

Secretary's Annual Report for the 2023 Season – January 2024 AGM.

Season Positives	
Full Membership	Forty Full Members & One Junior Member
Associate Membership	Fourteen Associate Members - June 2023 to March 2024
Fladbury Maintenance	Eleven Members helped over the season
Peg Fee returns	After 21 matches requiring a peg fee we lost £6 (two Canal Matches)
Match Turnout	Similar to last season, 22 fished the Aggregate / 19 fished the Pools.
Angling Trust WQMN	The Society was awarded the AT Club & Volunteer of the year in 2023
Accounting	New format adopted which allowed an increase in Club Prize Money

Season Negatives	
Fladbury Club Bookings	Only Three Bookings in 2023
Water Quality	High Phosphate since November 2021, Fish moved downstream again in November
Committee	Two Committee Members resigned in 2023

Season Highlights	
Catches Generally	Keith's 41-15-0 of Bream at BAA Pershore RB
Fladbury Catches	Steve Cornish's 21-15-0 of Chub from peg 26
Series Winners - River	1)Andy Lacey, 2)Keith Kite, 3)H. Potter
Series Winner - Pools	1)Lee Bachiochi, 2)Peter Fawke, 3)Bob Styles

2023 Results			
2023 Match Series		2023 River Matches	
Dave Mullins Winter Pools	Brian Cole	Fladbury Cup	Stuart Wallace 12-14-0 (20)
Spring League	Lee Bachiochi	Peter Whittingham Shield	Steve Cornish 21-15-0 (26)
Pools Pairs	-----	LG Shield	H. Potter 7-6-0 (13)
Aggregate	Andy Lacey	The Annual (Ladyham)	Brian Barton 7-2-0
River Pairs	-----	JT Cutters Cup	Roger Middleton 11-14-0 (19)
Winter League	H. Potter	F & F (Alvechurch Bridge 64)	Steve Cox 6-6-0
Roach Cup	Andy Lacey 1-9-0 (B/W Br.42)	CG Memorial (Droit. Canal)	Nick Cullis (7-3-0)

2023 Objectives – How did we do?	
Keep Pegs Fishable all Season	Again, a brilliant effort but October/ December floods proved difficult.
Increase Club Match Bookings	Only 3 bookings in 2023, although 3 already received for 2024.
Maintain Level of Membership	Forty in 2023, representing a 100% increase since 2017.
Increase Match Turnout	Slightly down on last season, we saw an increase in full members not fishing matches
No Peg Fee Losses	A superb effort, indicating sensible venue selection.

2024 Objectives	
Bring the Committee up to strength with a good balance taking the Society forward in 2024	
Keep the Pegs Fishable all Season	
Increase Club Match Bookings	
Maintain the current Membership Level	
Endeavour to increase Match Turnout	
Aim for zero Peg Fee Losses	

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2023 Membership:-

Fifty Four Members in 2023 ie, 39 Full, 14 Associate and 1 Junior Member. We have Associate members from as far afield as Kent and Weston Super Mare, a record year for Membership.

Sadly, we recently lost a past member and a good friend in Dave Hughes, many of his Friends from the Society attended his funeral and judging by the turnout he was held in high regard by many.

Finally, our Chairman Dave Mullins who has been forced to miss the last two AGM's and been unable to attend any of this seasons Committee meetings remains unwell, we are thinking of you Dave.

2023 Fladbury Fishery:-

Maintenance:- Help again has been superb. Around August, with the Tractor down we cleared the top of the pegs & kept the pegs fishable but the October/ November Floods caused us some problems. The guys rallied around again and sorted it out in November and the river came up again in December, frustrating.

Driving into the field:- We were warned several times last season about damaging the crops without incident but the inference is that the land owner is on our case. Parking behind the pegs is a huge advantage and one of the reasons for the increase in membership which we don't want to lose, so please be careful.

Water Quality:- We started measuring water quality back in November 2021 and we was one of the first clubs to report water quality data to the Angling Trust WQMN data base, in August 2023 the Society was awarded Club & Volunteer of the year. We have continued to support the very active Fladbury action group and the Angling Trust has through regular reports to participating clubs up and down the country supplied plaudits for the Societies efforts raising the profile of the Club.

2023 Accounting Format:-

The Committee adopted a revised Accounting format starting January 2023. The format links Club Prize Money to the level of membership and ensures that Fladbury income is spent on the Fishery, see the handout.

Society Website:-

Early on in the season we realised that the Web-Site format was designed for a PC or Tablet and nearly all members access the site from a mobile phone. We created the Mobile Phone format to improve their access but the spin-off is that prospective members also now have improved access. The website has now been around for eight years and we are still waiting for some member input.

Committee Achievements over the last Seven Years:-

This may seem like "self-congratulation" but I am very proud of what has been achieved since the Committee re-organisation seven seasons ago and in the Chairman's absence, I believe the Committee deserve a pat on the back. During that seven-year period, we have transformed the fishery and we park behind the pegs, we went through Land Registry and achieved fishery legal ownership and access appointing Trustees, created nine pegs in the lock stream and doubled the membership. Now all Full members have similar opportunity to win Club Prize Money and we have put the Society's finances on an even keel. We have our own website with a mobile version designed to reach all members and prospective members, we now regularly monitor fishery water quality and the Society has begun to build relationships with the Environmental Agency and the Angling Trust.

Committee Resignations/ Nominees:-

Two members have decided to leave the Committee at the end of this season, the Chairman and Committee thank them for their efforts over the last seven years. We now need to bring the committee back up to strength with members that are keen to take the Society forward.

We want to reach those members living further afield consequently we are considering holding quarterly Zoom meetings next season which should allow all Full members to consider joining the Committee regardless of location. Nominees have been requested and they will be voted for at the AGM so hopefully we will be back to full strength soon ready for the new season.

Stay safe and have a superb 2024 season.