

2022 Cotswold Flyfishers End of River Trout Season Newsletter

Although fishing continues in various forms throughout the winter (see below), **now** is the time that we need your **catch returns** in order that a digest is available by the AGM in November. The electronic catch return form can be submitted directly by email to Tony Bostock at arwbostock@btinternet.com or, if you have been completing the paper forms in the handbook, post them to Tony at Lydbrook Cottage, 4 Dunthrop Road, Heythrop OX7 5TL. If you have not been using either of these means, send what you have – this is better than sending nothing. The information is of crucial importance to us in guiding stocking policies and in evaluating which fisheries we should be looking to retain in the future. We will only be inviting members to renew if they have submitted a catch return. Please note that you should include in this return catch details for those fisheries where there is an on-site return facility, like Cornbury, Salford or Barton Court, which you will already have completed.

The AGM will be held at Witney Lakes on Monday 21st November at 7-30. I will send further details nearer the time but make a note in your diary. Please indicate to me if you intend to attend – it will be helpful to plan numbers for the buffet. Note that you are encouraged to arrive from 6-45 onwards for a drink and the buffet – a good opportunity to meet other members and the Committee.

If you would like to get involved with maintaining and improving our fisheries, please register your interest with Mark Purvis (markpurvis64@gmail.com). At present, there is a core of regular work party attendees and a lively programme of activity. So registering your interest is likely to lead initially to an occasional invitation to attend rather than a weekly commitment. Mark would also like to hear if you have relevant skills or experience.

The end of the trout river season is not the end of fishing. Many members will be aware of issues at **Cornbury Lakes**, which seem to be associated with the very heavy weed growth on Stud Lake and Fishponds and poor water quality on Wilderness, following the Wilderness Festival earlier in the Summer. We are in discussion with the Estate about what now seem to be annual events. Fishing may continue (according to the usual rules – see below) but be aware of these limitations. We are holding off the usual October restock until the water quality improves in the colder weather.

River Coln Bull Water at Fairford. A limited number of tickets are available for fly fishing for grayling from 1 October until 31 December. Fishing must be booked in advance from davidreinger47@gmail.com.

River Coln Bibury Court. Grayling fishing in October and November for a single rod on three days per week – use the online booking system on the website.

River Coln, Coln St. Aldwyn's (Syndicate Beat) Grayling fishing is available from October 15th. davidreinger47@gmail.com will advise on how to make a

payment of £30 (+VAT) directly to the Williamstrip Estate this needs to be done before fishing.

River Kennet Denford. There is still some limited availability for fly fishing for grayling during October and November. The Keeper has stressed this is an opportunity *for sight fishing for grayling* and not general fishing the water. Fishing must be booked in advance from davidreinger47@gmail.com .

Salford Lakes. Fly fishing for trout until 31st October. It is vital that you carefully record your name and CFF number (legibly) when arriving at the fishery and in your catch return when you have finished fishing. If you fish both lakes only record these details once, or we will be charged for two tickets.

River Wye. Fly-fishing for salmon and any method coarse fishing at Byford continues until October 17th. Fishing must be pre-booked at cffsalmonfishers@gmail.com .

River Windrush Widford, Asthall and Worsham. Any method coarse fishing (including grayling) from 1st October until March 14th.

Cornbury Park lakes 1&2 (Stud & Fishponds). Fly fishing for rainbow trout and any method coarse fishing from 1 October until 31 December.

Cornbury Park lake 3 (Wilderness). Fly-fishing for rainbow trout and pike from 1st October to 31st December. Spinning for pike and perch will be allowed in December.

Tight lines and don't forget your catch return! There will be an opportunity to collect grayling returns later, so the intention to do some Autumn fishing is not a reason for not sending your return now.

Paul Madden

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