

Fishery News

24/2/2025 - Fishery Current Condition

We have been unable to clear the pegs due to river conditions & they remain unfishable or dangerous. With only three weeks to the end of the season we will try to clear some of the pegs as soon as possible.

Fishery Status 7th of November

With the river high we were unable to complete the final Bank Clearing session 6/10/24, Dave & Roger had a go at the worst couple of pegs & Frank & Pat cleared the mud off the remaining Steps & Platforms ready for the final Aggregate Match.

The good news is there was no damage to the pegs whatsoever & only the shallow pegs 9, 10 & 12 are unfishable. There's a washed up tree on the top of the bank in peg 22 but that's not urgent. We need to strim the 9 pegs in the Lock Stream & that will do for this season.

There's been an exceptional amount of work completed this season following last season's floods through Oct. 23 to Feb. 24 with half a dozen platforms replaced, new signs, steps lowered and hand rails fitted.

For "Maintenance Status" search;- Members/ Maintenance Projects & Survey.

Fishery Status 30/8/2024

After an incredible amount of work from the members all 35 pegs are safe & fishable condition. It has been a mammoth task following the floods Oct. 23 to Feb. 24, thanks Guys.

On the bank we are sorted, we are also trying to do something about the weed problem. We plan to attend the WACFAC meeting, hopefully we may make some progress mid-October.

Fishery Status 28/7/2024

Access;- Following the initial session in May we have had the tractor down again in July & now the access is superb

Peg Numbers;- All 35 pegs now have clearly marked peg numbers.

Lock Stream Pegs;- All 9 of the lock stream Pegs have been cleared, although now growing back.

Peg 2;- A friend of the Society kindly used his boat Wednesday the 24th of July to help us to remove the overhanging branch. After over 3 hours of effort we had the branch sorted and the peg is fishable again. This was a tough task, a long day and everyone worked hard. The nautical assistance was free of charge & the Society supplied refreshments for the helpers in the Anchor Inn after a hard day. We are very grateful to all that gave up their time, a superb team effort.

Peg 3;- The peg requires clearing. This a shame, it's a superb pole peg and with the big Roach in the stretch we are not realising the potential.

Peg 22;- During the PW Trophy match the platform in peg 22 was noticed to sink further now becoming dangerous, it's safer not to use this peg until the platform is replaced & now top of the job list.

Peg 26;- This peg has the steepest steps on the stretch and Roger has a plan to sort them out.

Peg 27 & 28;- Both pegs have new Platforms.

Bank Clearing Day;- Next session is Sunday 11th of August, all 35 pegs need the sides of the steps cleared that's a Strimmer or a Scythe & possibly a Broom.

For the current maintenance status Search;- Members/ Maintenance /Survey & Projects.

Fishery Status July 2024

Just had the tractor down for the second time cutting the top of the pegs, access is now like a bowling green & all 26 match pegs are in good condition. We have cleared the nine pegs in the lock stream and found that pegs 27 & 28 need new platforms, these lock stream pegs could do with a further strim. All of the 35 pegs now have clearly marked peg numbers.

We have cleared the footpath gate which was totally overgrown with brambles causing walkers to climb over the field gate and had to replace the lock and chain. The notice board in peg 3 and the sign in the lane near to the footpath gate has been renewed.

The large tree lying across pegs 34 & 35 has been removed & overhanging branches in pegs 9 & 10 and overhead branches in peg 24 dealt with.

We have to sort the problem branch in peg 2, cut from the bank you would never get it out, the branch is weak so climbing on & cutting half way is too risky.

Status;- For the current status of the fishery search;- Members/ Maintenance /Survey & Projects.

Bank Clearing;- Next session is Sunday 11/8/2024.

Second Bank Clearing Day

First time around (18/5/2024) we got through an enormous amount of work leaving the lower pegs untouched. We need to clear these pegs, finish lowering the steps in peg 4 and fit handrails in pegs 2 & 4 then re-establish the notice board in peg 3. That's without clearing any overhanging branches or clearing reeds from in front of the pegs oh yes, not forgetting the lock stream pegs.

Sunday 9/6/2024 was a poor turnout with only new member Dave, Frank & Pat turning out. Dave set about clearing pegs using his long scythe, Frank & Pat finished lowering the steps in peg 4. Wednesday saw the trio back, Dave completed more peg clearing & Frank & Pat fitted the two

handrails and re-established the notice board in peg 3. Thanks Gary, the sign looks great & thanks Dave for your hard work.

The good news is that we now have two disabled pegs and the match pegs are ready for the new season but there's more to be done.

Work Party Wednesday 19/6/2024.

There's a work part arranged to clear the top of the pegs Wednesday 19/6/2024 which is growing back fast, that's strimming but more help is required, see "What's App".

There's a couple of overhanging branches and some reeds in front of pegs that will be tackled later in the season.

Bank Clearing Day

Arriving early there was trepidation about the magnitude of the task, 6 months of flooding had taken its toll but the steps with a slab on a H, frame of scaffold design had again withstood the conditions.

Andy, David, Roger, Chris, H, Frank & Pat had a quick chat & decided to tackle the tree stump in peg 26 first. The tree stump turned out to be two short lengths easily moved.

The next Team task was the Flotsam in pegs 18 to 21. These pegs were all covered with up to a couple of feet deep of flotsam. Roger had it sorted with a long rake dragging the debris down and back into to the river. Andy did all the strimming and we worked our way down to around peg 5 and called it a day, four of us went for a well-earned beer.

The remaining pegs will be sorted on the next planned workday of Sunday the 9th of June where we will also clear any reeds away from in front of the pegs. In the mean time we will try to get the steps in peg 4 and the notice board in peg 3 sorted. So far so good, vehicle access sorted and most of the pegs accessible, thanks to the team of the 18th of May.

May 2024 Bank Clearing & Repairs

Gary using his Tractor has cleared the top of the pegs and vehicle access into Fladbury left bank is now superb but no surprise that the pegs are in a mess after 5 months of flooding.

Assessment;- A post Tractor visit revealed a tree trunk up the steps in peg 26, damaged steps in peg 24 & a huge amount of debris between pegs 18 to 21, two pegs have branches extending over the river & the notice board in peg 3 needs to be re-instated. In addition, we plan to lower the steps in peg 4 and put a handrail in pegs 2 & 4.

Repairs;- Frank & Roger (Thursday 9/5/24) sorted the steps in peg 24, it wasn't as bad as it looked, the slabs had lifted and soil eroded but they were soon back in place. Peg 4 now has the bottom step set lower affecting the height of all the existing steps & we will add one or two addition steps to lower the incline, that's a work in progress. The Sign in peg 3 is next.

Bank Clearing;- We start Saturday the 18th of May around 9am. All you will need is a shovel & maybe a broom to clear the steps & if you bring a strimmer or a Machete we can clear the sides of the steps.

Additional Bank Clearing visit to clear vehicle access

With the imminent Fladbury LG Shield match and a large turnout expected but with the tractor down we organised an additional work party specifically to trim the vehicle access.

Brian, Martin, Steve, Roger, Frank & Pat turned out Wednesday 16th August to trim the entire length of the top of the match pegs sufficient to allow vehicles to pass. Brian and Martin did the trimming while others sorted the pegs. The result after nearly three hours of work was amazing. This is the first time we have trimmed the vehicle access. In seasons gone by and before we had vehicle access we used to tolerate banks of shoulder high nettles, cutting a path through the nettles to the top of the peg, how things have changed.

Latest Warning from the Land Owner

We have been warned again about damaging the crops and told in no uncertain terms that we will lose the ability to drive to the pegs if the crops are damaged.

2nd of July 2023 – Fishery Update

Match Pegs;- Access is excellent and the Match Pegs are all in superb condition and very Fishable, all of the signs have been renewed but there's always more to do.

Pegs in the Lock Stream;- All 9 Pegs need clearing and the Platforms and Steps safety checked, that will be sorted next.

Early Season Catches;- The stretch seems to teeming with quality Roach at the moment. Some catches we have heard about;-

- A good bag of Roach on Hemp and Tares on opening day, peg 23.
- Fladbury Cup won with 12lb from peg 22, quality Bream from Pegs 6 & 7 on Maggot.
- Chub & Barbel from peg 26 on the link ledger on meat.
- Well over 30lb of Roach on Hemp & Tares to 1lb 6oz from peg 11 using both stick and Wagglers.

May 20th 2023 Bank Clearing - Update

Gary had earlier cleared the top of the pegs and vehicle access was superb. Andy had a go trimming Friday but found heavy undergrowth, nevertheless trimmed the first 5 pegs.

As usual we had an excellent turnout Saturday and we got a tremendous amount done, but there's always more to do

Saturday Frank, Pat, Brian, Derek, H, Steve and Roger turned out. Frank and Pat erected two new signs in the lane, Roger put a load of rubble in peg 34 and 35, these pegs are directly in the line of the flow from the weir when in flood and being on an old mooring there's nothing to fix to. Roger and Steve started trimming and clearing down from peg 26, Frank and Pat cleared pegs 4 to 14, then swept the upstream pegs after trimming. Derek Brian and H removed several branches in the lower pegs.

We found a huge sodden tree stump in the river in front of peg 17 which had to be cut up into several pieces, everyone helped to get it out.

Pegs 9, 12, 15 and 16 were left for next time, if anyone is looking for a midweek task there's plenty to go at.

Thank's Guys, we will do it all again on the 4th of June, but after today it should be a lot easier.

May 2023 - Update

As we approach the start of Bank clearing we heard that the field had been ploughed to the water's edge leaving a narrow footpath. Gary, the guy that regularly cuts the top of the pegs with his tractor reported that he was able to drive along the bank but had to reverse out.

The Secretary drove down the next day to have a look. Pegs 2 to 13 were reasonably wide but further up towards the weir the path did get quite narrow and there was nowhere to turn around. The conditions were very similar to the first year the field was ploughed and the access tends to widen slightly over time.

Andy spoke with Gary and he offered to clear the top of the pegs to widen the path which was completed Friday the 6th May. It cost the Society a tank of Diesel but the effort required to complete this task by hand would be prohibitive.

We have legal access on foot so please remember that being able to drive into the field is a favour from the Landowner that we will lose if we drive on the crops or fail to secure the gate.

So, as we get into the bank clearing we start with a reasonably wide path to access the pegs. This first session will be strimming and clearing the steps (Shovel & Broom), Saturday or Sunday, we have left it open to suit member's availability, any help is appreciated.



Before

After

February 2023 - Update

The river has fined down and as we approach the end of the season a work party has cleared all of the 26 match pegs. The Platform in peg 22 is leaning slightly and there are one or two overhangs which will be sorted in the close season. Generally, the match pegs are in very good order.

The 9 pegs in the Lock Stream are a little overgrown but fishable, be aware that peg 32 has a rotten platform and peg 33 has a dodgy bottom step. Search;- Members/ Maintenance/ Survey & Projects.

The next Bank Clearing session is Saturday the 20th of May 2023 although the above projects will be sorted ASAP weather permitting.