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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.

Nothing to do with Flies

In early July, I decided to arrange a days deep sea fishing. I try and go at least once a year, so booked a trip for the 18th July. Why mention the date you may ask, but if you remember it was the day we were supposed to have the highest temperatures but at the time of booking this fact was not available.



The boat was based in Shoreham's inner basin at the Hove Enterprise Centre, which is quite close to where I live, with good parking. The boat is moored within a very short distance from the car park so you do not have to carry your equipment that far from car to boat. For those without rods etc can be supplied. Bait is also supplied at a cost.

With 5 fisherman, the Skipper Tim and a crew member we departed at 0600 and went out about 3 miles for "reef fishing" where we dropped anchor. Bait was a choice of Mackerel or Squid.

I started with Squid but after reeling in a couple of times with empty hooks I was advised the Bream were responsible, so switched to mackerel. As we got later into the morning, with the temperature rising we were lucky we had a cool sea breeze blowing, but the sea remained relatively calm. We also, surprisingly, had two short showers of rain but nothing to worry about. With one of the anglers concentrating on catching Bream, the rest of us were targeting the bigger fish species. I eventually landed a Conger, but it was not that big and it was unhooked back into the sea. The afternoon soon saw more Congers being caught, with one being a good size. Thornback Rays put in an appearance with a couple being landed. I had a battle with a Tope, but failed to land it as the line snapped. We arrived back at the mooring at around 1400, after having a good days fishing.

Last week during my short break away in Swanage, Dorset, I also managed a short evening deep sea fishing trip where I caught a small Undulate Ray and a Dogfish.

If any members are interested in going out deep sea fishing please let me know and I will arrange a charter for the club.

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Brick Farm Trout Fishery Update

From 1st July to 31st August they will be offering a 1 fish ticket for only £20. Please see the Reports & News page on their web site for more details.

From 1st July to 20th August they will also doing an evening special for groups of 5 or more anglers to include fishing, food and a beer! Again, please see the Reports & News page on the website for more details.



Chalybeate Springs Trout Fishery

Off the beaten track, on the privately owned Eridge Estate and amidst countryside that has been unaffected by time, you will find trout fishing as it used to be.

It is a well stocked, stream-fed water with both Rainbow and Brown trout between 2lb 8ozs and 8lbs. Some of the original wild Brown trout, that still breed in the stream, can be seen rising gently to the abundant natural fly life or cruising through reeded margins stalking an underwater meal. To relax there is a comfortable fishing lodge. The owner Jim Streeter is in attendance at all times and will be more than pleased to welcome you and advise on the tactics of the day. Tea and coffee is provided and there are toilet facilities.

DAY TICKET PRICES

- 2 Fish Ticket - £30.00
- 3 Fish Ticket - £35.00
- 4 Fish Ticket - £40.00

If you wish to continue fishing after reaching your bag limit, please contact the baliff who can provide a new ticket.

INFORMATION

Chalybeate Springs is what is more generally referred to as a "Small Stillwater" in terms of tactics. As a basic kit list you should include:

TACKLE

Fly Rod of between 8 and 9ft 6ins – rated between 4 and 7 to match the rod. Leader material suggest knotted or knotless leader of 9 – 12ft tapering to between 3lbs and 6lbs depending upon water clarity.

Rods, reels/line and basic tackle items are available for hire if required - please check before you visit.

FLIES

Chalybeate gets a good hatch of Buzzer, Mayfly, Pond Olives, Damsels, Sedge and Hawthorn in the spring and Daddy Longlegs in September and October all of which fish successfully as dry flies as well as nymphs. Please remember that it is single fly only (no "snake flies" or droppers) and the maximum hook size is 8. Only barbless hooks are permissible fishing catch and release/

Full details are available on the web site www.chalybeatetroutfishery.co.uk

