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Affiliated to the **Angling Trust** and the **Federation of Midland Fly Fishers (Anglia)**.

Editor's Notes

I think most members were taken by surprise to hear that John Mees has left Anglian Water. I remember we were still based on the Plant Breeding Institute site in Trumpington when he became Manager. John has been a good friend to the Club from those early days and I'm sure all members will wish him well for the future.

It should be placed on record the services and facilities we members receive from a number of people, occasionally non-members throughout the year.

We are privileged to have Steve Middleton and Bob Ayres who provide the Bar for Club Evenings and barbecue for the Fishing for Forces day, Mark Searle for arranging the facilities at the Arundal Hotel in January, David Jones our ever present Club scribe and Jane How who features in the Awards List. Our thanks and appreciation to them all.

All Anglian Water fisheries are now open and the Invicta Summer Programme has been published. Early application to participate in the various social fishing days and competitions is advisable as boats need to be booked well in advance. John Caldwell looks after the social days and Mark Searle and Alan Prevost organise the AMC competition.

Club Website

Long running problems with our website may eventually be nothing but a memory.

We now have a new administrator on board and the day-to-day maintenance and updating will be in the hands of Andy Newman and Paul Heavens.

Hopefully we will now have a user friendly link to all of the Club events and results as well as appealing to members and potential members alike.

An attractive public face will, hopefully, persuade casual readers of the benefits of joining Invicta.

www.invictaffc.org.uk

Pilgrimage 2014

It's that time again when our friends from Aberystwyth and Fife in Scotland descend on Anglian Water reservoirs for our annual event. It originated circa 1985 and survives after almost 30 years. To get involved in this event Steve Middleton will give you all the relevant information. Two days fishing and a final get-together for dinner at the Racehorse in Catworth. Once tried you won't want to miss it again!

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Fishing for Forces

This years Fishing for Forces day will be held on Monday 9th June at Elinor. Peter

Oldham would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in any capacity in this event. A very successful and enjoyable day in the past couple of years so if you fancy acting as mentor for the day or just helping out, step forward.
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Invicta Annual Dinner

This event was attended by 47 Members, partners and friends and was held at the St. Neots Golf Club. This venue has been retained for next year as it has proved popular with members and guests alike.



Silverware prior to the Presentation



Partial view of the Dining Room

Trophy Winners 2013

Beecroft Shield. Awarded for the heaviest Rainbow Trout from a public day-ticket water.

Chris McLeod

Evening League. For the most points earned over the series.

Chris McLeod

Carr Cup 10 points are awarded for attendance and 5 per fish caught up to the fishery limit over the 7 events of the summer programme.

Graham Bodsworth (Club Champion)

Presidents Cup For the heaviest bag from a specified venue.

Gary How

Brown Trout Trophy For the heaviest Brown caught during the year.

Chris McLeod

Invicta Trophy This is awarded at the Committee's discretion. This time for outstanding services to the Club by a non-member.

Jane acts as secretary to Gary in his club work but also gives much time to providing barbecues for Club events. A well deserved award.

Jane How

Chris McLeod also received the Grafham Cup as winner of the Grafham leg of the England Eliminators.



Chris receiving the Brown Trout Trophy



Gary taking the Presidents Cup



Jane How with the Invicta Trophy from Andy Newman, Club Chairman, and giving his after-dinner speech below

Summer Programme 2014

May	3	Carr Cup Rutland
	7	AMFC A & B teams Bewl
	8	Thursday Night League Grafham
	15	Thursday Night League Grafham
	22	Thursday Night League Grafham
	22	Pilgrimage practice day Grafham
	23	Pilgrimage match day Grafham
	29	Thursday Night League Grafham
June	5	Thursday Night League Grafham
	6	Carr Cup Eyebrook
	12	Thursday Night League Grafham
	12	AMFC B team Grafham
	18	AMFC A team Draycote
	19	Thursday Night League Grafham
	21	Airflo
	26	Thursday Night League Grafham
July	3	Thursday Night League Grafham
	5	AMFC A team Eyebrook
	5	AMFC B team Rutland
	6	Carr Cup (Presidents Cup) and GFFA challenge G
	10	Thursday Night League Grafham
	17	Thursday Night League Grafham
	24	Thursday Night League Grafham
	26	Invita Snowbee Floating Line Match
	31	Thursday Night League Grafham
August	7	Thursday Night League Grafham
	14	Thursday Night League Grafham
	16	Carr Cup (Carl Hunter Bowl) Draycote
September	6	AMFC B team Draycote
	7	AMFC A team Grafham
	13	Carr Cup Ravensthorpe
	17	Grand Max Bewl
October	4	AMFC A & B teams Hanningfield
	7	Carr Cup Hanningfield

Carr Cup

Pitsford Reservoir, Monday 7th April.

19 anglers braved the conditions with rain and strong winds the order of the day. All but two boats made their way into the main bowl but wild conditions forced most back into the smaller half where it was much calmer. Nymphing seemed to be the preferred method with buzzers and diawl bachs on floating or slow sink lines doing the damage. 130 fish were caught which included 7 anglers bagging up and no blanks.

Association of Major Clubs

As always the AMC series kicked off with the Association match with all teams competing on the same day.

For this event teams are restricted to only four anglers due to fisheries not being able to accommodate so many teams of six.

Not an auspicious start for Invicta as Invicta A came 5th out of 6 in Group 2.

In a match where the rod average was over 6 our team achieved a commendable 6.25 with Graham Bodsworth and Graham Williams bagging 8 each, Kieran Bonas 5 and John Mees 4.

Invicta B gave a good account of themselves as with a team of only 2 anglers they managed 13 fish for a total weight of just over 35lbs. Although finding the team in 6th place they were within touching distance of the two teams above them fielding full 4 angler teams.

Anyone who would like to fish this competition should contact Mark Searle or Alan Prevost for more information.

The Angling Trust with James Lewis

Report by David Jones

James is the Angling Trust Regional Officer (East of England) providing support for clubs, fisheries and coaches to help get more people fishing, more often. As such he is required to meet targets set separately by Sport England and the Environment Agency. James kindly provided me with copies of his presentation which are reproduced in Table 1. (james.lewis@anglingtrust.net).

I was, and I suspect many in the audience, surprised how extensive the network has developed and I must admit to total ignorance of those activities. Perusing these panels you might think that the activities are limited to fresh water, notably

coarse angling. This is not the case and is intended to cover sea and game fishing.

If you follow Angling Trust on Facebook (www.facebook.com/anglingtrust) you will see that there are quite a few angling clubs taking part in these activities. The All Sussex Shore Championships were held under the auspices of the AT. The Mersey Spring League (match fishing) is about to get under way. Pike fishing teach-ins for under 18's are run by the Pike Angling Club and Lure Anglers Society.

Perhaps it reflects my ignorance of the competitive fly fishing scene but I was surprised to read that the Confederation of English Fly Fishers, the England Ladies Fly Fishers Association and the England Youth Fly Fishers Association have all disbanded and have merged into the Angling Trust. This merger marks the latest step in the unification of angling which started with the formation of the Trust in January 2009. The Angling Trust is recognised by Sport England as the national governing body for all competition angling, and its development arm the Angling Development Board receives government funding to develop the sport from grass roots participation through to the pinnacle of fishing for England. By becoming part of the Angling Trust, competitive fly fishing will now be a part of the national competition and development plan. The Trust will provide professional help with the marketing, administration and management of competitions and Team England Fly Fishing and will support member fly fishing federations with advice, campaigns and legal action to protect their fishing. Everyone taking part in national competitions organised by the Angling Trust's Fly Fishing Division will now be required to be a member of the Trust. These new members will grow the influence and resources of the Angling Trust, which is already the largest angling or fisheries organisation in the UK, with 13,000 individual members and some 1,400 club and fishery members (comprising more than 350,000 anglers). I have lifted this paragraph from an AT document.

[Any questions or suggestions on the running of the Club or ideas of subjects or speakers for winter meetings should be sent to Paul Stevens for inclusion in a future Committee Meeting. It should be noted that the winter programme needs to be finalised several months ahead.](#)

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