

The Flydressers Guild

Sussex Branch



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Obituary – Alan Chamberlain

Sadly, Alan Chamberlain passed away in Worthing Hospital on Monday 22nd September with his family around him. Condolences to his family, wife Carol, son and two daughters'. We are not sure of his age but he must have been well into his Eighties.

Although we have not seen him for a number of years due to his failing health. Alan was a strong supporter of the Sussex branch. He started as a beginner some 25 years ago having recently retired early from NatWest bank. He fished through the majority of his life we believe coarse angling moving onto fly fishing as he retired. He was at times a member of Duncton

Mill, Sussex Piscatorial Society and Portsmouth Fly Fishing Association who held beats on the Itchen & Meon

At one time he was branch treasurer and then for a number of years took on the beginners group. As an accomplished artist he designed the engraving on the Albert Horne trophy.

Alan was running the beginner's group when I joined. There were about 8 of us in the group, some had no previous fly-tying experience, while others had some knowledge. Alan worked well pulling the group up to a level to where he could start teaching the basics of fly tying. He introduced us to using a piece of white card placed on the table, under the fly, so you could see the fly you were tying more clearly. There were numerous other "tricks of the trade" that he taught us. I am happy to say that all the group went on to achieve their Bronze award.

For those wishing to attend the funeral it will be held at Worthing Crematorium (Findon A24) on Tuesday 6th September at 1pm.

Reminder

Carp on the Fly 11th September



We will be holding another Carp on the Fly event on Sunday the 11th September 2022 at Falkenvil Fishery, Saltmarsh Lane, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 2RJ .

The event is being organised by Peter Winder and should you have any questions please contact him by telephone on 07732024857 or by email peter.winder@btinternet.com.

The cost is £10.00 per head, payable on the day. Start time is 10am. It is also turn up on the day, so there is no need to let Peter in advance if you are going.

Moorhen Trout Fishery

Meon Valley Fly Fishing

This long spell of hot, dry weather has played havoc with the fishery. Due to this, it has been decided to delay the reopening for another couple of weeks to give our water temperature the chance to drop and the springs to start working again. The new re-opening date will be Thursday 15th September.

membership is currently at 163 and growing slowly but surely.

We are still extending a set amount of day tickets for people to purchase all year round either on site or via our website. The option of year-round day tickets has been very well received and we will be continuing with this as a permanent feature.

Ardingly Autumn Show & International Horse Trials 2022

Owing to the date and the number of ATL1 and ATL2 on holiday for the casting, Tony Kaatze has agreed to be on the Cinder Hill stand provided they make room for us in their marque. We need to have 2 members from the Fly Dressers Guild on Saturday 24th and on Sunday 25th on the stand to talk fly fishing and fly dressing, and get some new members if possible. Please contact Tony on tonykaatze@aol.com if you would like to volunteer.

Duncton Mill Update

Autumn is on our doorstep, and it's been lovely to feel that much cooler air in the evenings which is slowly cooling down the lakes and giving the fish a bit of relief from the tough, hot summer. Conditions are improving as we enter September with fish rising, jumping, and rather importantly taking the fly again. It's been great to see the catch numbers going up and new members young and old joining. In the past week four children under 13 have landed fish. I have a feeling the fishery will be a hive of activity this autumn/winter season with those of you who were not able to join us due to covid restrictions finally being able to come back to fish.

Having passed the 1yr old mark it's been time for our first group of members to renew and we have seen a 100% renewal which is just wonderful news and reinforces things here at Duncton are going in the right direction. Our