

# Girling Angling Society

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## Secretary's Annual Report for the 2024 Season – January 2025 AGM.

Season Positives	
Committee developments throughout the season	June 2024; Peter F, Roger M. & Peter W. became Trustees. Sep. 2024; Roger Middleton & Andy Lacy joined the Committee. Dec. 2024; Peter Fawke accepted the role of Chairman.
The Season Generally	Despite early season despondency on the River side we completed over 30 enjoyable matches last season & the spirit in the club has clearly recovered with 8 new Full Members.
Fishery	An enormous amount of work completed following prolonged flooding end of 2023. Thirteen members helped with maintenance including new members, a brilliant effort.
Accounting	Second season of the Accounting Format that has Club Prize Money linked to Full Membership allowing Fladbury Income to be spent on the Fishery.
Deposits/ Peg Fee returns	All Match Deposits paid in 2023 recouped. Match Peg Fees in 2024 Balanced.
Midweek Scrambles	Members ran numerous midweek Scrambles with non-member peg fees a financial bonus
Communications	The "What's App" chat groups have been a huge success

Season Negatives	
Membership Down	Full & Associate Membership down compared to last season, Associate Membership considerably reduced.
Finance	Reduced Fladbury Income & high cost of maintenance caused a deficit but measures taken reduced the deficit & will help Fladbury Income in future seasons.
Fishing Returns / Water Quality / Issues	Prolonged water clarity meant that the big Roach didn't show. High Phosphate since Society measurements began. Water Clarity & Weed becoming a huge problem.
Match Turnout	Aggregate Turnout generally down, Pools Turnout increased compared to 2023.
Transferred Matches	Flooding now seems to be a seasonal problem, Autumn match transfers the norm.

Highlights	
Members involvement / Maintenance	Last season we saw a definite increase in member involvement in looking after the Fishery & running matches. There was an incredible amount of effort to sort out the pegs following the floods Oct.2023 / Feb. 2024, the highlight of the Season.
Committee	Encouragingly, the Committee are back to full strength with a new Chairman.
End of Series Prize Money Winners.	Aggregate Series. Andy Lacy, Keith Kite & Frank Bagley. Winter Pools Series Peter Fawke, Andy Coles & Frank Bagley Spring League Series Glen Beavon, Frank Bagley & Brian Burton

2024 Results			
2024 Match Series		2024 River Matches	
Dave Mullins Winter Pools	Peter Fawke	Fladbury Cup	H. Potter 9-14-0 peg 19
Spring League	Glen Beavon	Peter Whittingham Shield	Keith Kite 5-10-0 peg 24
Pools Pairs		Lou Greatrex Shield	Andy Hammerton 7-11-0 peg 2
Aggregate	Andy Lacy	The Annual (Ripple)	H. Potter 3-2-0
River Pairs		Jim Tyler Cutters Cup	Frank Bagley 5-5-0 peg 26
Winter League	Gary Buzzard	F & F (B/W Bridge 41)	Nick Cullis 7-2-0
Roach Cup	Gary Buzzard 13oz	Chris Green Memorial	Andy Lacy 3-15-0 peg 2
Canal Series	Gary Buzzard		

2024 Objectives – How did we do?	
Keep Pegs Fishable all Season	A brilliant effort following prolonged flooding, well done guys.
Increase Club Match Bookings	Similar level of bookings to 2023
Increase Level of Membership	Full & Assoc. membership reduced in 2024 but recovered with 8 new Full members.
Increase Match Turnout	River turnout down on last season, Canal matches well attended
2024 Peg Fees	No financial loss indicating sensible venue selection.

2025 Objectives	
Endeavour to raise the profile of the Society leading to increase in Membership, Match turnout & Club Bookings. Maintain the Fishery to a high standard, Sort out the Weed problem.	

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### Committee Progress.

Andy (Coles) joined the Committee at the AGM, In June we created three new Trustees in Peter Fawke, Peter Whittingham & Roger Middleton, in September Roger & Andy (Lacy) joined the Committee providing more balance. In December the Committee voted unanimously to appoint Peter Fawke to the vacant role of Chairman.

**Chairman;**- Peter has been a Full member for over 40 years, a Committee member for 15 years and the Society Treasurer for the last 8 years, this year Peter became a Trustee & will continue as Treasurer. The obvious candidate after years of commitment.

### 2024 Membership.

**Full Membership.** Thirty five Members ie, 34 Full and 1 Junior Member, well down compared to 2023. 13 Lapsed, we accepted eight new Full members all keen to fish the matches.

**Associate Membership.** Disappointingly only 5 Associates re-joined but I believe their decision was affected by last season's inability to fish the river after early October.

### 2024 Fladbury Fishery.

**Maintenance following the extended flooding in 2023.** It seems that Autumn flooding has become the norm & following last season's flooding we had no choice but to employ a contractor to deal with a huge tree in the water & across peg 24 & as usual we had the Tractor down twice to clear the access. We removed a tree across pegs 34 & 35 and a huge branch overhanging peg 2 was dealt with by a team working from a boat. We replaced the Fladbury notice board & signage & reduced the height of some of the steps, fitted 7 new platforms creating two disabled pegs & fitted a double platform extending into the Bay ideal for an accompanied youngster. Flooding returned in November 2024.

**Match Returns.** Prolonged water clarity didn't help the fishing. The Barbel & Big Roach kept their heads down & it was difficult to get past the Dace. We had Flooding again in October & the Fish dropped down again late Autumn. Again, several matches were transferred from Fladbury

**Water Quality.** After nearly 3 years of taking measurements the Phosphate level has remained high throughout & we now seem to have prolonged periods of water clarity. Over the last 2 or 3 seasons weed growth has become a huge problem beyond the scope of the Society.

### 2024 Finance.

**Mid-Season Deficit.** Reduced Fladbury Income & a high level of fishery costs created a mid-season deficit which the Committee dealt with by moving Liability Insurance into fixed costs & cancelling the support for both of the 2024 F&F matches. These measures reduced the deficit to less than the level of contractor costs incurred, moving Liability Insurance into fixed costs will help to cover variable costs in the future. Match deposits paid in 2023 were fully recouped & after 15 matches requiring a peg fee, match peg fees balanced.

### Communications.

The three Chat groups (Committee, River & Pools) allowing daily contact between the members has been a huge success.

### 2024 Results.

<b>Sponsored Aggregate Series;-</b>	Andy Lacy £50 / Keith Kite £30 / Frank Bagley £20
<b>Sponsored Winter Pools Series;-</b>	Peter Fawke £25 / Andy Coles £15 / Frank Bagley £10
<b>Sponsored Spring League Series;-</b>	Glen Beavon £25 / Frank Bagley £15 / Brian Burton £10.
<b>Winter League Series;-</b>	Gary Buzzard
<b>Canal Series;-</b>	Gary Buzzard
<b>Fladbury Cup</b>	Andy Hammerton.
<b>Cutters Cup</b>	Frank Bagley
<b>Roach Cup</b>	Gary Buzzard 0-13-0

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### **Early Season anxiety.**

I want to comment on the disquiet we experienced early last season amongst the river anglers. The Pools anglers are possibly unaware but I believe the doubt created at the start of the season requires comment. A couple of long term members decided to leave causing anxiety in the process. Three members fishing the pools also lapsed with very good reasons & co-incidentally we lost a few aging & ailing members, the situation understandably caused concern.

The result was a difficult start to the season with an unbalanced Committee & a mammoth task ahead of us to sort out the Fishery following long term flooding.

### **Following this less than ideal start to the season I want to comment on the progress the Society made in 2024 looking at the key areas that the Committee are responsible for.**

**1-Finance.** Finance has become very well controlled using an Accounting Format that separates Income streams ensuring that Fladbury Income (used for variable costs) does not become absorbed as previous seasons. In addition, club prize money is now linked to the level of full membership.

**2-Membership.** Full & Associate membership was down compared to the previous season. This affected match turnout on the Aggregate series but the turnout on Pools matches actually increased. Eight new Full Members began the recovery all keen to fish the matches. I believe Associate membership has been adversely affected by seasonal flooding.

**3-Organising & Running Matches.** The Committee ran over 30 enjoyable matches last season & we saw Members stepping up to help run some of the matches. Members also ran numerous mid-week scrambles.

**4-Maintaining the Fishery.** A superb effort from the members following the extended flooding of 2023.

**5-Communications.** Superb communications with the Website & What's App. chat groups.

### **Secretary's View of the 2024.**

We created additional Trustees & the Committee is now back to full strength, I was pleased to see Peter accept the Chairman's role, now the Committee is well balanced & over the season that's real progress. We ran over 30 club matches plus numerous midweek scrambles without issue with members stepping up to run the matches. There was an immense effort from some of the members to sort out the Fishery after the floods, clearly members are prepared to get involved. Members integrate quickly, all good for the future. Communications have seen a step change with the addition of the Chat groups which has vastly improved the social side of the Society.

On the whole I believe the Society had an excellent season & hopefully the progress we made last season will have helped to remove any remaining member concerns.

**Stay safe and have a superb 2025 season.**