



## Newsletter No.180 March 2016

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### **Editor's Notes**

The committee are in the process of arranging speakers for next winter's evening meetings. We strive to offer a varied programme and would welcome any suggestions on content or speakers. If you have any suggestions please contact Peter Oldham [p.oldham111@btinternet.com](mailto:p.oldham111@btinternet.com)

### **Casting Clinics**

Peter Hartley will take up to three clinics in April with a maximum of 6 people per session.

Peter will cover all aspects of casting and presentation. Rod and line weights, double hauling, roll casting etc. Peter also has a selection of rods which you can try out.

When: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April,  
Time: start 9.30am finish 12.30pm  
Where: Grafham Lodge  
Cost: £10.00 per person

To book in or for further information please contact Paul Stephens ASAP.  
Tel. 01480 403529. Mobile. 07831 235069.

### **AMFC**

David Moore is still looking for anglers to complete some of the AMFC teams, particularly Bewl & Chew. If you can help please contact David. More details on Page 3

### **UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS**

#### **Pitsford 6<sup>th</sup> 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 FREE hot lunch with a drink in the lodge (the club will be covering the cost of the lunch) 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. Contact Mark Searle

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to book your place.

#### **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 [gary@howbuilders.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:gary@howbuilders.fsnet.co.uk) know and he will fit you into a team.

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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.

## **Norman Shippey Memorial Spring Bank Match – Grafham 16th March 2016**

In memory of our late President and long serving member, Norman Shippey, this new event has been established. An early season bank match, which was intended to be fished at Elinor Trout Fishery but as the lake was flooded a few days before the event and the water was still muddy it was switched to Grafham. Although very early in the year, the reservoir had been producing plenty of fish on odd days for those anglers prepared to brave the cold March weather; but when the sun shines, the wind is sharp and northerly and the water is crystal clear, things can get tough. And so it proved.

16 members did turn out and many were full of expectation at breakfast in the Sailing Club. No areas of the lake were put out of bounds because it was not thought necessary with the natural banks fishing well. Sadly the bulk of the fish had moved away from the shore and were barely reachable even with the longest of casts. Anglers waving their arms and rods about while sharing loud banter, tend to push the fish away. So areas that were popular in the previous days seemed to be devoid of fish.

The Marlow stones, providing extra reach from the extreme point gave Mike Smith five fish early on and then when he left Peter Oldham moved into that spot and picked up a further four fish. Jeff Price, also on Marlow stones took a couple of beautiful, but out of season, brownies.

Alan Briggs managed a full bag of 6, while others on the nearby G bank struggled. However Paul Stevens, David Moore and Malcolm Reece did manage to scrape out a few but many were blanking. Eventually one or two ventured down to Hill Farm and especially the stone jetty there. Mick Thorpe took three and these proved to be the heaviest bag weighed in winning him the Norman Shippey Memorial Trophy.

Late in the day Paul Stevens found some bigger, over-wintered fish around Hedge End and managed to lose two good ones but did hang on to what was the biggest fish of the day at 3lb 6oz, and won him the pool money for the biggest fish. So the inaugural day for this event proved to be tricky but great fun and we look forward to this as a regular feature of our calendar.

Chris Mcleod

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## **Scottish Salmon – Lawson Wight**

Lawson Wight sent a couple of photos of his first ever salmon. After trying for 10 years he eventually succeeded with this nice fish of about 6lbs caught in the River Polly, Wester Ross last year



He claims that it's taken so long to catch a salmon because he is easily distracted by the trout fishing and that trout are much easier to catch. Tell that to all those who blanked at Grafham recently in the Norman Shippey memorial match!

Perhaps he's also distracted by the local "mermaids"



Lawson says that you have to make your entertainment in the wilds of Scotland!!

## SUMMER PROGRAMME 2016

### Carr Cup Dates and venues

#### PITSFORD - WEDNESDAY 6th APRIL

See front page for updated details

#### RUTLAND – SATURDAY 14th MAY

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

#### EYEBROOK – SATURDAY 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 – SUNDAY 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 – SATURDAY 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 – SATURDAY 3rd SEPT

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 – TUESDAY 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.

To book your place at any of the Invicta fishing days contact Mark Searle [hse@btopenworld.com](mailto:hse@btopenworld.com) Or 07846 931485

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.

## AMFC Dates and venues

R1 G2 & G3 Rutland	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
R6 G2 & G3 Chew	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct.

### Group 2

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

### Group 3

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

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

## Other Invicta Dates and venues

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### 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.

