

AUGUST 2016 UPDATE

What's happening this month, plus Club news and other dates for your diary

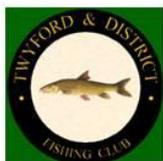
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I hope that you are enjoying your English summer, wherever you are spending it. A quick blast of heat in mid-July prompted a timely warning from Head Bailiff Ian Grant about handling barbel in hot weather. Not his fault that shortly after that the rains came! At least they were good for the gardens - and the rivers.

There is plenty to get involved in with TDFC this month – coaching sessions, Away Day, matches, bailiffing. I know life is busy for most of us these days, but talking to anyone who has got more involved in Club activities reveals that they enjoy their fishing more – and not just because of the odd piece of 'inside information'. Don't just think about it, give it a try and you'll find that your TDFC subscription is much more than just a ticket to some fabulous waters.

Get some coaching – not just for juniors, it's for seniors as well!

Our Committee member responsible for junior angling and fishing coaching is Mark Lauri. There are still some spaces on the Family Coaching session that he and colleagues will be running on Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August. More details below and contact **Mark on marklauri@btinternet.com or 07976 896 994** to get involved.



GET FISHING – in association with TDFC & The Woodley tackle box

National Fishing Month 22nd July-29th August 

TDFC family coaching sessions



come along to one of our sessions and benefit from the help and advice we can offer. Families welcome Bait and tackle provided

We have sessions booked at Pavilions ponds Ruscombe on Saturday the 23rd of July 10.00am-2pm and Sunday -28th of August 10-00am -2pm places are limited and pre-booking is required.

To book a place or for more details please contact Mark Lauri

Depending on popularity more dates will be added keep at eye on the junior page of the web site. tdfc.org.uk - prizes for biggest fish, most fish & best angler



Match fishing

On 10 July the Club Match was an afternoon/evening format, fished 2pm to 7pm. The weather was extreme to say the least! The wind was as strong as any have felt it on the Thames, blowing downstream all the time and gusting on occasion. There were times when all anglers could do was to sit and hold onto the rod; fishing was impossible. Putting the rod on the rod rests just resulted in it getting blown off!

The match was won by Simon Hibbert with an extremely good weight of 10lb 4oz, second was Vince Davies with 4lb 14oz and third was Bernie Upton with 4lb 10oz. 11 anglers fished, catching a total of 27.81 lbs, with an average of 2.53lbs per angler. Most fish caught were roach, with a few dace and perch showing.

If you would like to join in the match fishing fun, here are this month's fixtures:

Date	Venue	Draw	Fishing time	Trophy
Sun 14 Aug	Lower St Pats	12.00	13.30 – 18.30	N/a
Sun 28 Aug	Thames	08.00	09.30 – 14.30	Thames Championship

Newcomers are very welcome. If you have not fished a TDFC match before, you'll find them very friendly and quite informal affairs. Entry to the match pool is affordable and you'll get plenty of advice on how to fish your peg from the regulars.

For more details contact Colin Rumney on 07836 204 739 or colin.rumney@btinternet.com or Vince Davies on 07793 404 006

Club Away Day to the River Itchen – still some spaces

We have exclusive use of the Lower Itchen Fishery on the River Itchen just outside Southampton for a club trip on Sunday, October 9. It is the first weekend the fishery will be opening for coarse fishing so the grayling and roach will be very pleased to see our baits.

Provided we have sufficient numbers, it will be a discounted £20 a head (it's usually £25). We are asking for payment in advance – see below. In the meantime if you could indicate your interest on the TDFC Forum, Club Chat section, it would be a big help.

Steve Double

Ways to pay in order of preference.

1. Make an online payment of £20.00 to Sort Code 20 71 03 Account Number 50456489 clearly stating in the reference box "LI <membership number> <surname>" e.g LI0061 Hardwick (This is to the Club's bank account).

2. Send cheque for £20.00 payable to 'Twyford and District Fishing Club' attention of Mr Chris Jeffery, TDFC Membership Secretary, 4 Pennine Way, Charvil, Berkshire, RG10 9QH clearly stating on the back of the cheque the same reference code "LI <membership number> <surname>" e.g LI0061 Hardwick

When your payment is received Ian will update the posting to confirmed and paid.

Many thanks, **Ian Hardwick - Treasurer**

Bailiffs wanted

Our bailiffing team under Head Bailiff Ian Grant continue to do a first class job in patrolling our waters and minimising unauthorised fishing. We still have a couple of vacancies in the bailiff team, so if you are interested in helping, **contact Ian Grant on 07913 752 524 or iangrant59@gmail.com** for more information about what is involved.

Crayfish in our waters

Several members have reported problems with crayfish on our Loddon fisheries, Sandford and Lavells. For several years now the Club has organised crayfish traps to be set on our waters. So far we have not found any evidence of a crayfish population, but maybe that is changing. If you catch a Signal crayfish do let Garry Brecht know or report it through the Club online Forum, as we would really like an accurate picture of what's happening.

Keep those gates locked

As you will have seen if you view the Club's Facebook page, there has been a worrying upsurge of our Club gates being left unlocked or open. This poses the obvious risk to the security of cars, but also exposes the Club and our landowners to the possibility of unauthorised parking and associated antisocial behaviour, which can be very troublesome. So ensure that you close all gates and lock those that have padlocks. It is not good enough to leave a gate unlocked 'for my mate who is only five minutes away'! The problem was aired at the latest Committee meeting and we are advising all members that leaving gates open/unlocked will be viewed as a very serious breach of Club rules, with the sanction likely to involve an extended ban from using Club waters. So, don't be lazy or slipshod, lock those gates!

... but good news so far on our Club padlocks

After a concerted effort by Garry Brecht, Steve White and others to make our Club padlocks easy to use, we are pleased that very few problems have occurred with inoperable locks and/or broken keys in the last few months. The Committee has looked into the cost of replacing all the Club's locks and keys – and found that it would cost around £4,000! We would far rather spend that money on improvements to our fisheries, so please continue taking care with our locks. Remember: turn the key clockwise, pull the shackle out (it won't spring out) and don't force the key beyond a quarter turn. Follow these simple guidelines and we should be OK, but report any lock problems without delay to **Fisheries Officer Garry Brecht**. His contact details are on your Club card.

Catch reports



Our Treasurer has been out showing that it's not only the Club's Finances that he can handle. A lovely brace of classic St Pats specimens in the same week. Well done Ian!



Contributions, comments, complaints?

Thanks to those members who have taken the trouble to pass on complimentary comments about the Monthly Updates and especially those that have submitted catch information or other thoughts. These really are much appreciated. As always, please convey any information that you want shared or thoughts you have on the Monthly Update, good or bad, to the Editor:

Stuart Spindler at 07774 235 381 or stuartspindler@btconnect.com

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