

## Chairman's Introduction

So, the close of another unusual season is looming and for some it is a period to reflect on the uncertain times we have had in the last 20 months or so. As far as CADAC is concerned I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for working with us on the various measures we have had to implement to ensure we are all safe and still can enjoy this great club. Of course, these things don't happen by themselves and there are committee members, Bailiffs and also unsung heroes that work tirelessly to keep the majority happy. CADAC is in a healthy place due to our wide portfolio of waters, good relationships with water owners and, for the first time as far as I am aware, having to implement a Waiting List for new members. Personally, I feel the club's greatest achievement in the last 2-3 years is the expansion of our Junior Membership which has gone from 7 to well over 120. This growth assists in protecting the sport and this club for years to come and we should all be proud that we can offer the young people of today the ownership of their own Tackle Box instead of an X Box!! On behalf of my Committee and Team of Hard Grafting Bailiffs I hope you all had a Xmas full of laughter and enjoyment, hope to see you on the bank

## Stocking at Lydd & Brookland

As part of our long-term agreement with the owners of the Windsurf pit the stocking program continues with some more specimen carp.

The sizes ranged from 14lb to 18lb, so should be around 20lb by October 2022. Some of last years stocking fish are already reaching 20lb+



The stocking of Brooklands has also started, with a number of Tench all over 5lb and carp to 18lb being stocked.



## New Waters Wanted

We are always looking at adding more waters to our already large portfolio of waters. If you know of a water that may be available please get in touch with our Chairman Trevor on 07460024294 or email [info@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk](mailto:info@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk)

## Burnt Wood

As many of you are aware, the Committee recently took the decision to temporarily close Burnt Wood as it was concerned over the immediate health and welfare of the fish stocks. It had noticed a couple of dead fish and many other carp were to be seen on the top mouthing at the surface. Whilst not unusual in itself, this was combined with a prolonged period of very high pressure and mild weather for the time of year, compounding our concerns.

It was quickly closed to members and undertook some remediation work including installing some additional aeration equipment and removing some trees and vegetation. An improvement in air pressure and a drop in temperature combined with the aeration meant there was an improvement in levels of dissolved oxygen meaning the fish were better off.

Burnt Wood is often recognised as a "hidden gem" or "a water from back in time due to its seclusion and being surrounded by trees. Unfortunately, this is a problem in itself and Nature is literally claiming back what it lost from all those years ago. If left unattended, then the lake will eventually be lost back to nature. As our only freehold water, the committee are committed to not let this

happen and keep it as the much loved fishing lake that it is.

Therefore, the Committee has agreed to start a project of

regeneration, very much as it did back in 2008, when they reclaimed the lost area of pond and carried out various works including the installation of the solar powered aeration, replaced fencing etc.

The project will look to coppice as many trees as it can to prevent the considerable leaf drop into the water. We will leave the substantial old oak trees but many others will need to be coppiced or removed. We recognise this will change the feel of the water, but trees do grow back and it is about keeping them under control. We will also look to remove as much silt as we can from the lake and also then continue to treat the water to again keep the water in a good state. We will also look at fish stocks, aerating plants and other structures such as swims, steps and fences. We hope you understand if we need to close the water at any time to undertake the works and we will give adequate notice



## Bailiff Report

Over the past year the bailiff team numbers have steadily increased and we now have in excess of thirty active bailiffs covering all of the club's waters. The importance of this team of bailiffs cannot be underestimated and their role extends beyond the perceived checking tickets, water quality, fish welfare and applying club rules. The manner in which our bailiffs carry out their role demonstrate to riparian owners the club to be a responsible "tenant", which helps CADAC negotiate renewal of leases (and in some cases the leasing of new waters).

### **CADAC Members on RFA Waters – Thank You!**

An unedited quote from an RFA Bailiff (no further words needed!) – "Of all of the tickets I check, CADAC members are the best and always carry both photocard and membership card and always possess all relevant fish care equipment"

**Fish Welfare** Our members and bailiffs are extremely proactive in reporting their concerns where they encounter our fish stocks seemingly in distress (oxygen crashes etc) and enable timely action to be taken by club where possible. The bailiff team have encountered instances where our members have been witnessed fishing without being in possession of an unhooking mat. The club will continue to issue written warnings to members where **General Rule 24** has been ignored. Repeat offences may result in ejection from the club.

### **Membership Cards and Photocard**

We look to all members to help continuing to support our bailiffs by ensuring they familiarise themselves with both the general and water specific rules before fishing CADAC waters. Members must also ensure they always carry both photocard and the current years membership card when fishing. If you do not present both you are liable to be asked to leave the water. The club will not tolerate any verbal (or physical) abuse towards its bailiffs, any members found doing so will face a club ban.

### **Join the Team**

We are always looking for more bailiffs to complement our existing excellent team. If you enjoy all aspects of our wonderful pastime and the angling community and wish to give something back to the club then please contact Trevor Gilbert on 07740407701.

### **Facebook Group**

We have a fantastic member's only Facebook page.

Great chats, a bit of banter, photos of catches and new this coming season some special offers coming from our club supporters. Make sure you are joined up, so you don't miss out.



## Family Day

The night before the Family day we found out that a tree had fallen across the entrance to the car park.

Armed with his chain saws early the following

morning, Paul Whibley chopped up the tree. The tree was moved with the help of Kevin Durman, Mark Lindsell, Tim Wood and Mike Coward.



Unfortunately Tim Wood was lacking in the tool department!!

Although the numbers were

down from previous years, we had other successful Annual Family Fishing Day and BBQ at Runham Lake, with and happy juniors and parents alike. Thanks go to Level 2 Coaches Kevin Durman, Paul Whibley and Kevin Ahern for providing coaching sessions throughout the day.

A big thank you to all those who attended to make this event a success.



### **Guest Ticket Rules**

Adult and Senior members may request a guest ticket. The application must be made to the membership officer, at least **24hrs IN ADVANCE** giving dates required, which venue and the name of the guest.

The guest ticket fee may be paid by bank transfer to **CADAC** Sort Code **30-92-36** Account No. **00033581** or a cheque/postal order is acceptable to be sent to the club's address.

The guest ticket will be issued in any of the following forms text, e-mail or letter.

Permission will be given on the understanding that the club member will be responsible for any damage, injury or trespass that may occur.



Enjoy the rest of the 2021/22 season and we look forward to seeing you all on the bank very soon.

Kind Regards  
Cranbrook and District Angling Club Committee