



VALE OF CLWYD ANGLING CLUB

PRE SEASON NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Dear members,

Welcome to the 2022 season.

Let's hope that this year will see life begin to normalise and we can enjoy more of the fishing our club provides.

We have again purchased Llyn Brenig tickets for members. These are two on Wednesday, two on Friday and two on Saturday.

The club lake (Clywedog) will be stocked again this spring and I'm pleased to report plenty of fish have overwintered and are still being caught in January.

The Brown trout season begins on both rivers on March 3rd and sea trout on March 20.

Last season was a little hit and miss, catches for sea trout began well with river levels up but as the season progressed with long hot spells of weather, river levels dropped and fishing was proved difficult.

Thank you to all those who responded to our Facebook appeal for work party volunteers. Work party dates will be posted on the members Facebook page soon and our first day will be at Clywedog prior to stocking. Work parties also provide a good opportunity for new members to familiarise themselves with river beats and there is always helpful advice on hand from seasoned anglers.

Due to the on going covid risks we have decided not to hold a members night in March. I hope this newsletter along with our members Facebook page and our new look website will provide members with all the information they need.

Lastly a mention to our committee members for their help and time in keeping things ticking over. I hope to see many of you bankside over the coming months, wishing you all tight lines.

Tony.

MEMBERS NIGHT

Unfortunately, there will be no members night this year. The Covid Pandemic makes safely organising such group meetings quite difficult. The Welsh Government are about to start lifting restrictions, but people are still reluctant to join large groups, particularly inside.

To try and help we have spoken to Foxons in St Asaph and they have kindly agreed to facilitate two number Membership Events. These will be held on:

Saturday 26th February 2022

**Saturday 12th March 2022 from
10:30am until 4:00pm.**

The Committee will have space in the shop where we can take your application form, catch returns and payments to enable you to renew your membership, chat with other members and get to know your committee.

We also now have the facility to take Debit Card payments.

Payment of Subs for 2022

Subs for 2022 are now due and these can be paid in a number of ways. Membership renewal forms can be downloaded from the club website and Facebook page.

The 2022 subs are Full Member £135, Senior Member (65 or older) £95, Student (in full time education) £30 and Junior Members are free but must still register and carry a card. Cards will be posted out in February and should be with members before the season opens in March.

Options for payment:

By direct bank transfer

By cheque made payable to Vale of Clwyd Angling Club

By PayPal via Club website

At Foxon's

The details of the Club bank account and the address for sending cheques are on the membership renewal form. Any one using payment option 1,3 or 4 is advised to email the Membership Secretary on PaulKing@gmail.com to confirm that payment has been made or risk a delay in receiving their membership card and car sticker. Those paying at Foxon's may receive car sticker and a temporary card as there will be an inevitable delay in receiving their cards.

It is a requirement that a catch return for 2021 is submitted with the renewal application and this can also be downloaded from the website or Facebook page. If you either did not fish in 2021 or caught nothing no return is required and a note on the renewal form or email to this effect will suffice.

Booking Kinmel Estate and Brenig 2022

Kinmel Estate

There are three beats, there is a rod limit on each of them and members **must** book in advance before fishing. Any member fishing without a booking is liable to be suspended or expelled. We share the beats with Wirral Game FC and their members may be present.

Beats can be booked for any date as far forward as wanted but there is a limit of one forward booking and one booking "on the day". That means, if it is 1st June a member can book a beat for 1st June and also have another booking for say 15th July.

Bookings are made with Paul King in one of the following ways and a member can book for themselves and another member fishing with them:

Telephone (voice message available), text or WhatsApp to 07716 464746

Email to PaulKing@gmail.com

Facebook Messenger

Messages will be acknowledged and bookings confirmed, no booking is made unless confirmed.

Brenig

Vice Chairman's Chatter



Hello Members.

This is my first newsletter article as Vice-Chairman of the Club, therefore can I take this opportunity to say thank you to you, the members and to my fellow Committee members for allowing me to take up this position on Committee and for your support thus far.

A fair proportion of the membership will know me from various shows, official club events, social events and from the Clubs two Facebook groups. But for those of you who don't, my name is Stuart Hughes and I live in Denbigh, was brought up in Ruthin, attending Ysgol Brynhyfryd. As a youngster, I was a member of the Clwyd Angling Club in Ruthin, but in my teenage years,

fishing fell off my priorities list, as it does with many at that age. I came back into fishing some nine or ten years ago, when my eldest Nephew, Matthew Davies, started to become interested in the hobby.

This will be my ninth season with the Club and I have been on the Committee for seven years. My main roles in the past have been to organise and assist the running of events for the promotion of the Club, its membership and the juniors.

As Vice Chair I have given a commitment to the Officers of the Committee to work hard on behalf of the Club, the Committee and most importantly the membership. So, off the back of same, in addition to the day to day Club duties, I am going to try and focus a lot of my effort to promote the Club to new members and to offer existing members opportunity to interact with the Club by way of more Social events. I did float the idea of more social events at the Annual General Meeting in November 2021 and this was well received at the time and during informal discussions afterwards.

So for 2022, I am going to try and organise or assist in the organisation of some of the following events, providing we don't end up with further restrictions.

- Two, pre-season membership events at Foxons, St Asaph (see separate article)
- Assist with organising some Maintenance parties and making them fun (you might already have seen posts on Facebook asking for offers of help).
- A members social fishing day at the Brenig.
- Social fishing days at other venues – Please let me know if you have any suggestions
- Fly Tying social evenings
- Fly Tying demonstrations
- Attendance at County and Town shows

Evening social event / fishing talk

And finally, in association with the Junior Members representative on Committee, we are going to try and push some opportunities for the younger members to enjoy. At the moment we intend to run our Annual Junior members fishing competition, but are also looking at Junior promotion/taster days for new and existing members, a junior boat safety day and possibly a junior fly tying introduction event.

For those of you on social media, please join our two Facebook pages and follow our Club Instagram page.

Finally, please, please let me have your ideas on what you, the members, would like us to consider. I can be contacted on Facebook Messenger or via email – stuhughes72@gmail.com

Tight lines for 2022

Stuart



Junior Representative on Committee.

My name is Matthew Davies
and I am 16 years old.
I live in Denbigh

I joined the Vale of Clwyd Angling Club in 2012 at the age of 7, as a very enthusiastic young fisherman, where I took every opportunity to get out and try my new hobby.

My Uncle, Stuart Hughes is a keen Committee member of this club and I started to attend various club events with him, helping out with setting up stands, giving out papers at the AGM etc. Seeing how keen I was, the Chairman, Tony Espley asked me to become more involved with club activities and I am well known by several club members due to my enthusiasm for all things fishing and particularly my skills at the fly-tying vice.

I have also qualified to fish for Wales at Youth level (in 2019) and will be fishing the Youth International in Ireland this summer.

Having won the club's junior competition in 2018, I decided not to fish in 2019, but to tie some flies as a spot prize on the day and to help out throughout the day. From here, I was asked if I would be interested in joining the Committee as its Junior Representative and gladly took that offer.

As an enthusiastic fisherman and fly tyer, I am keen to try and show my friends and the public how good a hobby fishing and fly tying can be, so I will be looking to assist the club at many events this year and hopefully assist to grow the junior section. I hope to inspire some of our younger members, so they get the opportunity to get out into the fresh air and go fishing as often as possible.

In future articles, I intend to feature pictures of my favourite flies and how to tie them to help club members.

In conjunction with Stuart, I will be attending as many club events as I can this year. Stuart has given an idea of some of the events we will look to host, I hope to see you about – please come and say hello.

Matthew

It is my pleasure to present the brand new website. As I'm sure you are aware the club website has been a work in progress over the past 12 months and we are delighted to announce that the club have now re-acquired the domain rights for www.valeofclwydangligclub.org.



Maps Old and New



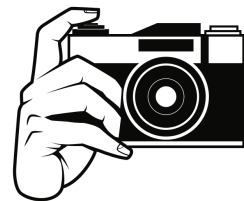
The new website has a couple of new features. I would like to draw your attention to the old black and white hand drawn maps that date back over a number of decades which appear on each individual beat page. These maps have been modernised and been made available in colour thanks to one of our members Eoin. Who pulled out his water colours and added a splash of colour to them. Not only will you find the old school hand drawn maps that are a part of the clubs history on the beat pages, but a Google map showing the beat and where the parking is located.

Club Shop

I am also pleased to announce that in the coming days the club website will have a shop, where members can renew their membership and non-members can buy their membership or buy day tickets for some of the club's river beats.

Pictures

Finally I would be delighted if anyone has any photos, new or old, that they would like to appear on the club website, to send them to me. During the season I aim to change the photos on each beat page to reflect fish caught and show the beautiful and plentiful number of beats and waters we have available. Please just state what beat the photo or photos were taken on and I will aim to try and get them on the website. My email address is informationvcac@gmail.com.



If you have any issues with the website or ideas for improvement please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address above.

Aron Cook

OUR FANTASTIC CLUB LAKE



Our lake has been much improved, and fishing, even at the season's end was excellent. Fish were rising freely to dry flies as well as the popular wet patters. There is now combination protection to the gate access and additional fencing has now been added. Poachers have been identified and police action has been instigated, which seems to have seriously deterred those who were stealing our fish.

The lake is now well worth a visit and will provide an excellent venue for our younger members to experience the thrill of putting a bend in their rods on the proposed "juniors only" any method days as well as the potential excitement of joining in the junior competitions, details of which will be published later.



Foxon's have, for many years been good friends to our club so I urge to support them.

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Clwyd water level <https://www.riverlevels.uk/clwyd-tremeirchion-community-pont-y-cambwll#.VZE7sPIVhBc>

Elwy water level <https://www.riverlevels.uk/elwy-llanfair-talhaiarn-community-pont-y-gwyddel#.VydS9vkrKUK>

Dee water levels <https://www.riverlevels.uk/dee-corwen-community-corwen-dee#.VZE76flVhBc>

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Tight Lines for 2022