



# PAXMANS ANGLING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023/24

**Hosted by:** Mr Jack Davison (Chairman & Fisheries Officer)  
Mr Steve Cook (Treasurer & Assistant Fisheries Officer)

**Minuted by:** Mrs Sarah Cook (Secretary)

## IN MEMORIAL

It is with regret that we must inform the meeting of the passing away of one of our Life Members and Ex Treasurer: Mr. Colin Lundstrum during the 2023/24 Season.



# WELCOME

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Apologies for Absence from:





# 2022/23 MEETING MINUTES

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2022/23 Minutes were published on the website and on our Facebook page.





# 2023/24 Fisheries Report

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Mr. Jack Davison  
(Chairman & Fisheries Officer)

# St.Osyth Triangle

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## MATCHES

We have hired out the Triangle for several matches this year and have seen consistently big catches. As late as December, matches were being won with over 100lb of Carp. In addition, decent numbers of high-quality silvers are being caught.

## WATER LEVELS

Water levels remained at good levels throughout the season, nevertheless we have both emergency aeration equipment and a more permanent option using the farms irrigation pump in place ready to be used should the need arise.

## PLANS FOR 24/25

We introduced 10 new swims, created using plastic pallets last season and intend to clear the end bank of the heavy tree growth this season, and install 4 further swims constructed in the same manner. We will continue to offer lake hires for matches, to boost club funds, whilst angler numbers are low.

# St.Osyth Rectangle

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## 22/23 SEASON STOCKING

Late in the 22/23 season we stocked 12,000 mixed Silver fish plus 500 Crucians and Tench.

Angling pressure has been low, but those that have fished it, have reported seeing some of these fish show, and most encouraging is that some of the Tench have been caught.

## WATER LEVELS

Water levels remained at good levels throughout the season, nevertheless we have both emergency aeration equipment available, however the reduction in biomass we have seen by removing numbers of Carp, will undoubtedly help us maintain tolerable dissolved oxygen levels, should water levels drop and the weather work against us.

## PLANS FOR 24/25

Numbers of Carp remain high, the total number removed since we started is around 175 fish. Our plans to change this water to a true mixed fishery are still ongoing and we aim to reduce Carp numbers further still, as big catches are still being reported.

We have already introduced in winter 23, a further 12,000 mixed Silver fish, to further boost the originally stocking.

We'll continue to monitor catch reports and will make decisions on further stocking for winter 24 nearer the time.



# Alresford

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## TREE WORK

We are working with the landowner, to prevent excessive damage we have seen recently during high winds. This is being achieved by a pro-active approach to tree cutting and maintenance. High-level trees and undergrowth are also being thinned slightly to improve air-flow across the water's surface to support dissolved oxygen levels.

## CATCH REPORTS

This season, as most has seen the usual good numbers of Carp in the twenties caught. A couple of captures have been reported of original commons over the 30lb barrier, and Grass Carp to 36lbs have been reported.

Whilst the pike fishing has been slow this winter with only a small group of anglers fishing for them, there have been a reasonable number of fish of double figures, up to around 18lbs reported, which is a real positive as it has been a few years since Pike of this size have been caught.

## STOCK MANAGEMENT/ PLANS FOR 2024/25

We netted the bottom end of Alresford late in 2023 and managed to remove around 430lbs of extremely high-quality silver fish.

This was done to reduce the biomass of the silver fish species and promote improved water quality for the Carp and other larger species.

# Home Farm

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## WATER LEVELS

The water level as usual, did drop this season, however it was not as low as the previous season and dissolved oxygen levels were monitored regularly.

As of February 2024, the water level is extremely high rendering some swims unfishable, however the higher it is during the winter, the less we lose during the summer, making the busiest time for anglers generally more comfortable with more water to fish.

## FISH STOCKS

Early this winter we obtained 10x C5's (5 Summer Carp) of the Simmo strain. They were all between 11 and 14lbs and were split between Home Farm and Wix 2.

Whilst we are very conscious of already high numbers of Carp and Catfish in Home Farm, we wanted to stock a small number of fish from a proven growing strain to see if they would still achieve their potential.

The 5 fish stocked can be seen in the photographs coming on the next slide.

## FISH STOCKS CONT..

Original Carp to just over 30lbs have been caught in this past season, along with a few of the other 'originals' in the mid-20s.



# Home Farm (2023 C5 Simmo Fish #1)

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# Home Farm (2023 C5 Simmo Fish #2)

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# Home Farm (2023 C5 Simmo Fish #3)

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# Home Farm (2023 C5 Simmo Fish #4)

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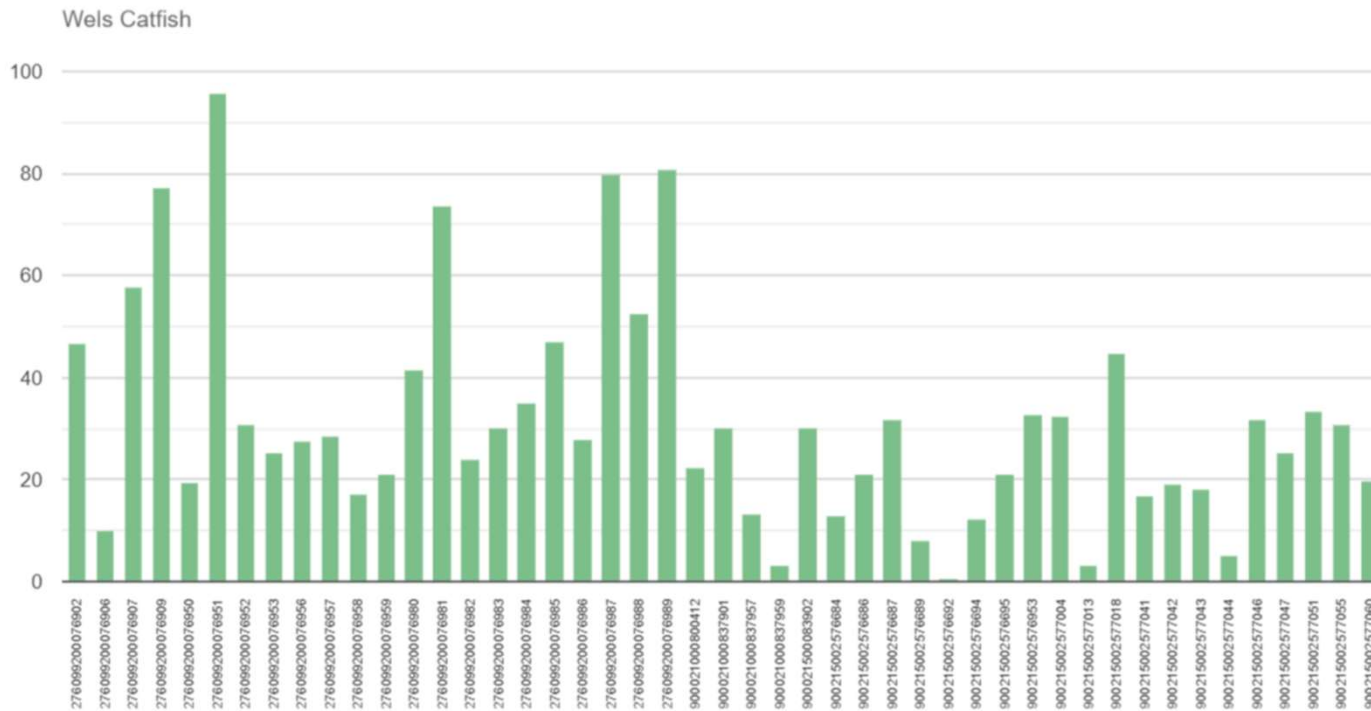
# Home Farm (2023 C5 Simmo Fish #5)

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# Home Farm (Catfish Stock)



We now have 47 Catfish Microchipped in Home Farm. This graph shows the current stock, but displays the average for each fish, some have been chipped for a number of years and still show substantial growth year on year.

# Wix (Ramsey Brook) 1

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## WATER LEVELS

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As of February 2024, the water level is to the top.

## FISH STOCKS

The fish from the Alresford Netting were put into Wix 1. This was just over 430lb of high-quality silver fish. These will give the silver stocks a much-needed boost in this water.



# Wix (Ramsey Brook) 2

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## WATER LEVELS

The water level did not drop due to pumping at all this year.

As of February 2024, the water level is to the top.

## FISH STOCKS

Early this winter we obtained 10x C5's (5 Summer Carp) of the Simmo strain. They were all between 11 and 14lbs and were split between Home Farm and Wix 2.

In addition to those fish, we stocked a further 10x 21-24lb C6's in February 24.

We have now stocked a total of 16 fish over 20lbs, which plus the originals, means we believe there is in the region of 22-25 fish over 20lbs, with at least one of those over 30lbs.

We have been feeding the fish over winter, and will continue to do so well into spring, to ensure they are in prime condition for this coming season and to keep their growth rates up whilst it is seeing less angling pressure.

We successfully removed most of the Catfish during 2023, with only 8 micro-chipped fish left in there, all of these are low 20's and below.

We will be looking again this season, at retaining systems for the remaining Catfish and for smaller Carp caught in order we can sort them and remove what we need to keep the biomass at sensible levels to allow the large stocked carp to grow to their full potential.



# Wix 2 (22/23 C6 Chilston Fish #1)



# Wix 2 (22/23 C6 Chilston Fish #2)



# Wix 2 (22/23 C6 Chilston Fish #3)





# Wix 2 (22/23 C6 Chilston Fish #4)





# Wix 2 (22/23 C6 Chilston Fish #5)

Unfortunately found deceased Summer 2023 – Spawn Bound Related Infection



# Wix 2 (22/23 C6 Chilston Fish #6)



# Wix 2 (Nov 23 C5 Simmo Fish #1)

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# Wix 2 (Nov 23 C5 Simmo Fish #2)

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# Wix 2 (Nov 23 C5 Simmo Fish #3)

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# Wix 2 (Nov 23 C5 Simmo Fish #4)

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# Wix 2 (Nov 23 C5 Simmo Fish #5)

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# Wix 2 (Feb 24) (C6 Dink/Leney Cross - Fish #1)

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# Wix 2 (Feb 24) (C6 Dink/Leney Cross - Fish #2)

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# Wix 2 (Feb 24) (C6 Dink/Leney Cross - Fish #3)

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# Wix 2 (Feb 24) (C6 Dink/Leney Cross - Fish #4)

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# Wix 2 (Feb 24) (C6 Dink/Leney Cross - Fish #5)





# Wix 2 (Feb 24) (C6 Dink/Leney Cross - Fish #6)



# Wix 2 (Feb 24) (C6 Dink/Leney Cross - Fish #7)

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# Wix 2 (Feb 24) (C6 Dink/Leney Cross - Fish #8)





# Wix 2 (Feb 24) (C6 Dink/Leney Cross - Fish #9)



# Wix 2 (Feb 24) (C6 Dink/Leney Cross - Fish #10)



# Decoy Pond

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## WATER LEVELS

Although Decoy is not an irrigation pond, we do see fluctuations in water level due to restrictions on the inlet and outlet. Currently the water level is very high. We are in contact with the council to see if they will clear the outlet.

## THE FUTURE

Currently we still have no formal lease on the water, this is due to Taylor Wimpy currently being in legal ownership of the pond, and our old contact from there leaving the company. Once the housing development is complete the ownership is due to pass to the local council, with whom we have agreed lease conditions.

We believe the delay in the handover to the council is due to building delays on the Taylor Wimpy site.

Carp numbers are significantly lower than a few years ago due to the extensive poaching during COVID and poor water conditions that came with such a huge stock of fish.

Whilst not the method of choice for reducing stocks, those issues overall have led Decoy's stock into a much becoming much more sustainable and overall better quality.

There are signs of plenty of good quality young carp growing through and silver stocks continue to be present in good numbers, even some of the small Tench stocked a couple of years ago have shown up recently.





# 2023/24 Treasurers Report

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Mr. Steve Cook  
(Treasurer & Assistant Fisheries Officer)

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023/2024 SEASON

### INCOME

SENIOR MEMBERS 225 @ £100.00	£ 22,500.00
INTERMEDIATE MEMBERS 6 @ £40.00	£ 240.00
JUNIOR MEMBERS OVER 12yrs 15 @ £35.00	£ 525.00
JUNIOR MEMBERS UNDER 12yrs 22 @ £30.00	£ 660.00
O.A.P. MEMBERS 101 @ £80.00	£ 8,080.00
CONCESSIONARY MEMBERS 19 @ £80.00	£ 1,520.00
NON ANGLERS 47 @ £10.00	£ 470.00
DECOY POND ONLY MEMBERS 11 @ £50.00	£ 550.00
NIGHT PERMITS 160 @ £50.00	£ 8,000.00
GUEST TICKETS 37 @ £10.00	£ 370.00
PRIVATE MATCHES	£ 80.00
SALE OF CLUB CLOTHING	£ 30.00
DONATIONS	£ 15.00

### TOTAL

£ 43,040.00

### EXPENDITURE

CLUB WATERS	£ 22,000.00
WATER MANAGEMENT	£ 17,460.58
INSURANCE ANGLING TRUST & FISH LEGAL	£ 672.00
CLUB PRINTING & STATIONARY	£ 775.85
WEBSITE & MOBILE PHONE	£ 217.50
DONATIONS & REFUNDS	£ 220.00
AGM & COMMITTEE MEETINGS	£ 438.40
COMMISSION	£ 587.00
EXPENSES FOR MAINTENANCE	£ 435.94
COMMITTEE, CATFISH & CARP MATCH	£ 231.00

### TOTAL

£ 43,038.27

### BALANCE SHEET

CHEQUE BOOK	£ 30,952.32
CASH IN HAND	£ 2,283.55

TOTAL £ 33,235.87

CLUB FUNDS 2022/2023	£ 33,234.14
THIS YEARS PROFIT	£ 1.73

### TOTAL

£ 33,235.87

22ND FEBRUARY 2024  
S.R. COOK - HON TREASURER



# 2024/25 Election of Officers

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All currently standing club officials are happy to stand for the 24/25 season.



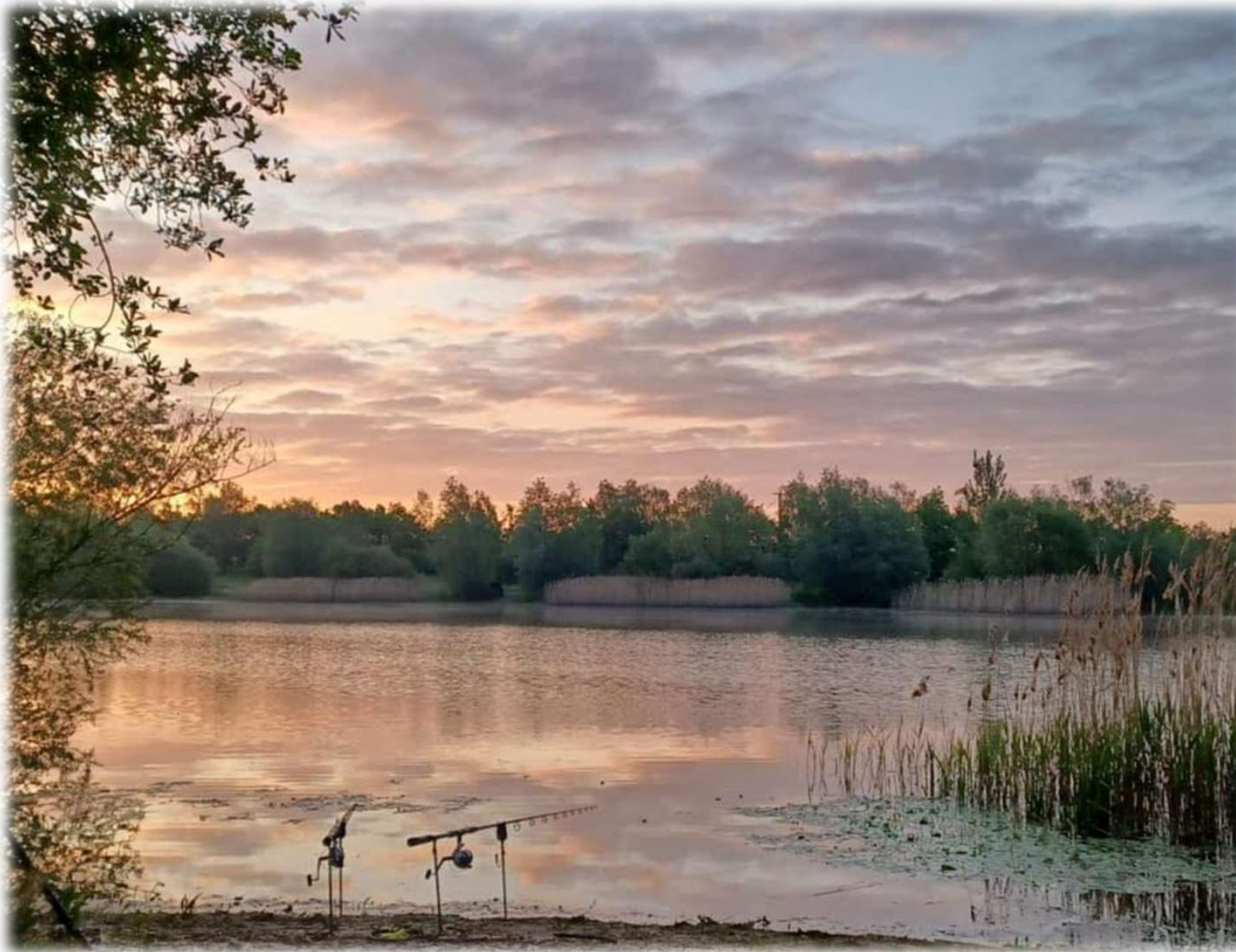


# Any Other Business

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The floor is opened to any other business.





# Thank you

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## Club Officers:

Mr Jack Davison (Chairman & Fisheries Officer)  
Mr Steve Cook (Treasurer & Assistant Fisheries Officer)  
Mrs Sarah Cook (Secretary)

## Club Committee Members:

Mr Allan Heffernan  
Mr Ashley Thomas  
Mr Bob Stancombe  
Mr Mark Ratcliffe  
Mr Mark Sherman  
Mr Paul Marchant

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