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***** THE WEBSITE IS DOWN *****

At the time of producing this newsletter we discovered that our website has crashed. We believe that this is a serious problem and may take a long time to rectify. Please bear with us whilst we investigate, and hopefully, repair the site.

Editor's Notes

In previous issues of the Newsletter I've asked for contributions from Club Members but so far these have been few and far between. In this issue there is a contribution from Mark Searle reporting on a pleasure day enjoyed by several club members at Grafham.

This is exactly the type of report that we need; it describes what the Invicta Club is all about – we're not all about competition fishing; friendship and banter at the water's edge is much more important.

Fly Tying

Just a reminder that our two fly tying sessions at Grafham are organised for Sat 19th Nov and Sat 10th Dec. If you would like to come, please contact Paul Stevens so that anything special you require can hopefully be organised.

River Fishing

At the most recent committee meeting we discussed the river fishing aspect of the club. The committee are aware that we have members who are more interested in river fishing than still-water fishing and we are concerned that maybe we are not addressing this aspect of the sport. It's unfortunate that we don't have any committee members who have the time to organise river trips so this is an appeal to the general membership for volunteers to step forward and firstly tell us what river fishing you require to be organised and secondly if you are able to help in organising trips.

Contact any of the club officers listed above if you can help

Winter Evening programme 2016/7

Venue - Harston Village Hall, 7.30 for 8.00pm
All meetings free to Invicta members: Visitors welcome, £5 including a beer or soft drink.

November 17th Steve Johnson (SJ Flies).

Steve's flies are being used by successful competition anglers with some acclaim; his SJ Buzzers are particularly good looking, and he will tie some flies which work well at Grafham.

Dec 8th Charles Jardine – for those of you have attended a CJ evening in the past you will be looking forward to an entertaining evening. For those of you that haven't heard a CJ talk make sure that you can attend – you won't be disappointed.

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In Charles' own words this is what the evening will be about

I want to look at the work that F4S has done to get youngsters into the sport over the last decade, the elation and downright hard work and indeed, the barriers and the threats to our long term and the very potent and positive message that we have to offer the future. I will be basing the talk primarily about engaging the young, but also addressing the issues that exercise our quieter, reflective moments away from the actual participation....

Basically: where do we go from here ?And some thoughts that might help just a smidgeon.

Jan 5 Arundel House – see details on Page 3

The cost for this evening is £13 p/p.

Jan 19th - TBC
Feb 2nd - TBC
Feb 16th - AGM
Feb 25th Annual Club Dinner at St. Neots golf club
March 2nd - TBC
March 16th - TBC

Committee meetings

If any member has any comments on the running of the club or a suggestion for a speaker for the winter evening meetings please contact our Secretary Paul Stevens at least 1 week before the meeting to ensure that it can be considered for adding to the meeting agenda.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 25th January 2017

A Pleasure Day at Grafham

Friday 11th November looked like being a good day for fishing, so Gary How, Chris McLeod, Alan Briggs, Paul Stevens, David Moore and myself met up at Grafham from late morning onwards for a day's fishing and a bit of socialising.

Alan was the first to arrive and started fishing along the lodge bank and had a couple of fish, while Gary and myself started on G buoy. We found fish quite soon after starting, once the Grafham shuffle drew in the fish. We were both fishing shrimp patterns with a booby on the point. Fish are still very high in the water; I think

that dries would have taken plenty of fish (I had left mine at home). Alan joined us on G buoy and we had some good sport between us, Gary and I still on shrimp patterns, Alan alternating between shrimp patterns and snakes, just goes to show that even the purest can be drawn to the dark side!!!

Chris was the next to join us fishing his each way method, black and green lure on the point with a couple of nymphs on the droppers. Chris found fish in the bay very quickly (only what you would expect from a local expert) Alan went right into the bay and fished a small black and green lure and had a red letter day with his rod constantly bent. Paul joined us followed by David, so we had quite a group fishing with plenty of banter going round.

David caught his dinner so he was happy and Chris joined Alan in the bay, only for Alan to show him how it's done. Gary went over to Coves Point and picked up a couple of fish. Paul and myself fished the right hand side of G buoy, the fishing went a bit quiet for us but the fish that we got were much bigger than the 1½ -2lb fish we had during the early part of the afternoon. Alan then joined us on the point (I think he was embarrassed by the poor performance of the local expert fishing next to him!!). We both hooked and lost a good fish each after playing them for quite some time. The fish that I hooked swam at me twice, faster than I could retrieve my line and ran off leaping as it went only to shake the hook on the second run. Shortly after I heard "bugger, bugger" as Alan lost a good fish as well.

I think we ended up with 40 plus fish between us, so a good day was had by all, the weather was kind to us, although a little on the cold side - only to be expected at this time of year. I had a great day and I think I can say the same for the rest of the guys. We must do this more often, I recommend getting together with a few friends on the bank for a day's fishing, the banter, information and camaraderie is second to none.

Thanks to Mark Searle for taking the time to write this report





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INFORMAL SOCIAL EVENING

Thursday 5th January 2017
from 7.30pm

For Old and New Members
At

ARUNDEL HOUSE HOTEL
Chesterton Road
Cambridge
CB4 3AN

£13.00 P/H Included a Buffet
Please Pay by 29th of December 2016
By Cheque or into the Bank
Sort code 20-43-63
Account number 70514004

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iFish

South England's Only Fly Fishing Show

Sunday 27th of November 2016

Queen's Jubilee Hall, **South of England Showground**
Ardingly, West Sussex, RH17 6TL

10am to 4pm

Entrance £5

(accompanied children under 16 FREE)

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