

The Flydressers Guild Sussex Branch



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Provisional Fishing Programme 2024

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Contact details for individual event organisers
plus event details will be sent out via email
closer to the date.

Date: Saturday March 18th

Event: Chairmans Day at Coltsford Mill, Oxted
– all club members invited upto a max of 20

Organiser: Peter Winder

Date: Sunday 21st April

Event: FDG Bank Competition Elinor

Organiser: Self book with FDG
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Date: Saturday 27th April

Event: Competition v Ouse Valley – Lakedown

Organiser: Alan Wells

Date: Thursday 16th May

Event: Pairs Boat Match v EDFFC and Ouse
Valley, including Frank Darrah Pairs – Bewel
Water

Organiser: Alan Wells

Date: Saturday 15th June

Event: Carp on the fly – Spring Barn

Organiser: Tony Wolnough

Events continued:

Date: July and August

Event: Carp on the Fly – these will be ad hoc arrangements usually at Falkenvil as there is no problem surface fishing at any time.

Organiser: Alan Wells

Date: Saturday 24th August

Event: John Watt Competition – Draycote – Team Boat match. Club pay entry fees.

Organiser: Chris Nunn

Date: Sunday 15th September

Event: Autumn Monkeys Competition – Hazel Copse Fishery

Organiser: Alan Wells

Date: Sunday 20th October

Event: Branch Trophy Day – Brick Farm

Organiser: Pete Winder

Date: Sunday 1st December

Event: Branch Christmas Outing with Lunch and the AGM = Brick Farm

Organiser: Peter Winder

Moorhen Trout Fishery

How are we fishing? What's been happening?

This year 2024, **we have taken great care to keep our prices the same** even though we have been facing price hikes from various sources, including our fishery supplier.

Although we had the option to decrease the size of our stock fish or increase prices, we decided not to do so. **You will be pleased to see that our prices are still highly competitive, our fish are of superior quality, and we also offer complimentary coffee and tea in a beautiful setting!**

The fish are in great form, and our fishermen have reported catching on such things as Bloodworm, Blue Flash Damselfish and Cats Whiskers. The excellent water quality and cold water temperature are helping to produce some beautiful, hard-fighting fish.

Please check our website for information on upcoming competitions or closures. We are open on weekends for groups of ten or more who can purchase four fish tickets. This entitles you to exclusive use of the lake and its facilities for the day and bacon rolls for breakfast or lunch. This package has proven to be very popular with groups or clubs.

Competitions

Our "Easter Monday Competition", which will take place on April 1st, has a few spots available due to a cancellation. If you're interested in taking part, please don't hesitate to contact us to secure your place. The competition will follow its usual format, and we guarantee it will be a fantastic day. Additionally, it's a perfect chance to meet our new owners, Ethan and Max, who are already thrilled about it. **The entry fee of £55.00 includes a four-fish ticket, Bacon Rolls for lunch and the opportunity to win one of the three prizes for the heaviest bags.**

Our "Day After Boxing Day" competition was a huge success and is one of our favorites. We extend our congratulations to **Steve Philips**, the winner of the 1st Prize, for performing so well. We would also like to acknowledge **Pauline Pendle** for winning the 2nd prize and

Alan Simpson for winning the 3rd prize. We apologise to those who we had to turn away. We don't take a deposit from you for competitions, but we request that you inform us as soon as possible if you cannot attend. We maintain a reserve list and frequently use it, but it becomes difficult for us when we are informed of cancellations at the last minute!

News from around our fishery

With all the rain and the cold snap that now seems a long time ago, it's been a quiet start to the year, but we are here and very much open! Our fishery drains well, so we missed the flooding, but it did get a little heavy underfoot. But, even after the rains we experienced yesterday, **we are looking great, and everything seems to be coming alive with spring.**

As many of you may already know, we regularly collect the flies that you discard from the trees, around the fishery, and even from the car park. We then sell these flies at a significantly reduced price and add the money to the collection box. All the proceeds are eventually **donated to the RNLI**. In our most recent collection, we were able to raise **£92.74**. Along with another contribution, Moorhen Trout Fishery donated a total of **£243.00 to charity**, thanks to your help.

As we started collecting together all our memorabilia, to decide what was going with us or staying, we realised that we had accumulated so many photos of you all over the past sixteen and half years, so we have made some albums up so you can view, and some of you will be in for a shock! What we found the most amazing was the pictures of our junior fisherman, who many years later are not so junior any more!! The albums are in the shop. The young man in the photo is now twenty-seven, goes to the gym daily, and can fish wherever and whenever he likes!!

Finally, a big thank you from us both for all your cards and gifts. We still don't have a date yet, but will let you all know when we have.

Wendy and Mark

Can you help?

We have received an email from Chris Reeve, the secretary of the main FDG. John McGill, currently the Hon. Librarian & Curator for The Piscatorial Society is trying to track down information regarding a Peter Deane. Peter had a lot of involvement with the Society, back in the 1960s/1970s. This included his designing a commemorative fly which was presented to Charles & Diana when they were married.

Peter sold his 'go to' short list of dry flies through Dermot Wilson at Nether Wallop Mill back in the day.

If you are able to assist John please can you send him an email johndmcgill@aol.com

Canada Fishing

Following the success of my guided Salmon & Steelhead fishing trip to Canada last year, I have signed up for this year's trip, which spans July and August. There are still a couple of places left for this year.

This really is the trip of a lifetime and I cannot overstate how much I enjoyed the whole experience. From the guides to the facilities, the beautiful venues, and of course the fishing, everything was phenomenal. Yes, by most people's standards it is a lot of money, but it was worth every penny. I lost count of the quantity of fish I caught; it was certainly over fifty, with all five species of

Pacific Salmon to 20lb+ and a Steelhead of around 14lb.

In case you missed it, I wrote a detailed 2-part article in the September and October 23 issues of this newsletter. If you would like any more information, please get in touch on 07445 274967.

Andy Wood

See separate attachment for graphics regarding this trip