



EGAS Newsletter

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Summer 2013

Past and Present



The only known photo of the club record pike; caught by the late Mr F Armitage in 1980. It weighed in at 25 lbs 13 ozs. The photo was recently sent in by his son Mr Darren Armitage. Alongside is a photo of William Gatland; with a 3lbs crucian caught at Readers in September 2012.

AGM

It was not some sort of sinister plot that your committee chose the night of a snow blizzard to hold the AGM. Thankfully six people were there and everybody was a winner in the raffle. The Secretary abandoned his car in Ashurst Wood on the way home and laboured through the snow to Forest Row, where he made an extended stop in The Swan for medicinal revival.

Floating baits at Readers

By decision of the committee the ban on floating baits at Readers is lifted on a temporary basis for the 2013/2014 season. This matter will then be put to a vote at the 2014 AGM (snow permitting). The ban on the use of braid line & hooklengths and the use of boilies remains in place. In reaching this decision the committee was conscious of the strong feelings expressed by members both for and against the ban. If you have not heard already, 1000 chub between 6-10 inches went into Readers in December 2012.

New water – Woodpeckers, Old Hollow, Worth

Earlier this year the committee decided not to renew the agreement to fish Bowens Farm, Penschurst. This had turned into our most expensive water and only 11 members indicated they had fished it the previous season. There had also been a number of complaints about maintenance around the bankside by farm staff.

As a replacement the Chairman has reached an agreement with the owners of Woodpeckers for us to fish there. **The next bit is important.** Members may fish the water **Monday to Saturday** (this includes Bank Holidays). Sunday is generally a match day at Woodpeckers, so it will not be available to us. Also, members must call in advance on 01293 886598 before going to the fishery. There are no guest tickets. Non-members will have to pay full price, currently £8 (£6 OAP)

In brief Woodpeckers Lake has 30 pegs and is stocked with Carp, Tench, Bream, Perch, Chub, Rudd, Roach and ornamentals. Osprey Lake has 40 pegs and is as well stocked as Woodpeckers. A full description of the two lakes and two ponds can be found on the fishery website at www.woodpeckersfishery.co.uk . It also appears on our own web site.

Imberhorne Pond

The pond remains closed. It is hoped that the committee will be able to assess what needs to be done during the current season.

Waters open (and closed) during close season

Members are reminded that they can fish at Rowfant House, Ardingly, Weirwood and Woodpeckers during the closed season. New membership cards will be required at those venues from 1 June 2013. **No new card – no fishing!** Hedgecourt , its feeder stream and the Eden Brook both observe the traditional 15 March – 15 June close season. Other waters re-open on 1 June 2013

The website

Just typing east grinstead angling in your internet search engine will take you to the website. It is being kept up to date with details of our fisheries and also has links to those of our rented or concessionary waters; Ardingly, Weirwood and Woodpeckers, that have their own websites.

EGAS 500 Club

The club has been running for several years. In addition to the monthly prizes of £20, £15 and £10 it raises funds that have been used to purchase additional stock for Readers Lake. It was the 500 club that put the latest 1000 chub in Readers. It only costs £1 a month to enter the draw. If you would like to join please contact Mrs Pat Wood on 01342 328071 for an application form.

If you have any comments you wish to raise through the newsletter please do not hesitate to send them in. Photos are also welcome for the newsletter or website. You can either use email (see below) or by post to the addresses on your membership cards.

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