



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.

I hope the last 12 months has allowed for some enjoyable fishing, so attention now turns to 2024.

This newsletter focusses on membership renewals for 2024 but also include a few updates on the society's work and matters of interest since our last correspondence in the spring.

Subscriptions 2024

I am writing to advise that subscriptions for **2024 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 subs.

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

1) By Post

NOTE – this is a new address for 2024:

St Johns Angling Society, C/O Bank House,
5 High Street, Pershore, WR10 1AA

Cheques should be made payable to
“St Johns Angling Society”.

Please enclose a self-addressed and stamped 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 2024's documentation.**

BACS payment details:

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

Parking Passes



Our bailiffs are frequently finding vehicles parked on the society waters without displaying their car parking passes. This is a mandatory requirement of membership to ensure that only bona fide members are benefiting from our waters.

A couple of years ago, we introduced windscreen 'pockets' to help members to display their permit. If replacement ones are required at the time of renewal or during the year, please contact the secretary who will happily provide a new one.

Membership Permit



The most important document that members should possess when fishing on our waters is their main membership permit. Without this, no individual has the right to be fishing.

The committee is hearing more frequent cases of excuses being given as to why they don't have their permit on them.

As a result, and as a contingency measure, members may choose to take a photograph of their membership permit **together** with photo ID (see example) and have this stored on their mobile device. When questioned by bailiffs, they will then happily take this as membership proof.



With this additional option available to members, bailiffs will now be taking a reduced tolerance to excuses. If no permit is presented either physically or digitally, **expect** to be asked to leave our waters.

Rule Revisions



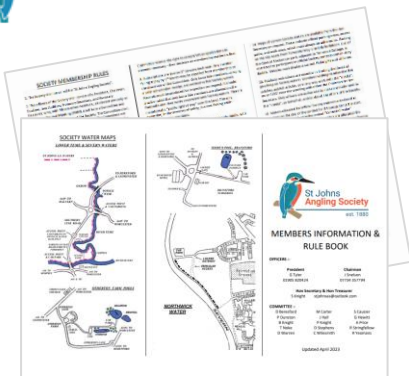
Members are reminded that any suggestions/proposals for rule revisions should be presented to the secretary by email or post, by 1 February 2024 in order to be considered at the next AGM.

Written proposals should be sent to St Johns Angling Society, C/O Bank House, 5 High Street, Pershore, WR10 1AA. Emails should be sent to stjohnsas@outlook.com

Rule Book



Sticking with rules, members are encouraged to remind themselves of the society rules before each new year. At the 2023 AGM, a number of new rules were agreed meaning your physical rule book may not be outdated. A rule book can be downloaded, or a list of the latest rules can be found on our website – www.stjohnsas.org.uk/rules



Fish Handling



Linked with the above, appropriate fish handling is an integral part to wider fish welfare. Members are reminded of their responsibilities when handling the society's fish. A useful guide produced by the Angling Trust can also be viewed on our website at www.stjohnsas.org.uk/rules.



Carrington Bridge



With all the work brilliant work on the Carrington Bridge now complete, please be reminded that parking is only permitted on the areas of **hardstanding** between the two bridges. No vehicles should park on any of the 'soft' ground.



Get Social



Over the course of the year, we get many requests from members about the best baits to use, most effective methods, or generally about catches etc.

The committee are keen to see this discussion take place in an open forum and wish to remind members about the society's Facebook page, originally set up for just this purpose. The secretary does apologise for it not being used frequently, but hopefully this will change over the coming weeks.

The Facebook page can be found at www.facebook.com/stjohnsas or by simply searching for 'St Johns Angling Society'.

It would be great to hear stories of the latest catches or for our more successful anglers to pass on their wisdom to the next generation!

Date for the diary



The 2024 AGM will take place on

Thursday 14 March from 7.30pm at the Portobello Inn, Bransford Road, Worcester, WR2 4EZ.

A full agenda will be sent to members in advance of the meeting – it's your opportunity to have a say in how the society is run.

The committee wish you well for the year ahead and hope to have you as a valued member again for 2024.

Tight lines.