

RIVER LOWER ITCHEN

The popular trip to the Lower River Itchen, organised by the Events Committee, was held recently and in spite of the heavy rain which persisted nearly all day, all those members who went had an enjoyable but very wet day.

Many members caught different species including grayling, barbell, chub, perch, salmon parr and brown trout. Although nobody had told the trout their season had ended.

To give a flavour of the day.....

Darren Kempster caught chub to 5lb 6oz trotting with stick float tactics with light line using hemp, maggot and caster as bait.



Darren and 5lb 6oz chub

John Seager fished below a weir and after fishing the morning close into the bank without success changed to casting further out to avoid loose weed. Then bites came and he finished up with three barbel and one eel to hair-rigged bacon grill. His best barbel was 6lb 7ozs.



John with his 6lb 7oz barbel

On the fly only section of the river grayling and trout were caught throughout the day in spite of the current going through like a train. After a joint lunch to discuss tactics members quickly changed to the method (Klink and Dink) used by Paul Andermahr who finished the day with 10 trout and ten grayling up to 2lb.



Paul with one of his brown trout

Andy King also had a good day catching trout.



Andy with another fine trout

Everyone is now looking forward to the trip next year, hopefully with drier conditions.

The Events Committee organises a number of events during the year and is able to rely on club members willing to share their knowledge with others. If you would like to assist the Events Committee in this way please contact Mike Ballard (committee chairman) for further information at events@verulam-angling.co.uk.

Please do not contact the Club Secretary, Mark Jones, for Events bookings or enquiries.