

Cinder Hill



Cinder Hill Fly Fishing Summer Newsletter 2022

I can't believe we are now nearly the end of June, and the South of England Show is behind us already! This season has been excellent so far with some great catches from all the lakes, most notably a 4lb brown which overwintered and came out on 1st April at Cinder Hill along with many of the larger fish which were stocked for the Macmillan charity fishing day in May. There have been many bag limits and good catch and release numbers recorded, and of course a few blanks too. The advantage of membership is that you can just go again as with 25 annual visits there is no pressure like a commercial water! Remember you can use 2 visits per week currently, but they must not be at the same venue as this helps balance out demand at the lakes. We will continue to stock until the conditions are not favourable and this is usually fortnightly.

As I write we have had the summer's first high temperatures rising into the upper 20's and a lack of rain means the fishing will get more difficult. Please note this has now resulted in all catch and release to be suspended for this season. However, be assured there are plenty of fish in both Piplye and Cinder Hill and the longer they remain in there they will be more focussed on the natural food so flies that worked a few weeks ago will probably not now.

Membership is now closed for 2022 and we welcome our many new members who have joined us this year.

Work parties

Please join our work parties when the details are emailed out, the syndicate is entirely run by ourselves, and the regular sessions are a great way to meet other members and become involved in the day-to-day maintenance of our lakes. This usually involves cutting back and strimming the banks, lopping a few branches, and removing weed from two of the lakes at Piplye.

Charity Macmillan day

In May we held our annual charity day in support of Macmillan cancer nurses and 20 members and guests enjoyed a great day's fishing albeit the weather forecast was completely wrong, and it rained most of the day! Mandy and Val once more deserve our heartfelt thanks for providing hot and cold drink and food all day along with the now famous barbeque! Special thanks go to member Jim Awcock once more for kindly providing the very best sausages and burgers for our lunch. A total of **£705.00** was raised bringing our total over the last 5 events to c **£3k**. Some of the larger trout showed on this day and several were caught in the 4 - 5 ½ lb weight.



Thank you to all the members who have supported this popular event, and we will be holding this again in 2023. A very special thank-you also to member Laurie Storer who has been the sponsor of this event since we started in 2017.

South of England Show

Recently the syndicate once more attended the South of England Show at the Ardingly Showground with our well-established fly-fishing stand. Over recent years the displays in the stand have been much upgraded and this year many commented on how smart we looked! The syndicate supports the South of England Agricultural Society at this event to promote fly fishing as a sport, to raise awareness for the syndicate and generally to meet the public. We enjoyed a busy 3 days with good weather for a change!

A special mention must be made for the supreme efforts of our 2 instructors, Kevin Reeves (chairman) and Mark Brown (level 2 coach and APGAI instructor) who tirelessly did demonstrations and lessons over the 3 days. We are proud that we introduced over 100 youngsters to fly casting, many of whom were girls which is very encouraging.



Annual dinner

Until the pandemic struck the syndicate held an annual dinner and for obvious reasons 2019 was the last event however, after discussing with several members and committee members, we will be contacting everyone later this summer to trial a Sunday Lunch most likely to be held at the spacious Crown Inn in Horsted Keynes. If we run this, it would be good to see it well supported to get our social calendar back on track.

Cinder Hill is a shooting estate from October and when we know the extent of activity and dates, we will publish these, and as usual we will advise when the lakes are unavailable to us.

Finally, we wish everyone a good summer.

Best wishes,

Mark Orchin
Secretary / Organiser
Cinder Hill Fly Fishing