



— The —
PISCATORIAL
SOCIETY
— Founded 1836 —

FLY DAY 2025

A SUMMARY OF OUR SEASON

Dick Hawkes & Tony Diment

List of Topics to be Covered Today

We are going to take a journey through our year covering:

GROUPS: PSPG, Split Cane Group (The Bamboo Boys), Fly Tying Group, Carp on Fly, Pike on Fly, Coarse Fishing Group.

EVENTS: Anton Project Site Visit, Mayfly Supper, Summer Party, Family Days, Beginner's Day, New Member's Day, Trout Tutorial.

OUR FISHING: How our Rivers and Lakes have fished during 2025

WILDLIFE: Dick shows us what has been happening near our waters.



We start here....

A year ago at Fly Day 2024 on 1st December.

A tricky moment trying to show the Anton Project video ... finally shown at the Hordern Meeting on 2nd February





PSPG
Visit to Freefolk
11th February

Photo taken
seconds before
the arrival of the
famous `Sticky
Buns`





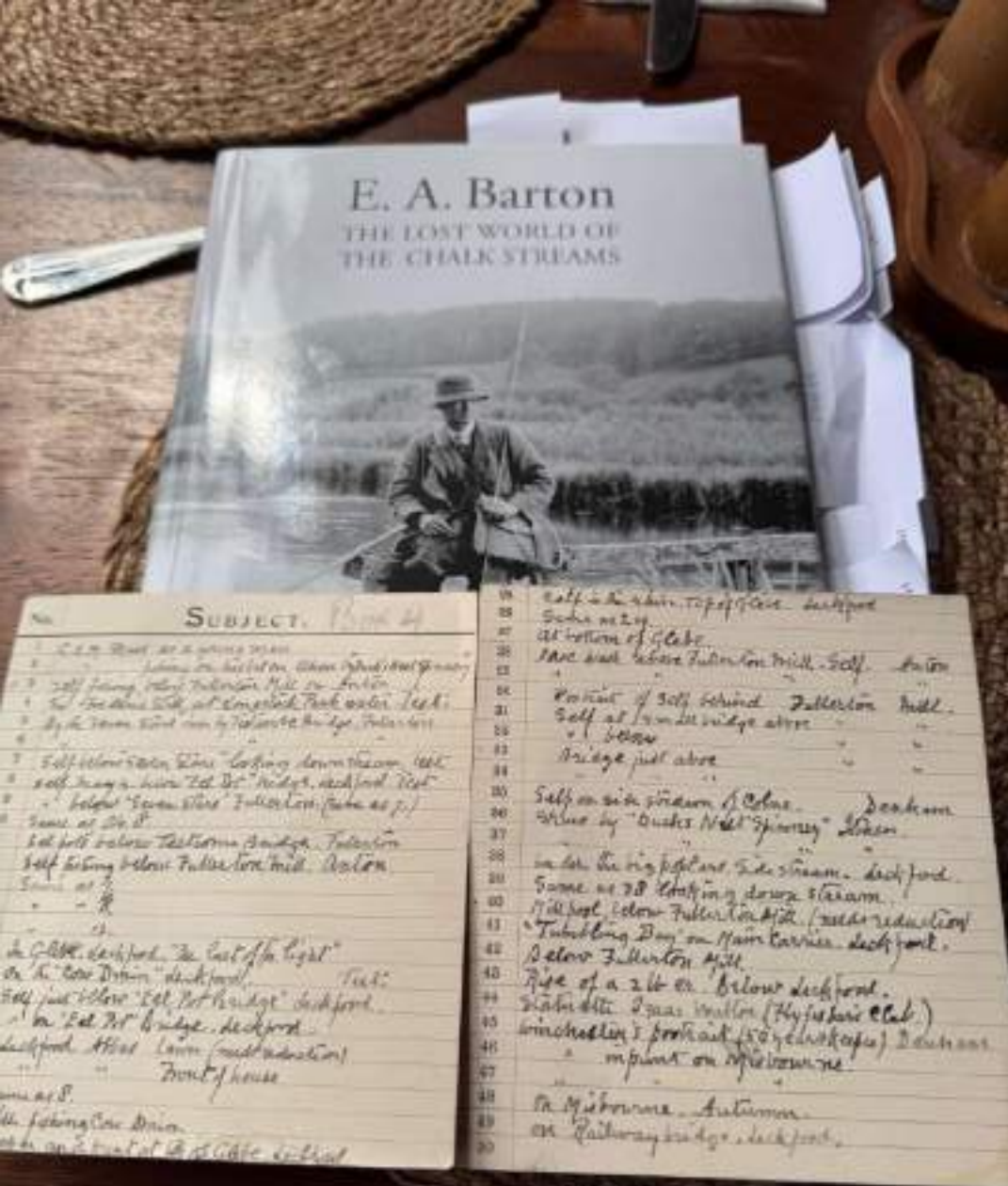
PSPG
All smiles after
warming up in
the
Watership
Down Pub

Dinner at the Fly Fishers' Club 26th February



THE PISCATORIAL SOCIETY PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP (PSPG)

The PSPG visited some of the sites
photographed by Dr EA Barton in the
book 'The Lost World of the
Chalkstreams'



Leckford circa 1920 & present day.
The bridges remain similar but the
`canoe hut' has disappeared





PSPG members
and Guests at
Leckford





**PSPG
Lunch at
the Mayfly
Pub
8th April**

Some familiar
faces here:
Peter Hayes
Don Stazicker
John Knott



Some riverside shots taken by the
PSPG

Courtesy Dick Hawkes & Clem Booth





Another PSPG
study from
Robin West



A PSPG study into
photographing our rivers when
fishing



Member's visit to the newly restored Westover beat 5 of the R.Anton 10th April





The newly
restored
Westover
Beat 5 of the
R.Anton











Merely two seasons on from restoration this is Westfair 8. Now nicely matured with substantial bankside vegetation



The Mayfly Supper 17th May

Wines and
canapes
beside the
river
followed
by supper
in the Rod
Room





Busy readers at the Mayfly Supper



Robin Mulholland

After 45 years since being a founder member of our Mayfly Suppers Robin has now decided to retire and handover the traditional readings to Tim and Heather Olsen who have kindly agreed to takeover next year.

THANK YOU ROBIN

The Summer Party at the Bridge Inn 21st June

Our President, Graham Waterton, gave a fine tribute to the Late Pat Stacpoole





Lots of
Smiling
faces





More
smiling
faces
and
some very
fine hats





The Full collection is on our
intranet Gallery





Magnificent barbel
from the R.Wye



12th July 2025





An
understandably
ecstatic Tom
Davis

Many thanks
go to **David
Littler** for
organising
such a
smashing
day!



Robin West with
another fine
specimen from the
R.Wye



This year's
'Fun in the Sun'
Carp fishing
days at
Willinghurst
lakes again
produced some
beautiful fish





Carp
Days:

16th June
&
7th July







Not to be
outdone by the
Barbel and
Carp Groups
there were two
Pike fishing
days on the
Avon in late
December
2024

**Well done
Tim Taylor !**



FAMILY DAY Freefolk Lakes

Courtesy: Anthony Lowes



The **Fly Tying Group**
produced some creative
wizardry...





The Group has 35 members guided by
Richard Tomiak and enthusiastically

supported by:

Clem Booth

David Whiteley

Mike Davis

Trevor Ashton

Hans Staartjes

Richard Stork

Tom Davis

Timothy Taylor

Ephemeroptera



Peter Hayes Reverse Loopwing
(Hans Staartjes)



Gierach Soft Hackle Hare's Ear
(Clem Booth)



Mimerger
(Clem Booth)



Pale CDC Emerger (Mike Davis)



Hans van Klinken's Once and Away (David Whiteley)

Ephemeroptera



Proctors Drop Arse Spinners
(Timothy Taylor)



BWO spinner
(Alex Richardson)



Perdrix de Parachute Francaise
(Clem Booth)

Three Renegades



(Clem Booth)



Hans Staartjes



(Clem Booth)

Mayflies - Emergers



(Richard Tomiak)



(Clem Booth)



Vacha's emerger (Tom Davis)

Mayflies



(Clem Booth)



Mohican Mayflies
(Richard Tomiak)



French Partridges
(Clem Booth)



Vacha's spinner (Tom Davis)

Sedges - Grannoms



(Trevor Ashton)



(Hans Staartjes)



(Richard Stork)

Terrestrials



Daddies (Clem Booth)



Aphids (Clem Booth)



Beetles (Clem Booth)



Ants (Timothy Taylor)



Griffith Gnats (Clem Booth)



Red Setter for caenis hatch
(Clem Booth)

Sub aqua



Thin Damsel (David Whiteley)



Thin Damsel (Clem Booth)



The Pink Thing for pike
(Richard Tomiak)



Thin Streamers (Clem Booth)



The Split Cane Group
“The Bamboo Boys”
Organised by
Clem Booth



Courtesy: Clem Booth



Split cane giving
some 'wellie' to a pike



Battling a huge
rainbow in
Patagonia

Into Golden Dorado on R.Parana Buenos Aires

THE VERSATILITY OF SPLIT CANE



Winter Floods on the Avon.
The access through Sting's garden
No room for the Mayfly Supper
Gazebo











Codford
Bridge on the
Wylfe in
flood
conditions



Codford Bridge in drought conditions

River flowing
through just one
span of the bridge



A behind the scenes
glimpse providing a
small sample of the
work undertaken by
our Keepers





Improved
Access to help
in boggy areas
has been a
priority in
these times of
extremes





THE ITCHEN

WBT Hours

Grange 1	255	270
Grange 2	286	277
Grange 3	238	232



The Grange Candover
Brook Beats 4,5,6 & 7



Candover Brook
Grange Beats 4,5,6,7
Total 167 WBT
Hours Fished 134



	<u>WBT</u>	<u>Stocked</u>	<u>Hours Fished</u>
Fullerton 1	285	41	325
Fullerton 2	528	150	747
Fullerton 3	478	150	556



	<u>WBT</u>	<u>Stocked</u>	<u>Hours Fished</u>
Westover 4	155	49	255
Westover 5	218	23	320
Westover 6	649	26	753



Westfair 7: 20 WBT 3 stocked Hours: 49
Westfair 8: 65 WBT 18 Stocked Hours 152



	<u>WBT</u>	<u>Hours Fished</u>		<u>WBT</u>	<u>Hours Fished</u>
Parsonage	42	53	Heytesbury	69	59
Knook	195	154	Upton Lovell	44	27
Suffers	79	56	Middle Boyton	194	125
Lower Boyton	155	160	Stockton	282	279
Glebe Farm	158	113			



THE AVON

	WBT	Stocked	Hours
The Broads	286	48	349
Wilsford & Gt. Durnford	130	94	330
Normanton	204	114	426



THE TEST

WBT

Hours Fished

193

233

FREEFOLK LAKES

NEW (Rainbows) Hrs
285 316

OLD (Rainbows) Hrs
425 538





WESTERN COURT LAKES

		Hours
Lakes (Rainbow)	174	216
Stream (WBT)	5	51





	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
TROUT CAUGHT	7172	6321 (Up 13%)



2025

2024

Fish per Hour	0.98	0.86 (Productivity up 14%)
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2025

2024

RIVER

(Wild Vs Stocked)

WILD

5496

4626 (Up 19%)

STOCKED

815

432 (Up 89%)



2025

2024

River Vs Lake

RIVER

6311

5058 (Up 25%)

LAKE

861

1263 (Down 32%)



WILDLIFE SECTION





























THE END

To leave you
with memories of
2025 we end with
this lovely
watery image of
a determined rise
captured by
David Littler

