

9/2/2017 - First meeting of the re-formed Committee

The committee in their new roles are keen to get on with the job and inevitably there will be changes, the committee are keen to delegate as much as possible and spread responsibility.

AGM thoughts. A very well attended meeting, a little strange due to the committee changes, Peter stepped down and the chairman thanked him for his long term efforts. We decided not to allow Pike in matches, retain and return. The Ivy Leaf Club was again very hospitable and the Society now has a couple of Girling AS notices on their notice boards - Thanks.

Our short term objective is to sort out all of the eroded steps and renew the Signs and Peg numbers at Fladbury, work parties will start around March 2017. We know that's a tall order but the committee want everyone to get involved. As an incentive this year, all revenue generated from bookings at Fladbury will be used as prize money for the Cutters Cup match.

All Safe Steps by next Autumn - Progress.

DB has secured a batch of scaffold poles and boards, Brian has a batch of 2x2ft slabs which he plans to cut in half for steps and they plan to tackle the steps in peg 21 as soon as conditions allow. FB plans to put approach steps in pegs 2 and 12 to make them safer which means that pegs 8, 9, 11 and 13 to 26 require new steps i.e. seventeen pegs.

Fladbury recent Maintenance. The steps in peg 10 have finally been completed and you can now trot through without snagging. The three bankside signs have been renewed now showing Society contact details (see photograph in "Works Projects"). The sign by the entrance gate is leaning and needs re-righting, a new sign is ready to attach but we need some strong guys to pull the stand back to the upright position first.

We still plan to fit a raised platform off the sleeper in peg 6 and raised platforms in pegs 8 and 9. That will be platforms in pegs 5 to 9 i.e. all of the silt affected pegs.

Our long term objective is more club bookings at Fladbury. That's what the website is about, the bankside signs now show contact details and we have notices everywhere. We want to attract them and keep them and to achieve that we have to have the pegs fishable and safe for the entire season. Additional revenue means subscriptions remain low and that should attract new members, who knows we may be able to spread the prize money a little further.

Peter Whittingham's Match Trophy. The Committee have decided to dedicate the July Fladbury match to Peter in honour of his 40 years of service. So this year you will be fishing for the "PW July Trophy". It's not shown on the venue list yet and we need to obtain the Trophy.

Silver Fish League; there has been some discussion between the members concerning the SFL. We added two matches in January this year which used to be the WL dates and in those days we used to get 5 or 6 out or worse. Attendance for the recent SFL January matches have been ten and eleven in near arctic conditions, indicating that this format is preferred by the members. Some have caught and returned Carp and registered a dry net which is hard to accept.

We shouldn't be too surprised at these January weights, you would struggle anywhere with the low water and air temperatures. Weights will pick up at Gratuities, Alderhanger Lane and Pool House Farm but you will have to return the Carp. We will continue to monitor this Silver Fish League format.

A December AGM. We have been looking into the implications of a December AGM. The committee have always thought that an AGM in January is a bit disjointed and directly at the end of the season makes more sense. As far as we can tell the issues are (1) paying your subscriptions just before Christmas and (2) the Winter League trophy will not be engraved when presented in December. The Committee have decided "no change".