

## Chairman's Introduction

After 2 years of social distancing, on February 4<sup>th</sup> this year, we held our much-awaited AGM. With some members still wary of COVID, the attendance was diminished but still enough to produce some lively debate among those passionate enough to give up their Friday night and be part of shaping of the club for the ensuing 12 months. With all agenda items ably explained by Tim Wood and received by the committee, bailiffs and members, we sailed through to the proposed rule changes, raffle and question and answer session.

I ensured a special thanks were conveyed to our Water Wardens, Bailiffs, Committee Members and volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the wheels in motion and make this great club ticking all year round.

A fantastic contribution of raffle prizes was on array, contributed by Kent and Sussex tackle shops and one of our Angling Professionals - Kevin Durman

The free membership draw for Work Party participants and also the free membership for "Find a Forty" were well received.

One noticeable point on the night was very apparent - our members vote on all aspects of how the club runs, therefore, to have YOUR say, you must be there. We run the club for you, and you are our future (especially our Juniors). We hope to see many more of you at our next AGM to ensure the lively debate continues and we deliver on what YOU as our heartbeat would like to see adopted/adapted/introduced - **Trevor**

## President - Ted Blunt

It gives us great sadness to have to let you all know that our much-loved president Ted Blunt has passed away. He devoted so much of his time over the years to help make the club what it is today. During the 60's, 70's and 80's Ted ran the very successful match scene within the club.

The club has donated £100 towards Hartley House that Ted's family have told us that was close to Ted.

Rest in peace Ted.

## Lydd

Please note this season Lydd will be closed to members on the following dates:

22nd May 2022 from 6am to 8pm

30th May 2022 from 6am to 31st May 2022 8pm

18th September 2022 from 6am to 8pm

During these times there is to be no access at all including visiting for a look around.

## Brookland

To help ease some pressure off of Lydd and encourage more members to fish Brookland, particularly through the winter time, as of the 1st June Brookland will become a 3-rod water.

So, providing you have an EA licence for 3 rods you will be able to fish this water with three rods.

## Photos

It's great to see so many of our new members getting out there and sending in photos of their catches. We love to see them, it really helps us understand the waters that need stocking and with what. So please keep your photos coming in. Please email any photos to

[info@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk](mailto:info@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk)



## New Waters Wanted

We are always looking at adding more waters to our already large portfolio. If you know of a water that may be available, please get in touch with our Chairman Trevor on 07460024294 or email [info@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk](mailto:info@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk)



## Quick Bites

Please be aware that we have given the details of all our waters to the Environment Agency for them to include in their patrols where possible.

Please note there is a closed season on the River Medway, White Kemp Sewer and all parts of RFA waters you can fish with your membership

It has been reported to the committee that some members are using rather colourful language at the top of their voice around the club waters, this is a family club we ask that you be mindful of this.

## Guest Ticket Rules

Adult and Senior members may request a guest ticket for fishing guests. The application must be made to the membership officer, **at least 24hrs IN ADVANCE** giving dates required, which venue and the name of the guest.

The guest ticket fee may be paid by bank transfer to CADAC Sort Code 30-92-36 Account No.00033581 or a cheque/postal order is acceptable to be sent to the club's address.

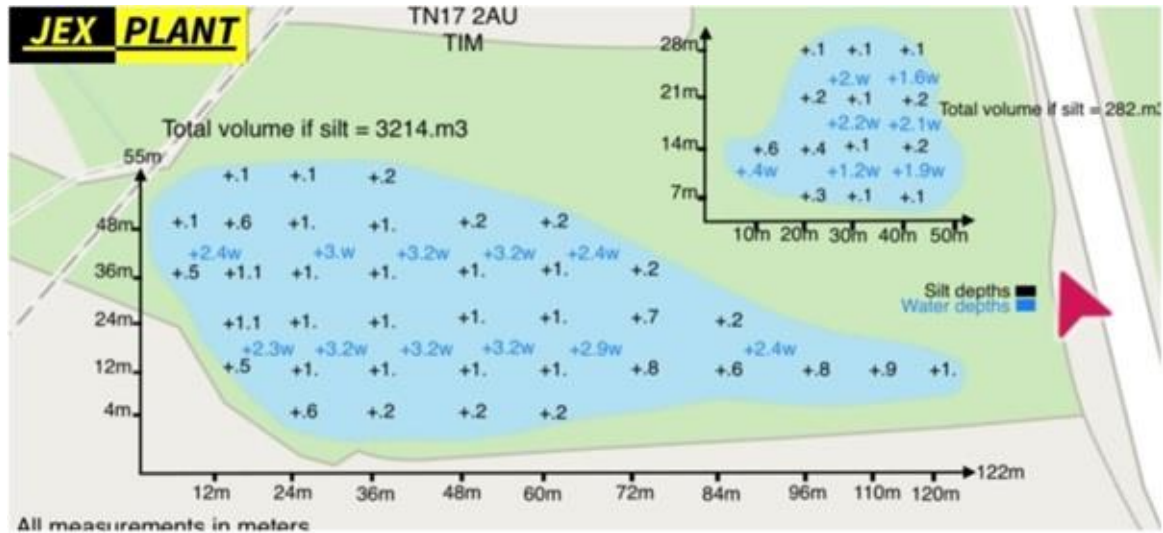
The guest ticket will be issued in any of the following forms text, e-mail or letter.

Permission will be given on the understanding that the club member will be responsible for any damage, injury or trespass that may occur. Guest Ticket Fees are: £20 for 24hrs

**Burnt Wood**

This is an update to members on the regeneration project at our Burnt Wood venue. As mentioned in the Winter Newsletter, the Committee are committed to invest in the water to ensure the fishing is improved for our membership.

Following the update, we sought advice from various specialists and carried out a Bathymetric Silt Survey to determine how much silt might need to be removed. Fortunately, and surprisingly, the amount of silt was not as much as first thought, and this means we will not be carrying out any dredging. Here is the silt survey:



Our previous chalking appears to be working but we have, in the past, focussed on the margins and so we will now continue with chalking on a regular basis and focus on the middle areas. It will take a lot of applications to improve the depths in these areas, but it is the most cost-effective way.

Dredging the middle areas is both impractical and given the volume also costly. We just need to win the battle of ensuring more chalk goes in and less leaves. Since the [Winter Newsletter](#), we have coppiced the right-hand bank and we will look to do the same on the left-hand bank and at the far end this coming winter. It is too late to do this now as it is Summer. This will also give us time to tidy up the areas recently done as part of our work parties.

We are also looking at improving the Solar installation and when this is completed will look to run the three aeration stones longer. Previously we ran these at night/early morning when the dissolved oxygen was at its lowest. By clearing the trees, we will also improve wind movement – on its own one of the most effective providers of oxygen.

We will then also apply chalk in the Autumn – around 2 tonnes. Tree clearance will improve marginal plant levels such as lilies and irises etc. We will look to install some oxygenating plants when the time is right.

Whilst we cannot be sure, we believe that around 10 carp were lost in the Winter oxygen crash but as we only found six dead fish, we cannot be certain. We will look to refresh the fish stocks as and when we are certain the water quality is right.

Dave Sherwood, Club Secretary, has been doing a lot of the work down there himself in terms of burning tree debris, tidying up and weekly water quality checks etc so big thanks go to him. We would like to also thank Andy Wade for his work at the water as he has been spending a lot of time there doing swim maintenance, moving logs etc. as well.



**Message from your Match Secretary**

Yet another season is under way. The inter club matches seem to be going down very well. Another club "Lydd" has joined us for this season. This means we will have some new waters to fish.

Last season was full of good matches with lots of great banter, so why not give it ago you may surprise yourself. The anglers that fish the matches are always very helpful and will gladly give you a hand if your new to match fishing. Tight Lines Bill Mitchell



**Family Day** - We will be holding our annual Family Fishing Day & BBQ at Runham Lake on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 9am to 3pm

This is a free event for members and non-members.

It's a great bit of fun for all the family with qualified angling coaches, so spread the word!

It would be great to see some new faces and the next generation of anglers.

We also have a number of free coaching sessions available to book. Please see the [website](#) for more information.



## Work Parties

A work party schedule has been sent out with your membership pack (in the hope you can attend at least one) and is also available on our website. It is also a good idea to regularly check the News page of our website for any updates or changes as we sometimes have to instigate last minute work. They are fun and not hard work at all and they are a good time to get inside information about the venue and meet your Committee.

It would be great to see more of you come along, as the Committee struggle to do everything on their own, surely you can spare just one morning or evening in a year?

Plus, if you do come along your name will be entered into a draw at the next AGM and you could win a free membership for next year.

### The next few work parties are:

Sun 5th June – BROOKLAND

Sun 26th June - PATTENDEN LANE

Sun 3rd July - BURNT WOOD

Wed 3rd August (eve) – RUNHAM



## Annual 48hr Carp Match

This year's 48hr carp match will be at Brookland Reservoir from Friday 24th - Sunday 26th June.

The draw takes place at 6pm on the Friday for a 7pm start.

BBQ on Saturday and will finish on Sunday at 7pm.

Places are limited to 15 members and must be booked in advance with Dave Sherwood by email ([membership@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk](mailto:membership@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk)).

£10 entry fee must be paid before the match date via BACS with your surname as the reference.

**1st prize is £50, 2nd prize £30 and 3rd prize £20!**

## Toilets

Toilets have been delivered to the following locations: Burnt Wood, Pattenden, Lydd, Brooklands and Runham. Please can you use them and make sure to keep them clean for others!

At waters that don't have toilets please make sure you have something like the bivvy loo that you can use.

**Anyone found to be going in the bushes will be banned for life.**

Keep checking our [website](#) for all the latest news and information. This should be your first point of call for anything to do with club news, information & rules.

Enjoy the rest of the 2022/23 season and we look forward to seeing you all on the bank very soon.

Kind Regards

Cranbrook and District Angling Club Committee

## Facebook Group

We have a fantastic member's only Facebook page.

Great chats, a bit of banter, photos of catches and new this coming season, some special offers coming from our club supporters.

Make sure you are joined up, so you don't miss out.

