

Paxmans Angling Club | Annual General Meeting 2025/26



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

2024/25 Minutes

The 2024/25 AGM minutes were published on the website and on our Facebook page.

Our constitution requires a proposer and seconder for those minutes to pass them as a true record.



2024/25 Chairmans Report

The 2025/26 season is now coming to an end and, as with recent years, the club has continued to go from strength to strength. We remain committed to improving our fishery management practices to protect and develop our valuable stock in a way that benefits both anglers and the fish themselves. We have continued to invest in stocking across our waters, including significant introductions of larger carp into Wix 2, and a huge stocking of quality silver fish into the Rectangle. Further details on fisheries work will be covered later in this presentation.

Membership retention has remained strong and consistent, with the club continuing to operate a long and stable waiting list. This is a testament to the ongoing efforts of the committee and volunteers who work hard to continually improve what Paxmans has to offer.

As in recent seasons, we have experienced low water levels across our irrigation reservoirs, particularly at Wix. This remains a challenge shared by many clubs with similar waters, and we continue to plan and implement measures to improve safety, access, and long-term water management.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the club committee and the many members who generously give their time, knowledge, and resources to support the club.

The 75th Anniversary Match held at Home Farm late last summer, was a great success, with over 40 members attending. The event also raised an impressive £426 for charity, including £336 for Prostate Cancer UK and £90 for Men's Minds Matter.

Two more matches have been planned for this year, both 48hr matches, one on Home Farm and one on Wix 2, with dates to follow in imminent social media and website posts.

2025/26 Fisheries Report

Presented by:

Mr Jack Davison

Chairman & Fisheries Officer



St.Osyth Triangle

Matches

We again 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 lake also raises a small amount of income for the club and particularly in the winter helps to keep some bait going in to support the Carp stock.

Water Levels

Water levels dropped low this summer, with all irrigation reservoirs suffering the same.

We have both emergency aeration equipment available, and a more permanent option using the farms irrigation pump in place ready to be used should the need arise and water quality is monitored closely throughout these periods in particular.



Plans for 26/27

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

We carried out extensive tree removal late 2025 and intend to update and secure the swims, replacing the current plastic pallets with a more permanent solution at the work party. This is a big job, so if you can attend the work party and offer your support it would be greatly appreciated.

St.Osyth Triangle 2025 Tree Works



St.Osyth Rectangle

Overview

Water levels remained at good levels throughout the season, nevertheless we have both emergency aeration equipment available, however the reduced numbers of Carp will undoubtedly help us maintain dissolved oxygen levels should water levels drop and the weather work against us. During 2025 we also installed 8 new swims, framed with oak sleepers, and handrails to improve safety and comfort for anglers.



25/26 Season Stocking

A huge effort was made in terms of logistics and paperwork to secure and the stock the I believe we need to make the Rectangle a really special Silvers, Bream and Tench water.

The stocking in late 2025 consisted of:

- 1) An estimated 30-40,000 small Rudd and Bream.
- 2) c.250 Bream 2-5lbs.

This was a huge amount of work, so thanks to all of those that supported me with this, running around tanks, equipment and getting fish to health check's and those that helped offload the fish into their new home. Purchasing these fish from a fish farm would have been financially impossible for us, so the extra work put in both physically and on the administrative side to obtain this from another organisation as unwanted excess stock is the only way it's been possible, it's also great that these fish will now have the chance to fulfil their own potential in a water that will suit them.

I'm confident that the Rectangle is now going to be a fantastic water to enjoy feeder or float fishing at, with the now great head of Bream and Tench.

St. Osyth Rectangle 25/26 Stocking



St. Osyth Rectangle 2025 Swim Installation



Alresford

Overview

We continue to work with the landowner to prevent reed encroachment and improve access. This is being achieved by a proactive approach to tree cutting and maintenance. High trees and undergrowth are also being thinned slightly to improve air-flow across the water's surface to support dissolved oxygen levels.

Hiring the lake also raises a small amount of income for the club and particularly in the winter helps to keep some bait going in to support the Carp stock.

Catch Reports

This season, we saw 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. The Pike fishing, whilst slow, has seen some good fish caught, with the highlight this year in early February being a 26lb 2oz fish, the largest Pike any of us can recall being caught from Alresford. This is also believed to be a different fish to another low-20 caught a couple of years ago.



Plans for 26/27

We will continue to work with the land-owner on the tree maintenance and the monitoring of water quality throughout this coming season.

An ad-hoc work party will be arranged to carry out further tree maintenance and introduce more bark to the swims and paths.

Home Farm

75th Anniversary Match

The results of the match, which actually fished very well despite 26 lines in the water. Mainly Catfish that showed up, with the Carp evading most people, with a total of 12x Catfish totalling 490lb 12oz, 3x Carp totalling 34lb 4oz and 1x Bream of 6lb 8oz being caught. Results were:
Highest Overall Weight –

Andy Partridge with 115lb 8oz with Cats of 54lb 8oz and 61lb.

Best Catfish – Dan Lewis with a 76lb Cat.

Best Carp – Simon Stinson with a 12lb 4oz Carp.

25/26 Works

Water levels dropped low at Home Farm this summer, with all irrigation reservoirs suffering the same, though not as low as previous years. We did see substantial algal blooms, which we have a plan to deal with for 26/27.

A lot of tree management work was carried out, removing tree's which are past the waters edge at high water levels, and thinning and any large or leaning trees near swims all around the lake.



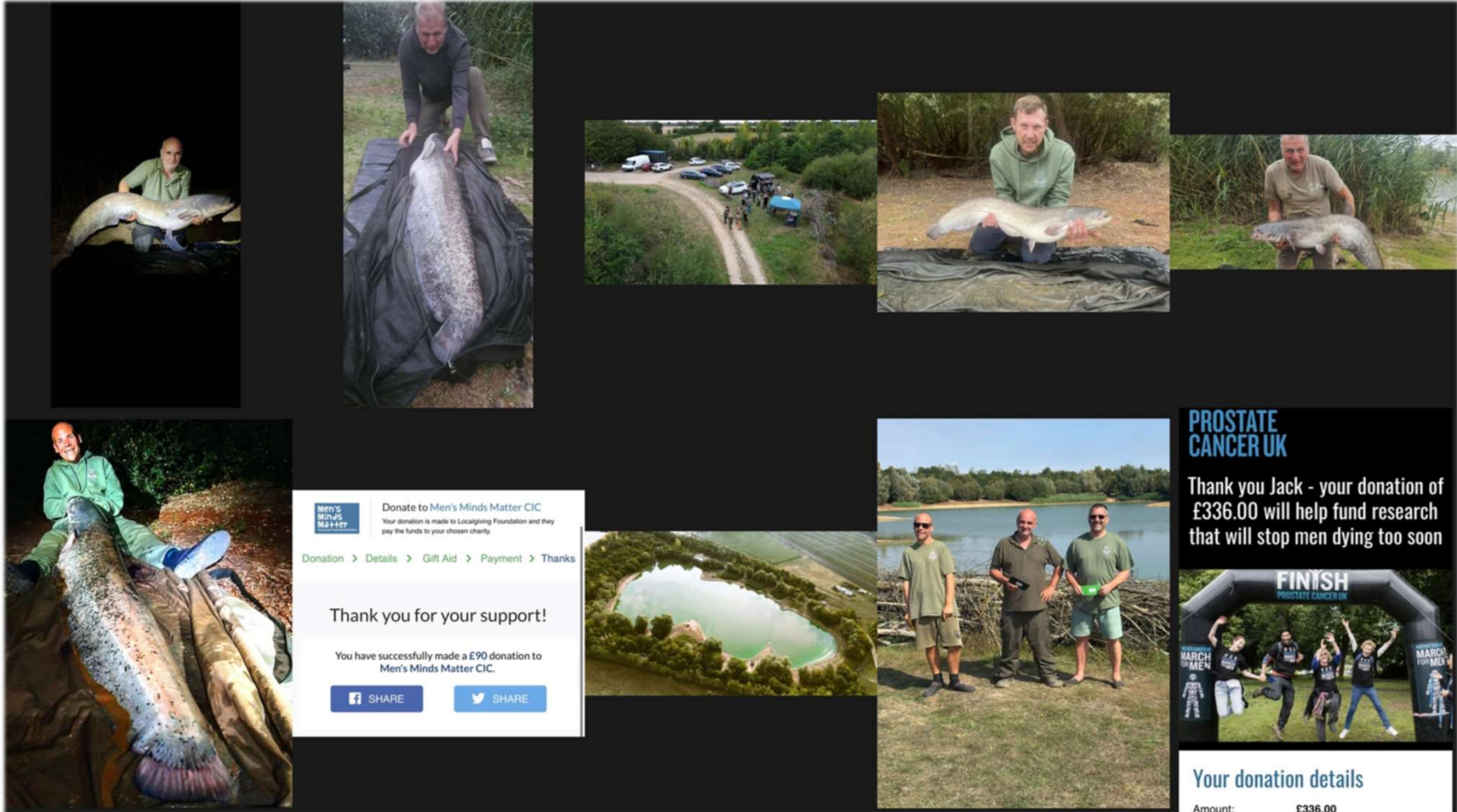
Fish Stocks

Catfish stocks continue to go from strength to strength with even the largest fish showing some growth. There are now 61 Catfish micro-chipped, 15 over 40lbs, 8 over 60lbs including 2 just over 100lbs, 2 over 90lbs and at least one other 80lb+ fish.

Original Carp just over 35lbs have been caught this past season, along with a few of the newer self-spawned stock in the mid-20s.

Detailed stock records can be found on our website.

Home Farm 75th Anniversary Match



Home Farm Late 2025 Tree Works



Wix 1

Fish Stocks

Around 600lbs of mixed silvers and small Carp were moved from Wix 2 to Wix 1 in late 2024. We have since carried out the same activity in 2025, although the biomass moved across was far less, it does allow us to keep a small stock of silvers going into Wix 1, along with some fresh carp bloodlines from the Wix 2 self-spawned fish.

Water Levels

The water level, as usual, did drop low this season, dissolved oxygen levels were monitored regularly. As of February 2025, the water is around 4ft from full, but it is expected to be full by mid-March.



Plans for 26/27

We intend to review the plastic pallets swims currently installed and will likely replace these, with a more permanent solutions, or at least shape the banks to provide flat, comfortable areas to fish from. We will also continue to work with the farm to remove trees past the water line and focus on work parties to cut back dense undergrowth currently restricting access along the A120 bank, though we did make good progress on this during 2025 with the support of the farm.

Wix 2

Fish Stocks

Fish stock at Wix 2 has been a primary focus for the club, with Home Farm seeing pressure from Catfish anglers, and coming with its own fishery management challenges in terms of assessing and moving stock, we concentrate on Wix 2 as our up-and-coming specimen Carp water.

To summarise the stocking over the past few years:

- 6x Carp (19-25lbs) from Chilston in February 2023
- 5x Carp (c.11lbs) of Simmo Strain in December 2023
- 10x Carp (20-24lbs) from Mainstream Fisheries in February 2024
- 9x Carp (16-20lbs) from an Estate Lake cropping in November 2024
- 20x Carp (18-22lbs) from Tony Wignall in December 2025

Current stock stands at around 60 Carp, with 45 of those either close to, or over 20lbs.

Detailed stock records can be found on our website.



Plans for 26/27

We do not plan any further stocking in Wix 2, however we have started a comprehensive feeding program to try and push the Carp we have stocked up further in weight. Whilst at the recent netting they appeared very healthy, and some individuals had clearly grown well, most of the larger stocked fish have shown a relatively small amount of growth, we are confident with a good feeding program and increased angling interest the fish will continue to grow and within the next couple of seasons at least a handful of these fish will be comfortably over 30lbs.

Wix 2 November 2025 Netting



Wix 2 March 2025 Swim Installation



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #1



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #2



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #3



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #4



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #5



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #6



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #7



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #8



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #9



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #10



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #11



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #12



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #13



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #14



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #15



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #16



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #17



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #18



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #19



Wix 2 December 2025 Stocking 2025 Stock Fish #20



Decoy Pond



The future of Decoy

After strict and unrealistic demands of us as a small club, a significant amount of wasted time chasing around various people, departments and cyclic negotiations, we are now in the final stages of a sensible agreement with the council with regards to a formal lease.

The likelihood is that the currently damaged unsafe swims will be removed by them, and the banks shaped to provide natural flat areas to fish from. This is due to concerns over liability for the public, which now firmly lies with the council.

With regards to the fish stock, not much has changed, the Carp as we know suffered a hit during COVID, but there seems to be very little poaching activity the past couple of years. Carp stocks were recovering with the remaining fish of a high-quality. Silver fish stocks appear to still be strong, but with the pond seeing a relatively small amount of angling pressure, it is hard to tell if specimens such as the previously caught very large Perch are still present.

Once the new lease is formalised, we will publish this to all club members, and will of course, give due consideration to stocking and improvements to the pond, once we have the security of long-term lease.

Investment in Equipment and Infrastructure

Solar Charging Systems at Home Farm and Wix 2

An insight to some of the other work that goes on behind the scenes. A good example of how we, as a club, invest in more than just aimlessly stocking fish, but instead consider all aspects of fishery management and that includes managing and maintaining the fisheries, considering water quality and ensuring we have the correct tools and equipment to do so efficiently. 5 committee members gave up most of their Saturday back in early September to sort out both of our storage containers of tools and equipment ensuring everything is properly organised and in working order and then also installing new solar power systems to allow us to charge, on-site, battery powered tools and other equipment such as our DO Meters and Microchip scanners.



Notice Boards, Website & Detailed Stock Records

Notice Boards

A reminder of general rule 1: Notice boards are present at all fisheries. Notices and temporary restrictions displayed shall take priority over any existing club rules. It is the angler's responsibility to check the notice board upon each visit, to ensure any temporary rules and notices are abided by. For the rules on each water, please see your Rule Book, the Website or the notice boards.

News, Events and Water Closures

Please remember to keep up-to-date with club activities by using the club Facebook page and Website, the same information is displayed here as in the Notice Boards, we are unable to print every closure or event in advance in the rule book.

Detailed Stock Records

Check the website for detailed stock records of Alresford, Home Farm and Wix 2. Please contribute with catch reports where you can, it helps us greatly with monitoring fish growth and health.

2025/26 Treasurers Report

Presented by:

Mr Steve Cook

Treasurer & Assistant Fisheries Officer



FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2025/2026 SEASON

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
SENIOR MEMBERS 226 @ £100.00	£22,600.00	CLUB WATERS	£ 21,000.00
INTERMEDIATE MEMBERS 9 @ £40.00	£ 360.00	WATER MANAGEMENT	£ 14,230.78
JUNIOR MEMBERS OVER 12yrs 20 @ £35.00	£ 700.00	FISH STOCKING	£ 5,000.00
JUNIOR MEMBERS UNDER 12yrs 11 @ £30.00	£ 330.00	CLUB PRINTING & STATIONARY	£ 1,107.05
O.A.P. MEMBERS 111 @ £80.00	£ 8,880.00	WEBSITE, MOBILE PHONE & CLUBMATE	£ 1,546.33
CONCESSIONARY MEMBERS 23 @ £80.00	£ 1,840.00	WORKPARTY REFUNDS	£ 160.00
NON ANGLERS 42 @ £10.00	£ 420.00	AGM & COMMITTEE MEETINGS	£ 577.90
DECOY POND ONLY MEMBERS 11 @ £50.00	£ 550.00	CLUB MERCHANDISE	£ 1,614.16
NIGHT PERMITS 158 @ £50.00	£ 7,900.00	EXPENSES FOR MAINTENANCE	£ 968.03
GUEST TICKETS 105 @ £10.00	£ 1,050.00	COMMITTEE MATCH & EVENT MATCH	£ 740.00
PRIVATE MATCHES	£ 290.00	INSURANCE ANGLING TRUST & FISH LEGAL	£ 951.55
CLUBMATE PRO-RATA REFUND	£ 704.00	TOTAL	<u>£ 47,895.80</u>
CLUB MERCHANDISE & SALE OF CLUB ASSETS	£ 3,167.60		
TOTAL	<u>£48,791.60</u>		

BALANCE SHEET	
CHEQUE BOOK	£ 34,616.66
CASH IN HAND	£ 352.70
TOTAL	<u>£ 34,969.36</u>

CLUB FUNDS 2024/2025	£ 34,073.56
THIS YEARS PROFIT	£ 895.80
TOTAL	<u>£ 34,969.36</u>

19th FEBRUARY 2026
S.R. COOK - HON TREASURER

2026/27 Election of Officers

All currently standing club officers are happy to stand for the 2026/27 season.

Our constitution requires a proposer and seconder for these officers to stand again.



Any Other Business

The floor is opened to any other business.



Thank you

Thank you for your attendance this evening and supporting your club.

Club Officers:

Mr Jack Davison *(Chairman & Fisheries Officer)*

Mr Steve Cook *(Treasurer & Assistant Fisheries Officer)*

Mrs Sarah Cook *(Secretary)*

Committee Members:

Mr Allan Heffernan

Mr Andy Sands

Mr Ashley Thomas

Mr Bob Stancombe

Mr Mark Sherman

Mr Paul Marchant

Mr Darren Barraclough

