

WARDS 84 AC AGM - 24th March 2026 (7.30pm, Fox Inn Bransford).

Present: P.Houlding (Club Secretary), L.Elsworth (Match Secretary), C.Harris (Treasurer).

The 2025 AGM minutes were reviewed and approved.

Secretary's report:

Following a prolonged period of hot weather combined with water abstraction and low water flow into Wards Pool, a pump was hired to maintain oxygen levels although this proved to be an expensive option. Therefore, with the need to carry out microchalking of the pool on a more regular basis to maintain water quality, the club has purchased a new high-volume pump which can be used for both tasks in the future. The club continues to enjoy a good relationship with the site management team which now oversees maintenance of Grove Farm Lake following completion of the new housing development.

Match secretary's report:

Spring League won by Chris Harris.

Acorns Charity Match won by Chris Harris.

Summer League won by Mick Weston.

Seniors Match won by Mick Weston.

Winter League won by Chris Harris.

Treasurers report:

This year has seen another increase in membership from 96 to 127 members, made up of 51 full members, 28 senior/lady members, along with 12 intermediates and 36 juniors. This is largely due to a doubling of younger members joining the club which is great to see.

Day and guest ticket sales remained low (total 27) but were the same as last year, which is not surprising as once again the Teme was affected by flooding from early November through until the final day of the season on 14th March. Our thanks go to Alan's Tackle and Worcester Angling Centre for continuing to sell memberships and day tickets for the Teme.

Rents for Wards Pool and the Teme remained unchanged and are not expected to increase for the year ahead. There was a significant increase in Angling Trust membership fees (+14%) which, as in previous years, includes insurance cover. The major additional expenditures this year were to cover another stocking of tench into Wards Pool, and to purchase a water pump which will help us to maintain water quality (used for annual micro-chalking and aeration during droughts).

The account audit was signed off on 17th March 2026 by Leon Elsworth and Peter Houlding.

AOB: None.

Meeting closed (8pm).