



# Dorchester Fishing Club

(Founded 1877)



## Annual Report & Newsletter

October 2008

### Annual Report

Fine weather during April with hatches of grannom produced good catches and enjoyable days. Mayfly season was again blighted by swollen rivers, but during the calmer periods of May plenty of mayfly provided excellent sport for Members.

Then into 'high summer' which broke all the records for all the wrong reasons, but a few hardier Members battled with the elements and caught some big fish. All too quickly autumn has now closed in and our thoughts drift into the grayling season ☺

The Loud's Mill fish pass is now complete and it is a very impressive construction, it's remarkable how slow the flow is at the bottom of the slope. It will be very interesting to see how many more salmon redds there will be above Dorchester in the coming years.

It was decided to reduce our display at the Dorset County Show this year and let the Frome, Piddle & West Dorset Fisheries take the lead. Huge thanks to John Aplin & Elliot McBride who battled through the rain & mud to put on a great show.

Also thanks to all who contributed to the Fishing Club online diary this year. Please, if you do have any interesting stories, photographs etc. email them in to the Hon.Sec ASAP.

### Managing Committee

Announcement: After 12 years as Honorary Secretary, I have decided it's time for me to hang up my notepad and let someone else take the reins. It has been a great honour and a privilege to serve the Club as Honorary Secretary, during which I have made many great friends and have had many great experiences, but I feel it's time for a new kid on the block who can take the Club forward into the next era.

I'm not going totally or leaving the Club without a Secretary, I will hopefully still sit on the Committee & maintain the Club's website. So the "Club Needs You" – if you would like to put your name forward for this post, please contact myself or the Chairman!!

Regards John Grindle

### Keepers Corner

The leaves on the trees are quickly changing colour, but at long last the wind has dropped (even if it is now blowing from the east!), and we at last have some fine warm sunshine to end this season on a high note.

Let's hope for a dry summer next year, two wet summers on the trot, I am looking forward to tasks over the winter months other than mowing and strimming, and strimming and mowing!!!

No shortage of water at all this season and again the Frome looked magnificent all year.

The greatest achievement this year has to be the construction of the Louds Mill fish pass, many thanks to all involved, including the large Ghost Carp that was a resident down stream and soon after completion was spotted well up stream, RESULT.

I am rapidly approaching my fourteenth year as river keeper for the Dorchester Fishing Club, may be I need to start writing a book about the last twenty plus years that I have been working on the Frome, all the memories, laughs and of course the many good friends made on the winding journey along the river banks.

Its been another fantastic year, it only seems like yesterday we were all removing the fence at Ten Hatches, they just fly by, I did manage a few casts on the river this season, pleased with how well the stock fish fought, and the odd escape Rainbow, it will be interesting to see what turns up when we do our electric fishing this year..

Friday 7th Nov Tree trimming Poundbury 9.00 am please bring your waders.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Pike fishing.....

26 Dec (Boxing Day) Short'sh family river walk to hopefully see a Salmon 11 am, Bockhampton.

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River Keeper  
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"We all look forward to seeing you at the AGM"  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008 19:00