

# Grafham Water Fly Fishers June Newsletter



Welcome to our June Newsletter. Now that summer has finally arrived (or has it?) it is great to see some of the benefits of our bank clearance with the number of wildflowers gracing our banks. A haven for insect life, which might also be of interest to the trout!



## Update from our Chair



The prevailing northerly winds have made the fishing a little different than usual for this time of year it seems to me. I have been fishing Rutland water a lot and with the slightly cooler than normal water temperatures for May the fish have stayed in the edges, seemingly on shrimp in a lot of places there. Normally we would have expected the fish to have gone out by now. I was lucky enough to catch this lovely brownie at Rutland right in the edge in coloured water (quickly returned to the water!) June is likely to see the fishing getting harder as the temperatures rise and the fish start to discover pin fry.

I'm pleased to report from my regular meetings with Anglian Water that they are seeking to get their own drogues made given the difficulties they have had recently sourcing them. Please continue to let the duty rangers know if you find your drogue has been damaged in any way.

Pitsford has unfortunately been the victim of engine theft recently with the larger engines used on the wheelie boats being a particular target. Please report any suspicious activity you see around any of the AW lakes to the fisheries.

It's been great to see so many members getting involved in club activities and joining in with the WhatsApp groups! Please let any of the committee know if you have ideas of further activities or winter talks you would like us to organise.

Tight Lines!

Lianne

## GWFFA 1st Boat Match 14.05.23

Our first boat match of the season fielded 16 members for an enjoyable day's fishing. The fish were more widespread than of late with fish being caught from all areas of the water. The key area remained as Valley Creek but later in the day this area went off due to algae rising off the lakebed.

The day was kindly supported by Peter Waterhouse of Scottie Products, additionally Ellinor Trout Fishery provided a boat voucher. Our winners for the sponsors draw were Martin Brocklebank, Roger Hurren & John Vincent.

Martin Brocklebank kindly ran the day as Christopher was away on his holidays.

Please see write up on the day by our top rod Steve Jones.

### **Our tactics and areas for first boat match.**

Myself and boat partner Michael started over at Rainbow corner where we saw lots of fish moving and I had my first fish here straight lining buzzers. Michael was using the bung method but had no interest. After a while we moved into Savages and I had lots of interest but nothing stuck. I'd tried the bung and washing line, I kept my flies static and I also tried varying my retrieve but still no more fish. It was proving to be tricky so out of frustration we moved to the top of Sanctuary Bay. Michael had a fish here on the bung and on his bottom dropper. After a while with no more interest we decided to fish the lodge frontage for half an hour before going in for lunch. First cast for me saw my line sail away and the fish took my buzzer on the top dropper. Another cast and same again but this time the fish took my point fly which was also a buzzer. Another fish was lost before lunch, so we thought we'd be ok after lunch.

Bright sun and a flat calm had turned the water at the lodge frontage into a dark chocolate mess with scum all over the surface. We gave it an hour here and I had one more fish to a buzzer, but we decided to try elsewhere. I suggested putting a DI line on and to try pulling to see if we could get any interest that way. We visited the same areas as the morning, and we were armed differently but still no luck. Eventually we got a bit of a breeze and were able to drift into the stumps bank and from 100yds out right up to the bank we started catching. Michael on a DI7 and a black and green pattern, myself on a DI5 with an olive booby. Neither of us really like the pulling method but it was affective when we found some willing fish.

Cheers

Steve

Fished	Boat Number	First Name	Last Name	Pairing	Total Fish Caught	Best Fish Weight Lb's	Weight of killed fish Lb's	Weight of killed fish Oz's	No of fish released Bonus 1	Fish Released Bonus 1	Fish Released Bonus 1	Total Weight LB	OZ
										1/2lb per fish	1/2lb per fish		
										OZ	OZ		
1	31	Steve	Jones		8		7	5	4	6	0	13	5
1	3	Mark	Brinkman		8		6	7	4	6	0	12	7
1	12	Simon	Charter		7		7	7	3	4	8	11	15
1	11	Andy	Linwood		8		5	13	4	6	0	11	13
1	12	Steve	Cracknell		6	2.09	8	9	2	3	0	11	9
1	52	Martin	Brocklebank		5	2.12	8	12	1	1	8	10	4
1	4	Roger	Huren		6	2.09	7	1	2	3	0	10	1
1	11	Alex	Green		5	2.14	7	13	1	1	8	9	5
1	15	John	Archer		3	4	7	13	0	0	0	7	13
1	37	Dayood	Sheik		4	2.08	7	13	0	0	0	7	13
1	3	Colin	Best		5		5	15	1	1	8	7	7
1	37	Dereck	Bravington		4	2.04	7	4	0	0	0	7	4
1	52	John	Vincent		3	2.07	6	5	0	0	0	6	5
1	31	Michael	Daly		3		5	2	0	0	0	5	2
1	4	Nick	Butt		1	2.02	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
1	15	Johan	Dreyer		1	1.15	1	15	0	0	0	1	15
16	Totals		Rod Average	4.8	77								

1 - Match results



2 - Weigh - in 1st Bank Match

3 - Top rod Steve Jones



4 - Sponsors draw prize winners John Vincent, Martin Brocklebank, Roger Hurren

## Fish of the Month May - Andy Bayford



*5 - May fish of the month – 5lb 9oz Rainbow – caught off Sludge Bank at Grafham on a home designed fly. Well done Andy a cracking fish.*

## Clubmate Bookings and Cancellation Policy



Now that Clubmate has been up and running for a few months we thought it would be sensible to confirm the process and policy with regards to event bookings.

### The Process

1. In the App on your phone or on the website go to the home screen and click on “Make a Booking”
2. This takes you to the Calendar and you then need to scroll to the date of the event.
3. On the appropriate date there will be an image and a “book button” – push it and it will reappear with Add to Cart, it will also show you what Fee is required - push the green “Add to Cart” button.
4. At this stage I recommend you then push the green “Continue to Cart” button - I feel it’s easier to book one event at a time
5. The next screen tells you what you are booking and gives you the option of the appropriate fee - this needs to be added to the basket by pushing the “Add to Basket” green button – The basket now has two items in it the event and the fee to pay for it.
6. The next screen shows the basket which will have the image with the event you are booking and the appropriate Credits with a “Continue” button and in the bottom right a picture of a basket with the number 2.
7. Finally push the “Continue” green button - if you have a stored Credit card you event will then be booked and you will receive emails to confirm 1 that the event is booked, and 2 that the payment has been taken. If you do not have a stored card you will need to add your card details and payment will then be made. You can then remove your card details if you do not want them in the system.

### Notes

1. Bookings all must be made from the activity calendar NOT via the on-line shop.

2. If you have previously made a booking and had to cancel it there will be a credit stored in the system so it will automatically be applied to the event assuming it's the same -e.g., a Social Day or a Boat Match. If you have a credit for the Ravensthorpe Dry Fly Day, please contact me when you wish to book a future event and I will sort for you in the administration screen.
3. For all Bank Events/Winter Plate – its included in the membership on Clubmate so all you have to do is to book via the Activities Calendar and it won't ask for any money but tells us you intend to fish. (You just need the £2 cash on the day)

### **Event Cancellation Policy**

1. Once booked in Clubmate the event in your App/ on the website, will say – cancel – which basically tells you that you are booked into it.
2. If you need to cancel the system has been set to allow cancellations up to 36 hours before the event and all you have to do is to push the “cancel” button and you will be removed from the event and a credit will be added to your name in the system for use on a future event. It will also tell you how long the credit is valid for which is usually 12 months from the original booking date.
3. Once the 36-hour cut off has passed credit cannot be given automatically and will then depend on whether the club is able to get the boat cost refunded by Anglian Water. I would expect this to be possible for any adverse weather condition issues.
4. Also, at the 36 hour point the boat pairings and all plans will have been made so any cancellation creates additional work for the organisers.
5. Finally, if for any reason a member wants a cash refund at this point a request should be made to the treasurer – ( [treasurer@gwffa.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@gwffa.co.uk) ) and the refund will then be organised. There will be a £0.50 deduction to cover the payment fees charged through Clubmate so the refund does not cost the Club.

If you are not happy to use Clubmate or do not want to use a payment card events can still be booked by emailing Christopher Faulkner ( [captain@gwffa.co.uk](mailto:captain@gwffa.co.uk) ) – your place will be booked and you can pay cash to the organiser on the day.

Finally if you have any issues or concerns re Clubmate, or thoughts on how Clubmate can be improved, please feel free to contact either Christopher Faulkner ( [captian@gwffa.co.uk](mailto:captian@gwffa.co.uk) ) or Mark Brinkman ( [membership@gwffa.co.uk](mailto:membership@gwffa.co.uk) ) and we will do our best to assist or take your thoughts back to Clubmate.

Christopher



## AMFC Results



### **Group 1 Bewl Water Saturday 20th May**

Group 1 fished Round 2 at Bewl Water in Kent on 20th May. The water fished well although not as well as the day before where one boat practicing had over 100 fish to the boat! With dissipating cloud cover and a gusty increasing cold northerly wind match day for some was easy provided you caught early. As the day went on it became increasingly difficult. GWFFA A came 3rd on the day which was a good result. Steve Jones was our top rod still very much on form after his Grafham boat match win.

1st Greylags

2nd Soldier Palmers

3rd GWFFA A

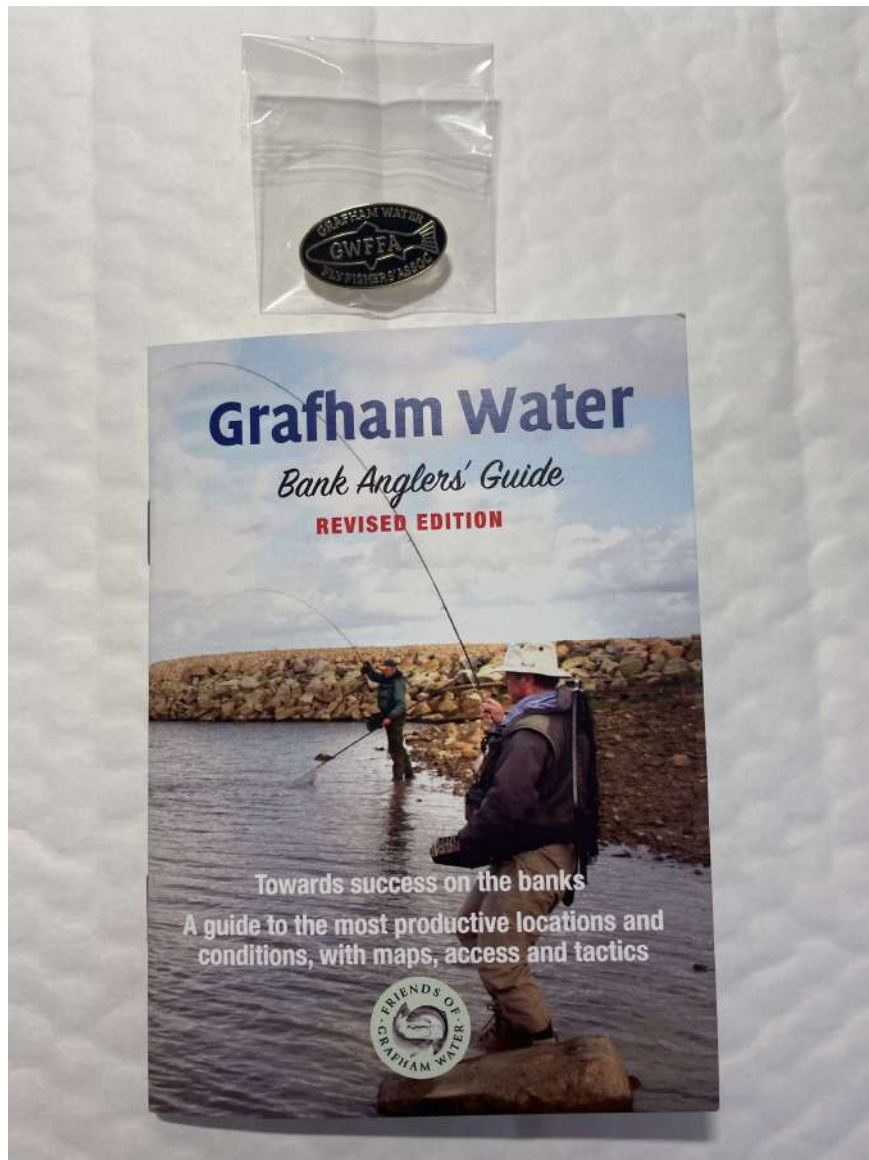
4th Tunbridge Wells

5th Bewl

### **Group 3 Grafham Water Saturday 27th May**

GWFFA hosted round 3 on Grafham with the lodge opening up for breakfast and evening meal. We had a good result on the day with the team coming 2nd place, pipped at the post by one fish!

## Grafham Water Bank Anglers Guide (Revised Edition) and New GWFFA Club Badge



We are delighted to advise that the club has purchased a quantity of the latest revised Grafham Water Bank Guide. This publication is written by Brian Calvert who has fished the water for circa 50 years and has a wealth of knowledge on the water and tactics through the seasons. Brian has recently updated this to take into account changes in the water. It is essential reading as it gives advice on fish location, wind direction, methods, choice of fly etc. Chris Mcleod has worked in collaboration with Brian on the layout and printing. We will shortly be mailing out a copy **Free of Charge to every club member**. This together with our latest club pin badge with the current club logo.

*Vintage*  
  
*Fishing Tackle*



Do you like to use traditional tackle? or have vintage tackle that you do not now use? If that is the case, please read on.

Vintage Fishing Tackle have been operating for twenty years and we sell all types of fishing tackle whether it be antique or modern specialising in high quality items. That doesn't necessarily mean expensive, we have a keen eye for interesting items that would be a joy to own ourselves. Although we specialise in vintage tackle we also have a large selection of retro tackle from the 70s/80s which are proving more popular. Looking over our website you will see we take great pride in everything we offer and are delighted to serve happy customers all over the globe.

We buy in fishing tackle and also offer valuations. You may have a shed full of fishing tackle that you don't know what to do with- please don't throw it away or leave it to rot- send us an email and we can help value what you have, potentially making an offer if we wish to buy it from you. You never know what may be of interest. We are always fair and honest with our valuations and offers and

keep every step straight forward and fuss free. If you would like us to value any tackle you may have please get in touch and let us know you are a member of GWFFA.

To our friends at GWFFA we would like to offer a personal discount code for our website that can be used at our checkout. If you type the code GWFFA10 the discount will automatically be deducted.

Tight Lines!

Vintage Fishing Tackle

[www.vintagefishingtackle.co.uk](http://www.vintagefishingtackle.co.uk)

## Up and coming events

- Friday 9th June - AMFC Group1 Round 3 Rutland Water
- Sunday 11th June - River Test Dry Fly
- Tuesday 13th June - GWFFA social boat day Pitsford Water
- Thursday June 15th - AMFC Group 3 Round 4 Pitsford Water
- Sunday 18th June - GWFFA Dry Fly Day & BBQ Ravensthorpe
- Sunday 25th June - GWFFA Social Boat Day Grafham Water