

Wards 84 Angling Club

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Club Waters Report and Membership News 2021-22



River Teme, Bransford (Bank Clearing – Sunday 29th May 2022, 8.30am):



As usual flooding affected the Teme at the start of 2021, with bankside erosion leading to loss of a peg at the top of a stretch, but also giving us the opportunity to create a new peg at the boundary of the two fields, which produced some nice fish during the summer (see picture). Another new addition to the stretch are sturdy benches in four of the popular pegs thanks to Howard's handiwork. These have survived recent floods and should be available again for use when conditions improve.

Through the summer, the usual catches of barbel, chub and dace were reported to float and leger tactics, with a number of smaller barbel also taken. Several grayling were also caught towards the end of the season, showing the range of fish present.

Grove Farm Lake (Bank Clearing – Sunday 17th April 2022, 8.30am):

The housing development adjacent to the lake is now complete, and the developers have continued to make improvements to the surroundings such as signage and the track at the back of the lake. Double figure carp are still being caught regularly, including a fish of over 16lb in a recent Winter League match. Bream of up to 6lb and plenty of skimmers are appearing more often from all pegs along with roach, rudd and perch in some excellent mixed catches – in a recent match a total of over 70 pounds of silver fish was shared by 7 anglers.

Wards Pool (Bank Clearing – Sunday 10th April 2022, 8.30am):



As usual, plenty of roach, perch and rudd have been caught during the summer months, with pegs 6, 7 and 8 often proving to be the hotspots during matches. Tench were stocked into the pool a number of years ago, and 2021 was the year that they started to put in an appearance again, with fish in the 1-2lb range being taken during pleasure sessions and matches (see picture). This year we are planning to fish the annual Acorns Children's Hospice charity match on Wards Pool on Sunday 5th June. The club has supported Acorns this way for 20 years, raising around £4000 for the hospice during this time, so please support this worthwhile event if you can - the £5 peg fee goes directly to the charity.

Membership News: Following an increase in members during the lockdown year of 2020, numbers dropped back again in 2021, with fewer juniors rejoining. Please try to encourage juniors into the club – we aim to keep the annual junior fee at less than the price of a day ticket in order to support this, as they're the future of the club and fishing as a pastime overall. The club strongly supports the Angling Trust - please take up an individual membership with them if you can, to help support their work to promote angling and the fight against river pollution.

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.