



Sussex Branch Newsletter



March/April 2014

GRAYLING FISHING

Please note the date of this outing has been changed to **Saturday 8th November 2014**. Please amend date on your entry form and note it in your diary!

Roy Gurney

If any one wishes to make a donation in his memory to the Parkinsons charity or the Renal Unit Musgrave Hospital Taunton it would be appreciated.

Eileen is at 2 Deane Way, Tatsworth, Somerset TA20 2TD

Baz Reece

Keith Wallington's patterns

Guys, thanks for inviting me to talk to your members this week. I had a wonderful evening and very much appreciate the attentive and engaging audience. If your members would like to see the patterns we talked about they can visit this blog post: <http://www.fliesandstuff.com/2014/03/the-ldo-compara-plume-tip-emerger.html> . Also, your members are welcome to be in touch with me via wallinkster@gmail.com .

All the best, Keith Wallington

From Tony Kaatze

Jack Frost

I have just received news from Eileen Frost that one of our ex members JACK FROST has passed away peacefully at the age of 80.

Jack ran the tackle shop in Crawley for many years. He was quite a character and his shop was akin to Arkwright's and a mirror of Ronnie Barkers portrayal of a shopkeeper! He was of course a member of the Crawley Fly Fishers for many years.

Jack was one of my main mentors when I took up Fly fishing and gave me lots of sound advice which shaped the way I fished and the encouragement when I became addicted!

He was a larger than life character and packed a lot in - His girth was testimony to that! I feel a sorrow at the loss.

Eileen has Parkinson's disease but is coping well.

His funeral was at the Church in the village of Tatsworth, Somerset on March 26th at Mid day.

Sussex Branch Website

For those of you that are having trouble viewing the branch website. If you get to it by your favourites, you go to the same web pages that you last viewed, and not an up to date version of the homepage. To rectify this press F5 on your keyboard and this will refresh the website.

End of Season Gathering

The end of season gathering is on the 17th April 2014. It will follow the same pattern as last year with a buffet. There will be a minimum charge of £3 per person, although you can pay more if you wish.

Frank Darrah Pairs

Steve Muschin, who is organising this event has moved, and no longer lives at the address given in the fishing trip forms. His new address is: 1 Railway Cottages, Stopham Road, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 1DP. Tel. 01798 669069. So those of you that need to either contact Steve or send him your cheques, please send them to his new address.

Chairman's Chat

March 2014

Fish Pass Problems

Every site is different and therefore every solution is unique. These problems include access for survey and / or access to unusual sites. A recent survey problem arose in sunny Burnley where we were confronted with a river running through the town in a steep channel with brick side walls and a concrete bed. These walls were about 4.0 m high and vertical. So the simple solution was the use of ladders and

ropes but this is Burnley were things get nicked so we had to take the ropes and ladder down onto the bed so that we could make good our exit should a flood develop.

Another access problem was a hydro dam in the Highlands which was about 20.0 m high; at this site the owner's Elf and Safety manager specified that we obtain access by abseil, that is until we pointed out that we had already been down by conventional means and that he did not abseil down himself!

Back to Burnley; the problem was where two rivers met and formed a single channel downstream with very low base flows on each river, we solved this one by building a joint reception pool for two Alaskan passes with vertical elver passes bolted



to the sides – see photograph.

Buildability can be a problem, given passes are located in flowing rivers where floods are frequent and the risk of loss of materials and equipment (not to mention life) is very real. At one site in Benburb (Northern Ireland) the Contractor lost all the permanent and temporary works three times. At Bridport we were faced with an obstruction consisting of a set of gates (paddles) to retain water for the adjacent brewery. The river bed upstream comprised silt on top of a layer of very hard gravel and the river bank which was the home of water voles. To complete the problems, we were unable to dewater the site and it was also partly beneath a road bridge. The Brief was for a pass, debris screen and take off pool.

The solution was to fabricate a one piece bottom baffle fish pass in aluminium and place this with a large mobile crane. The debris protection was provided by a shield fabricated in aluminium, man handled into place. This left the take-off pool to be built in 400 mm of flowing water. The contractor's first attempt was washed away so we reverted, once again, to totally fabricated resting pool walls, bolted to the bed partially under water, then filled with concrete and fitted with close

fitting tops. Thankfully it all went to plan as the accompanying photograph shows.



The stories continue next month, I bet you cannot wait !

Tony W

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Entries for Big Fish Competitions 2013

Peter West Trophy - Biggest Rainbow from Sussex water

<u>Name</u>	<u>Where caught</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ray Burt	Duncton Mill	10 lb 6 oz (Blue)	13 th October
Mark Brown	Duncton Mill	8 lb 8 oz	1 st June
Paul Davis	Chalk Springs	5 lb 9 oz	14 th July
Peter Buss	Ashbourne	4 lb	16 th June

Jack Jupp Memorial Trophy - Best bag at Ashbourne outing

Peter Buss	Ashbourne	9 lb 6 oz	
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Brown Trout Cup - Biggest Brown from Sussex water

Tony Harrison	Chalk Springs	4 lb 13 oz	15 th March
Steve Mustchin	Hazelcopse	4 lb 5 oz	24 th February

Members' Reservoir Plate - Best Fish from Sussex Reservoir (including Bawl Water)

John Plowman	Bawl Water	3 lb 15 oz	21 st April
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John Leitch Brown Trout Cup - Biggest Brown from Sussex Reservoir or River

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Bawl Pairs

Frank Darrah Memorial Trophy

Nigel Duckworth & Bill Smith	16 fish	35 lb 15 oz
Ian Dunk & Chris Croucher	16 fish	35 lb 5 oz

Branch outing

Jimmy James Memorial Trophies – Best bag

Winner	John Lindley	9 lb 8 oz
Runner-up	Bill Smith	9 lb 7 oz

Plowman Trophy – Best fish

Bill Smith	3 lb 13 oz
Ken Pearce	3 lb 12 oz

Best Brown, Tiger or Brook trout

NONE CAUGHT		
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Charity Pairs

Ray Love & David Painter	14 fish	23 lb 3 oz
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Stillwater Challenge – Chalk Springs

Jim White Pairs

Paul Davis & Ken Pearce	16 lb 11 oz
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Best fish

Paul Davis	5 lb 9 oz
Steve Mustchin	4 lb

Best bag

Paul Davis	11 lb 3 oz
Chris Croucher	8 lb 8 oz

Brass Monkeys Day 2013

Best fish

Steve Mustchin	4 lb 5 oz
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Best bag

Steve Mustchin	6 lb 7 oz
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