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Editor's Notes

I'd like to remind all club members that the newsletter and website can't operate fully without the input from the membership. We need your fishing stories and reports and any fishing related items that you think other members would be interested in. Have you been on a fishing holiday in some exotic destination? If so other members would be interested. You don't have to have a PhD in English to write a report (although it would help☺). A brief description and photographs is all that is needed. Please send any contributions to Graham Williams at gj.williams1@ntlworld.com

Annual Subscriptions

I am asked to remind you that Subscriptions were due on January 1st. Non-payment by the end of March results in being ineligible to take part in any Club social events, all competitive and non-competitive fishing events organised by the Club.

Your Committee strives hard to provide a varied and comprehensive programme throughout the year for which, surely, the Winter Programme alone is worth the current £19.00 a year.

Message from our new Club President

'I'd like to say that I'm honoured to have been elected as your President at the AGM on 18th February. It is a privilege and I follow in the footsteps of some great Clubmen - not least my predecessor Norman Shippey. Please do not rely on me to know the details of club protocols and procedures as he did!'

Bob Ayres

Message from our Club Chairman

Thank you for allowing me to be your chairman for the coming year.

It is to be a very special year for the club which will be 40 years old in April.

Invicta is very fortunate to have a very hard working committee who make sure that you the members have a wide range of fishing opportunities, from bank or boat. Some competitive but mainly relaxed and friendly, some evening some all day and even some on the rivers.

The winter meetings are very special attracting very knowledgeable speakers.

There is something for everybody.

Invicta is one of a very few fly fishing clubs that is growing in numbers and is fast becoming one of the largest in the area.

Any information you need can be found on our web site www.invictaffc.org.uk so please use it and our web master would be delighted to hear from you if there is anything that you feel should be included that you cannot find.

Best wishes and tight lines for the coming season.

Andy Newman

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Any questions or suggestions on the running of our Club or ideas for subjects or speakers for our Winter Meetings should be sent to Paul Stevens for inclusion in a future Committee meeting. It should be noted that the programme needs to be finalised several months ahead.

Winter Programme 2015/2016

Meetings to be held at Harston Village Hall,
7.30 for 8.00pm start.

All meetings free to Invicta members: Visitors welcome, £5 including a beer or soft drink.

February 27. Invicta Annual Dinner.

Venue – St. Neots Golf Club.

March 3. Paul Knight.

Chief Executive of Salmon and Trout Conservation UK (formerly the Salmon and Trout Association), with **Tim Gaunt-Baker**, East Anglia Representative of the S&TA, will tell us of the current work of the organisation, its aims and how it strives for the protection and sustainable management of the aquatic environment and fishing.

March 17. Quiz Night.

With Chris Mcleod setting the questions

Summer Programme 2016

Carr Cup Dates and venues

Wed	6th April	Pitsford
Sat	14th May	Rutland
Sat	4th June	Eyebrook
Sun	10th July	Grafham
Sat	13th Aug	Draycote
Sat	3rd Sept	Ravensthorpe
Tues	4th Oct	Grafham

AMFC Dates and venues

R1 G2 & G3 Rutland	Sat 23 rd April
R6 G2 & G3 Chew	Sat 8 th Oct.

Group 2

R2 Bewl	Wed	11 th May
R3 Chew	Wed	1 st June
R4 Draycote	Sat.	16 th July
R5 Grafham	Mon	26 th Sept

Group 3

R2 Hanningfield	Thursday	7 th July
R3 Pitsford	Saturday	23 rd July
R4 Eyebrook	Saturday	20 th August
R5 Grafham	Thursday	8 th Sept

If you are interested in fishing any of the AMFC matches and have not yet let David Moore know davidmoore48@outlook.com can you please do so ASAP as he would like to get the teams sorted out for the season.



Carr Cup Dates and venues

PITSFORD 6th APRIL

We have our 40th anniversary day at Pitsford, there will be a draw for partners and fish from 10.00 - 13.00 stopping for a hot lunch with a drink in the lodge this will cost £5.00 per head (subsidised by the club) and then fish from 14.00 - 18.00 with a weigh in at the lodge. Prizes for the first three places, drinks afterwards at the pub for anyone who wants to join us. This is planned to be a very sociable day so please join us and let's make it special, the more the merrier.

RUTLAND 14th MAY

This time of the year there should be some really good buzzer fishing, around the basin and up the south arm.

EYEBROOK 4th JUNE

Eyebrook reservoir. I would hope to be fishing nymphs and buzzers, ether by the dam or in one of the bays. If the weather is right dry fly works well, ether static or pulled through the surface.

GRAFHAM 10th JULY

Grafham water this is our Presidents cup match, which will also incorporate an inter club match with GWFFA, we fish the day with our own club members, come in for a BBQ lunch and a chat, back out to fish the afternoon. We all come in for the weigh in at the lodge and results.

DRAYCOTE 13th AUGUST

This is the club Carl Hunter bowl match. Draycote is a well stocked water and is often a good water for dry fly fishing, also has a good head of 3lb + fish, if you are lucky.

RAVENSTHORPE 3rd SEPTEMBER

At this time of year this water can produce some very large fish which will also come up for the dry fly. As this is a smaller water than most, nobody is far away, so if you are finding it tough there is always someone close by to give advice.

GRAFHAM 4th OCTOBER

This is our last Carr cup match for the season where the cup can be won or lost. Even if you are not in the running or not interested in winning the Carr cup just listening to all the banter between the few that are still competing is worth the trip alone, you will hear permutation of points that Albert Einstein would be proud of.

Other Invicta Dates and venues

ELINOR 16th MARCH

The Norman Shippey memorial match - this will be a 6 fish limit fished 10.00 - 17.00 with a weigh in at 17.15. There will be a £2.00 pool for the largest fish of the day and a trophy for the winner, afterwards at the Fox just off the A605 for a drink and possibly a few chips.

GRAFHAM 7th MAY

Snowbee floating line competition, this is teams of four fishing floating lines only. This is fished 10.00-13.00 stopping for a ploughman's lunch and 14.00 - 18.00, then in for the weigh in, dinner in the lodge with prize giving. This is another excellent day with some amazing prizes kindly donated by Snowbee fishing tackle, not to mention the wonderful raffle. If you are interested in entering this competition please let Gary How know and he will try to fit you into a team.

ELINOR 6th NOVEMBER

This is our fur and feather match, more of an end of season get together. We start about 9.30 and finish about 16.00 and make our way to the pub for a warm up, drink and to sort out the prizes. For this trip we all bring a prize and we all get to take home a prize, as with all our trips this is a very sociable day with help and advice in abundance.

To book your place at any of the Invicta fishing days contact Mark Searle
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Some of these venues have limited space due to boat availability. Any spare boats will be cancelled one week before the event so to avoid disappointment contact Mark as soon as possible.

