

# Paxmans Angling Club | Annual General Meeting 2024/25



**Hosted by:** Mr Jack Davison (Chairman & Fisheries Officer) & Mr Steve Cook (Treasurer & Assistant Fisheries Officer) | **Minuted by:** Mrs Sarah Cook (Secretary)





# WELCOME

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## **Apologies for Absence from:**

Ashley Thomas, Allan Heffernan, Mark Sherman,  
Dean Barraclough.



# 2023/24 MEETING MINUTES

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2023/24 Minutes were published on the website  
and on our Facebook page.





# 2024/25 Chairmans Report

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Mr. Jack Davison  
(Chairman & Fisheries Officer)

# 2024/25

# Chairmans Report

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The 2024/25 season is now coming to an end, as with the past 3 or 4 seasons, this one has seen the club continue to go from strength to strength. We continue to improve our fishery management practices to best look after our valuable stock and manage it in a way that works for both anglers, and the fish themselves. We continue to be able to invest in new stock fish for the right venues as we now have a greater understanding of the current stocking levels in our waters. We continue our plan to diversify the club and cover all species and angling interests, shown by our continued work on the fish stocks in St. Osyth Rectangle, where we have removed a large number of stunted Carp and are replacing them with Bream, Tench, and silvers.

The start of this season showed the best membership retention any of us can remember which is testament to the effort put in by a handful of individuals who are determined to continually improve what Paxmans has to offer.

We have suffered with low water levels, especially at Wix this year, but as a club we do not hide the fact our waters are irrigation reservoirs, in fact the latest drone images on the website show all our irrigation waters at the 'summer' levels. We are not alone in this, all clubs and syndicates which have fishing rights on irrigation reservoirs experience the same issues. As will be covered later in this presentation we have plans in place to make low water levels much safer and more comfortable, along with measures to support the refilling over winter.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the club committee and handful of others who offer their valuable time, knowledge and resource to the club and enable us to do what we do.

This year also marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club, which was founded back in 1950. To mark this significant occasion the club have organised some memorable open-access events.

# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event

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## 42hr 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Match at Home Farm

**18:00 Friday 22/8/25 to 12:00 Sunday 24/8/25**

- 1) Highest total weight wins, tackle vouchers for winner.
- 2) There are 15 spaces (subject to water level).
- 3) You must register your interest with Jack Davison (Chairman & Fisheries Officer) by 31/3/25, if we have more than 15 applicants, names will be drawn from a hat. Swims allocation is done by random number generator.
- 4) Match is open to ALL members (whether you hold a night ticket ordinarily or not).
- 5) Food will be provided on the Saturday evening as part of the wider open evening event running alongside the match.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Evening at Home Farm

**16:00-19:00 Saturday 23/8/25**

- 1) We have sourced a high-quality catering van to provide food (burgers, sausages etc), for an open evening event which will run alongside the match at Home Farm. Food is free of charge, provided by the club, and the catering provider will be donating 10% of their charge to a men's mental health charity.
- 2) This is open to all members, nearer the time keep a close eye on the website and Facebook, as we will be posting to get a better feel for numbers.
- 3) Take the opportunity to meet fellow members and club officials and just have nice food on a summers evening celebrating 75 years of the club.
- 4) Cold drinks will be provided, if you intend to bring your own drinks alcohol shall be kept to a strict minimum (ie. one can/drink. If you turn up with more than this, you'll be turned away). This is NOT a bank-holiday booze up, it's an open evening for us all to get together, enjoy some food, get to meet other members and celebrate the club.





# 2024/25 Fisheries Report

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Mr. Jack Davison  
(Chairman & Fisheries Officer)

# St.Osyth Triangle

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# St.Osyth Triangle

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## MATCHES

We have hired out the Triangle for several matches this year and have seen consistently good catches. Carp numbers remain high, but a decent head of silver fish is starting to push through the Carp, which is positive. Hiring the triangle helps us raise a small amount of income for the club but as importantly, helps get feed into the lake, especially the Triangle where Carp stocking levels are still very high.

## WATER LEVELS

Water levels remained at good levels throughout the season, nevertheless we have both emergency aeration equipment and a more permanent option using the farms irrigation pump in place ready to be used should the need arise.

## PLANS FOR 25/26

We will continue to offer lake hires for matches, to boost club funds, whilst angler numbers are low.

We intend to clear the trees to re-open the swims at the far end of the Triangle, this was unable to be completed in 2024 as the water did not drop low enough.

# St.Osyth Rectanlge

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# St.Osyth Rectangle

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## WATER LEVELS

Water levels remained at good levels throughout the season, nevertheless we have both emergency aeration equipment available, however the reduction in biomass we have seen by removing numbers of Carp, will undoubtedly help us maintain dissolved oxygen levels, should water levels drop and the weather work against us.

## 24/25 SEASON STOCKING

In addition to the 12,000 mixed Silver fish plus 500 Crucians and Tench stocked in 2023, we have since removed another c.50 Carp, stocked c.60x 2-4lb Bream, with a similar amount of Tench and a small number of larger Perch due for delivery in February. The netting we carried out saw a staggering growth rate of the Bream population, with lots of 1-3lb fish already present.

Angling pressure has been low, but those that have fished it, have reported seeing some of these fish show, and most encouragingly some Tench have been caught, we hope even more will be caught after this late February stocking.

## PLANS FOR 25/26

Along with the stocking already mentioned, we are working with the farm to get the significantly undercut banks dealt with to improve safety for the fish and anglers alike and to also allow us better access and subsequently better results when netting.

# Alresford

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# Alresford

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## ONGOING TREE WORK

We continue to work with the landowner: to prevent repeat occurrences of damage we have seen previously during high winds. This is being achieved by a pro-active approach to tree cutting and maintenance. High-level trees and undergrowth are also being thinned slightly to improve air-flow across the water's surface to support dissolved oxygen levels.

## CATCH REPORTS

This season, as most has seen the usual good numbers of Carp in the twenties caught. A couple of captures have been reported of original commons over the 30lb barrier, and Grass Carp to 36lbs have been reported.

Whilst the pike fishing has been slow this winter with only a small group of anglers fishing for them, there have been a reasonable number of fish of double figures, up to around 18lbs reported, which is a real positive as it has been a few years since Pike of this size have been caught.

## 2024 IMPROVEMENTS

Through connections of Mark the land-owner, and kind contributions in terms of materials, equipment and labour from Super Trowel and Altrad Belle we have year-round a brand-new parking area at the bottom of the slope at Alresford. This parking area can be used year-round, as holds 3-4 cars. It is first come first served only and parking is strictly in the new area only, not on the grass. These amazing donations were made to improve the access for those with limited mobility.

Mark and his son also spent a lot of time working on some of the swims making great improvements to improve access and comfort as well as widening the footpaths around the lake to make barrow access much easier.

# Alresford

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# Home Farm

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# Home Farm



## WATER LEVELS

The water level as usual, did drop this season, however it was not as low as the previous season and dissolved oxygen levels were monitored regularly.

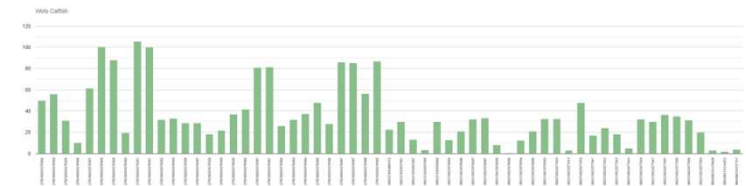
The water level is currently half-way up the reeds, so should be full by the end of March.

## FISH STOCKS

Catfish stocks continue to go from strength to strength with even the largest fish still showing some growth. There are now 59 Catfish micro-chipped, more details on this later in the presentation.

Original Carp to just over 34lbs have been caught in this past season, along with a few of the other 'originals' in the mid-20s.

## CATFISH TRACKING





# Wix (Ramsey Brook) 1

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As of February 2025, the water is 4ft from full, but it is expected to be full by mid-March.

## FISH STOCKS

Around 600lbs of mixed-silvers and small Carp were moved from Wix 2 to Wix 1. Another well needed boost to push Wix into a more diverse fishery and add some younger Carp as 'fresh-blood' to protect the Carp stock for the long-term.

## PLANS FOR 25/26

We have acquired c.90 Oak Sleepers and will be giving consideration to installing these to make larger, safer and more comfortable swims at Wix 1. We also continue to work with the farm to remove the trees past the water line and will focus our work party this year on cutting back the dense undergrowth currently restricting access along the A120 bank of Wix 1.

# Wix (Ramsey Brook) 2

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# Wix (Ramsey Brook) 2



## WATER LEVELS

The water level dropped very low this year; this was due to major faults with farms irrigation equipment preventing pumping from there normal sources for a period.

As of February 2025, the water is around 4ft from full, and the club along with the farm are operating around the clock pumps to get this reservoir full for the 25/26 season.

The committee have agreed that should the water level drop again, the club will install steps of some format to improve the safety and comfort of fishing when the water level is low.

## NOVEMBER 24 NETTING

We had a very successful netting in November with 8 Catfish moved to Home Farm totalling 78lbs. 600-700lb of good quality Roach, Perch and a good number of tiny Carp moved to Wix 1.

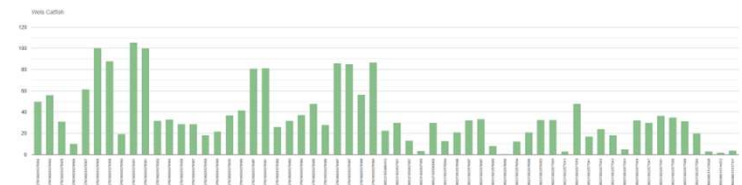
Counted stock at the netting stands at 48 Carp, 1 over 30lbs, 20 over 20lbs and 27 upper doubles all of which were left in Wix 2. We believe around 80-90% of the stock was caught, at least 4 known mid-20s were not caught.

It is essential we annually carry out this activity to keep overall biomass down and promote growth of the Carp.

## STOCKING

9 further Carp were stocked in November, these ranged from 16lbs to 20lbs. These were obtained at a very good price and are from a cropping netting at an unfished estate lake.

We are also tracking the stock in this venue, to be covered later in this presentation.



# Wix (Ramsey Brook) 2

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## 2024/25 IMPROVEMENTS

Extensive track work was carried out, to improve access and parking all year round.

## 2025/26 IMPROVEMENTS

As mentioned with Wix 1, we recently acquired a large number of Oak Sleepers, and in the next month or so aim to have all 10 swims with safe, secure steps from the upper 'bivvy' area, down to the waters edge. As already mentioned, we have also agreed in advance, should the water level drop, we will install steps as it drops.





# Wix 2 (24/25 Estate Lake Fish #1)

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# Wix 2 (24/25 Estate Lake Fish #2)

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# Wix 2 (24/25 Estate Lake Fish #3)

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# Wix 2 (24/25 Estate Lake Fish #4)

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# Wix 2 (24/25 Estate Lake Fish #5)

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# Wix 2 (24/25 Estate Lake Fish #6)

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# Wix 2 (24/25 Estate Lake Fish #7)

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# Wix 2 (24/25 Estate Lake Fish #8)

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# Wix 2 (24/25 Estate Lake Fish #9)

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# Decoy Pond

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## WATER LEVELS

Although Decoy is not an irrigation pond, we do see fluctuations in water level due to restrictions on the inlet and outlet. Late in 2024 Taylor Wimpy carried out clearance works on the overflow and culvert, meaning the water level should now be much more stable all year-around.

## THE FUTURE

Currently we still have no formal lease on the water, this is due to Taylor Wimpy currently being in legal ownership of the pond, and our old contact from there leaving the company. Once the housing development is complete the ownership is due to pass to the local council, with whom we have agreed lease conditions.

We believe the delay in the handover to the council is due to building delays on the Taylor Wimpy site.

Carp numbers are lower than a few years ago due to poaching during COVID and poor water conditions that came with such a huge stock of fish.

Whilst not the method of choice for reducing stocks, those issues overall have led Decoy's stock into becoming much more sustainable and overall better quality. There are signs of plenty of good quality young carp growing through and silver stocks continue to be present in good numbers.



# General Updates

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## SWIM SIGNS

We have purchased swim name/number signs, to be fitted at Home Farm, Wix 1 & 2 and the Triangle.



Please Note: We are a membership club, currently operating a waiting list for the 2025/26 season and beyond. To register on our list please fill out our [waiting list registration form](#).

### WELCOME TO PAXMANS ANGLING CLUB

The club was founded in 1902 by the workers of Davis, Norman and Co., an engineering firm based in Salford.

The club was, for many decades, not so a works club, and was one of many sports sections of Paxmans, Amble and Salford Club. During the middle to late nineties, with the withdrawal of the Company and subsequent demise of the Salford Club, the Angling club, through the endeavours of the Committee continued as an independent open membership club.

Today we are a friendly fishing club, which welcomes all anglers, albeit pleasure, specimen, carp or match, with our club members holding fish that will cater for every discipline. In recent years, we have greatly increased our efforts in incorporating modern, and ever-improving fishing management techniques into our organisation. We now operate a waiting list for new members, to ensure the best quality angling for current members at any given time. We operate zero-tolerance policies on abuse of our waters or rules, delivered through a elected committee.

Jack Dawson – Chairman & Fisheries Officer



### LAKE 101: THE RESERVOIR

Located just off the A527 near Macclesfield in the village of Antrig, this 3-acre impoundment has earned a strong reputation as a premier big fish water.

Largely developed over the past 20 years, what was once a former landscape has been transformed into a water, free from water full of silt and natural features. The depths range from 6 feet to over 30 feet, with areas of dense weed growth and numerous underwater obstacles and bars providing a variety of challenges for anglers. Though fishing here can be tough at times, the rewards are well worth the effort, with the pond offering a truly rewarding experience for those willing to put in the time.

Depths range from 6ft along the reed-lined margins to around 20ft in the middle, depending on water level. As this is an irregular reservoir, water levels can fluctuate during lower water levels, be aware of sloping banks and muddy conditions after periods of rain.

### AERIAL VIEW (GIC MAP)



### FISH STOCK

The lake is home to some impressive Catfish, with specimens weighing over 100lbs, and 7 or 8 different fish reported at over 20lbs for the lake updates, you can refer to our Stock Records further down this page.

In addition, there are a number of specimen Carp, with the largest rearing the mid 300s range. We currently estimate that 5 or 6 of these Carp could weigh around 300s. The lake also holds a healthy population of 200+ Carp, a mix of self-spread, deep-frozen common, and some of the lakes original residents, now over 40 years old. In October 2023, 5 CS Tenno Carp were stocked, and we are monitoring their growth closely to select fish as they develop.

The lake also holds a small number of Brown, some reaching up to 160s, as well as resident populations of Roach, Rudd and Perch. In recent years, the Perch population has thrived, feeding on the abundant fly that appear annually, unlike the lake, always being fish stock.

### SWIM PHOTOS



### WATER SPECIFIC RULES

- 1) Open all water roads.
- 2) Day fishing is from Dawn to Dusk only.
- 3) Night fishing is only allowed with a night permit (specimens cannot night fish).
- 4) Parking is outside the gate, on the car park on the left hand side or behind the bushes on the right hand side. No vehicles to be parked on lawns or inside from the lake.
- 5) No more than 15 anglers allowed.
- 6) A maximum of 3 rods, allowed per person/ per team at any time.
- 7) Maximum of 100 rods used when they must be used when fishing for Carp and Catfish.
- 8) A 15 metre Marker along, or Catfish specific, deep D, deep must be used if fishing specifically for Catfish. If this equipment is not present, unhooked captures must not be weighed.
- 9) See General rule 25 for guidance on unhooking fish.
- 10) During the hours of darkness, a marker must be used, and beam lights must be turned down.
- 11) Boat safety is permitted.

# Website

[www.paxmansac.co.uk](http://www.paxmansac.co.uk)



# 2023/24 Treasurers Report

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Mr. Steve Cook  
(Treasurer & Assistant Fisheries Officer)



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2024/2025 SEASON

### INCOME

SENIOR MEMBERS 228 @ £100.00	£ 22,800.00
INTERMEDIATE MEMBERS 5 @ £40.00	£ 200.00
JUNIOR MEMBERS OVER 12yrs 20 @ £35.00	£ 700.00
JUNIOR MEMBERS UNDER 12yrs 19 @ £30.00	£ 570.00
O.A.P. MEMBERS 105 @ £80.00	£ 8,400.00
CONCESSIONARY MEMBERS 28 @ £80.00	£ 2,240.00
NON ANGLERS 53 @ £10.00	£ 530.00
DECOY POND ONLY MEMBERS 9 @ £50.00	£ 450.00
NIGHT PERMITS 155 @ £50.00	£ 7,750.00
GUEST TICKETS 59 @ £10.00	£ 590.00
PRIVATE MATCHES	£ 600.00
ALRESFORD FISH STOCKS	£ 3,000.00
DONATIONS	£ 20.00

**TOTAL** **£ 47,850.00**

### EXPENDITURE

CLUB WATERS	£ 22,000.00
WATER MANAGEMENT	£ 9,467.86
FISH STOCKING	£ 11,634.00
CLUB PRINTING & STATIONARY	£ 1,220.89
WEBSITE & MOBILE PHONE	£ 247.57
DONATIONS & REFUNDS	£ 190.00
AGM & COMMITTEE MEETINGS	£ 547.90
COMMISSION	£ 480.00
EXPENSES FOR MAINTENANCE	£ 289.09
COMMITTEE MATCH	£ 135.00
INSURANCE ANGLING TRUST & FISH LEGAL	£ 800.00

**TOTAL** **£ 47,012.31**

### BALANCE SHEET

CHEQUE BOOK	£ 33,850.50
CASH IN HAND	£ 223.06

**TOTAL** **£ 34,073.56**

CLUB FUNDS 2023/2024	£ 33,235.87
THIS YEARS PROFIT	£ 837.69

**TOTAL** **£ 34,073.56**

20th FEBRUARY 2025  
S.R. COOK - HON TREASURER



# 2025/26 Election of Officers

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All currently standing club officials are happy to stand for the 24/25 season.



# Any Other Business

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The floor is opened to any other business.





# Thank you

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## **Club Officers:**

Mr Jack Davison (Chairman & Fisheries Officer)  
Mr Steve Cook (Treasurer & Assistant Fisheries Officer)  
Mrs Sarah Cook (Secretary)

## **Club Committee Members:**

Mr Allan Heffernan  
Mr Ashley Thomas  
Mr Bob Stancombe  
Mr Mark Ratcliffe  
Mr Mark Sherman  
Mr Paul Marchant  
Mr Jeff Kemp  
Mr Darren Barraclough

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