

INLAND WATERWAYS ASSC. AGM 2024 EVENTS 2023

LET'S FISH SUMMARY 2023.

Sabey's Pool- Rickmansworth Canal Festival. 2days (With Thanks to West Hampstead Angling Society)

Cooks Wharf, GUC 2 days

Ressie Pound, Marsworth, GUC 4 days (Includes Marsworth Steam Rally 1 day))

Shabbington, R Thame, 1 day (End of Season BBQ)

Port Meadow, R Thames 1day (With thanks to Oxford & District Angling Ass. & Port Meadow Rangers & Wardens).

3 Locks , GUC – Regional Event. (Luton Angling Club)

Shropshire Union Canal, National events & Global match - 3 days. (CRT Lets Fish team)

Total 14 days.

COMMUNITY EVENTS SUMMARY 2023 Various venues

Enable group, Young Carers.- 2 Mornings Springwell Lane, GUC.

Enable group, Disabled, 2 Mornings, Springwell Lane, GUC, 1 Ressie Pound, Marsworth GUC. Total 5 days.

Pebble Brook School, After School Club, for special needs children;-6 x 2 Hour sessions, Thursday Evenings. June/July

Not including individual coaching (not recorded) and 3 winter training sessions at Waterways Experiences visitors centre, Nash Mills.

A total of 28 recorded coaching events.

Once again the club excelled with it's coaching performance in producing a variety of events. Canal & River Trusts Let's Fish programme, in my opinion, provides the best coaching opportunities both for the student and the coaching teams. The system can give both young and old , those who have never fished and those have fished in the past, a great opportunity to kick

start and enjoy being an angler for life. Courtesy of Waterways Experience & Enable we are able use there visitor centre for winter indoor sessions, so far we have made a start with making rigs for different styles of angling. The site has the benefit of being on the GUC so all the work can be tested.

We have a few young anglers who not only have the skill but also the determination to succeed. It is the coaches and Tring Anglers responsibility to assist them in their journey. There are many angling awards and schemes which will be available for their angling path to succeed, such as the Talent Pathway. We must not forget those who may only wish to fish as a relaxing pastime or an escape from work or study. All are part of the future of our sport and can ensure both clubs and fisheries can continue thrive in its myriad forms.

An important part of our sessions programme I have entitled 'Community events' which in many ways does not fit in with the 'Let's Fish' programme. However, Pebble Brook school, for example continues to provide pupils who have taken part in both the National young anglers events and the Global competition on the Shropshire Union Canal. Many of Enable events provides a a chance for the disabled, the carers and those volunteers to enjoy some angling. In many cases they will have no other opportunity. What is in it for the club and coaches? We are respected for our efforts and this has been recognised in the past and will be again, by sports and councils bodies. This will assist with future recognition at a number of levels.

We have many changes to our forthcoming events in 2024 and looking forward to the challenges ahead. Keep an eye on the Facebook page and club website.

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