

# Newsletter & Match Fixtures 2026-27



Dear Member

Firstly, I would like to thank Pete Williams who after 40 years of serving as president stood down at last year's AGM after being in the post for just over forty years. Pete after holding a number of roles was elected as President back in April 1985. The club wishes to thank Pete for his service and wish him all the best for the future, though he will continue as a friend and trustee of the club.

With Pete standing down, the club elected Pat Dunkley as President for the next three years. Pat's long involvement with the club — especially his recent volunteer work and support for the match programme — means he brings both experience and commitment to the role.

As I reflect on the 2025–26 season, I'm especially proud of the warm, friendly environment we've fostered across the club, something many of our new members have noticed and appreciated. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers, whose efforts have driven so much of what we've accomplished. Here are the moments that stand out for me.

Membership is now over 430, and it's brilliant to see more youngsters getting involved, with more than 60 junior members.

As membership numbers grow, we just need to be thoughtful about parking so we can make sure as many people as possible can enjoy their time at the lake.

Since December we've added fresh life to the water with 100 Chub, 100 Bream, 100 Crucian Carp, 100 Tench and 1,000 Roach. These stockings should help balance out any losses from cormorant activity. Early match results have been better than we dared hope, with several bags over 20lb, which suggests the impact has been small. We'll keep tracking catches through the season to decide what further stocking is needed.

On the match scene, we welcomed a new Match Secretary, Alan Green, who has taken over from James Cavendish after he stepped down. Match fishing is becoming more and more popular with our members — they're competitive, but always friendly and welcoming. The programme has been extended this year, and Alan is keen to introduce Sunday matches at a variety of venues, along with potential club-versus-club matches if there's enough interest. Please note, despite the popularity 10 pegs will be available at Woodfields for pleasure anglers on match days.

River conditions were challenging last season, with low levels through the summer followed by winter flooding and high water. Despite this, there have still been some notable catches, including a 6lb 4oz chub from the lower River Ouse.

The club continues to support fishing through the town, and we encourage all members and visitors to follow our rules to

help protect both fish welfare and the wider natural environment.

Our River Warden group, who test the river water quality by carrying out monthly Riverfly Invertebrate surveys now also test the Ammonia, Nitrate and Phosphate levels at two sites in Buckingham. In addition, they also carry out quarterly walkdown surveys on a number of stretches of the river in the Buckingham area. A special thank you to that group and to Buckingham Town Council who have recently awarded the group a £118 grant for water testing chemicals.

On the coaching front we plan to hold more taster and coaching sessions during summer - see website for details, A special thank you to Fran Smith, our level 2 coach, who is leading this. Any member interested becoming a coach and getting involved should contact us.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to making further improvements, and I want to extend my thanks to the volunteers whose hard work has already achieved so much. Their continued dedication will make future progress possible.

And just a reminder: we still have a few BDAA caps available at £15. If you haven't grabbed one yet, please do — every purchase helps support the club.

*Barry Smith*  
Chairman

## Matches

A list of guidelines and rules for each series and individual matches will be published before the commencement of the season. It is the angler's responsibility to read these.

See Website [www.bdaafishing.org.uk/matches](http://www.bdaafishing.org.uk/matches)

All Pegs required for matches will be clearly marked the evening before the match. Please respect this if pleasure fishing and do not fish the pegs marked for the match.

Full match programme overleaf. Pools - £5.

Only club members may enter matches, except where the match is listed as Open.

Where Pre-booking is required email [info@bdaafishing.org.uk](mailto:info@bdaafishing.org.uk).

For BDAA Junior Matches participants under 14 must be accompanied by a parent / guardian.

## Membership Renewal - Due 1st June 2026

### Prices for 2026-27 – No Increase

Adult Permit	£50
Concession	£40
Junior (16 and under)	£10

*Concessions include - Senior Citizen (65+), Disabled and Intermediate (17-18 years inclusive).*

An adult member may take up to two children, under the age of 12, fishing free of charge i.e. no permit required.

Guest Tickets are available for Woodfields when fishing with a member.

£8 Weekend £6 Week Day.

These must be purchased in advance via email

[membership@bdaafishing.org.uk](mailto:membership@bdaafishing.org.uk).



**Woodfields Lake**  
Open all year - Members Only  
Guest Tickets Available

**Website**  
[www.bdaafishing.org.uk](http://www.bdaafishing.org.uk)

**River Fisheries**  
16 June 2026 to 14 March 2027  
All venues retained.

**Facebook**  
buckingham and district angling  
association



BDAA Events and Match Programme for 2026-27 Season					Issue 1 - 17 April 26
Day	Date	Draw	Match Time	Event	Notes
Sat	30-May-26	09:00	10:00 - 20:00	Carp Cups Adult & Junior Matches	Pre-Booking Required Junior match fishing 10.00 to 16.00
Sat	06-Jun-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Open - Jamie Ballinger Memorial Trophy	Open – Pre-booking required (Max 30)
<b>Sat</b>	<b>13-Jun-26</b>			<b>2026 Club BBQ</b>	<b>From 5pm</b>
Sat	13-Jun-26	09:45	11:00 - 16:00	Club Match	Float Only Match
Sat	13-Jun-26	13:00	14:00 - 16:00	Junior Match (1)	
Fri	19-Jun-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Friday Cup & Seniors Cup (Match 1)	
Sat	27-Jun-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Bryan & Alan Bedward Cup (Match 1)	
Fri	03-Jul-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Friday Cup & Seniors Cup (Match 2)	
Sat	11-Jul-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Bryan & Alan Bedward Cup (Match 2)	
Fri	17-Jul-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Friday Cup & Seniors Cup (Match 3)	
Sat	18-Jul-26	12:00	13:00 - 15:00	Junior Match (2)	Pre-Booking required
Sat	25-Jul-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Bryan & Alan Bedward Cup (Match 3)	
Fri	31-Jul-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Friday Cup (Match 4)	
Sat	08-Aug-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Summer Cup	
Fri	14-Aug-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Friday Cup (Match 5)	
Sun	16-Aug-26	TBC	TBC	Club Match @ Winslow	Draw and Match Times TBC
Sat	22-Aug-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Bryan & Alan Bedward Cup (Match 4)	
Fri	28-Aug-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Friday Cup (Match 6)	
Sat	05-Sep-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Bryan & Alan Bedward Cup (Match 5)	
Fri	11-Sep-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Autumn Cup (Match 1)	Float Only Match
Sat	12-Sep-26	12:00	13:00 - 15:00	Junior Match (3) Bernard Lewis Trophy	Pre-Booking required
Sat	19-Sep-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Bryan & Alan Bedward Cup (Match 6)	
Fri	25-Sep-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Autumn Cup (Match 2)	Float Only Match
Sat	03-Oct-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Stan Smith Trophy	Pre-Booking required - Pairs Match
Fri	09-Oct-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Autumn Cup (Match 3)	Float Only Match
Sat	17-Oct-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Winter Cup (Match 1)	
Fri	23-Oct-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Autumn Cup (Match 4)	Float Only Match
Sat	31-Oct-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Winter Cup (Match 2)	
Fri	06-Nov-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Autumn Cup (Match 5)	Float Only Match
Sat	14-Nov-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Winter Cup (Match 3)	
Fri	20-Nov-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Autumn Cup (Match 6)	Float Only Match
Sat	28-Nov-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Winter Cup (Match 4)	
Sat	12-Dec-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Winter Cup (Match 5)	
Sat	19-Dec-26	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Christmas Cup	
Sat	09-Jan-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Winter Cup (Match 6)	
Sat	23-Jan-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Roach Cup (Match 1)	Only Roach, Rudd, Roach/Rudd Hybrids Count
Sat	06-Feb-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Roach Cup (Match 2)	Only Roach, Rudd, Roach/Rudd Hybrids Count
Sat	20-Feb-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Roach Cup (Match 3)	Only Roach, Rudd, Roach/Rudd Hybrids Count
Sat	06-Mar-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Spring Cup (Match 1)	
Fri	12-Mar-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Presidents Cup (Match 1)	Float Only Match
Sat	20-Mar-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Spring Cup (Match 2)	
Fri	26-Mar-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Presidents Cup (Match 2)	Float Only Match
Sat	03-Apr-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Spring Cup (Match 3)	
Fri	09-Apr-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Presidents Cup (Match 3)	Float Only Match
Sat	17-Apr-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Spring Cup (Match 4)	
Fri	23-Apr-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Presidents Cup (Match 4)	Float Only Match
Sat	01-May-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Spring Cup (Match 5)	
Fri	07-May-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Presidents Cup (Match 5)	Float Only Match
Sat	15-May-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Spring Cup (Match 6)	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>20-May-27</b>			<b>2027 AGM - 7.30pm</b>	<b>Woodfields Lodge</b>
Fri	21-May-27	08:45	10:00 - 15:00	Presidents Cup (Match 6)	Float Only Match
Sat	29-May-27	09:00	10:00 - 20:00	Carp Cup Adult & Junior Matches	Pre-Booking Required Junior match fishing 10.00 to 16.00