

Grafham Water Fly Fishers – Club Activities Update

Winter Programme

Tuesday 14th February – Boat Fishing Tactics – Lianne Frost- Grafham Water Harbour View Restaurant 7.30pm for 8pm

The date for the next winter evening a talk on 'Boat Tactics' has been changed from Tuesday 7th February to **Tuesday 14th February.**

Our vice chair and highly successful angler Lianne Frost will be giving a talk on the boat tactics, which have brought her to the pinnacle of international fly fishing. Lianne is England Ladies captain and shortly to represent the UK in Canada. Lianne is a frequent fisher on Grafham and most of the major still waters and is well versed in both pleasure and competition boat fishing. This will be a valuable talk for all looking to increase their knowledge on boat tactics. We will be live streaming this meeting on Zoom joining instructions below, but please do come and join us in person if you can.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82081569386?pwd=dXNUeUJXT2JOSWE5ZHVBnIreEFzQT09>

Meeting ID: 820 8156 9386

Passcode: 810531

Tuesday 21st February – Anglian Water Season Review – Catherine Keating – Park Manager - Grafham Water Harbour View Restaurant 7.30pm for 8pm

We welcome Catherine Keating Park Manager, and representatives from Anglian Water to review the past season and an update us on developments for the new season. Always an enlightening and interesting evening and a chance to answer any questions you might have about the forthcoming season.

Tuesday 7th March – GWFFA Annual General Meeting – Followed by a talk on 'Fly Concepts, Construction & Functionality' from John Vincent – Grafham Harbour View Restaurant 7.30pm for 8pm

Our AGM is open to all members. A resume of the club activities, achievements in club matches, actions and expenditures and plans for the coming season. This is also an opportunity to put your name forward if you would like to get involved in the running of the club. We are always pleased to have new members involved with the club committee.

After the AGM, John Vincent a keen fly tier and successful angler who has spent many an hour in his 'shed' will share with us his thoughts on the concepts and functionality of flies for their intended purpose. John does think 'outside the box' so comes up with some innovative ideas. This will be a chance to reflect on how we set about our fly design.

Saturday 18th March – GWFFA Annual Dinner & Prizegiving – Grafham Harbour View Restaurant 7pm for 7.30pm

We have not had an annual dinner for the last couple of years due to the Covid situation. Now that restrictions are lifted, and we are more or less back to normal we are pleased to hold our annual dinner again. We have chosen to return to the Harbour View Restaurant who have a new catering team and is a perfect setting for our dinner. In addition to the dinner, we will have the formal presentation of prizes for the cup winners from the last season and of course a chance to have night out with your partners.

The dinner is a three-course menu including coffee and table wine at an inclusive price of £35.00 per person. (please see attached menu) **We would be grateful if you could respond ASAP to indicate if you will be attending so we have an idea of numbers. Please email Christopher Faulkner at: tophergfaulkner@gmail.com**

The final menu choices we need to confirm to Christopher by Wednesday 8th March.

Other Events

GWFFA Grafham Bank Clearance

We have continued with our bank clearance sessions this year meeting alternate Mondays and have made some real progress with the bank clearance. So far we have cleared; The Seat, Sailing Club Bay, Pylon Bank, Deep Water Point, Long Bank, Pig Bay, Harts Bluff, and the Stumps. We are now working on the Willows Bank and G Marker, we will then turn our attention to the south shore and Plummer Park. This will provide clear bank access as the water levels return. If we have time in this year's programme we would also like to return to the Sludge bank and clear the gaps that used to provide access along this shore at high water. Given how well this bank has fished it would be great to have access at all water heights. Also, Wyndham's way is in need of bridge repair to make this an easy route to the Sludge Point.

If you can make the days, please do come along and join us. The works not too arduous, you get to meet fellow members and Anglian Water provide an incentive of a free boat voucher for every 4 sessions attended. It is also making a real difference to the bank fishing at Grafham.

Forthcoming dates are as below. Meet at the fishing lodge at 09.30am.

Monday 30th January

Monday 13th February

Monday 20th February