

**THE BULLETIN OF THE CIVIL SERVICE ANGLING
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administrative difficulties and the costs of the traditional format are difficult to justify. Accordingly, the General Purposes Committee recently decided that the time had come to move to a simple newsletter and to create a new post to take charge of it. This new post will combine the responsibilities of Hon. Bulletin Editor and Hon. Minutes Secretary, and you will see it referred to in the Agenda for the forthcoming AGM, below. If you are interested in taking on this post please get in touch with me to talk about it (csas@fsmail.net).

This is the last Bulletin that you will receive. I hope that you find it interesting and useful. Lastly, I hope to see you at the AGM, where you can have your say on the way that the Society is run, and possibly you can volunteer for some of the vacancies on the GPC.

Tight Lines for the coming season.

David Kennedy

Hon. Secretary

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

After the floods of the winter of 2013-2014, there were fears that our waters would have been denuded of fish; surprisingly, quite the contrary has happened, and there have been some real specimens taken this season. Some of these can be seen on the Society's Facebook page. I would urge you to post pictures of your catches on there and any comments about our waters. The more publicity we get, hopefully the more members we can attract. It doesn't make sense to me that we find it hard to attract more members, when other clubs, with a choice of fisheries that I think are inferior to ours; have people beating a path to their doors.

Some GPC members have signed up full members through the Civil Service Sports Council's linked-membership scheme. If you have fishing companions who are not in the public sector and wish to join the Society, please try and persuade them in the first instance to let you sponsor them as a linked member of the CSSC. You can sign up a maximum of three people. It is a win-win situation for all concerned. You will get a £10 Sainsbury shopping voucher from the CSSC for each person you sign up. And, the person you sign up is then eligible to join the Society as a full member, which is a considerable saving for them.

The figures stack up as follows: somebody below state pension age joining the Society as an associate member for the first time would have to pay a joining fee of £50, plus an associate membership fee of £99. This gives a total of £149. Joining as a full member for the first time, there is no joining fee, plus CSSC membership of £43.80 annually; or a monthly direct debit of £3.80, plus the CSAS membership for the year for full members £52. This gives a total of £95.80. I have had three enquiries from non-civil servants wishing to join in the last couple of weeks, and when explained in these terms, it was not difficult to get them on board as full members.

We have found it difficult to make ends meet in the past few years, and to stay in the black, we need in the least to maintain our membership numbers at current levels and hopefully increase it significantly. There is no magic wand that can be waved to do this; every member should be encouraging their non-member fishing companions to join us. As a member who has fished our waters, your word has much more pull and credibility than our website or Facebook page. If we don't do this, the result will be the inevitable decline of the Society as we have to give up fisheries in order to stay within budget. It sounds all doom and gloom, but I really believe that if every member takes on board the task of persuading just one person to join us, we shall be a

bigger better and stronger Society, I know it is not easy as I spent some time badgering someone in my office to join, but it is possible.

Lastly I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have put in such hard work in maintaining our fisheries. Tony Paul, as our acting Fisheries Manager, has done splendid work throughout the year. However he is not a young man, nor in the best of health, and it really is time that someone bit the bullet and took over this role from Tony. I would also like to thank my fellow GPC members for the hard work they have put in throughout the year in steering the Society through these stormy waters.

Tight lines for the coming season.

Grant Milliam

Hon. Chairman

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

By now, you should have received a membership renewal pack. If not, please let Ian Campbell, Hon. Membership Secretary know (01784 461542, cmpfranc@aol.com).

OBITUARIES

It is with great regret that we announce the deaths of the following members.

Bill Armstrong. Bill joined the Society before the start of WW2, and served as a member of the GPC, latterly as Hon. Temporary Membership Secretary.

Ron Burge. Ron joined the Society in the 1960s and, as the husband of Anna Burge, formally our Hon. Competitions

Secretary and Vice-President, was a loyal supporter of the Society over many years.

Keith Speer. Keith had recently rejoined the Society, having once been the Hon. Bulletin Editor. Keith was a much respected barbel angler, who was a master of float fishing.

Bob Warwick. Bob been a member of the Society for about 10 years and was a long-standing committee member of Newbury AA.

LOST AND FOUND

Eric Gehring found a pike landing net at Windsor. The owner can phone him on 07767787890 to arrange its return.

MATCH RESULTS

2014

3 June: S. King/J. Speer Memorial, Crabtree.

Result: 1. J. Ellyatt, 28lb 14oz; 2. D. Steele 16lb 14oz; 3. J. Merry 8lb 7oz.

10 June: S. King/J. Speer Memorial, Crabtree.

Result: 1. J. Ellyatt, 36lb 15oz; 2. D. Steele, 23lb 14oz; 3. J. Merry 14lb.

17 June: S. King/J. Speer Memorial, Windsor.

Result: 1. C McLaughlin, 6lb 4oz; 2. A. Boutelle, 3lb 6oz; 3. T Gyngell 3lb 4oz.

24 June: S. King/J. Speer Memorial, Datchet.

Result: 1. J. Ellyatt 8lb 2oz; 2.T. Gyngell 7lb 14oz; 3. A. Boutelle 5lb 11oz.

1 July: S. King/J. Speer Memorial, Windsor.

Result: 1. R. Lattimer 3lb 13oz; 2. T Gyngell 3lb 8oz; 3. C Maclaughlin 2lb 12oz.

6 July: CSAS v. RTAA/Fass, Whitehouse.

Result: CSAS. 1. A Paul 26lb 15oz; 2. M Rutter 23lb 11oz; 3. T Gyngell 6lb 4oz.

RTAA, 72lb 3oz; CSAS, 66lb 13oz.

8 July: S. King/J. Speer Memorial, Crabtree.

Result: 1. J. Ellyatt, 33lb 13oz; 2. A Boutell, 16lb; 3. J Merry, 12lb 9oz.

12/13 July: Night Match, Windsor.

Result: 1. J Nash, 45lb 1oz; 2. P. Seymour, 38lb 14oz; 3. A. Paul 14lb 1oz.

15 July: S. King/J. Speer Memorial, Crabtree.

Result: 1. J Ellyatt 71lb 6oz; 2. J Merry 17lb 9oz; 3. A Paul 14lb 7oz.

22 July: S. King/J, Speer Memorial, Windsor.

Result: 1. R. Lattimer, 10lb 5oz; 2. J Ellyatt, 4lb 12oz; 3. A Boutelle, 3lb 5oz.

29 July: S. King/J. Speer Memorial, Datchet.

Result: 1. A. Boutelle, 17lb 4oz; 2. D. Steele 14lb 9oz; 3 J. Ellyatt 11lb 1oz.

3 August: CSAS v. RTAA/Fass, Hambridge.

Result: 1. M. Rutter 5lb 14oz; 2. J. Fisher 4lb 11oz; 3. A Paul 2lb 12oz.

RTAA, 27lb 9oz; CSAS 15lb 15oz.

5 August: S. King/J. Speer Memorial, Windsor.

Result: 1. J Ellyatt 11lb 3oz; 2. A. Paul, 3lb 7oz; A. Pettifer, 1lb 15oz.

10 August: Fass/La Roche, Datchet.

Result: 1. J. Nash 9lb 6oz; 2. A Paul 4lb 4oz.

24 August: CSAS v. Old Windsor/Fass, Hambridge.

Result: 1. D Steele 5lb 11oz; 2. T Gyngell 3lb 5oz; A Paul 1lb 11oz.

Old Windsor, 24lb 14lb; .CSAS, 11lb 6oz.

31 August: Fass/Hurcomb, Windsor.

Result: 1. R. Lattimer, 13lb 2oz; 2. A. Boutelle, 8lb 8oz; J. Ellyatt 6lb 12oz.

14 September: Fass/Williams, Clifton Reynes.

Result: 1. E. Beadle, 8lb 2oz; 2. A. Paul, 6lb 10oz; 3. D. Steele, 5lb.

12 October: Fass/Guthrie, Windsor.

Result: 1. E Beadle 13lb 5oz; 2 A Boutelle, 4lb 1oz.

3 November: Fass/Robbins, Woolhampton.

Result: 1. D. Steele 18lb 4oz; 2. J. Fisher, 10lb 6oz; 3. M. Rutter, 4lb 13oz.

7 December: Pole Match, Kintbury.

Result: 1. D. Steele 12lb; A. Boutelle, 10lb 4oz, J. Fisher 9lb 1oz.

14 December: Fur & Feather, Windsor.

Result: 1. D. Cowling 6lb; 2. E. Beadle 4lb 8oz; 3. D. Forty 1lb 13oz.

2015

11 January: Pratt, Kintbury.

Result: 1. J. Fisher 4lb 14oz; 2. A. Boutelle 3lb 11oz; 3. A. Paul 3lb 6oz.

8 February: Pratt, Kintbury.

Result: 1. T. Gyngell 8lb 6oz; 2. D. Forty 5lb 4oz; 3. A. Paul 3lb 4oz.

22 February: Pratt, Kintbury.

Result: 1. J. Fisher; 2. T. Gyngell; 3. A. Paul.

8 March: Pratt/Calkin, Hambridge.

Result: 1. J. Fisher 16lb 7oz; 2. A. Paul 8lb 12oz; 3. D Steele 4lb 2oz.

TROPHY WINNERS 2014/15

Fass Trophy:

Winner: A. Paul; Runner-up, E. Beadle.

S. King/J.Speer Memorial Trophy:

Winner: J. Ellyatt; Runner-up; A. Boutelle.

Pratt Trophy:

Winner: J. Fisher; Runner-up, A. Paul.

Guthrie Memorial Trophy:

Winner: E. Beadle.

Hurcomb Memorial Trophy:

Winner: R. Lattimer.

T. La Roche Memorial Cup:

Winner: J. Nash.

Williams Memorial Trophy:

Winner: E. Beadle.

Robbins Memorial Trophy:

Winner: D. Steele.

Calkin Challenge Cup:

Winner: J. Fisher.

Tony Devine Memorial Trophy (Night Match):

Winner: J. Nash.

Pole Trophy:

Winner: D. Steele.

**GRAHAM SIGLEY, HON. PUBLICITY SECRETARY,
WRITES...**

CSAS Website.

Just a reminder: the CSAS has a website which provides information exclusively for members. This includes the latest Society news, photo gallery, a copy of the latest Bulletin or newsletter, details about our forum, Angling Trust postings, AGM minutes and details of the working party venues and dates. The key component of any good website is the content, and this is where members can help, by providing pictures and reports. This can be done in two ways:

1. send your pictures and/or report of catch to graham.sigley@btinternet.com
2. post a topic on the CSAS Forum – see below.

The website address is www.memberlogin.civilserviceas.org.uk which can be accessed by using the username: **member123** and

password: **jumbo747**. If you have the time, please click onto our website, have a look and contribute.

CSAS Forum.

We have a forum for exchange of information. Its address is www.civilservas.freeforums.org which you can look at, any time. If you want to contribute then you will need to register. Please register by going to the aforementioned address and clicking on register, fill in your details on the registration page using your proper name or membership number as a username, no need to sign up for anything else. Tick the terms and conditions box, and complete the spam protection box. You will then be able to exchange information about your catches and see what's hot and what's not. If you have difficulty signing on to the forum please contact me by email (address below). With the lifting of the publicity ban we are more relaxed about the reporting of captures and would appreciate any photos of your catches, it does not have to be an enormous monster, just something that you would be proud to display on our website. Email to graham.sigley@btinternet.com

Email

The whole world is using email for disseminating information, and the Society needs to keep up with the times. With this in mind, could all members when renewing their subscriptions please fill in the box with their email address, taking care to use the lower or higher case where appropriate. If you have already renewed, then please send a sample email to Ian Campbell, our Hon. Membership Secretary (cmpfranc@aol.com).

AGM SECTION

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, 1
APRIL 2014 TO 31 MARCH 2015**

On behalf of the GPC we have pleasure in presenting the 80th Annual Report of the Society.

Membership and Finances

With membership continuing to show a decline and the prospect of paying rents for Hambridge, Ellis and East Peckham in the future, the GPC reluctantly agreed that an increase in subscriptions was unavoidable for the coming season. On the positive side, spouse, junior and Fishers Green tickets will now be issued free of charge. To help promote the Society, the GPC set up a Facebook page and abandoned the Society's previous publicity restrictions on reporting catches.

Fisheries

Negotiations with CSSC Sports & Leisure Ltd to secure leases for Hambridge, East Peckham and Ellis Water continued throughout the year. Agreement in principle has been reached for Hambridge and East Peckham, but progress on Ellis has been slow due mainly to complications arising from the involvement of the Civil Service Sailing Association.

After last year's floods, rainfall this year was more moderate although the Kennet overflowed its banks at times, and Crabtree Lake remains filled to the brim. Nevertheless there was some decent river fishing to be had, especially when there was a bit of colour in the water.

Working parties were held during the close season at Hambridge, Datchet, Windsor, East Peckham, and Clifton Reynes. Attendances were patchy, but all the venues were in reasonable shape by the start of the new season, helped no end by the efforts of the mid-week mowing team. As usual, venues such as Datchet and Hambridge needed to be mowed several times during the season. The acting Fisheries Officer was again grateful to Terry Gyngell and Ken James for their assistance with this work. The GPC's thanks go to all those who gave up their time, often at short notice, to assist the acting Fisheries Officer throughout the year.

Clifton Reynes

The venue was strimmed prior to the start of the new season and again at the beginning of September. Despite some good fishing reported early in the season, problems with access, maintenance and a lack of use saw the GPC reach a reluctant decision to give up the venue from the end of the 2014/15 season.

Crabtree Lake

There was no formal working party although the mid-week team did undertake some tree pruning and strimming work as well as clearing up the usual rubbish. Poaching and illegal use of motor cycles proved to be a problem, but better bailiffing and police intervention has seen this curtailed for now. Sport with carp and roach was again plentiful, but the GPC decided to take advice from the Environment Agency about the stocking of additional species to make the fishing more interesting. The EA have suggested a stocking of perch to begin with and they may be able to help with the sourcing of fish.

Datchet

The working parties again undertook the repair of several swims, mainly cleaning silt from the steps, removing encroaching rushes and replacing some rotten or damaged boards. Some over-hanging trees were pruned and several large trees blocking the pathways above the weir were removed. However, recent winds have now brought down several more. The venue was mowed several times throughout the close season and warmer months with the assistance of Terry Gyngell and Ken James. Early season catches of silver fish was poor, with mainly tiny fish and bleak, although one angler landed bream of 9lb and 9lb 15oz. Late July/August saw an improvement in the roach fishing, with quality fish showing in several places, but there remained a distinct lack of quality dace. As far as the bigger species were concerned, there were no reports received, although it was noted several anglers were taking advantage of the night fishing concession. The winter

months were hard with only the odd chub or pike being caught.

East Peckham

Due to pressure from other venues it was decided not to hold any formal clearing parties on this venue, and the acting Fisheries Officer and Terry Gyngell spent a couple of days strimming and cutting back bramble just before the season opened and again at the beginning of October. Two short sections were fenced off where the bank has become dangerous and pathways cut through the adjacent field where we have a right of way. Some nice roach and a big bag of bream were the only reports received.

East Whitley Lake

Work to trim the venue and cut back overhanging branches and brambles was carried out mid-week by the acting Fisheries Officer. There were no problems with the water level this year and the carp and silver fish, together with the odd small tench, continued to show on all but the hardest days.

Ellis Water

In order to improve the fishing a stocking programme has begun. A few sizable carp have been introduced into the lake, and more fish, including some grown-on from spawn obtained from original Ellis carp, are being brought-on in a special holding pen. These will be released as they reach cormorant-proof size. It is hoped that this initiative can be extended to supplement the tench population in due course. After last year's floods the prospect of The Environment Agency building a new relief channel through part of the lake has again come to the fore. Test borings are currently been made, and if the money can be found we face the prospect of a period of disruption on the lake. The Society's new container has been broken into twice during the year, although fortunately no equipment had been moved into it.

Hambridge

It has been a year of disruption on the fishery with bank repairs being carried out in the upper reaches where a breach occurred during last winter's floods. A replacement weir and fish pass being built at "the stakes", and a sluice being installed opposite the Bull's Lock car park. All of this work was outside the Society's control and no doubt caused some inconvenience to members. The bank repairs were not carried out to the EA's specifications and remedial work is about to commence. The work to reconstruct the weir left the ground in the vicinity a quagmire and access to the north bank from the Bull's Lock end was curtailed for several weeks whilst the new sluice was constructed.

For once the working parties had no large trees to remove from the river, Newbury AA removed the one that fell near Hambridge Road and Rivar brought in contractors to remove trees from the canalised stretch. Work therefore concentrated on improving swims in the middle meadow by cutting back overhang and encroaching branches. The Acting Fisheries Officer was again grateful to George Martin for the use of his boat to enable this work to be undertaken and to Stuart Keeble, EA Fisheries Officer, for donning his wet suit and enabling a long disused swim to be re-opened.

Plenty of barbel were reported early in the season although later in the year they became more difficult to catch. Nevertheless fish between two and thirteen pounds were reported during the winter months. Chub to six pounds were taken from selected swims, the late Keith Speer taking a multiple catch from the railway sleeper swim on his last visit to the fishery. Trout, brown, rainbow, and even the sea variety, were very much in evidence taking every conceivable bait aimed at other species. The worrying feature was the disappearance of the dace shoals. Normally these gather on the gravels below Hambridge prior to spawning, but this year none were in evidence. Probably, in order to escape last winters floods they took advantage of

the breach in the bank and sought shelter in the adjacent lake. However, to end on a high note, very recently there has been a report that at Hambridge, and elsewhere on the Kennet, at night the river is absolutely alive with fry, which are probably silver fish.

Kintbury

The Canal and River Trust began work on strengthening the banks on “the wides” by installing Nicospan netting with the intention of back-filling the gap created. However this work is yet to begin. No winter moorings were allocated, but this did not stop boats mooring up throughout the length, although there always seemed to be room for anglers. The winter matches produced plenty of small fish, some good skimmers and hybrids but few big perch with trout of all sizes again proving to be a nuisance.

Midgham

The north bank vegetation is now starting to recover from the bank strengthening work carried out last year. Apart from the occasional big perch, odd carp or bream there is little to report from this under-used venue.

Windsor Racecourse

Wet and windy weather saw several trees fall and left some swims in need of repair. The Acting Fisheries Officer together with Ken James kept to pathways clear and the working parties will be asked to repair swims. Some excellent barbel, with a fish over fifteen pounds reported, along with half a dozen more over fourteen pounds. Some good chub also showed along with decent pike, bream and carp over twenty pounds. Summer and autumn saw some decent roach fishing from above and from the weir. As usual these disappeared with the onset of the cold weather when chub, bream pike and the odd barbel provided sport for the hardy angler.

Woolhampton

Chub and bream to over five pounds perch to three pounds and the odd tench and carp have all been reported this year

although there is a distinct lack of smaller fish. Location is all important, as the fish seem to move around quite a bit.

Competitions

It was another hugely disappointing year in terms of attendance. Despite the lack of competitors, Windsor produced a couple of decent winning silver fish weights whilst Datchet recorded winning silver fish weights to seventeen pounds. The night match at Windsor was again a disappointment in terms of attendance and the final result. Overall weights at Crabtree were down on previous seasons as were weights at Hambridge. A few quality fish were caught in matches including a barbel of 14lb 1oz (night match), a chub of 5lb 15oz (Hambridge), a perch of 2lb 6oz(Kintbury), and roach over a pound (Datchet and Crabtree).

Tony Paul won The Sir Ernest Fass championship by virtue of fishing all seven rounds (the first match was voided). John Ellyatt again won the mid-week league by a large margin. The winter championship, the Pratt Cup was won by Jeff Fisher. Congratulations go to all trophy winners. The Society was defeated by Old Windsor in our annual inter-club challenge match and in both the home and away leg by Reed Thatcham AC.

Fly Fishing Section

The annual stocking took place on 28th March when triploid trout were released at various points on the venue. Trout are now so plentiful in our stretch the GPC decided that after this stocking there will not be any stocking in 2016.

General

The season 2014/15 has been a challenging one for the Society's officers, principally due to the CSSC's decision to charge rents for the fisheries they own, the need to negotiate leases and, arising from this, the financial consequences for the Society. During the year the Society's Bulletin Editor stepped down and as a consequence the GPC decided the Bulletin would have to be replaced by a

newsletter. For the benefit of members who live in the South East it was decided to affiliate to CALPAC which has several waters in that area. Generally members were well behaved and observed the rules, and there was no need to convene a disciplinary committee. The Society was represented at meetings held during the year with the usual bodies such as CSSC, Littleton Lake Users Group, Kennet Valley Fisheries Association, EA, and the Angling Trust. In addition we have also been in touch with representatives of Rivar Ltd, Old Windsor Angling Club, Newbury AA, Reading and District AA, Reed Thatcham AC, Nigel Berryman (Southleas Farm), Ian French (Lagoon) and Windsor Racecourse management.

MINUTES OF 79TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE ANGLING SOCIETY, ON 22ND MAY 2014, AT THE CIVIL SERVICE CLUB, GREAT SCOTLAND YARD, LONDON SW1A 2HJ.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Norman Day, Eddie Cox, Ian Mathers, Les Mallinson, Mike Turner, Stuart Penny, Ken James, Dave Tester and Terry Gyngell.

2. MINUTES OF 78th AGM. 2012

These were formally agreed by the meeting subject to the addition of the names of Ian Campbell (Hon. Membership Secretary) and Graham Sigley (Hon. Publicity Secretary) as recipients of honoraria of £220 and £125 respectively.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. ANNUAL REPORT OF GPC

The Report was formally accepted by the meeting.

5. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Steve Haden (Hon. Temporary Membership Secretary) pointed out that he received from R&DAA single day tickets for their waters which he supplied to members from time to

time. However, there was no mechanism for passing over the monies received to R&DAA. George Martin (Hon. Treasurer) agreed to look into this. Paul Kitchen asked why the Society did not claim on its insurance for losses at Ellis Water. David Kennedy (Hon. Secretary) said that this was because the policy had a £1000 excess consequent on the risks associated with the site, and the value of items lost did not exceed £1000. The Statement of Accounts was formally accepted by the meeting.

6. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr I. E. Mathers was unanimously re-elected as President.

7. ELECTION OF VICE- PRESIDENTS

Mr. E. W. Cox and Mr. N. Day were unanimously re-elected as Vice-Presidents.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

8.1 Mr G. Milliam was unanimously elected Hon. Chairman. The following were unanimously re-elected:-

Dr. D. A. Kennedy	Hon. Secretary
Mr. G. Martin	Hon. Treasurer
Mr. S. Haden	Hon. Temporary Membership Officer
Mr. I. Campbell	Hon. Membership Secretary
Mr. G. Sigley	Hon. Publicity Secretary
Mr. M. Turner	Hon. Bulletin Editor
Mr. R. Higginbottom	Committee Member
Dr. L. Mallinson.	Committee Member

8.2 Election of Hon. Fisheries Officer and Hon. Competitions Secretary

No advanced nominations for these posts had been received and none were forthcoming from the floor. Tony Paul agreed to continue carrying out the necessary duties in an acting capacity. It was reported that recently Jim Knight had expressed an interest in the Hon. Fisheries Officer post and it was agreed that he should be invited to the next meeting of the GPC to explore this.

8.3 Election of Auditors

Tony Paul and David Shore were willing to stand and formally they were unanimously elected by the meeting.

8.4 Election of Hon. Minutes Secretary

No advanced nominations were received and there were none from the floor. Grant Milliam and David Kennedy agreed to discharge the duties between themselves for the time being.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Paul Kitchen pointed out that the current Bulletin, at page 36, included the River Beult in the list of fisheries, although it was no longer available to members. It was agreed that it should be removed from the list.

9.2 Paul Kitchen asked why there were advertisements for the Civil Service Sports Council and Environment Agency in the current Bulletin. David Kennedy pointed out that the Society wished to show that it encouraged eligible associate members to join CSSC. There was general agreement that the EA advertisement was a useful reminder to members to renew their fishing licences for the new Season.

9.3 Paul Kitchen and Tony Paul expressed concerns that draft heads of terms for leases of the Ellis Water, Hambridge and East Peckham fisheries still were not available from CSSC, and suggested that the reason for this might be that CSSC was negotiating with other potential lessees despite assurances that it wished to give CSAS first refusal as an affiliated body. If it was the case, all the years of voluntary effort and Society funding to improve and maintain the fisheries, thereby to increase their value, would have been in vain. The meeting generally was concerned about this possibility and a formal motion was passed that the Hon. Secretary should write to the Chief Executive of CSSC seeking assurances that first refusal for the leases should remain with CSAS. David Kennedy reported that while East Peckham had suffered severe bank erosion in the

winter floods, the easement to enable access would be in place until November 2014 and negotiations for a renewal, in principle, had started.

9.4 Tony Paul proposed the following honoraria:-

Hon. Secretary	£325
Hon. Treasurer	£225
Hon. Membership Secretary	£225
Hon. Bulletin Editor	£125
Hon. Temporary Membership Secretary	£125
Hon. Minutes Secretary	£125
Hon. Publicity Secretary	£125

The motion was unanimously carried by the meeting.

AGENDA FOR THE 80TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE ANGLING SOCIETY

The 80th AGM of the Society will be held on Thursday 21st May at 1930 hours sharp, at the Civil Service Club, Great Scotland Yard, London SW1A 2HJ.

All members, whether full or associate, are cordially invited to attend. Admission is with a current CSSC Sports & Leisure Card or current CSAS membership book. Associate members should note that under Society Rules they are not allowed to vote in elections or on motions, but they may speak in favour or against a motion.

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Minutes of the 79th AGM held on 22nd May 2014 – please see this Bulletin.**
- 3. Annual Report of the GPC – please see this Bulletin.**
- 4. Statement of accounts – this will be available at the meeting.**

5. Election of President. The GPC recommends that Mr I. E. Mathers be re-elected President.

6. Election of Vice-presidents. The GPC recommends that Mr E. W Cox, Mr N. Day and Mr Tony Paul be elected as Vice-presidents.

7. Election of Officers. The GPC recommends that Mr Grant Milliam be re-elected Hon. Chairman. The following Officers are willing to serve again:-

- Dr David Kennedy Hon. Secretary
- Mr George Martin Hon. Treasurer
- Mr Ian Campbell Hon. Membership Secretary
- Mr Steve Haden Hon. Temporary Membership Secretary
- Mr Graham Sigley Hon. Publicity Officer

The following are willing to serve on the GPC again:- Mr Ray Higginbottom and Dr Les Mallinson.

8. Election of Hon. Fisheries Officer, Hon. Competitions Secretary and Hon. Minute & Newsletter Secretary.

9. Election of Hon. Auditors. The GPC recommends that Mr David Shore and Mr Paul Kitchen be elected.

10. Motion proposed by the General Purposes Committee

The purpose of this motion is to seek ratification of interim amendments of the Rules by the GPC in accordance with item 1.16.1 of the Rules of July 2013.

10.1 Throughout the Rule Book, all references to “Bulletin” to be taken to mean “Newsletter”.

10.2 Rule 1.10, Administration, delete Hon. Bulletin Editor and Hon. Minute Secretary and insert “Hon. Minute & Newsletter Secretary”.

10.3 Rule 2.3.1, Responsibilities when on the Society’s waters, delete all at the first bullet point and insert “be in possession of a photograph of themselves for identification purposes”.

10.4 Rule 6.1, Junior Facility Tickets, delete “aged at least 11” and replace with “aged at least 5”.

11. Any Other Business

CSAS MEETINGS 2015	
AGM	21 May 2015
GPC	30 July 2015
GPC	24 September 2015
GPC	26 November 2015

