

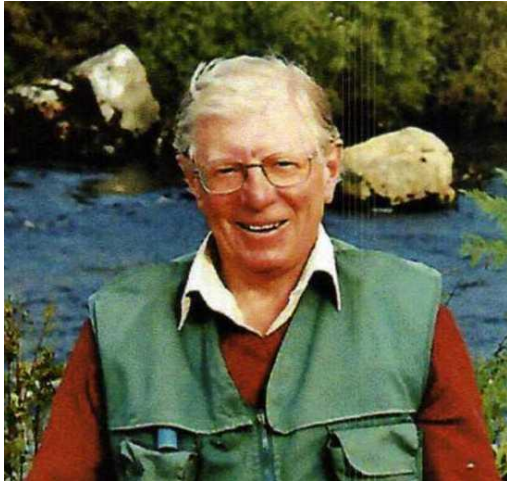


Sussex Branch Newsletter



September/October 2015

PETER NEAVE



It is with great sorrow we have to advise of the untimely death of Peter, who will be remembered with affection as the consummate gentleman as well as a great fly-tyer – he was the first recipient of the Guild's Gold Award and a great fishing companion to many of our members.

A Requiem Mass was held at Our Lady & St Peter's Catholic Church, East Grinstead, on 2nd October and many friends from the Branch and S&TA were in attendance.

He will be greatly missed and we offer our sincere condolences and kind wishes to Janet and family at this sad time.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

There still some subscriptions outstanding!

Subs were due on 1st September and thanks to those who have coughed up on time. However a few are still outstanding and I would be grateful if they could be sent to me ASAP to prevent the Guild dropping you from their mailing list for the "Flydresser" – besides losing your various benefits such as insurance, etc.

Roy Gurney (Membership Secretary)

Congratulations

To Jim Harris who has won the main guilds 'Prize Winners Salmon Fly' fly tying competition with a Curry's Red Shrimp. Hopefully Jim's success will encourage more of you to enter tying competitions.

Ashbourne 2015

A beautiful day in lovely surroundings, seemingly perfect fishing conditions – what more can you wish for? Maybe some compliant fish!!

Our annual outing to this lovely venue proved that fishing is not as easy as it looks! Despite a good level of stocking, fish did not readily appear, and when they did they were most reluctant to even consider taking a fly. This phenomenon is not unique to Ashbourne – reports are that many fisheries are experiencing similar symptoms, maybe linked to high water temperatures,

However, the usual generous hospitality of Doug Chalmers more than compensated our lack of success (or was it expertise?) and a great day was had by all.

The Jack Jupp trophy went to Ray Burt, the only one to bag-up – put that down to his phenomenal fish-sighting ability

Roy Gurney

iFish 2015

The iFish show this year will be held at a much more suitable venue ie Ardingly Showground which has more space, plenty of parking, indoor casting and many other benefits, all it lacks is visitors. So will you **please** download the front and back pages of the Show leaflet and ensure that YOU and your friends and contacts attend the Show.

Tony W

AUCTION

15th October 2015

At 7.30 pm sharp

(viewing from 6.45 pm)

The catalogue for this Autumn's auction is now available and a copy is enclosed (or attached with this newsletter for those of you receiving by e-mail). It can also be downloaded from the website:

www.sussexflydressers.org.uk

There is a very good selection of sea tackle, as well as game a coarse tackle, some great flies and fly-boxes. Lots include items from our late member, Ivan Everest. Plenty of bargains to be had!

STOP PRESS!

As well as the usual cash and cheque, we can now accept payment by card, so no excuse for not buying!

Tell all your friends and acquaintances and bring them along- the more the merrier!

If you cannot make it, you can leave your bids at fdgsussex@capel29.plus.com put-ting "AUCTION BID" as subject of your e-mail. You can also phone Roy on 01273 581519.

SIMON COOPER

Our speaker on 1st October was the author of "Life of a Chalkstream" and MD of Fishing Breaks.

He gave us a very entertaining and educative insight into the history and day to day management of chalkstreams with beautiful illustrations (despite having to use his own projector when ours failed to function!). We look forward to an early return for tales of his more exotic adventures sometime soon.

Chairman's Chat

This was an interesting site for us, for all the wrong reasons. As you can see, this is a Crump weir gauging station for continuously measuring river flows.

The European Union stated something to the affect that "all rivers should have access for migratory fish". That's OK; you

will paying the bill. The difference at this site is that electro fishing surveys has determined that there are no fish in the river.

So why build a fish pass or alter the structure to accommodate fish ? incidentally another requirement was that the structure should continue to measure river flow.



River Flow Gauging Station

The answer to this simple question is the European Union and therefore the client also wanted a fish pass system at this structure.

Tony Woolnough

SOUTH OF ENGLAND GAME FAIR

Friday 2nd of October saw the last of the Shows for us this year. Due to a misunderstanding, no one turned up to help me load my car, consequently I loader up myself and turned up at Ardingly with but a thin veneer of charm remaining, to be greeted by Alan Wells, Nathan Winter and John Plowman . Due to the numbering of roof supports, suggested by Bill Smith, the tent went up in record time.

Saturday up to about mid morning, found John Plowman and I fog bound and freezing in the tent , making every effort to demonstrate fly tying (no comments please) and getting members of the public interested in iFish and the FDG. Actually we received lots on interest from the public and managed to distribute lots of literature and take the details of several potential new members. A good day, despite the cost of refreshments !

Sunday the team comprised Jim Harris, Bill Black, Dave Walker and I. The day was bright and sunny which brought out many more punters than the previous day. Dave Walker and Bill Black spent almost all the day at the vice under the critical eye of Jim Harris. Once again we had lots of interest in the FDG and iFish. It was worth attending the show to advertise iFish alone. I poked about in the Food Hall I where iFish is to be held and questioned the stall holders about broadband and mobile 'phone reception for running card

machines for iFish. The consensus was that reception was satisfactory, provided you entered the code number for the building into your card machine – we shall see.

Bill Black and I managed to scrounge a lesson in Spay Casting which Bill did very well – I was to the standard of my fly tying !

Once again Dave Walker helped me to transport and unload the tent etc and stack it ready for next year.

Overall a successful Show; mainly due to the good weather and the reduction of the entrance fee to £10 with under sixteens' going in free. The interest in iFish alone made the days worthwhile.

Tony W

Calling all members – your Branch needs your help!
iFISH is only a few weeks away and we have a number of positions that we will need assistance with on Sunday 22nd November. Entry, time to see the fly fair and lunch will be provided.

A list of the roles (which are not exhaustive at present) include:

- **Tier's of all standards- to encourage Branch interest, PA(already taken),**
- **Entry point stewards, car park control, hands to unload stands equipment and to load after the show**
- **Lecture theatre (already taken), Sussex FDG stand (at least five), Sussex FDG tying stands, marshals in casting area**

SPEAKER EVENING 5th NOVEMBER @ 7.45pm

This month's speaker is Steve and Di from ESOX HUNTERS. Highly informative and something completely different – Ice fishing in Canada for pike.
Patcham Community Centre @ 7.45pm
£3 on the door, all welcome including raffle entry



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