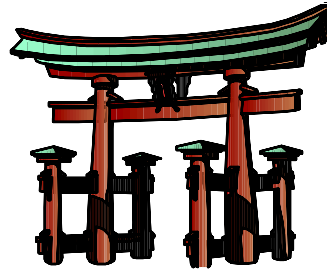




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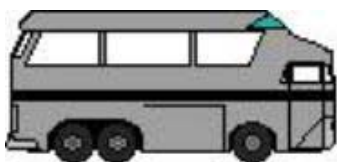
## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### Club Focus

*SEKC Members Visit to  
Worthing & District BKKS on  
Sunday 12th July.*

This trip is just a few weeks away. We are starting to collect names of members (family & friends) who would like to come along. Please inform Barbara or Pat in order that we can give Worthing club the numbers they need for planning the event.

We also need to arrange transport for the event so please make sure you get your



name  
down as  
soon as  
possible

so that we can, once again, confirm numbers and book the bus.

Many thanks. *Pat*

*June General Meeting,  
Friday 26th. 8 p.m. at the Titchfield  
Parish Room*

### Agenda

- \* *Open meeting, welcome and apologies for absence*
- \* *Discuss Koi Health*



- \* *Tea/Coffee and Raffle*
- \* *Q & A session*
- \* *A.O.B.*
- \* *Close*

Please support your club and attend as many events as you can

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**Members visit to Sparsholt College**

Club members met up at Sparsholt College for the much advertised “Countryside Day”, on Saturday 16th May.



There was much to see and to enjoy. The weather was not great but apparently there were record numbers

attending the event.

Ken (who provided the photo’s for the newsletter) and Tony (pictured opposite) took in the development of the National



Aquatics Training Centre immediately on arriving.



Ken took note of the many changes that had been made to the aquatic site since the club’s visit last year and

was impressed. A good day out for the club.

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**Heron’s!**

Have you seen this beautiful but (for the garden pond keeper) unwanted bird anywhere near your garden pond? We have and are not best pleased. I have heard say that heron predation on garden ponds is on the increase. Not something we am pleased to hear about.

Apparently they can not only wipe out your complete stock of fish but not only that they can

also bring disease into your pond. For instance if a heron has recently left a wild fish population which has some disease then that disease could be transferred to your pond. Help, this get’s even nastier!



The real problem is, if a heron has been successful in getting at your fish it will most probably return again. The heron is a protected bird so we cannot get out that shotgun and blow it’s brains out! Not that I would condone this as a way of dealing with the unwanted visitor.

Maybe the only method of stopping that beautiful bird from getting at our fish is by covering the pond! But do we want to do this? A pergola fitted above the pond will help but this will not prevent a heron from landing and hopping up on the wall and helping himself

Fishing line stretched around and across the pond will cause problems to the heron and maybe it will give up. There are heron scarers and fake herons that can be tried but so far there does not seem to be a truly reliable method of stopping a determined heron to do the dirty on us good hard working fish keepers. I suppose it’s obvious but if you catch a heron in the act, make as much noise and frighten the bird as much as you physically can. Shout, yell, throw things, or whatever you feel will scare it. The more frightened the heron is, the less chance he is to return anytime soon.

So, for us, with a pergola fitted over a raised pond, eyes trained skywards, many objects for throwing at it and fingers crossed, will carry on with our hobby in the hope that we will not become victims to the dastardly heron.

*Pat & Rocky.*

Don’t forget we’re on the web.  
[www.sekc.org.uk](http://www.sekc.org.uk)

### Worthing & District BKKS Visit SEKC on 2nd August

At the May general meeting we were very pleased to have some of our newer members offer to open up their ponds for the above visit.

We look forward to welcoming our guests on the day. An itinerary will be following shortly.

### SEKC Annual Dinner

I know you don't want to hear about Christmas events' this early in the year. However, the committee needs to plan well ahead and it is about this time that we have to start thinking about the SEKC's annual dinner.



Whilst we have enjoyed our Christmas meals at our regular venue, maybe for 2010 we could try elsewhere in a different location. Somewhere east of Southampton possibly, i.e: Eastleigh, Hedge End, Fareham area. If you know of a good restaurant that cater for parties then we would be pleased to hear from you.

Please contact Barbara with the name of the restaurant and she will make further inquiries on behalf of the club with a view to placing a booking.

### Update—Tategoi (Show & Grow) Competition

We now have twelve members who want to take part in our Show and Grow competition. Arron has arrived back from Japan and has picked out some nice Maruama kohaku for us.

Once the koi are in Arron's shop and have undergone their quarantine period we will make arrangements to meet up at Worthing Aquatics for the selection process. Arron should be able to let us know when the fish will be out of quarantine and hopefully we will have this information before our June meeting.

### KOI FOOD, VIRASURE

The club have the following for sale to members at low prices:

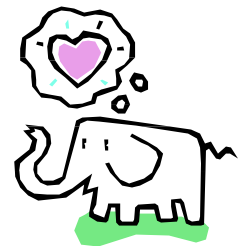
15 kilo bags mixed pellet koi food. 6 mm (med.) £57.

60 tablets Virasure. £28.

Please contact Peter on:  
**01722 340313**

### *Get Well Soon*

Our President, Peter, is to have an operation at the end of this month on his knee, which has been giving him problems for a few weeks now. We wish you a full and speedy recovery Peter, and look forward to seeing you back in good form very soon.



From all your friends in the SEKC.

Date	Programme of Events 2009
Fri. 26th Jun. 2009	Club Meeting at the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m.
Sat. 27th & Sun. 28th Jun. 2009	The 2009 BKKS National Koi Show
Sun. 12th Jul. 2009	SEKC pond visits to Worthing & District BKKS.
Fri. 24th Jul. 2009	Club Meeting at the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m.
Sun. 2nd Aug. 2009	Worthing & District BKKS visit SEKC for pond visits.
Fri. 25th Sep. 2009	A talk on Koi and Pond welfare introducing fish expert: Louise Andrews. At the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m.
Fri. 23rd Oct. 2009	Club Meeting at the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m.
Fri. 27th Nov. 2009	Club Meeting at the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m.

**Please support your club and attend as many club events as you can.**

Our monthly meetings are held at the Titchfield Parish Room, High Street, Titchfield, Fareham, Hants.  
7:30 pm for 8:00 pm start, fourth Friday of the month unless advised otherwise.

For further information on all the clubs social events, call Barbara on 01722 340313. Activities for 2009 are being arranged, so remember to keep a check on what is happening on the social scene.

***Club "Life Line" for Members with Sick Koi***



***Ken Saunders for the Eastleigh, Southampton area: 02380 571403***

***Steve Layley for the Fareham, Portsmouth area: 01489 557748***

***Peter Webber for the Salisbury, Wiltshire area: 01722 340313***

***Keith Shakes for the Worthing, West Sussex area: 01903 753275***

***If our contact cannot help you with your particular problem themselves, they will ensure that you are put in touch with someone who can.***

***Have a Good Month,  
Pat***



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