

# Blandford & District Angling Club

## Newsletter March 2025



### The Good News

The past few years have seen a steady increase in weights & size of fish being caught on our waters, with 1lb roach, large perch & chub appearing regularly. 12 year old Tommy Green has caught himself 2 very nice pike & Olly Smith had a 20 pounder. Ian Paulley fished Nutford, catching almost a fish each cast, ending the day with nearly 50lb. Dave Burford of Tisbury Angling won their visiting match with 38lb 12oz, with Matt Bell 2<sup>nd</sup> 32lb 13oz.



Tommy



Olly



Ian



Dave



John

The 1<sup>st</sup> of BDAC Senior champs (Nutford top 1<sup>st</sup> field) only 3 fished but were glad they did as it fished well with good roach and dace showing. Tony Beddingfield was 1st with 18lb 5oz; 2nd Brian Hunt 14lb 11oz & 3rd Paul Allen 9lb 8oz.

The 3rd Senior Champs fished today at Nutford (middle 1<sup>st</sup> field), 6 fished in cold conditions. The fish didn't mind; 1st John Moody 26lb 9oz; 2nd Brian Hunt 17lb 8oz; 3rd Pete Brundish 11lb 11oz; 4th Alex Compiani 7lb; 5th Paul Allen 5lb 12oz; 6th Tony Beddingfield 2lb 15oz.

Mind the 2nd Senior Champs at Pressham Woods was a reminder that when conditions are less favourable the river can be unforgiving. Tony Beddingfield squeezed out a win with 7oz!!!!

The 4 match Evening Series winner was Paul Allen 27lb 9oz; 2nd Peter Brundish 22lb 8oz; 3rd Brian Hunt 21lb 6oz & 4th Tony Beddingfield 20lb 9oz. James had 3lb 8oz but only fished one match. Total weight was 101lb 7oz (98lb between the 4 who fished every match) which was considered very good for these 3-hour matches.

Both Mark Buckingham & Tony Beddingfield have had very decent chunky chub & of course there is the 'Secret Squirrel Club' who unlike Tony, don't like to pose for the camera & like to keep their catches to themselves.



Mark



Tony

**Swim Clearance:** Thanks to Pete, Tony & Paul who have spent a considerable amount of time clearing a lot of the swims. They can't get to all & want to leave some 'au naturel', but if any member has a particular favourite that could benefit with from a 'haircut' please let us know.

## And The Not So Good News

Unfortunately, we have been notified by Test Valley Angling Club, that they no longer have the lease for **Crawford Bridge to Shapwick** from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2025.

This means that members **will not be able to fish this stretch after March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

**We can still fish from Shapwick to White Mill**, Please see venues/maps on the website; [Venues](#) & [Maps](#) (last 2 maps on page)

## Committee Members - Your Club needs you!

Currently we only have 5 committee members. The Club needs new blood to survive. Any budding Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Secretaries, Internet/Web Designers, Committee Members out there? Please let Pete Brundish our secretary know (07867 988306).

The running of the club has been simplified since moving to Clubmate.

## A.G.M.

This year's A.G.M. will be held at the Royal British legion Blandford Forum on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 8,30 pm. Members wishing to attend must submit their name to the Pete on 07867 988306 so we can inform the Legion. Any person wishing to put forward a proposal must do so in writing, 14 days before the A.G.M. to the secretary or handed into Conyers.

Current Proposals:

- Increase in Membership Subscriptions: Adult £50; Senior £40; Junior £15.
- Move towards a 12-month rolling membership rather than current June 16th-June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Membership Payments

As most of you are aware, the Blandford branch of Lloyds Bank is closing & they are now charging us for all banking services, including cash/cheque transactions. For this reason, we are going to only use Clubmate to process memberships. As anglers are already asked to pay for EA licences online hopefully this shouldn't be too difficult for most members. [Link to the Clubmate Video Guide](#)  
If anyone has a problem or needs some advice how to do this, please don't hesitate to ask (Pete 07867 988306). We value your membership & can help set things up, its relatively straight forward.  
The advantages are once registered, joining Blandford & other clubs is simplified, Jason at Revels can easily check your membership, we can send important messages & it allows us to be more aware who our members are. Also, there are big advantages for the committee, not having to process memberships including licking envelopes & stamps. The taste of glue doesn't make a pleasant start to the season. To register with Clubmate please follow this link [Blandford Angling Home Page](#)

## Litter

We know that most of our members are conscientious when it comes to clearing their swims & taking away rubbish, but we have received some complaints about litter being left. We have been told that this is clearly angling litter. We think that this is likely to be poachers & we are aware that members of the public access the fields although they have no right to do so.

But as we are the 'guardians' & livestock are in the fields; we have a responsibility.

Could we ask members to carry a spare plastic bag in case they see any litter & pick it up. Please let us know about litter, just send Pete a text or message. If there is more than you can manage, please make it as safe as you can & let us know ASAP. We will come out to collect it.

Some of you may remember Pete's post a few years ago when he was fishing light & quite conveniently found a deckchair that he had been washed downstream in the floods.