

## THE ARMY & NAVY CLUB FLY FISHERS' ASSOCIATION (ANCFFA)

The 2023 season was very successful overall, despite some very low water levels earlier in the year and changeable weather, particularly in the latter months. The mayfly showed some erratic emerging habits and 'duffers fortnight' turned out to be occasional intermittent 'duffers days'! However, members have again enjoyed some delightful fishing on all of our five rivers:

- Barton Court Estate on the Kennet, just east of Hungerford, offers a variety of water from slow and deep to fast and shallow with weirs and pools.
- The John Lewis Partnership water on the River Test at Leckford, a couple of miles north of Stockbridge, offers arguably the best chalk stream game fishing in the country.
- Qing Ya Xi, a charming estate on a leat of the Itchen just south of Winchester, was so popular that more days had to be taken as the season progressed.
- Day tickets on the Services Dry Fly Fishing Association's water on the River Avon were taken up. As always, there were good catches of some sizeable fish.
- Our rod on the Whitewater near Hartley Witney again provided exciting brook angling with some very large fish, both brown and rainbow trout.

The cost of a day rod this year varied between £40 on the Whitewater and £235 at Leckford during the mayfly period. Compared with most other syndicates and with commercial rod purchase, these rates are extremely favourable. We aim to keep prices at roughly the same level next year.

ANCFFA members also enjoy discounts of 10% at Farlows and Orvis.

We very much welcome new members. To learn more about the Association, please get in touch with the Secretary, Richard Munro, on 01985 844385 or by email at [ancffa@btinternet.com](mailto:ancffa@btinternet.com).

