

Wards 84 Angling Club

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Club Waters Report and Membership News 2020-21



River Teme, Bransford (Bank Clearing – Sunday 30th May 2021, 8.30am):



The start of 2020 was affected by flooding which kept most anglers off the river until opening day on 16th June. Thanks to some great work by several members on bank clearing day, most pegs were successfully recovered and several new spots were created in both fields. Although a number of barbel in the 5-9lb range were caught from the stretch during the summer, fewer fish were taken than in previous seasons – this was also the case with other barbel venues on the Teme and Severn during 2020. On a positive note,

several members reported catching hand-sized barbel, which will hopefully grow on to be caught in future seasons. Good catches of chub and dace were reported across the stretch to float and ledger tactics, along with a number of bonus bream (to 6lb) and perch (see picture, taken from the bridge peg), so Bransford appears to be developing into more of a mixed species fishery.

Grove Farm Lake (Bank Clearing – Sunday 18th April 2021, 8.30am):

The housing development adjacent to the lake is nearing completion, and the developers have committed to various enhancements to the lake. The entrance track and car park area was levelled during 2020, and new pegs and signage have been discussed. The construction work does not seem to have affected the fishing with plenty of double figure carp (to over 20lb) taken to specimen tactics and in matches. The bream fishing continues to develop, with fish in the 3-4lb range appearing regularly in match weights, along with skimmers. Substantial catches of roach, rudd and perch, including individual fish to 2lb, can still be relied upon during matches and pleasure sessions.

Wards Pool (Bank Clearing – Sunday 11th April 2021, 8.30am):



Decent nets of silver fish are still being taken during pleasure sessions and in matches. The average size of roach, perch and rudd is increasing, so double figure match weights are now a realistic prospect on the right day and peg! There is a good head of carp present which are a challenge to catch - the 10lb common pictured was taken from peg 13 in March 2020, and a larger 15lb fish was skillfully landed on pole later in the season during a pleasure session. This year we are planning to fish the annual Acorns Children's Hospice charity match on Wards Pool on Sunday 6th June. Please support this worthwhile event if you can - the £5 peg fee goes directly to Acorns.

Membership News:

Membership numbers increased during 2020, including nearly 20 juniors which is good for the future of the club and angling. Membership fees for the 2021-22 season will be held at the current level, in recognition of the lost angling time due to lockdown during 2020. Gate lock combinations will be changed from 1st April 2021 – the new number will be included on new membership cards issued. It's clear that without recent representations to the government by the Angling Trust, we would not be allowed to fish at the moment – please take up an individual membership with them if you can, to help support their efforts to keep us fishing and other campaign work which promotes angling.

100 Club: Our continued appreciation to all of you who have joined the **100 Club** – it helps cover administration costs. If you have not yet joined and can afford the extra £12 annual entry fee (£1 per month), we would be most grateful for your support - you might even win back your membership fee! Entry is open to non-members, so family and friends can help as well. Monthly winners (2 prizes per month) are announced on the Wards 84 website and Facebook page.

TIGHT LINES - TAKE ONLY YOUR MEMORIES. LEAVE ONLY YOUR FOOTPRINTS.