



Dear Member

Hopefully you have had an enjoyable Christmas and on behalf of everyone connected with the society, may I wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

2022 has felt somewhat more normal after a very turbulent couple of preceding years. I therefore hope that you've managed to get back on the bank for some enjoyment over the last 12 months.

This newsletter focusses on membership renewals for 2023 but also include a few updates on the society's work and matters of interest since our last correspondence in the spring.

Subscriptions 2023



I am writing to advise that subscriptions for **2023 are now due** and you'll be pleased to know that there is no rise in costs. We trust you still consider these prices extremely good value for money – with full membership less than £1 per week! Please study overleaf for the methods of payment available.

Type/Cost	Description
Full Member - £45	Between 16 – 65 years old
Senior – £30	Senior rate applies at 65 years + on 1 January but ONLY after a 3 year qualifying period as a Full Member
Ladies – £16 (£8 with family discount)	Family discount – wives/partners of full members or Senior members receive the 50% reduction
Juniors (under 16) – FREE	Juniors are free but MUST still have a permit for insurance purposes. If renewing or introducing a junior member, please make this clear to ensure you receive a permit for that individual
Keys – £2.50	To enable access to all society waters
BACS admin fee – £1	If choosing to renew via BACS, and admin fee of £1 needs to be added to the transaction. See overleaf for more information

I must respectfully remind everyone of Society Rule 8 which states “Any member failing to pay by 1 March may be expelled from membership at the discretion of the Committee. Only bona fide members, carrying a valid subscription receipt, are entitled to fish Society waters.....”.

Please avoid any unpleasantness by paying promptly.

NOTE:

Expect a delay in membership permits if incorrect remittance is sent.

Forms for new members can be found on the website www.stjohnsas.org.uk **PTO**

Subscription Collecting Arrangements



Members have 3 methods to renew their subscriptions for 2023.

Please find details of these below. Note - it will not be possible to renew subscriptions at the AGM.

1) By Post

St Johns Angling Society, 1 Cowleys Way, Cherry Orchard, Pershore, WR10 1EY

Cheques should be made payable to "St Johns Angling Society".

Please enclose a self-addressed envelope for return. Please note: This is not a home address, therefore posting-by-hand is not possible.

2) Payment at Alan's Tackle Shop, St Johns

Renewals can once again be made at Alan's Tackle Shop on Malvern Road.

We are very grateful of their assistance so please show patience when renewing at the shop.

****Please bring along your previous year's permit****

3) Online – via BACS

Members can pay for their renewals via BACS, with the **addition of an admin fee of £1** (please note this is only required once per transaction, not per member if renewing multiple at the same time). This is to cover the additional postage and stationery that the society would not typically have to fund.

A follow up email should be sent to stjohnsas@outlook.com stating that payment has been made, outlining which members have been paid for and which address documentation needs to be sent to. **Failure to provide clarity may result in a delay of receiving 2023's documentation.**

BACS payment details:

Account Name: St Johns Angling Society
Sortcode - 20-98-61
Account – 3076 9967
Reference – payee name.

Rule Revisions



Members are reminded that any suggestions/proposals for rule revisions should be presented to the secretary by email or post, by 1 February 2023 in order to be considered at the next AGM.

Written proposals should be sent to St Johns Angling Society, 1 Cowleys Way, Cherry Orchard, Pershore, WR10 1EY. Emails should be sent to stjohnsas@outlook.com

AGM 2023



The 2023 AGM will take place on

Thursday 16 March from 7.30pm

at the Portobello Inn, Bransford Road, Worcester, WR2 4EZ.

A full agenda will be sent to members in advance, but please keep a note of the date in your diaries.

Fish Stock



We have continued to regularly stock our waters which included a number of small carp being introduced to the Otherton Farm Pool.

The committee is aware that catches have been difficult at the Millennium Pool - our silver fishery - despite having stocked this well over the years. Unfortunately, predation is a significant issue at this pool in particular. As a result, the committee are considering options to reduce the threat to our stock in what could be a wasted investment if not managed carefully.

Carrington Bridge



We are pleased to confirm that all work on the Carrington Bridge project is complete, subject to the contractors fitting the gates on the slip roads.



May I take this opportunity to thank members for their patience during this protracted saga. With multiple floods and the pandemic, no one would have estimated the length of time it has taken.

Please note that the temporary car park has been removed and members should now park under the bridges on the **hardstanding only**. Please ensure there is no driving on the natural bank, nor dropping off of kit at pegs then returning vehicles to the hard standing. This will be monitored by bailiffs.



Leaving fish alone



Members and the committee alike have spotted some unexpected fish in some of the pools – different to the original agreements relating to the species mixture.

Can all members please be reminded that moving fish between waters is **strictly prohibited** unless instructed by the committee and that any member caught doing so will be banned from the society immediately.

In an attempt to restore the original balance of species in the pools, a netting will shortly take place to evaluate the condition of the pools' stock.

Season of good will



It has been very humbling to see that membership figures have broadly stayed consistent for many years – hopefully demonstrating in the main that members are happy with their value for money.

The last few years though have been tough for us all with a pandemic, increased fuel costs and the rise in energy bills. The society has noticed a small drop in membership numbers to coincide with these factors which perhaps isn't surprising as people look to cut costs in their lives. However, the society does rely on its membership fees to cover its costs.

Considering these conditions, there isn't much surplus to purchase additional equipment to benefit the society. Therefore, in this season of goodwill, *if* any member is able and happy to donate an additional contribution to the running costs of the society, this would be extremely gratefully received.

The committee have no intention of raising membership fees at this stage – but if anyone could spare anything extra, it would help the society look after its assets, such as...

Oxygen monitors and aerators

Back in the peak heat of the summer heatwave, we saw unprecedented and worrying scenes as water and oxygen levels dropped substantially. Tooby's Pool saw an estimated drop of up to 12ft as the landowner



desperately needed the water to keep their horticultural business stock alive.

To look after the fish, keeping oxygen levels at the appropriate level is paramount which would be aided with oxygen monitors and aerators. However, these pieces of equipment are expensive and would struggle to be funded through the annual budget.



Therefore, if members are willing and able to provide an additional donation to the society funds, these contributions will be ring-fenced. If the scorching summer heatwaves are to be expected in the ongoing future, it's vital the society has what it needs to ensure our fish are looked after appropriately.

The committee wish you well for the year ahead and hope to have you as a valued member again for 2023.

Tight lines.