



## **CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER**

**MAY 2020**

Dear Members

As we are fast approaching the new fishing season the Committee thought it time to put out a letter to all our members. As you will all be aware the current Government COVID-19 restrictions are impacting on us all, but I am sure you were pleased to hear that we have been able to resume our love of fishing, although we must abide by the current social distancing rules.

### **Club Management & AGM**

The Club has not been able to hold a full AGM this year, although we have continued to meet via video conference. The Club accounts have been independently audited and signed off and the Committee members have offered to remain in post for the 2020-21 season. If anyone wishes to view statements of receipts and payments for the 2019-20 season, become a member of the Committee or become more involved in any way, please feel free to contact us.

### **Membership**

It has been decided to keep membership fees the same again this season. We feel that our loyal members and new members alike will appreciate that the waters we have to offer still represent great value. Just to remind you, our membership fees are:-

Adults:	£40.00
Seniors:	£25.00
Juniors:	£10.00
Day tickets:	Adults £6.00 / Juniors £2.50

Conyers Gun & Tackle shop is currently closed, and even when they re-open, we cannot be sure of the on-going impact of COVID-19. Therefore, until further notice, permits can be obtained through the secretary as follows:

- Visit [www.blandfordangling.co.uk](http://www.blandfordangling.co.uk) where you can now buy your membership online.

*(Please keep a copy of your receipt (on your phone is fine) as this will provide proof of membership).*

or

- Cheque made payable to **Blandford & District Angling Club.**

Send to Mr Peter Brundish, 10 Windmill Road, Blandford Forum DT11 7HG.

Please include your name, address and contact details and enclose an S.A.E.

If unable to apply for your membership by the above means, please telephone Peter Brundish on 07867 988306.

### **Map Books**

It has been decided not to print new map books so would members please use last year's book for the coming season as nothing has changed and the information is still applicable. This will not only help the environment but will keep costs down. However, if you are a new member or need a new book we do have a limited number remaining so please request one from Peter Brundish.

### **Swap Books**

Normally we have access to swap books from other local clubs which are usually collected and returned to Conyers. However, during the current situation, and as other clubs are suffering the same problems as ourselves, no swap books are available until further notice.

**Spetisbury:** James Allen has once again kindly donated two permits for our Club to use. If you enjoy fishing this stretch of river, with its weir pools, shallow glides and all round tranquillity, please give James a call on 07717 693570 so that he knows who is fishing on the day.

### **Matches**

Last year's **Evening Series** matches were well attended. Perch were in abundance and our very own perch expert, Brian Hunt, took full advantage to become the clear winner. Overall results were:

1st: Brian Hunt  
2nd: Dave Litchfield  
3rd: Liam Tuck

The **Senior Championships** unfortunately never reached its conclusion for the first time mostly due to the adverse river conditions. However, those matches that did take place fished relatively well and several bags approaching 8 pounds were produced by Bob Steele, Dave Litchfield and myself whilst Stewart Randell found some nice chub.

Craig Whelan has said he is glad to run the matches again this year but we will have to wait until the current restrictions and social distancing have been eased. We will inform members when these resume.

### **Bank Clearance**

We hope to have one or two bank clearance sessions in preparation for the start of the season. If you have a strimmer, scythe, loppers or other appropriate tools, want to join in and don't mind giving up an evening or two, your help would be most appreciated. Please note this will be organised with social distancing in mind. We will let members know when this is to take place in due course.

### **Keep in Touch**

Please see the Club website and Facebook group for latest Club information:

[www.blandfordangling.co.uk](http://www.blandfordangling.co.uk) and  
<https://www.facebook.com/blandfordanddistrictanglingclub>

Tight lines.

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