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Editor's Notes

At this time of the year we can look back on the highs and lows of our fishing forays, or perhaps, prefer to forget them! We can also look forward to the delights, we hope, of the Club programme for the coming winter months.

In competition our teams have done us proud, both in the Pilgrimage and AMFC. However it is not all about competition and most of our fishing programme may be enjoyed as a totally social occasion only with the option of fishing for the various trophies as you wish.

New or inexperienced boat anglers may opt to fish with an experienced member or a friend on any in-house event. We aim to please!

Your Committee works hard to bring us the best of both leisure and competition fishing during the season and an attractive array of events to occupy the months ahead.

In the next Newsletter there will be a reminder that Subs are due in January. A days fishing with boat fees £40.00? A meal out £20/£40? A whole year of social activities for £17.00. The following winter programme is surely worth more than that but it is all part of the deal.

Next Committee Meeting

Any queries or suggestions for the Committee to the Secretary before Thursday 29th November please.



Steve Middleton Presenting Glyn of Llanilar with his Trophy

As many Club members will have cause to remember. Don't raise your head over the fence if Steve is around because he will go to great lengths to make a story.

He devised a most elaborate story, loosely involving Glyn and a sheep of uncertain persuasion. (or was it Glyn he was referring to) This occurred at the presentation at the Racehorse at Catford after the 2011 pilgrimage.

Not to be outdone Glyn came back in 2012 with the mug suitably adorned with another sheep, this time of doubtful parentage although it was definitely from Yorkshire and not Wales.



Winter Programme

Our Secretary, Lawson Wight, has put together a most attractive selection of goodies for the coming months. The 2013 programme will appear in the December issue but suffice to say it will include fishery management, Alaska fishing and a social evening at the Arundel Hotel.

October 11th 2012

My Two Favourite Flies

Three of our AMFC winning Invicta team tie their 2 flies and tell us why they like them and how to fish them.

October 25th

Yukon travelog and Fishing Oddysey

Norman relives his Yukon story accompanied by excellent (?) photography from a genuine fishing wilderness.

November 8th

Your Local Streams and Rivers

South Cambs Council Ecology Officer and Invicta member, Rob Mongovan, makes a welcome return with a wealth of information on our local waters. Outstanding pictures throughout.

November 10th

Annual Invicta Bank day at Elinor Trout Fishery

Lots of fun on this very social occasion and, perhaps, some fish.

November 22nd

Sue & Paul Sissons

Another welcome return to this intrepid angling duo. Rivers, stillwaters, guiding. If you missed Sue on her previous visit a few years ago here is your chance to hear this excellent speaker.

December 13th

Sex, Insects and Flyfishing

Stuart Crofts, entomological expert, fishing guide and all round nice guy with one of his, many, excellent presentations.

Invicta members who are also Grayling Society members will relish another talk by Stuart.

January 10th 2013

It has now been confirmed that the social evening will go ahead on this date. All present and past members of the Club are welcome.

Final details will appear in the next Newsletter but the venue is the Arundel House Hotel to include the usual excellent Arundel buffet arranged by Mark Searle and the price will be circa £12.00.

If you are in contact with any past members please pass our invitation on.

Annual Dinner

Something to look forward to! We have a new venue for the dinner next year. Full details will appear in the next Newsletter. Venue and date for your diaries. St Neots Golf Club, Saturday 23rd February 2013. This is the social highlight of the Club year, why not introduce your friends to our Club?



Association of Major Clubs

As mentioned in Editor's Notes our A team have excelled themselves this year and with only one venue left to fish the team need only turn up to win Group 3 as a 4th place would give them one point and a clear lead over 2nd place.



Examples of what is required to win an AMFC group

Top box:- Kieran Bonas

Lower:- John Mees

I'm told they were inspired by a serious accident in the Dulux factory!

But well done to all who contributed to this magnificent series of matches.

Not to be sidelined our B team also did well

With a little luck they will finish mid-table in Group 4 thanks in part to a tremendous win in Round 4 at Grafham. Kieran Caulfield and Alan Sefton led the team to a 21lbs lead over 2nd placed Greylags

Again well done to all who took part over all Rounds.

Spare Cash? Look Smart

Orange Cap a must for Invicta team members
(with smart Team Invicta logo) £6.50

Snowbee Cap £5.00

Grey/blue Cap with Invicta motif £5.00

Lapel Badge £2.00

Cloth Badge £2.50

Grey/blue cap/lapel & cloth badge £7.50

The Hinkley Shield

Rutland Water, Sunday 28th October

Teams of 6 members,

Bank match to fishery rules,

Match hours 09.30 – 16.30. Briefing at 09.00

All members to attend briefing,

All to hold appropriate rod licence and Day Ticket/Season Ticket as appropriate.

Post match meal at the White Horse,

Empingham. The cost of the 2 course meal

will be £10.00 per head. A choice of 3 Main and 3 Dessert courses. Payment in advance.

The choices are:-

Mains

1) Lincolnshire Sausages with Mash & Veg,

2) Homemade Cottage Pie with Veg,

3) Vegetable Balti with Basmati Rice,

Desserts

4) Treacle Sponge with Custard,

- 5) Apple & Blackberry Crumble with Pouring Cream,
- 6) Chocolate Fudge Cake with Whipped Cream.

Number of teams per club are restricted so apply to Graham Williams in the first instance to confirm places are available.

Closing date for entries is Monday 15th October so you will need to book your place before that date.

Sunday Morning Social Bank Fishing Meetings 7th October onwards

All members – and a guest if you wish – are invited to the regular Sunday morning social fishing meeting at Grafham.

No booking needed – just turn up at Grafham Lodge between 8.00 and 8.30, to sign in or purchase ticket, tackle up and meet other members. There should be a good exchange of information on prospects. Fishing, from 8.30, will be from the bank. No prizes, no pressure and no obligations other than to enjoy the morning.

Finish will be about 1.00 to wash down, as per Grafham regulations, and then retire to the Wheatsheaf in Perry for a coffee or pint to commiserate, congratulate and find out what fly worked and where.

For any further information contact either:

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Invicta/Snowbee Floating Line

This nationwide competition has once again attracted wide support and acclaim amongst the wider angling world. Our local venue, Grafham Water, is stretched to its limit for the event.

Despite a scarcity of fish the event has become a premier national club run competition which reflects a great deal of credit on our small sub-committee headed by our Chairman, Graham Williams. Two years ago their ambitious plans secured the sponsorship of Snowbee thanks to support from Simon Kidd.

Early feed-back confirms its popularity with many participating clubs registering approval and wish to be invited again next year.

Results for 2012

1st **Bristol** 8 fish 22lbs 15.5ozs

2nd **Queen Mother** 6 fish 20lbs 11.6ozs

3rd **GWFFA Red** 5 fish 13lbs 8ozs

4th **Soldier Palmers** 4 fish 8lbs 11.875ozs

Top Boat with 18lbs 5.25ozs

Tony Kirkham Queen Mother
Chris Bobby GWFFA

Top Rod & Best Fish

Tony Kirkham 13lbs 4.6ozs & 5lbs 10.75ozs

Tuesday Evening League

This event over 15 weeks again proved popular with Members and guests. Non-members are welcome to take part but don't qualify for any Club award.

Of the 15 evenings one was cancelled due to high winds. Kieran Bonas fished all 14 times and caught 48 fish for an average of 3.43 per visit.

33 anglers made 164 visits over the 14 weeks catching 265 fish for an average of 1.61

The Carr Cup

This trophy is fished for over the entire summer fishing programme as organised by John Caldwell.

Points are awarded as follows:- 10points for attendance, 5 points per fish caught up to the normal fishery limit. To allow for holidays etc. one venue may be discarded at the conclusion of the programme.

It would seem that with only one venue to fish it would need something extraordinary to stop Mark Searle taking the cup and title of Club champion yet again.



Two images of the stomach contents of a 3lb fish caught by David Moore at Eyebrook on a self tied blob. You will note there is no evidence of pre-emergent or juvenile blobs in either shot!

The Carl Hunter Bowl

A very hot day at Pitsford for the 18 members taking part. However static nymphs proved to be the preferred method and Jeff Hickson took

8 fish on his first boat outing with the Club to claim the Bowl. John Mees, also with 8 fish, came in as runner-up.

The following photo is of our Treasurer, Alan Prevost, who rarely smiles whilst out on the water except when he hits a purple patch as here.



River Mel Group

By Norman Shippey

This group has featured in previous Newsletters and in Rob Mongovan's last presentation to the Club. Many restoration projects are relatively short term affairs, in some cases cleaning a village pond in a month or so.

The Mel Group is in its 7th year with no end in sight. Restoration and replanting of the banks is being performed both in Meldreth, where the Group began their work, and Melbourn. Currently approximately two kilometres have been completed on the five kilometre river. This small chalk stream has suffered the ravages of 50 years of neglect and the ill found theories of past water authorities who thought straightening and dredging all water courses was the way forward.

Recent events have seen the delivery of 8 fourteen tonne lorry loads of course gravel and blocks of chalk for use in the culvert under the A10 Melbourn bypass. This necessitated traffic lights on the A10 as the lorries discharged the one tonne bags by crane directly into the river to be set upon by the worker ants frantically raking each bag full away before the next was lowered. This was made possible through a grant from a European Union conservation fund. Another mixed delivery of 4 lorry loads arrived last week through a generous donation from the

Wildlife Trust. In all this will amount to some 130/140 tonnes.

The work is carried out on an average 3 weekly basis throughout the year with occasional mid-week sessions such as the gravel deliveries.

Further information and many photographs can be found on www.rivermel.com.

