinse their landing net and unhooking mat both before and after their session. In any event ensure that both items are dried out thoroughly after use.

### **FORTY minutes cost Warlingham**

IT was a real nail-biting finish in the three-way AT Super Cup clash between WADAS, New Addington MG and Judds of Hillingdon but the final 40 minutes proved to be crucial.

Judds looked dead and buried most of the match but in the final 40 minutes their Tony Salczynski sprung to life on a seemingly fishless peg 15 and hammered out four carp for 10-11-8 to break Steve Allen's heart.



And with Judds youngster Neil McBernie putting aside his hangover also, two late carp sealed Paul Oliver into last in section. Judds went on to win with 13 points with New Addington on 12 and Warlingham on 11. But for the final 40 minutes the Warlingham side would have won, with the lowest weight of the three sides. Mal Thompson on the private bank won over all with 14 carp on pole and pellet over hemp for 42-1-8 followed by Barry Bracegirdle from peg 7 with nine carp on legered corn for 27-6-0 and fellow New Addington star Andy Hartigan with 24-15-8 from peg 11.

Steve Longhurst (**pictured above**) was Warlingham's best score with 24-2-0 for fourth overall in a match that saw 201-14-12 landed between 18 anglers.

**AT Supercup match too close to call**



With Judds of Hillingdon and New Addington MG both having practised at Charts Plain, few can predict who will make it to the next round but Sunday February 11 will certainly be a stern test. The fish are currently shoaled in the middle and Roy Hayward drew peg 12 on Sunday, February 4, the same peg that threw up 20 carp for New Addington's Barry Bracegirdle a week earlier. **The picture left is from the previous week when he fished peg 7**

The Judds star used feeder and corn but dropped short of the stick-ups and landed six fish in the first hour. But a quiet middle two hours saw a change in fortune as the fish came back on to feed with a vengeance and he ended up with 39-2-0.

### **Committee in crisis as Keith Francis slings his hook**

SOCIETY Treasurer Keith Francis announced his retirement from the Committee on December 27 in order to spend more time fishing. But he has promised to mentor his successor into one of the crucial posts. Now the race is on to find a suitable replacement before April's critical AGM.

But with Nigel Duff on November 30 having announced his resignation from both the Committee and the club and with secretary Dave Harper also considering his position, there is a real danger of the administration falling down as there appear to be few, if any, volunteers filling their positions.

And with other Committee members being hampered by work commitments and illness, the Society could be plunged into a tricky situation following more than a decade of stability.

"We have had a brilliant Committee these past few years but like everything else, people become a bit tired and want to move on to other things," said Dave Harper. "But now we just have to hope that members reading this will come forward and volunteer their services."

### **Triple Crown for Warlingham**

THE RIVER got worse during the day after heavy overnight rain but Warlingham A ensured that they picked up the Invicta Shield to add to the CALPAC Putney Cup and the Eden Challenge Shield to complete a remarkable four months.

Former CALPAC Chairman Ray Wilkinson used pole and maggot down the edge from a peg just past the moorings for a 3.5 lb bream plus roach and bleak for 4-8-8.

Steve Longhurst was second from a peg up in the wood where feeder and maggot gave him a bream, two eels and a gudgeon for 3-14-8, team mate Dave King contributing 2-13-0 of bleak on a waggler and maggot fished 12 inches deep.

Teams: 1 Warlingham A, 26 pts; 2 Warlingham B, 27; 3 Southwark and Camberwell, 36

### **WADAS retain the Putney Cup**

LESS than a month after winning the Eden Challenge, on November 5 Warlingham retained the CALPAC Putney Cup on a hard but fair Basingstoke Canal at West Byfleet.

Bob Stone led the B side to victory with a tench and bit taken on pole and caster over chopped worm that went 5-9-8. But with good results from Hugh Blake (4-0-8), Jason Courtney (2-4-8) and Tony Garner (1-10-8) they easily ensured a Warlingham victory.

The A side consisting of Steve Longhurst, Paul Oliver, Craig Winchester and David Cattermole narrowly missed out on silver by a single point.

**Result:** 1 Joe Flower, Epsom AS, 6-10-0, 4 skimmers, 2 B Stone, Warlingham, 5-9-8.

**Teams:** 1 Warlingham B, 28 pts; 2 Epsom A, 23; 3 Warlingham A, 22.

### **Get well soon Pete**

THAT was the message from the match team as they dedicated their Eden Challenge victory, the first since 1979, to Pete Crowhurst who is off the bank at present recovering from illness. For results see the match reports

### **Greetings from John and Mo**

MORE and more former members are discovering this site and the latest are John and Maureen Collier who moved up to Skipsea, Yorkshire some years ago. For the benefit of newer members, Maureen and John shared the Membership and General Secretary's duties and John was a long standing Committee member who strongly supported coach outings.

Maureen sent us an email, part of which is as follows: "Good to see the photos, Len Tutt and Lawrie Way they have not changed, also seeing the one of Bill Barber with Jason in the background brings back memories, Bill never putting up his landing net till he had lost his first fish!!! Saying 'I forgot to put it up'. We would all have liked the first fish he lost. I expect Jason has stopped growing now!!!, Don Boutell looks well in the photos as well, ask him if he has replaced his original hat yet!!!

**"We're all going on a summer holiday!" And a PB carp is the result for Thomas**



KINGFISHER pupil, Thomas Windram landed this 18 lb beauty whilst fishing for bream on the Kennet and Avon canal near Devizes. Tom (7) was targeting bream on the quiver with redworm and caster cocktail.

**How about a free trip to Scotland?**

Hi Dave

It was great speaking with you yesterday, as I said in our phone conversation I am working on a new TV series about Angling for SMG Productions.

The series shall be filmed in the Scottish Highlands in late September/early October, and would involve all the participants taking part in a 2 week residential angling course with tuition given by specialist coaches and with accommodation and meals provided.

The programmes will look to teach the participants and the viewers the skills needed to become better anglers across the range of fishing disciplines, all played out against the backdrop of some of Scotland's most dramatic scenery.

We are looking for 8 people (generally novice and intermediate level anglers) who are interested in perfecting their fishing skills to take part in the series and are after males, females, parent and child (minimum age 16) from all walks of life and from different areas throughout the UK.

I have attached a copy of our press release and would be grateful if you could circulate the advert via your members, website and any contacts you have.

If you need any further information please do get in touch.

Many Thanks,

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You will need to register by September 13 with a view to flying up on September in preparation for filming on September 25.

**Mill Farm Update August 2006**

Just to remind you that we have been informed by CALPAC that Mill Farm is available once again but if you should visit the water and are challenged, you should inform the person that CALPAC have given permission to visit and that the matter should be referred to them.



**Friday, August 4 saw the 2006 Old Boys Reunion.** Standing from left to right are Larie Way, Don Boutell, Alan Gristwood, Mike Tompson, Mike Stevens and Len Tutt. Seated are David Adby who laid on a superb spread, Peter Norris and Cecil Pocock. A fun contest was arranged in aid of **DebRA** being won by Dave Harper with 35-6-0 of carp from peg 3 followed by Lawrie Way with 24-4-0 from peg 11 and Len Tutt with 10-4-0 from peg 8.



This is 11-year-old **Tianna** from Shirley who visited Charts Plain on July 30 to try angling. And apart from catching this superb carp, she was very good at unhooking fish. We are hoping that both Tianna and her brother Kieran will take up the sport and join WADAS.



**Andrew Pelling, MP for Croydon Central** was the guest of honour at our Open Day on July 22 along with over 25 other visitors. On 4 August, he wrote: "Thank you very much for sending me the WADAS news. I think that you write an excellent newsletter. Lucy and I very much enjoyed the open day. It was really good work that you are doing promoting angling for young people. I was grateful too for the laminated pictures that you sent and will hang those up in the office here in Parliament. Do you happen to have those two pictures available in electronic form for us to have?"

### **Tell your friends about the Open Day!**

AS part of the drive to recruit more members and newcomers to the sport of angling, we are holding an Open Day at Charts Plain on Saturday, July 22 between 10 am and 3 pm.

- NFA coaches to assist newcomers
- Environment Agency stand and fish tank
- Tackle stand via Wickford Angling
- Celebrities including Andrew Pelling MP and Nigel Botherway

So please encourage your friends to give angling a go!

### **Kingfisher Award success**



THIS superb roach was caught by 11-year-old **Laura Windram** from peg 2 at Charts Plain on Saturday, 24 June. Inevitably the carp showed up later in the day and she landed fish to over 5 lb and enjoyed her best ever day's fishing. The NFA coaches were Dave Harper and Kevin Pestell and were assisted by Dinford Lewis and Nigel Duff. Committee members David Adby and Mick Cove were also on hand. Laura's seven year-old brother **Thomas Windram** also had a brilliant day with Dinford Lewis (pic below) helping him to land the carp below. Thomas was so pleased he even rang in to Talksport's Keith Arthur on the Sunday morning to say how brilliant the event had been. The next Kingfisher Day is on Saturday, July 8.



### Youth Games success

Tapfuma "Robin" Mahachi helped the London Borough of Croydon to victory in the qualifying round held at Horseshoe Lake, Tyllers Common. With eyes streaming from the nearby long grass and ammonia from the

maggots, he bravely stayed at his peg (well most of the time!) to land 6-12-0 of small roach and perch as instructed. Team mates Paul Jones contributed 25-1-0 with Ross Marshall putting 17-14-0 on the scales, Croydon won with 49-11-0 on what was really a reserve side! Now the squad go to Crystal Palace Private Pond on July 9 for the final.

### **MILL FARM, CHIDDINGSTONE**

**ANY member who plans to visit this fishery should kindly telephone David Aaby for advice in order to save a wasted journey.**

### **June 100 Club Winners**

The winner of the first draw was No 38 Ronald Tew who wins £40 with No 9 Ann Gower the runner up for £20.

### **New Season matches start positively**

IT was first blood to Steve Allen at Hartleylands Farm on June 4 (see match reports). Remember to book in for all matches including Wednesday's Les West series.



**Clubmark Logo passed to WADAS**



NFA Chairman Terry Fell JP presents David Aaby with the Clubmark award on Saturday, May 13 2006. (Pic courtesy of Tom Goldspink, NFA staff)

### WADAS get caned at Stubpond

Warlingham were outclassed in the Inter-Club Challenge Shield - see Match Reports

### Committee axe charity match

IN a surprise move, the Committee have decided to axe the Commercial Managers Invitation match at Charts Plain that was scheduled to be held on Monday, July 24. "I was going to hold it one final time this year and informed the Committee that was my plan but they pre-empted things whilst I was absent on my First Aid refresher," said Dave Harper.

Oakfield's Pete Alland said: "That is a great shame as Craig and I very much enjoyed the visit in 2005."

### Got it!

CONGRATULATIONS are due to **Warrington AA** and Frank Lythgoe's team for presenting and having accredited their evidence pack and oh **Warlingham & DAS** who have also have had a positive assessment. The news broke on Tuesday, March 28 through Julian Taylor of the NFA who confirmed that **Wakefield AC** was still to complete their work and a fourth club had fallen by the wayside.

NFA HQ have to carry out a few tweaks to show that as an organisation they meet the stringent criteria but the award is expected to be made at the NFA AGM in Nottingham on Saturday, May 13.

### Clubmark News

ON March 17 our Clubmark evidence presentation was taken by hand to NFA HQ for assessment and hopefully we will be in line for accreditation. Regardless of the outcome, the whole Committee were involved in some

way and many have been on courses to demonstrate that we are serious in our endeavours. **Special thanks are due to David Adby for collating the evidence and preparing our presentation.**

- **UPDATE:** Initial comments by vice-president John Mitchell were: "The best yet by far"

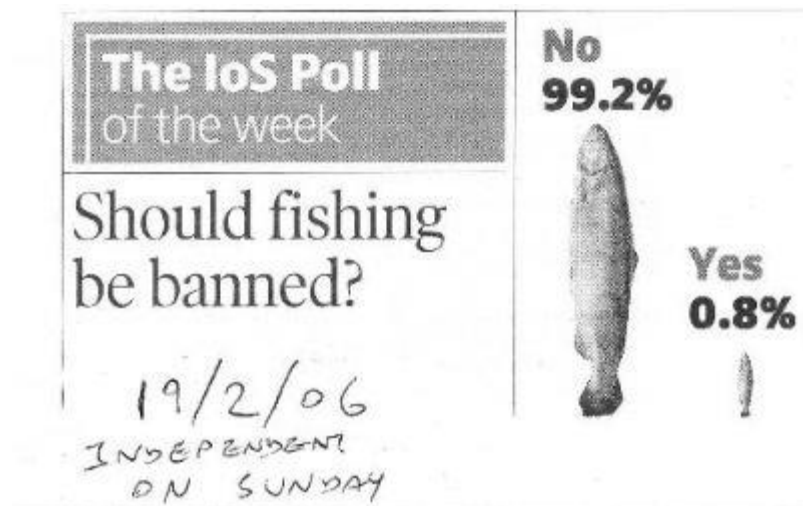
### **Trophy Presentation 2006**

This will take place on Tuesday, May 23 at Woldingham Village Institute. There will be a special guest speaker also. Meantime please return your trophies to Lawrie Way for engraving by March 25

### **Lawrie Receives Award**



WADAS Chairman had a proud moment on Monday March 6 when he collected from Croydon Mayor Maggie Mansell a Long Service to Sport Award in recognition of over 40 years service. During that time, the 72-year-old has served as Junior Rep, Competition Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman. He is a life Vice President and has also served TAPS, CALPAC and ACDAC. A well deserved award for all the hard work he has put in over the years and continues to do so.



Anti-Anglers get a big raspberry  
from readers of the Independent  
on Sunday

The Angling Apprentice gets his membership!



SELF-CONFESSED angling apprentice, Bob Le-Ray of Hampton Court has finally completed the final step in joining WADAS by forwarding his passport photos for processing his application. Seriously though, Bob is a star of Fisherman's Blues and we are pleased that he has selected us as his primary angling club. **Bob is pictured left with his best carp of a session with NFA coach Dave Harper last autumn**

### ACA get musical boost

FANS of Keith Arthur's Fisherman Blues may have occasionally heard Martyn Halsey's contribution to the top of the show in the form of Lilypad Lake, a very nice song that has been released to CD and raising money for the Anglers Conservation Association.

To hear a sample, go to <http://lilypadlake.co.uk> or better still buy it and support the work of the ACA.



**Keith Arthur (centre) displays Martyn Halsey's CD with the artist on the right and ACA director Mark Lloyd on the left at this year's Big One, Thorpe Park**

### **Simply the Best!**

THAMES Trinity had their first practise at Charts Plain on January 22 and saw Eric Best land three out of five carp hooked at peg 4 on the scales for 8-14-0. At peg 3 John Colvin had 1-14-0 of roach and rudd whilst Pat Tigwell at peg 6 put back around 2 lb of roach after being wound up by John and Eric!

Both Thames Trinity and Epsom Piscatorials will be practising on Sunday, February 12 at Charts Plain, two weeks before the actual match.

### **New Coaching website**

Steve Gray has launched a new angling website that features Charts Plain via Bob le Ray's apprenticeship. Have a look at [www.allthingspiscatorial.com](http://www.allthingspiscatorial.com)

### **Environment Agency back WADAS Open Day**

THE Environment Agency have backed our proposed open day on Saturday, July 22 at Charts Plain. And that will in turn pay for NFA coaches to attend to give newcomers to the sport a chance to see what fishing is all about.

And with a major tackle retailer also promising to attend coupled with the help of portable IT, prospective members can have a one-stop-job for joining immediately and buying some tackle at a knock-down price.

### **Warlingham draw at home in AT/VDE Clubman Supercup**

WE are due to play hosts to Thames Trinity and Epsom Piscatorials on Sunday February 26 at Charts Plain in what should be cracking contest. With the rules of the competition allowing the opposition to practice up to three times, Epsom Piscatorials will be at Charts Plain (with escort) on Sunday, January 15 and we wish them a very good day.

### **Plod lands barbel but picture lost**

Our Bristol based member, Nigel "Plod" Cranham has landed a personal best barbel of 13-8-0 from a free section of river. Fishing the Upper Avon at Chippenham, he did well to land the fish but less well with the picture as a fault on his digital camera robbed him of a fine reminder of his achievement. Full story in the February newsletter

### **Hangover Open on Medway**

With the Committee Match being shifted to Charts Plain on January 15, there is an opportunity for all members to take part in a Hangover match on the River Medway at Maidstone on Sunday, January 1 2006.

The draw will take place at B&Q car park 08.30 with fishing between 10.00 and 15.00. It is also likely to be a live match in *Angling Times*. There will be a 100% pay-out on tickets costing £10 with an optional £5 WTA pool. Tickets/bookings via Dave Harper on 07956 163414.

### **Bob bags up at Charts Plain**

AFTER 40 years of absence from the sport, Hampton Court angler Bob LeRay decided to resume and called upon the services of NFA coach and WADAS secretary after making a plea for help on Keith Arthur's Fisherman's Blues on *Talksport Radio* (every Saturday and Sunday between 6 am and 8 am on 1053/1089 AM).

A keen all round sportsman, especially wicket keeping saw Bob stumped when he handled a long pole for the first time at Charts Plain on November 5. But under Dave's guidance, he was soon into the roach using maggot over caster. Inevitably a switch to caster produced better fish and third put in a superb 7 lb carp which he played out successfully using white hydro elastic.

More fish followed to pole and pellet and the 56-year-old scored over 30 lb on his return to the sport and not suprisingly intends to join the club. "I was concentrating so much on the float that I couldn't take in the wildlife, though I heard plenty of it," enthused Bob.



Bob LeRay plays a big carp on single caster at peg 3



The result, a nice common carp. What a result after 40 years away and not having had anything bigger than a 1.5 lb tench not never having caught a rudd.

### **WADAS to take on Daiwa Dorking once again?**

Warlingham may make a return to the Surrey Winter League next season after an absence of a decade. Although Daiwa Dorking have been league champions for a generation, the league now allows two teams to go through to the semi-final stage. And with teams now reduced to ten it allows Warlingham to field a strong side from existing resources without having to rely on new members.

### **WADAS to pilot Clubmark scheme**

National Federation of Anglers member clubs are being encouraged to support Clubmark, an accreditation that is recognised by sports partnerships up and down the country. This shows that the organisation has taken steps to offer coaching, child protection, equity in a safe environment. Warlingham & DAS are the only club in the south to be featured on the pilot (i.e. south of Yorkshire/Lancashire/Cheshire) and we hope to receive accreditation early in 2006.

Thanks are due to David Adby who accompanied Dave Harper to Nottingham for the workshop held by the NFA.

### **Croydon storm to final**

THERE was no stopping Croydon in their march to defend their silver medal and perhaps win gold in the London Borough Youth Games final as they crushed the opposition in the qualifier at Tyler's Common fishery, near Brentwood.

Jake Marshall led the charge at peg 14 with a superb 18-3-8 mixed bag taken on both feeder and pole with mainly casters on the hook. This was in itself enough to secure qualification but he was backed up by club member Bradley Garner on peg 52 who scored 8-0-0 for fourth overall.

The third member of the team was Paul Jones at peg 30 who contributed 4-3-0

### **Longhurst shatters three hour evening record**

ON a patchy first contest in the Les West Cup fished on June 8 at Charts Plain, Steve Longhurst offered pole and corn over pellets at peg 3 to plunder 49 lb of carp plus ounces of silver fish for 49-5-0.

### **Near 20 lb common carp at Charts Plain**

NEW member Dennis Baldwin got off to the best possible start at Charts Plain on Thursday, June 2 landing a near 20 lb common carp.

The fish weighed a level 20 lb in the net but estimated the true weight was 19-2-0. **Full story and pix to follow.**

### **Inter Club Challenge Shield**

A COLD easterly wind made the going tough at Stubpond's Plantation Lake for this team of seven event.

And the WADAS team of Dave Harper, Colin and Eddie Derrick, Hugh Blake, Dreek Vincent, Don Boutell and Brian Wales found it was difficult to get around the fickle conditions.

Only Dave Harper and Colin Derrick were able to keep up with Stubpond's regulars finishing second in their sections to earn £32 each, Dave's 29-0-0 giving him eighth overall, though six lost carp cost him dearly as Zak Brown's 77-14-0 was only a dozen carp.

Drawn at peg 1 and with pegs 2-4 empty, Zak fished meat over meat close in to easily beat Dave Walker's 52-2-0 second placed effort.

Teams: 1 Stubpond Meatbashers, 36 pts; 2 Surrey Mirror, 27; 3 South Norwood, 26; 4 Reigate AS, 22; 5 Warlingham DAS, 19; 6 Odds and Sods, 8.

### **Final Points and Weights Tables on Match Reports Tab**

OUR Trophy Presentation is on Tuesday, May 24 at Woldingham Village Club when we also hold the tackle auction that had to be postponed from the AGM. See you there!

### **Steve nets Points and Weights Championship despite blanking at Charts Plain**

ON a patchy Charts Plain attended by 22 anglers on March 13, nine anglers failed to weigh in, the left hand bank being particularly tough. But Steve Longhurst, who was at permanent peg 15 was still smiling afterwards despite his dry net as he had successfully lifted the Points and Weights trophies.

Top rod on the day was Steve Allen who had fished a feeder and triple red maggot clipped up from the island swim. His last gasp 8 lb carp which he had to hang on to for a full two minutes before being able to gain line, added to seven others gave him 32-13-0.

Dave Harper was drawn on permanent peg 17 and caught nine carp on pole and maggot, alternating with corn over maggots to land nine carp for 32-1-0 whilst Mark Merrett clinched third spot with six carp on feeder and pellet filled feeder from peg 7 for 22-15-0.

### **Late rally by Peter**

OUR penultimate outing of the season was to the Wey Navigation at Send where the going was tough with five out of 11 blanking.

Peter Ralston, who lets his angling do the talking, was top rod with 5-5-8 of roach, bleak and gudgeon on pole and pinkie after struggling with punched bread.

But Mark Merrett found that bread worked well and the larger the bait, the larger the roach. Also catching small chub, his bag went 4-13-8 but he missed out on a £50 bounty for having drawn one of the golden pegs.

### **Godalming cruise to Supercup win**

Godalming AS won the 3 way Angling Times Super Cup qualifier with 33 points beating Warlingham and New Addington B. Warlingham opted to fish the match on the River Eden at Chiddingstone having been drawn as the 'home' team but, despite having 1st and 2nd placed individuals, came second with 16 points having suffered five blanks from eight. New Addington MG B were third with 15 points.

Top rod on the day was Phil King who had 4-5-0 of small chub on pole and maggot over caster but lost a good fish. Mark Merrett was second with a solitary chub of 1-13-8 on pole and pinkie whilst Godalming angler John Wilkins was third with a mere 0-9-8. But the extreme conditions made weighing in a nightmare as the net froze in between anglers making it more like a kite in the wind.

### **Steve back at the helm**

IT is rare that Steve Longhurst is off the winner's podium but he did well on a chilly Basingstoke Canal where it soon became obvious that the fish were shoaled tightly near Heathvale Bridge.



**Action (or lack of it!) on the Basingstoke Canal.**

This was reflected in the fact that nobody caught above peg 8 on the day.

Mark Merrett lost a bream estimated at 3 lb that would have won him the match but had to settle for joint fourth place with Steve Allen on 1-15-0. On his last visit, David Cattermole scored an impressive victory but could only manage 2-4-0 next to the bridge, Steve Longhurst alternating between punched bread, pinkie, worm and caster for 3-4-8 of mostly roach.



**This nice perch caught by Robin Gaunt of Wraysbury helped him to an amazing 15-1-0 victory on the Wey Valley League fished the other side of the bridge from WADAS.**

### **Rare Win as Lawrie Shows the Way**

THE Eden at Chiddingstone was extremely tough for 17 anglers, Lawrie Way taking top honours with a solitary chub on pole and maggot over pinkies for 2-9-8 taken half an hour after the start.

Peter Crowhurst was second with 1-3-0 of bits, Dave C King third on 1-2-8 with david Cattermole fourth with 1-1-8.

**Notice is hereby given that the 57th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, 22 February 2004 at the Woldingham Village Club, at 20.00**

Apart from the formal business, there will be an auction of Dennis Wride's fishing tackle which has been kindly donated to us by Dennis's surviving brother Tony and his family.

Items include rods, reels and other items covering coarse and game fishing, a reserve being in place for certain lots. Details in the February newsletter which is out now.

### **Bitter chill on Medway yields good results**

THERE was an average bag of 4 lb 4 oz on the trip to Watlington on January 23 attended by 10 hardy souls.

Pick of the bunch was Steve Longhurst at peg 2 who fished at seven and 11 metres with pole and red maggot over groundbait for 11-2-0 of roach and skimmer bream.



Mark Merrett at peg 9 must have thought floodwater was coming as he had a six gram pole float on but managed to land a 3 lb bream on maggot plus two others on the feeder for 9-3-0 whilst Kevin Longhurst at peg 1 had a similar catch to his brother that went 6-14-8.

Robin Mahachi was rueing the fact that he left his wellies at home as trainers and marshy ground don't mix. He spent much of the day barefoot and so will remember next time - or will he? Meanwhile Lawrie Way was also embarrassed but used plastic carrier bags over his shoes.

- Good news about Terry Longhurst: He has had a stent fitted and is now at home, rather sore but on the mend.

### **Dennis gets a good send off**

OVER 25 members and ex WADAS members attended Dennis Wride's funeral at Warlingham on Wednesday, 19 January. For full story read the February newsletter which carries a tribute to the great man.

### **X Certificate on River Wey**

THIS was a poor match on January 9 fished against Woking DAA on their section of the Wey at Send. Two Woking anglers caught, one 4oz and the other a solitary bleak to give the home side 0-4-4 whilst Kevin Longhurst had a 0-3-0 chub, a pound pike not counting. The rest of the 15 spent their time tidying their tackle

boxes!

### **Trophy Man dies**

ONE less face will be at this year's August barbeque means another headache for competition secretary Lawrie Way.

Gerry Trimm of Wallington who has engraved the Society's trophies for 25 years passed away late November. Apart from the engraving, Gerry was very helpful in helping design new replicas at a very cost effective price and was a good friend of WADAS. Our condolences to his wife and children.

### **Dennis Wride RIP**



Society chairman Dennis Wride peacefully passed away on the morning of Sunday January 2 2005 following a series of strokes that had kept him in hospital since November. He was without doubt one of the staunchest supporters of the club for over half a century and our thoughts are with his surviving brother.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, January 19 at St Christopher's Church, Chelsham Road, Warlingham commencing at 13.30 with an internment at 14.00 at nearby Green Lawns Memorial Park. All are welcome but no flowers please. President Len Tutt is expected to provide the Eulogy.

The Society are providing a wreath and David Adby is collecting donations for Marie Curie Cancer Care to benefit Harestone House, Harestone Valley Rd, Caterham.

- News has also come through that Terry Longhurst has suffered a heart attack and is currently in Farnborough Hospital. Terry, who is keen to return to the bank now has to have a stent inserted to shore up a dodgy valve and we look forward to seeing him again as soon as possible.

### **Newsletter now out**

Look out for the December newsletter which has all the up to date news but the magic of the internet allows some updates:

Congratulations to Adam Stainer for winning the Peter Norris Junior Cup at Charts Plain on December 12. Drawn on the steps, he landed one small carp plus lots of roach on pole and maggot over groundbait for 7-8-8 to beat Robin Mahachi who also had a carp on bread plus roach and rudd on caster for 2-9-0 from peg 3.

- Chris Tarrant has also resigned from the ACA
- Over 1,000 were expected to attend Ivan Marks' funeral at Leicester Cathedral.

### **Ralston on a Roll at Fairlight**

Carp and Bream were the order of the day as Peter Ralston notched up his second win on the trot at Fairlight Fishery. Peter annihilated the other 14 anglers with an impressive 44-2-8 mixed bag. The rest of the field were some way behind with the next 3 places going to Mark Merrett ( 16-9-0 ), Peter Crowhurst (15-1-0 ) with current club champion Steve Longhurst 4th with 13-5-8.

### **Chiddingstone victory for Peter Ralston**

Peter Ralston finally got the win he deserved on the River Eden at Chiddingstone. Peter, who has done consistently well on this venue for the last few visits, put 5-14-0 on the scales to beat David Adby ( 5-1-0 ) into second place. David himself must be wondering what he has to do to win at this venue after just missing out on a few occasions ! Eddie Derrick was 3rd with 4-10-8 and Lawrie Way caught over 120 fish for a fourth placed 3-12-0.

### **Dave Cattermole wins on Wey Nav. but Warlingham come second**

Dave Cattermole was top individual with 4-3-0 on the Wey Navigation Canal at Pyrford in our friendly match with Hackbridge AC on October 31st. 35 anglers fished with Warlingham fielding 15 and Hackbridge 20.

Hugh Blake ( 3-8-0 ) and Peter Rawlston ( 3-1-0 ) also did well for Warlingham but it wasn't quite enough on the day with Hackbridge's top 15 weights for 19-11-0 beating Warlingham's 18-10-0 and gaining revenge for

last years fixture.

### **Latest News: Mark Merrett retains the Summer League Trophy**

ON a windswept Weirwood Reservoir, Phil King romped home with 23-15-0 which was mainly roach and skimmers plus a bonus 3 lb bream all taken on a groundbait feeder and maggot.

Bites were hard to detect and it seems nobody considered using braid to enhance the plucks but Mark Merrett was second with 6-6-8 and Pete Crowhurst third with 5-11-0.

Mark's effort gave him 56 pts, enough to retain the Summer League Trophy, Phil King coming second with 51 followed by Steve Longhurst on 46.

### **NFA Seminar at Nottingham**

ANGLING'S Freshwater governing body, the National Federation of Anglers are to hold a one day seminar at the National Watersports Centre at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham on Monday, November 1.

"The Future of Freshwater Angling" will be chaired by Martin Salter MP and formally opened by the Sports Minister, Richard Caborn MP. Speakers will include Dr Dafydd Evans of the Environment Agency, Richard Wightman and Dr Keith Hendry the NFA Biologist.

There are 150 spaces available and if any WADAS member wishes to attend (free lunch and refreshments!) please contact Dave Harper urgently.

### **Longhurst wins again but Godalming AS miss out**

THE friendly contest between WADAS and Godalming AS on October 17 on a coloured River Medway at Watlington was a non event following the late withdrawal of the four visiting side who were destined to come but their Roger Howe pledged to return next time - provided it didn't clash with a winter league fixture.

The 10 WADAS members who turned up held a contest which was won by Steve Longhurst who was drawn below the otter sanctuary who offered pole and red maggot over groundbait to land 10-3-0 of roach and skimmer bream.



After a good first hour with pole and caster it was tough for Dave Harper with only the odd gudgeon and bleak to add to his roach and skimmers. But with 15 minutes left, this superb 2-3-0 perch boosted his total to 5-13-8. This pushed Mark Merrett into third spot with 5-6-0, one ounce ahead of Bob Stone.

### **Was record gudgeon lost on Eden Challenge?**

TONY Garner will never know if the huge pongo gudgeon he lost at the net would have smashed the UK record, the estimated 6 oz fish disappearing for ever as he competed in the 2004 Eden Challenge on October 10.

But Tony did well with pole and maggot at peg 2 on Chiddingstone to land a chub of 1.5 lb plus roach and gudgeon for 6-4-0 and third place.

Meanwhile, Phil King had won the match in the first two hours landing nine bream, the largest being an estimated 8 lb in just two foot of water as he fished pole and red maggot at peg 22 to put 37-8-8 on the scales, the last three hours being spent biteless.

Fishing at Penshurst, Jason Courtney struggled for most of the match before a change of tactics in the last hour rewarded him with a 3lb+ Tench 30 minutes from time for a total weight of 5-11-0 and a section win.

Russ Evans of Holland AS was also at Chiddingstone and he had a nice mixed bag of bleak, dace, chublets, roach, gudgeon and perch that went 8-7-0, also on pole and maggot to help lead his team to victory with 63 pts, Warlingham putting in their best performance for years, finishing on 60, Edenbridge on 58 and CALPAC on 36.

### **Hugh shows 'em at Framfield**

HUGH Blake won his second match of the season after drawing noted peg 49 on Spring Lake. In the first three hour period he put 46-8-8 on the scales caught mainly using wagler tactics and later added another good weight mainly on the pole close in for 83-2-8.

But Steve Allen wasn't far behind using a Method Feeder at peg 46 to land 81-12-0 followed by Scott Denton who had 71-8-8 and Steve Longhurst on 55-6-8.

## **Thames Pollution latest**

Secretary and NFA NEx member Dave Harper hasn't given up in his fight to get Thames Water to solve the pollution problems following the August fish kill.

Although Thames lawyers have claimed in a letter there is nothing in law that can be done, Dave is discussing tactics with a well known firm of lawyers who specialise in environmental matters to see if there is a remedy as well as press for OFWAT to clear the proposals for the Interceptor Tunnel which could help stop much of the problem.

## **Longhurst scores again at Hartleylands Farm**

STEVE Longhurst once again scored a victory on September 12 at Nick's Lake, Hartleylands Farm near Cranbrook, pole and maggot giving him 39-6-8 of which only 2-3-0 was silver fish, the rest being made up of small carp.



Steve (left) beat Pete Crowhurst who opted for a swing tip and feeder for 31-0-0. David Adby was third with 23-11-0 with Steve Allen fourth on 20-14-8.

**Bill Barber passes on to that great fishery in the sky.**



It is with great regret that the Society learned that life member Bill Barber passed away earlier today (5 August 2004) on the eve of the Old Boys Reunion. A staunch supporter of the coach outings until their abolition, Bill retired to Polegate but made the effort to come up for the annual reunion. He is pictured above with Jason Courtney at last year's event. Our thoughts are with his wife and family at this difficult time.

### **Steve sacks up at Longmoor Farm**

OUR first visit to Longmoor Farm saw loads of fish cruising about but far less feeding, especially on the right hand bank. But Steve Longhurst did well using pole and various baits over pellets to land 79-9-8 of carp and small tench for victory.

Eddie Derrick at the next peg had a purple patch when Steve struggled (or he would have surely broken the ton) and caught close in but wasn't able to catch up enough and so settled for second place with 53-4-0, Bob Stone coming third with 42-8-0.

Certainly worth another visit as the venue is closer than say Wylands.

### **Blustery weather for 3rd Round of Les West Cup**

STEVE Allen's dream of winning his third match in a row was blown out of the water by a sparkling performance by Jason Courtney who hammered out 8-8-0 of silver fish from peg 2 using pole and pinkie over Sensas cloud.

On a day when the carp were causing problems, Steve Longhurst on peg 16 managed 3-2-0 for second spot despite hooking no less than 10 carp. Pete Crowhurst was third from peg 4 with 3-0-8 which included a 0-11-8 roach and 0-8-0 rudd.

### **Table after 3 rounds**

Name	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	Gross	Total	Net	Total
Steve Allen	15	15	7				37		30	
Jason Courtney	13	13	15				41		28	
Steve Longhurst	-	14	14				28		28	
Pete Crowhurst	10	11	13				34		24	
David Adby	7	12	12				31		24	
Brian Beacroft	14	6	9				29		23	
Mark Merrett	12	9	5				26		21	
Dave Harper	9	7	11				27		20	
Garry Musgrove	8	10	6				24		18	
Phillip King	11	5	-				16		16	
David C King	5	3	10				18		15	
David King	6	8	-				14		14	
Adam Stainer (j)	4	3	8				15		12	

### **Brookhouse provides double ton**

OR more correctly two anglers broke the magic ton mark on June 20 led by David Cattermole who fished feeder and double caster at peg 36 to put 108-8-0 of carp on the scales to edge it over Scott Denton who was using method feeder and double red maggot for 101-8-0.

Steve Longhurst was on the pole tight to the island for 56-4-0 for third spot ahead of Mark Merrett's 47-5-0 effort.

### **Longhurst celebrates family addition with win**

AFTER missing the first round of the Les West Cup at Charts Plain on Wednesday June 9, Steve Longhurst bounced back at Furze Farm following the birth of his son Richard William with a fine win. Look out for details shortly but meanwhile warmest congratulations to him and his wife.

### **Bright start at Barretts Park Farm**

THE first club match of the season saw some good catches of carp and a last minute drama for Dave King Jnr.

Fishing peg 1 with pole and red maggot over white maggot and corn, he landed four good carp plus pasties before hooking a good fish with 10 minutes left. This fish was landed on the whistle but then the landing net collapsed!

Bradley Garner at the next peg came to the rescue with his net and the fish still attached to the pole gear was landed, a fine 13-11-0 common to boost his weight to 45-1-0.

Kevin Longhurst at peg 3 had a bright start landing the first fish of the new campaign and went on with pole and corn and pellet to land four good carp and pasties for 30-6-0, brother Steve Longhurst landing 28-7-0 of carp to 3 lb on pole and maggot from peg 16.

Peter Ralston was fourth fromn peg 6 on the dam wall with 27-5-0 whilst Dave Harper on peg 19 gave Tony Garner a tanking off the next peg with 25-1-0, Tony managing a miserly 13 lb.

### **Great turnout for the prize-giving**



OVER 40 people turned up for the 2004 prize-giving despite the West Ham v Ipswich play-off game watched by 15 people at Woldingham Village Club. Society Chairman, Dennis Wride (left), is seen presenting Robin Mahachi with his trophy whilst Lawrie Way does the announcements.

### **Former Railway Station for sale, offers are invited in the region of £400,000**

THAT'S the expected value of the NFA HQ at Egginton Junction that is being put up for sale following the decision to move into the National Water Sports Centre, Holme Pierrepont just south of Nottingham.

The long overdue move, the Derby HQ being seen as unsuitable as an ideal modern office, will see the NFA camp with Sport England.

Vice President John Mitchell said: "There may be opportunity for expansion if we need to and the on-site facilities are fantastic."

George Atkins, the Sport England client manager at the NWC is delighted the NFA have decided to locate. "The move has obvious benefits for us all and I know the NFA will be happy here. We are surrounded by water and the centre has ideal facilities for coaching and holding seminars. The NFA is acknowledged as one of the top International medal winning organisations in the country and the teaching facilities here will help angling to maintain that high standard."

### **Next Season's Highlights**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Comments</b>
June 6	Barretts Park Farm, Heathfield	Return to this silver fish and carp venue
June 13	Furze Farm	Popular water with plenty of carp
June 20	Brookhouse Lake, Framfield	Good mixed fishery
June 27	Longmoor Farm, Finchampstead	New venue for us but plenty of tench and carp
July 4	Bough Beech Reservoir	Roach and bream all the way
July 11	Hawkhurst Fish Farm	20 pegs stuffed with carp
July 18	Brook Farm Lake, Stapleford Abbots	Another new venue for us to try
July 25	Broadwater Lake, Godalming	Specimen carp in a match

The above gives a good idea of the type of venue that we visit. Guests are welcome on venues where there is no restriction on numbers.

### **Medway produces the goods**

Although only ten anglers braved the elements on the River Medway at Watlingbury for the Les Ball Cup, weights were good. Steve Allen took top honours from the peg just above the wood where feeder and worm gave him 12 bream plus skimmers for 30-10-0.

Mark Merritt also had roach in his second placed catch of 23-7-8 using pole tactics with worm or maggot on the hook, whilst Colin Jerrom had a good finish to an otherwise disappointing season finishing third with 11-4-0.

### **Tough on the Thames for Juniors**

The Thames at Hampton Court, opposite Taggs Island was the venue for the Thames Junior Shield but it was a grueller with no fish being landed. However, at the least the youngsters had plenty of casting practice, the clear conditions making pole fishing a least likely method.

## **Specimen Chub for Courtney**

In an incident packed match on the Eden at Chiddingstone, Jason Courtney landed a stunning 5-11-0 chub on pole and worm after struggling for two hours with just a caster caught minnow to show.

"I decided to give chopped worm and caster in groundbait a go and it paid off with two chub having a go on worm, " said Jason. This gave him a 7-2-0 victory to thwart David Adby who fished stick float and maggot for approximate 200 roach, bleak and chublets for 5-11-8.

David Cattermole did well to land a 5-5-0 pike that grabbed hold of his roach for 5-11-0 and third place but Mark Merrett did not fare so well, his 1 oz roach being left for dead by his pike that let go.

## **Bread does it on the Basingstoke Canal**

WITH David Cattermole and Tony Garner getting lost and deciding home was more attractive in the chilly, blustery conditions, Mark Merrett on end peg 1 had a fairly straight forward match.

Fishing pole and punched bread gave him a 2 lb bream plus 14 roach for 2-14-0 to beat Steve Allen at peg 3 who had a late pound perch taken on pole and triple red maggot to add to an early skimmer and two roach on punch for 1-10-8. This just pipped Bob Stone who had 20 roach on punch and two late perch on pinkie for 1-10-0.

## **It's Grim on the Grand Union**

FOURTEEN brave souls ventured to the Grand Union Canal at West Drayton hoping to find the roach took an interest but the bloodworm only found the odd perch, gudgeon and ruffe prepared to feed.

Steve Longhurst and Tony Garner were at the Trout Road end of the venue and offered pole and bloodworm over joker to share the winner's platform with a mere 0-6-0, Bob Stone contributing 0-5-8.

Fourth place was shared by reigning club champion David Cattermole, Lawrie Way and 9-year-old Robin Mahachi who all had 0-2-0.

## **AGM News**

THERE will be a sensational announcement at this year's AGM which will mark a momentous point in the Society's history. Be there on Tuesday, February 24 where there will also be a meal and a celebrity guest or two. Watch this space!

## **2004/2005 Fixtures**

By popular request we are publishing some of the cracking fixtures for the new season (Summer League series in italics).

Date	Venue	Date	Venue
June 6	Barretts Park Farm	August 30	Charts Plain BBQ
June 13	Furze Farm	September 5	Woodpecker Fishery (Osprey Lake)
June 20	Framfield (Brookhouse Lake)	September 12	Nick's Lake, Hartleylands Farm
June 27	Longmoor Farm	September 19	Fairlight Fishery or Oxted Lake
July 4	<i>Bough Beech Reservoir</i>	September 26	<i>Mill Farm, River Eden</i>
July 11	Hawkhurst Fish Farm	October 3	Framfield (Spring Lake)
July 18	Brook Farm, Stapleford Abbots	October 10	Eden Challenge Shield
July 25	Broadwater Lake, Godalming	October 17	River Medway, Watlingtonbury
August 1	Woodpecker Lake	October 24	<i>Weirwood Reservoir or Oxted Lake</i>
August 8	Oxted Lake	October 31	TBA
August 15	Falkenvil Fishery	November 7	TBA
August 22	<i>River Arun, Pulborough</i>	November 14	TBA

### **Wey Navigation Blues**

IT has been some years since we have fished a friendly competition against Woking DAA but it was nice to see one or two familiar faces from past encounters on Broadmead Cut.

But the Wey Navigation was running coloured and was reluctant to give up its jewels easily, roach being the mainstay as chub were conspicuous by their absence. WADAS netted to the top three places headed by Steve Longhurst who fished long pole and flouro pinkie for a mostly roach catch of 2-0-0.

Tony Garner nursing an injury that prevented him carrying his gear (any old excuse!) did well from the top end of the venue where the wind was at its worst for 1-14-8 on double pinkie, Lawrie Way dipping his single red maggot in some pungent groundbait to attract 1-10-8.

### **Bream or bust at Laleham**

IT came as no surprise that the going would be tough on the Thames at Laleham on December 28, though Mark Merrett had the luxury of losing two fish and getting away with it.

The one he did land on the groundbait feeder gave him a 4-11-0 victory ahead of Dreck Vincent's 3-7-8 fish and David C King's 2-5-0.

Steve Longhurst's 0-11-0 specimen dace on the pole gave him fourth spot.

### **Don Boutell wins the Goodwin Cup**

VETERAN Don Boutell doesn't often feature in the frame but he made it a Christmas to remember on a tough match fished at Osprey Lake on Woodpecker Fishery near Copthorne.

Drawn at peg 11, waggler and maggot saw him catch well in the final hour with small tench dominating his 7-15-0 net. Tony Garner had a 2.5 lb caught late on in the match for boosting his catch to 7-13-0 from peg 5, most of his fish falling to red maggot.

Secretary Dave Harper completed the frame with 6-6-0 of mainly tench and skimmers plus a stray chub using pole and chopped worm over chopped worm and casters.

### Great turnout for Peter Norris Christmas Cup



SEVEN juniors braved the cold to fish the Peter Norris Xmas Cup at Charts Plain which was sponsored by Biggin Hill Angling Centre (thanks to Pete and Wendy James for their generous support).



Robert "Silverstone" Taylor was waylaid by illness otherwise it would have been eight. The four who couldn't make it, well perhaps next time as every one had a prize.

Favourite Bradley Garner drew noted peg 4 but was on the rack as Oliver Bowen in only his second contest landed three carp early on the feeder and maggot.

But the Coulsdon starlet bounced back using a feeder and dead red maggot to land five carp for 10-1-0, Oliver settling for second with three carp for 7-13-8.

Jonathan Egginton on the steps, peg 11 also had three carp for 5-8-0 and Michael Duff' trio from peg 12 went 5-1-0.

## **FRAMFIELD BLUES**

WITH sparkling midweek match weights at Framfield's Spring Lake, Warlingham DAS were expecting great things to happen on Sunday, especially after a beautiful Saturday with near summer temperatures.

Unfortunately the fish had other ideas and the far end of the lake was the place to be with Steve Allen on the noted gap by the overhead wires doing well with feeder and corn to land 67-5-0 of carp to 5 lb.

Even he struggled in the sense that the fish would not come regularly, two or three coming from part of the swim before he had to find another hot spot.

Similar tactics have Brian Beacroft second with 24-14-0, membership secretary David Adby coming third with 14-6-0 in what was probably one of the worst returns from this normally prolific venue.



**WHAT a fabulous start to a fishing career as nine-year-old Tapfuma Mahachi fished Charts Plain on Saturday, 11 October landing 17 fish on whip and maggot including this carp. Just wait till he hooks his bait properly Bradley and you will have a serious challenge!**



**COMPETITION Secretary Lawrie Way netted this fine 2-12-0 perch on Sunday, September 28 at the Falkonville Fishery. This was landed on fine tackle and gave Lawrie his best stripey in over 50 years of angling.**

And there were other good weights as Phil King landed 14 carp on feeder and maggot or corn for 47-8-0, though he was a tad unlucky to miss out on a 15th on the toss of a coin!

Ray Fleming had also hooked the same fish in the mouth and the sporting pair came to a gentleman's agreement and Ray called correctly. Brian Beacroft had an eventful match landing two carp for 23-6-0 but losing several other fish he didn't see whilst Bob Stone included a 9-9-0 grass carp and a 1-8-0 barbel in his 25-14-0 net.

Croydon Postal also fully contributed to an enthralling match with Alec Rosiak landing a 3-8-0 barbel and Dave Johnson a 1-15-0 eel, their top rod Dave Sharp landing 39-14-0.

### **Bob Clark sacked!**

Membership Services Manager of the National Federation of Anglers, Bob Clark has had his employment terminated by mutual agreement. A press release stated:

*An NFA Disciplinary Committee and Bob Clark the Membership Services Manager (MSM) have met today, Thursday, 25 September 2003, to discuss all aspects relating to the MSM's recent suspension.*

*Having considered the MSM's explanation and due to irreconcilable differences, it was mutually agreed that Bob Clark should leave his post as Membership Services Manager with immediate effect. All parties have agreed that the matter would remain confidential.*

*The NFA would like to place on record their recognition and thanks for all the good work that Bob Clark has completed during his time in office and wish him well for the future.*

*The NFA Executive is committed to continuing to take angling forward as a modern, efficient sport.*

### **What happened previously:**



**BOB Clark was sensationally suspended as Membership Services Manager by the National Executive of the NFA on Tuesday 2 September following alleged financial irregularities. And his job hangs in the balance following revelations that he used the NFA credit card for personal purchases and omitted to repay these before an internal audit discovered the discrepancies. Bob has provided plenty of support to Warlingham & DAS and we hope that he may continue to do so despite what appears to have been a serious lack of judgement.**

### **Steve nets Robert Raines Memorial Trophy**

ON his first competitive visit to Charts Plain, Steve Longhurst took top honours on this annual Bank Holiday fixture to land the Robert Raines Memorial Trophy. Drawn at peg 4, pole and corn over Swim Stim saw him land 10 carp, mainly in the morning, for 35-4-0.

Club Treasurer Keith Francis used legered crust at peg 12 for 27-3-0 of carp, his best going 8-6-0, Scott Denton coming third with 25-12-8 from peg 3.

### **Steve takes the match at Sam's Lake**

STEVE Longhurst won his second Points/Weights match on the trot at Sam's Lake on August 17. Pole and maggot gave him 30-9-0 of carp to 6.5 lb.

Teenager Bradley Garner was second with 22-5-0 of fish caught close in, Peter Ralston coming third with 14-6-0.

### **Hawkhurst ton for Steve**

A Clubman cap is on the way to Steve Longhurst after he plundered a magic ton from Hawkhurst Fish Farm on August 3.

Drawn at peg 19, he landed 100-9-8 of carp on pole and various baits to beat Steve Allen who managed 76-9-8 and Eddie Derrick on 56-14-8.

### **Lake John throws up plenty of jewels**

The inaugural visit to Lake John proved to be a great success with many good fish lost and some nice ones landed including Whacker's 2-14-0 crucian, Dave Harper's 0-14-0 roach plus good tench to 3-12-0.

Best on the day was Jason Courtney from peg 10 where groundbait feeder and double maggot gave him three tench plus skimmer bream for 42-11-8, though he lost an enormous carp.

Bob Stone also lost a good fish at peg 35 but he fished similar tactics for 38-4-0, Steve Longhurst at peg 29 finding out too late that the fish were at seven metres as he pole fished for 30-13-0 of roach, skimmer bream and tench.



Here Brian "Whacker" Wales shows off his fabulous 2-14-0 crucian carp

### **Open Day Success**

THE first ever WADAS open day staged at Charts Plain, Copthorne proved to be a great success with lapsed anglers and new people visiting the fishery.

But an unfortunate accident on the M25 near Godstone threw an unwanted spanner in the works with some NFA coaches being delayed by over 2 hours and the boys from Wickford Angling enduring a nightmare journey.

With Keith Arthur of Talksport Radio giving the event a welcome plug, the event proved far more successful than a similar event run by another organisation. So successful was the open day that it is hoped it will become an annual event

### **WADAS lads see help Croydon to the gold medal in the Youth Games Final**

New member Robert Taylor (16) put in a commanding performance at Brook Lake, Stapleford Abbots to propel Croydon through the London Youth Games Final and he repeated his win in the final at Crystal Palace on July



**What a whopper! Jake Marshall with his amazing 17-7-0 carp taken on pole and floating dog biscuit**  
**Picture: *Allan Billington***

He fished pole and floating dog biscuit at peg 17 to land two carp for 20 lb plus bits for 26-5-0 and individual victory, though a bream and a carp were lost. Jake Marshall included a massive 17-7-0 carp in his fourth placed net of 19-0-0 (we are still trying to get him to join!) and Bradley Garner was among the bream again landing three plus two roach for 9-4-0 to give the team 54-9-0, well ahead of Enfield who were on 43-12-0.

This gave Croydon their first individual double since Richard Taylor in 1993 and the first team gold for Croydon since 1994.



**The winning Croydon side - left to right: Adrian Marshall (senior coach); Jake Marshall, Robert Taylor and Bradley Garner.**  
**Picture: *Allan Billington***

## Les West Cup Round 6 (July 16)

MARK Merrett took top honours in this final round with a fine performance from peg 6 where he fished close in with pole, pellet and maggot to land 28-15-0 of carp.

But it was not enough as he could only tie on points with Phil King and David Adby allowing Phil King to lift the cup on weight countback.

### Final Scores:

Name	M1	M2	M3 ¥	M4	M5 ¶	M6	Gross Total	Net points **	Weight
<b>Phillip King</b>	-	15	7	14	13	13	62	<b>62</b>	82-12-0
<b>Mark Merrett</b>	9	13	14	11	9	15	71	62	70-9-8
<b>David Adby</b>	13	14	13	6	8	14	68	62	66-12-8
Jason Courtney	-	7	15	15	15	-	52	52	57-14-8
Scott Denton	8	11	10	9	11	11	60	52	49-7-8
Peter Crowhurst	-	9	9	8	14	12	52	52	45-14-8
Steve Allen	7	6	12	12	10	10	57	51	46-9-8
Ken Wilshaw	10	10	11	13	7	-	51	51	38-4-8
Dave Harper	15	5	6	10	12	-	48	48	34-1-0
David King	11	12	8	-	-	9	40	40	30-5-0
Ray Fleming	5	4	5	7	6	-	27	27	9-5-0
Brian Beacroft	14	8	-	-	-	-	22	22	13-0-0
Nigel Duff	12	-	-	-	-	-	12	12	8-2-0
Brian Wales	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	2-9-0
Garry Musgrove	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	5	0-15-8

\*\* After discarding worst score

¥ = silver fish only match

¶ = waggler and maggot match

## Oakford Farm

This venue is the same distance from Croydon as Ashford or Wylands Farm being the other side of Chelmsford but it seems unlikely this will be booked which is a shame as it is a good 22 peg or so venue. In an open match run by Dartford Angling last week, winner John Coster landed in six hours, 385 lb 8 oz. Sixth place was 128-0-

0. Maybe this venue as opposed to Rolf's in Oxfordshire, Pitlands in Kent or Drayton Reservoir could produce the next British match record?

### **Bough Beech Result**

Only a few turned up to Bough Beech Reservoir on Sunday for the second round of the new Summer League which was a shame as the roach and skimmer bream were quite obliging.

David Cattermole was drawn on the grass bank and fished waggler and maggot to land 31-7-0 of roach and skimmer bream to beat joint seconds Dreek Vincent and Mark Merrett who managed 15-7-0 each.

### **Longmoor Farm booked for 27 June 2004**

Following a visit to this venue near Finchampstead by secretary Dave Harper, competition secretary Lawrie Way acted swiftly and agreed to book the venue for next season's venue list.

And the venue is certainly one to excited about with a disabled angler, Peter Court of Windsor, at peg 14 landing an estimated 50 lb of small tench and carp using pole and pellet, alternating with bread, sweetcorn, meat and bread. Garry Musgrove (who swears he will join WADAS when he has sorted his picture out) fished mainly waggler and corn at peg 12 also had a good day but also found breadflake was eagerly snaffled up by carp or tench.

"This could be one of the best fixtures of the 2004/05 season as the large fish were not feeding on our visit and we did not fish to the island, even so it was a bite a cast" said Dave Harper.

### **Slow start to Les West (June 11)**

SECRETARY Dave Harper made up a lot of ground in the final half hour landing five carp close in on peg 14 using pole and pellet to add to two small fish taken on the waggler earlier for 10-2-0.

He beat Brian Beacroft who lost a good fish late on at peg 11 on the steps and so had to settle for second spot with 8-15-0 just ahead of David Adbys four carp plus bits on the waggler for 8-13-0.

### **CHARTS PLAIN ON FIRE!**

Not literally thank goodness but reports are pouring in of fantastic catches in the opening days of the new season. *Andy Failes* fished peg 3 with dog biscuits on Sunday, June 1 and landed over 30 fish between 6 and 8 lb. It was so hectic on his first visit that he didn't have time to walk around the whole lake!

*Jim Gower* was also busy landing 109 lb of carp, his best catch from the venue, on floating crust whilst Society treasurer *Keith Francis* told Tuesday's Committee meeting on his 26 carp on legered bread for 78 lb. Get there before they wise up!

## Key players identified

Bob Clark, Membership Services Manager of the NFA took the photo below which identifies the key players within WADAS.



**Left to right: Lawrie Way (Competition Secretary); Dave Harper (Secretary); Dennis Wride (Chairman), David Adby (Membership Secretary) and David Jupp**

**King wins at Wylands - see Match pages**

## Maver Matches selected

Once again WADAS is entering the Maver Club Angler of the Year, David Cattermole finishing around 30th about a win short of the final score needed to qualify for the next stage.

This year's matches will be as follows:

No	Date	Venue	No	Date	Venue
1	June 22	Oxted	6	August 31	Woodpeckers
2	July 6	Framfield	7	September 7	Furze Farm
3	July 13	The Belfrey	8	September 14	Broadwater Lake
4	July 27	Lake John	9	September 28	Falkonvil Fishery
5	August 3	Hawkhurst	10	October 5	Hartleylands Farm

### **NFA Chief to present trophies**

Warlingham and DAS are proud to announce that the National Federation of Anglers' Membership Services Manager, Bob Clark is to present the club's trophies on Tuesday, 27 May at Woldingham Village Club

"Bob Clark is at the forefront of what is happening in coarse fishing today, he has a hotline to the government that has never been experienced before. There is very little that he is not aware of in terms of funding coming angling's way, cormorant issues and political lobbying," said Dave Harper. "With due respect to other speakers, what Bob will be saying is key to the future of the sport, so whilst he is a very competent angler, it is a chance to talk about the non technical issues surrounding angling," he added.

Proceedings start at 19.30 with a meal included - this is an event not to be missed.

### **Grant applied for through Tandridge Council**

Warlingham DAS have applied for a small grant via the Small Grants Scheme run by the local council in order to part fund a colour laser printer. This would be used to further enhance the colour newsletters, provide promotional material as well as provide fact sheets and teaching materials for those less experienced in the club. A decision is expected by the end of the month.

### **Working Parties proving to be a great success**

Charts Plain has been transformed thanks to the efforts of members on the March and April working parties with the footpath now going all the way up to new peg 17. Refurbishments have also taken place on many of the existing swims.

Membership Secretary David Adby paid tribute to all the workers: "I am really pleased with the efforts of those members who have attended so far and hope we can produce similar results at our other fisheries."

### **Biggest bream could be on the cards at Lake John**

BIG bream could be the target when WADAS visits Lake John later this year, Ken Farrell landing an 8 lb specimen in last week's open. Yesterday was Viscount Angling's John Dulieu opportunity to find quality fish (see pic below).



### **Cattermole clinches it on last match of season**

WILY David Cattermole finished his season on a high as he collected the Les Ball Cup on the River Medway at East Farleigh on March 9. An old style "walk off" gave him a peg on the weir pool and an early 2-15-0 bream on the feeder gave him a great start.

With a facing wind and the automatic weir kicking in the fish was being battered against the bank and so David weighed in early before landing a second bream that boosted his score to 4-5-0.

Mark Merrett also included a skimmer in his mainly roach bag of 3-7-8 also on the feeder, Tony Garner netting third with 1-10-0.

### **Woodpeckers produces the goods**

The penultimate match of the season was at the Woodpecker Fishery near Crawley and provided some cracking sport led by Colin Jerrom who fished a 10 metre pole and maggot over Swim Stim for a single carp, crucians, tench, skimmer bream, perch, roach, rudd and gudgeon for 15-14-8.

Opposite Colin Bateman fished similar tactics to an island where he also included chub in his mixed bag of 12-5-8, Tony Garner waiting too much time on the feeder before pole fishing for 10-9-0 of mainly roach.

### **Bill and Virginia Rushmer prove to be a great success**

AGM guests, Bill and Virginia Rushmer proved to be a huge success at the society's annual meeting held on Tuesday, 25 February. Their anecdotes relating to fishing from Thames skiffs to fishing at commercial waters such as Angler's Paradise and Whiteacres proved highly informative and amusing. Our sincere gratitude to them both.

### **Club Champion Cattermole punches out the roach**

David Cattermole did well on the Basingstoke Canal at Heathvale Bridge on Sunday, 16 February to easily win what was basically a breadpunch match.

Drawn halfway between the bridge and the flash, he fished at various distances catching roach to 10 oz throughout for 5-6-0. He was comfortably clear of Mark Merrett who was nearest the bridge and fished similar tactics for 3-1-0.

Club secretary Dave Harper was at the Great Bottom Flash end of the venue and caught well for two hours including a bonus skimmer bream but the pegged died as the temperature dropped and he had to settle for third spot with 1-14-8.



David Cattermole pictured at Furze Farm in November.

### **Knife edge victory for guest Steve Longhurst at West Drayton**

The last couple of visits to the Grand Union Canal at West Drayton have always produced some nice fish but Sunday, 2 February was the exception with only small fish being taken to the scales. Only David Adby had a sniff of a bream and hour from the end when he pulled out of one.

Former competition secretary Steve Longhurst, miffed at the team selection for the South Norwood side that faced Croydon Postal in the Angling Times club KO turned up and did the business landing just 0-4-0 of small

roach and perch using pole and bloodworm.

Tony Garner also tried pinkie on the hook for 0-3-8 of perch whilst Dave Harper tied with 0-3-8 of roach and perch taken on bloodworm. As Tony is unable to take the time off work, Dave will represent WADAS in the Angling Plus Clubman semi-final at Woodlands View, Thirsk in July. Colin Bateman put his fur & fluff tackle away for the day to clinch fourth spot with 0-3-0.

### **Addy lands a specimen canal chub as Cattermole clinches the Points Championship**

The Wey Navigation at Pyrford was in typically uncompromising mood when the 14 anglers visited on Sunday, January 19. **Steve Allen** had his share of problems, only landing two of the five chub he hooked to finish second with 1-14-8.

But **Dave Adby** waited until 45 minutes from time before hooking and landing a fine 4 lb chub on pole and maggot to win comfortably. **Scott Denton** was third with 1-6-8 of roach and perch, also on pole and maggot.

### **Bradley comes so close to Christmas glory**

Teenager **Bradley Garner** nearly pulled off a sensational victory in the Christmas match at Chart's Plain.

Drawn on the noted island, he fished pole and corn to lure nine carp for 36-4-8 but was thwarted by an excellent performance by Membership Secretary **David Adby** who opted to fish with feeder and maggot close in at the far end of the lake, his nine fish going 38-13-0.

Jason Courtney was at the next peg and had four small carp for 7-2-8, also on feeder tactics, Bob Stone clinching fourth with 6-11-8.



**This was one of the nine carp Bradley Garner landed to earn himself the Peter Norris Cup**

### **WADAS slash the cost of angling for youngsters**

History was made at the December Meeting when the Committee agreed to waive the membership charge for all juniors under the age of 12 - in line with the licence requirements.

Secretary Dave Harper commented: "This is to give a boost to junior angling at a time when various initiatives are taking place [to recruit new anglers] and we hope very much that once they are members they will stay with us for a very long time as we have a lot to offer."

The revised policy takes effect from the season 2003/04 and applies to those aged 10 and 11, though children under 10 may join if they are accompanied by a responsible adult.

### **Where have you been for 50 years?**

Membership secretary David Adby was pleased to hear from a man that joined the club as a teenager and has come back to us after 54 years. Sussex angler Mike Good re-discovered WADAS after a visit to Hunters Lodge Fishery which is near Chart's Plain and we are delighted to welcome him back.

In a letter, Mike relates the time he went with the club by coach to the River Avon and under the guidance of the late Brian Kennedy and Harry Earnell did rather well - full story in the February newsletter.

### **Next Season's Fixtures** - a cracking set of matches coming up in 2003

Date	Venue	Comments
June 1	Wylands Farm	The Snake Lake is fast improving following a restocking
June 8	Barretts Farm	Superb carp water where everybody should catch plenty
June 15	TBA	
June 22	Oxted Lake	A return to the spiritual home, but will it fish early?
July 6	Brookhouse Lake	Framfield's less spectacular but fairer mixed species lake.
July 13	The Belfry	Plenty of carp action on the this attractive fishery.
July 27	Lake John	Debut visit to venue that holds cracking quality carp, tench, bream, perch, roach and rudd but what will feed on the day?
Aug 3	Hawkhurst Fish Farm	Another new venue that is a serious "bagging" venue. Will THREE keepnets be needed for the winner?
Aug 17	Sam's Lake	Being fished earlier than this season so carp should show well.
Aug 25	Chart's Plain	Our Bank Holiday barbeque special - always a popular event
Aug 31	Woodpeckers	Another new venue to the club featuring mixed species
Sept 7	Furze Farm	Cracking fishery that has plenty of bream and carp
Sept 14	Broadwater Lake	Godalming AS are our hosts on this carp venue that will see plenty of double figure fish caught and probably lost!
Sept 28	Falkonvil Fishery	A friendly against Croydon Postal, Big breakfasts and big catches await!
Oct 5	Hartleylands Farm	The Reservoir is always reliable for producing catches of carp and other species and seems to improve season over season.
Oct 12	Eden Challenge Shield	Annual visit to the River Eden to take on Holland AS, East Grinstead AS, South Norwood AC and Edenbridge AS
Oct 19	Wateringbury	The Medway seems to produce well at this time of year.

### **Estonia call up for Dave?**

Secretary Dave Harper could be fishing in next year's World Championships if Estonia take up the invitation to help with coaching a side. He has an Estonian mother and therefore could be eligible.

"Let's face it, I am never going to make the England Z team let alone fish with the likes of Gardener, Nudd and Raison and fishing for Wales is unlikely but you never know with Estonia", quipped NFA coach Dave.