



SEPTEMBER 2015 UPDATE

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

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With summer coming to a (watery) end, thoughts turn to autumn fishing. This can be a great time of year; water temperatures are not too cold or too hot, weed growth is starting to die back and the fish often feed well. Some of those swims that were unfishable by almost any method in high summer open up, whether for the trotted stick float or heavier methods. Roach fishing can be great on the Thames in the autumn, especially if you give the hemp and tares combo a go. The days are still quite long, but if you like night fishing, you won't have to wait around quite so long for the light to fade. Sounds like the ideal time to get plenty of hours in on the bank!

Fishery maintenance and weed cutting

Our Fisheries Officer Garry Brecht is considering some weed cutting activity for September and he put out a post on the Forum to this effect. He asked for members' thoughts – and interestingly the majority were against a weed cut. Whilst many recognise the restrictions that the heavy weed growth imposes on, say, the Loddon, the common conclusion was 'let nature take its course'.

If you have a view on weed cutting, do get in touch with Garry, via the Forum, **07833 447 034** or gwbrecht@yahoo.co.uk. Garry is particularly keen to hear from members who have some experience of weed cutting methods and the pros and cons.

Pavilions Ponds enhancements

We are behind schedule with the platform rebuilding, so Mark Lauri is asking for volunteers to come forward again and help him and Ray Davies finish off the remaining swim rebuilding and platform construction. Mark is looking to pencil in a couple of Sunday mornings, possibly 6th and 13th September, 9.00am -12.00 noon. If you are able to help please let Mark know via **07976 896 994** or marklauri@btinternet.com

Club Away Days

Over the last few years the Club has organised occasional Away Days, to fish venues that offer something different from our home waters. These can be great fun, combining some good fishing and plenty of banter with fellow members. The most practical way to organise these is via the TDFC website Forum, in the Club Chat section. There are two Away Days under consideration, although specific dates have yet to be fixed:

Blenheim Lake boats for pike, organised by Garry Brecht

Predator fishing with vertical jigs on Rutland Water – Ian Crook is coordinating

If you are interested to join in, contact Garry or Ian via the Forum or directly: Garry on **07833 447034**, Ian on **07500 013 956**

Membership numbers on the rise

As at the end of August, we have 600 members, which is 70 members more than this time last year. Even more encouraging is that 80% of last year's members have renewed; this is slightly higher than the last few years. It is great to see a combination of many current members renewing and new members being attracted by the Club's promotional events such as The Big One and the Open Day.

Match Fishing

Two matches to report on from last month. On 9th August the Lower Pats was in excellent condition with a good flow and a nice colour. There were plenty of canoes present - some better behaved than others! Pete Lewis won the match with 16lb 8oz, second was Vince Davies with 11lb 12oz and Colin Rumney was third with 6lb 12oz. The match produced a total of 52.5lbs of fish, mostly small dace and chub, with an average of 6.56lbs per angler.

The last Sunday of the month saw the match anglers tackle the Thames. The top three were the same as the previous contest and Pete Lewis won again, this time with 15lb 5oz. Second and third places reversed, with Colin Rumney's 14lb 8oz beating Vince Davies into third place by a mere 4oz. A total of six anglers caught 70.06lbs of fish with an average of 11.68lbs per angler. The Thames fished brilliantly as you can see by the results, producing a good mixture of roach, dace, perch and the inevitable bleak.

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

Date	Venue	Draw	Fishing time	Trophy
Sun 13 Sep	St Pats	08.00	09.30 – 15.00	Christopher Cutts Trophy
Sun 27 Sep	Upper St Pats	08.00	09.30 – 15.00	N/a

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

Watch out for match fixtures when you're pleasure fishing

A reminder to members to check the match calendar before venturing out on a Sunday, especially if you are intending to fish the Thames or St Patricks Stream. Club rules stipulate that match fishers have priority on the day of a Club match. That means that the match organisers have the pick of the swims for their pegs. Non match anglers may fish the match venue, but only in swims not pegged for the match, and they should only take up their fishing position after the match has started. The rule exists to support match angling and promote co-operation between match and pleasure fishers. The match men don't want to have to ask someone to vacate a peg, so please check in advance to avoid any awkwardness. Given the extent of our fisheries and the number of swims available, this imposes very little restriction on members' pleasure angling enjoyment.

Contributions, comments, complaints?

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