

Collingham Angling Association.

Annual General Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C on 22/03/2026.

Prior to the AGM commencing the Chairman called for a 1 minute silence to remember club servants, members and friends no longer with us.

1) Apologies;

A.Coulson, I.Sparrow, P.Thomas, M.Glass, A.Treadwell, D.Robinson.

2) Minutes;

Following on from the new system of reviewing the minutes quickly proving successful, the minutes were adopted last Spring.

3) Matters Arising;

Pest activity is constantly being monitored and dealt with as well as is reasonably possible.

The committee is to engage a Welfare officer to help with both juniors and all vulnerable groups (see below).

Bankside maintenance is all up to date.

4) Chairman's Report;

Russ Jones presented a positive and optimistic report to the meeting. Full report attached below.

5) Match Secretary's Report:

Will Sweeney presented a full report on what has been happening across all the club's match scenes. Attached below.

6) Fisheries Officer's Report:

John Mante presented a report of all works completed, on-going and planned, together with observations relating to fish stocks, fish welfare etc. Attached below.

7) Communications Officer's Report:

Wayne Holland presented full details of his work maintaining the clubs on-line presence. Full report attached below.

8) Treasurer's Report and adoption of 2023 Accounts:

Nigel Hayman gave an extremely positive report on the club's finances with summary copies of the accounts circulated to the attendees. Full report attached below.

2025 accounts were adopted.

9) Election of officers:

It was agreed that the election of officers should be voted on en-bloc (proposed D.Grice, seconded N.Lale)

- a) President - M.Nicholson
- b) Vice President & Life Member - K.Morton
- c) Chairman - R.Jones
- d) Vice Chairman - G.Turner
- e) Treasurer - J.Jeal
- f) Secretary - J.Mante
- g) Match Secretary - W.Sweeney
- h) Fisheries Officer - J.Mante
- i) Assistant Fisheries Officer - G.Turner
- j) Online Secretary - W.Holland
- k) Health and Safety Officer -R.Ferguson
- l) Auditor - Nigel Hayman

It was then confirmed that the club should create the new post of Welfare Officer and Trev Vernalls offered himself for the post (p. R.Jones, sec. R.Ferguson).

All carried.

10. Election of Committee and Bailiffs:

a) Select members to the Committee.

Justin Martin (prop.J.Robinson, sec D.Grice) and Jamie Lamb (prop. J.Raikes, sec W.Holland) offered themselves for selection.

Both carried.

b) Bailiffs;

Collingham - I.Morton (p. B.Thurston, s. P.Kitchen),

Fleet - G.Turner (p. B.Thurston, s. P.Kitchen).

Both carried.

c) Match Committee;

River Match Organiser - K.Clark (p. W.Sweeney, s. W.Holland)

Assistant Match Organiser - R.Ferguson (p. W.Sweeney, s. N.Lale).

Both carried.

11. Club Membership Fees 2025/26 Season:

Recommendation from the Committee (p. J.Robinson, s. D.Grice) is that they remain....

£80.00 for Adult Members plus £80.00 entrance fee,

£10.00 for Qualifying Senior Members (Formally OAP),

£15.00 for Intermediate Members,

£ 5.00 for Junior Members.

Carried.

12. Price of Temporary Membership:

Recommendation from the Committee (p. W.Holland, s. I.Morton) that they be set at;

a) Trent 2026/2027 £10.00,

b) Fleet 2026/2027 £5.00,

c) 1a – 4 2027/2028 £150,

d) 24hr guest pass (Trent and Millenium) 2026/2027 £25, (Fleet £10).

e) Sunrise-sunset guest pass (Millenium) £10.

Carried.

13. Price of Match Bookings:

Recommendation from the Committee (p. M.Nicholson, s. W.Sweeney) is that they remain:

2026/2027 £6.00 per peg.

Carried.

14. Honourariums:

The committee recommends (p. P.Foster, s. B.Thurston) that the honorariums should be as follows;

Chairman - £1000

Treasurer - £500

Online Secretary - £600

Secretary - £350

Fisheries Officer - £2000

Asst Fisheries Officer - £400

Match Secretary - £600

Health and Safety Officer - £400

Welfare Officer - £200

River Trent Bailiff - £1000

River Fleet Bailiff - £100

Auditor - £200

Carried.

15) Constitution and byelaw updates:

The committee recommends (p. B.Thurston, s. P.Foster) that the modernization and updates to both the Association's Constitution and Byelaws, as fully laid out in the attached agenda annex, should be adopted.

Carried.

16) Open Discussion:

M.Hodgson suggested allowing vehicle access in between Centenary and Willow and between Centenary and Mallard at The Millenium Complex.

It was noted that this issue has been raised several times at committee and has been consistently rejected for a variety of safety issues, however it was agreed that the committee will revisit the idea going forward.

C.Baldwin suggested re-establishing several platforms on Mallard Lake following on from the removal of the old, unsafe ones. It was noted that the committee decision had been that the accessible areas should be left, for safety reasons, as 'natural banking' however it was agreed that the committee will revisit the idea going forward.

K.Clark suggested it might be an idea to make the 'draw-time' for the river Monday night matches slightly earlier and it was agreed this would now be set at 5.45pm.

There was then a general conversation regarding the national problems with cormorant predation and the membership were reminded of the importance of reporting all sightings to the Hydroscape online survey.

Meeting closed at 11:20.

There were 42 members who registered as present.

Chairman's Report 22nd March 2026

Welcome to the 2026 AGM,

It was another very busy year, the Club goes from strength to strength, we are now considered a "big" Club by the Angling Trust and we can boast nearly 700 members.

We are one of the few strictly Membership based clubs, with other clubs being just season tickets sellers. This is because we are continuing with our ethos of Club Membership meaning something for our collective benefit and involving all the membership. Hence you are all here today to continue that.

With now being a bigger club our responsibilities change, this can be seen in the updated constitution and the introduction of a Welfare policy and a Welfare officer. This will allow us to engage with the increased Junior Membership making sure that we abide by the safeguarding rules in place.

I'd like to thank John and Paul for their hard work on the updated constitution.

In 2025 we got Clubmate up and running, and I'd like to thank Wayne for all his hard work on this. Membership renewal should be simpler this year; you will be contacted when the time comes so, please do not jump the gun. Your membership runs until April 31st and renewal will start two weeks prior to that.

We are in the throes of buying some more land on the Trent, where the conveyor once was. This will be completed this Spring.

We had a shock in November when Mr Trent – Ky Morton had a severe stroke and is now incapacitated. I can assure you that the Club have been and will continue to support Ky and his family through this difficult time. We are very lucky to have the assistance of Iwan Morton (Ky's Son) who has stepped seamlessly into his Fathers shoes – Thankyou Iwan

Some of you will have seen the Memorial Garden in a quiet corner of Kestrel Lake, this reflects the number of requests from families of dear departed members to have somewhere to scatter their ashes.

So far, we have Keith Archer, June & Derek Wilson, John Langley, and Nigel Rogers all club stalwarts who will be sadly missed.

You'll hear in the various reports from the officers what they have been up to in their roles.

I would like to thank Paul Thomas for his service as vice -Chair he has been a great help and will be missed as he has decided to stand down. Also like to thank Ian Sparrow for his hard work as River Match organiser he is also stepping down.

Daz Coupland is also standing down and I would like to thank him for his work with the Carp anglers.

I would like to thank everyone on the Committee for their support last year.

Kitch for his work with the Tractor making sure the river is spick and span along with Gerald, ably assisted by Bobby in all things river. John, Dave, Jim and Iwan for all things lakes.

Will, Roger and the team for running the matches always a thankless task, with Roger also keeping us all safe in his H&S role.

Thanks also to Nigel for the finance work and to Jason for taking on the treasurers' role and thanks to Tyler for the Trophy cabinet project.

So, there we have it another year gone by, and its good to see the Club moving with the times. We are starting to flex our muscles politically as a large organisation to make sure no-one ignores us, as they have done in the past. By hook or by crook Carlton Ferry Lane will be sorted.

Thanking you all for your attention and tight lines

Fisheries Officers Report 22/3/26.

John Mante.

Another busy year where I have spent around 300hrs on the routine fishery management. All routine maintenance has been carried out as required (and when weather has permitted!) and I have held several work parties for larger projects.

The island upgrades are definitely paying dividends as they are now looking much better, and this will continue as necessary.

On top of all this for the last 6 months I have also been involved with a large-scale revamp of all the platforms on Centenary and Willow, started by myself and Ky, and continuing with help from Ky's son Iwan and my son Tom, and these are now more or less completed, with just some groundworks required, when time allows, to ensure ease of access for our less mobile members.

Thanks to all who have helped throughout the last year, as usual I shan't try to name everyone in case I forget someone and cause offence, but a massive thumbs up to all who turn up and help on work parties or when I need an extra pair of hands, it really is appreciated.

I will, however, specifically mention Dave Grice and Nigel Lale, without whom I couldn't achieve half of what needs doing, and to Paul Kitchen who I keep busy mending things as I break them - all their help is invaluable.

Thanks too to Justin who has helped check memberships at the lakes and kept an eye on the juniors, Neil who monitors the trailcams, to Keiran who helps when chainsaw work is required, to all the pest control operatives who are often around when most of us are still tucked up in bed and who work tirelessly dissuading our unwanted visitors, to Will, Mark and Dax who are always happy to help especially when boat work is required and Roger who consistently keeps an eye on water quality throughout the summer months and who also keeps us on our toes with H+S matters.

Cedric keeps the birds fed all winter and puts up two dozen nest boxes all summer and finally to Russ, Gerald n Paul for all their help and advice when I find myself confused, which can happen!.

Apologies if I have forgotten anyone specific!.

As you know the stock fish in Swan both breed and survive prolifically, to the point of the lake being detrimentally overcrowded, so the harvest has continued, although somewhat slowly this year due to the prolonged hot weather. Myself and Dave built a new larger holding net for the purpose which has worked terrifically well resulting in 200lb of homegrown pristine commons being relocated to Centenary and Willow and half a dozen larger fish to Kingfisher and Kestrel. Obviously this harvest of 'free stock' will continue.

To maintain and slowly increase the stocking levels of Kestrel we have purchased 15 off c5 mirror carp, and to improve the winter fishing in Centenary and Willow we also purchased 300lb of bream, which have settled in very well, together with ordering another batch of F1s for next Winter delivery.

Once again we have made 1000 litres of barley straw extract, saving around £1500, used to improve the water quality of Kestrel, Kingfisher, Centenary and Willow.

Centenary and Willow were also treated with salt to improve stock health and we continue with adding dye to Kingfisher, Mallard and Coot to help inhibit weed growth. Anecdotally it appears dye may also deter cormorants so this may be expanded to include Centenary and Willow this year.

Swan, Kestrel, Centenary and Willow were again topped up with feed pellets weekly with definite signs of fish growth and improved fishing and this will continue.

We have also created a nice quiet 'Garden of Rest' area where members whom we have lost can have their ashes laid, together with a small remembrance plaque, should they wish. Several families have already taken this opportunity.

Gerald has been busy looking after all things river with all mowing, strimming and tree work completed as required.

Prior to the start of the season Ky repaired the lanes at the Jolly Barge and a section of Westfield Lane, which as usual will need revisiting during the close season, together with fitting a new gate and building an access ramp to improve access from the Weir Field hard standing.

The bank top at the 20s has been reseeded and is currently being left to re-establish, and the conveyor has now gone giving room for an extra peg.

Gerald has asked me, on his behalf, to thank all those who have helped, and in particular to mention Paul Kitchen, Paul Thomas, Ky and Iwan.

So there we are, a busy year behind us and another one ahead, and as we speak the grass is starting to grow!. Do remember how much goes on behind the scenes maintaining our fantastic facilities and do enjoy the quality fishing our club offers. Tight lines everyone.

Online Secretary Report

Good morning, everyone,

Here's to another successful year ahead, with plenty of tight lines and good company. It's great to see both familiar faces and some new ones as well. It shows the club is still active, growing, and moving in the right direction. Your continued support and involvement are what keep this club going strong.

So, Firstly,

I'd like to take a moment to talk about a few updates within the committee. We are changing my role from communications officer to online secretary because the work I do is mostly online now.

Social media as a whole plays a bigger part than you might think, and by keeping all platforms active and consistent, we've improved visibility and engagement, which is vital for the long-term future of the club.

Now,

We understand how important it is to keep everyone informed, so we're making a stronger effort to improve how we share our updates. Our Facebook page is being regularly updated, with news, reminders and information regarding the club. If you're not already please follow the page, like, share, and comment on all the post. This means it's more likely that a member will see it, and helps us reach a further target audience.

All of this might not always be visible, but it plays a big part in keeping the club running smoothly and ensuring we continue to grow.

Alongside that, our club website has been kept up to date so that it reflects accurate information about memberships, rules, results, committee decisions and upcoming events. The aim is to make it a reliable place where you can find everything you need.

Right then,

Moving onto membership renewals. Russ and I took on the sorting of membership renewals through clubmate this year. This did present some challenges to a handful of members, but on the whole, provided a much more streamlined re-newel process for both the user, and the committee. Clubmate will also keep accurate records for Collingham AA members by ensuring we have up to date contact information's for everyone, meaning they can-not miss out on important updates or changes to the club.

Just on another note for Membership renewals—and its an important one. Please make sure you renew on time. Not only does it keep everything running smoothly, but it also helps us maintain and keep the club going strong. Plus, if you don't renew, you'll have to rejoin the waiting list

The final point I wanted to go over was communication with members:

Emails have been a focus for us. We've been working to ensure that all enquiries, and members questions are responded to promptly. I feel clear and timely replies make a big difference for everyone, whether that's members, or non-member's that may come to fish the Trent.

If you've got any ideas, or positive suggestions that you'd like to share, then please get in touch via the email address on club's website. The club belongs to all of us, and the more input we get, the better it becomes.

Before I wrap up, I'd like to send a big thank you to the committee, and everyone who supports these efforts. A lot of work goes into keeping things running, and often without much recognition—so it really is appreciated.

Thank you all for being part of Collingham AA. Here's to another great year with more fish caught, fewer excuses, and maybe even proof for some of those unbelievable stories.

Tight lines everyone, and thanks for listening.

Match secretaries report

I would like to start my report with some Thankyous to the people who have helped me run the matches over the last season, as well as help develop the lakes in line with the plan we started some three years ago. Plus, the river team who have kept the river in an excellent condition for all Collingham members

A big thank you first to the match support team, Roger Ferguson, Ian Sparrow who have been a real help in running the matches, as well as Kenny Clark, Nigel Lale and Dave Robertson who have all supported me when Roger or Ian have not been available. Also, a big thankyou to John, Iwan, Dave Grice, Nige Lale and Roger Ferguson who have all put a lot of work into the lakes plus a big thankyou to Ky and the river team who have helped strim the pegs and to Kitch for cutting the banks. (sorry if I have missed anyone)

For information, there has been a match run at the lakes every Sunday and Wednesday of last season with river matches sometimes being run at the same time. Even though there has been a choice of matches, both have seen great turnouts and has proved we can run a match a both venues, which in turn gives all members more choice.

The three leagues have been run at the lakes for the third year and have been well supported and popular with the match fishing members, so this successful format will continue for the foreseeable future

You all have a printout on your table of the trophy winners, so I won't go through ever one, but some of the highlights are: The Spring league (Robinson cup) winner was Jamie Rakes, Winter league winner was Tony Johnson, Monday night river points winner (Royal Oak Cup) was Wayne Holland and the overall points (K Archer Cup) was also Wayne Holland.

We had a new challenge match last season against the king William AC, which seen a great attendance (even though the match was in December) with the king William bringing 17 to fish. The return match is next Sunday at Westwood lakes and already Collingham have got 25 members wanting to fish! The matches against this club will continue and should only get better when we have more choice of the return leg venues.

In September we ran another charity match at the lakes. This year it was in memory of Brian Clark who sadly we lost this time last year. The event was well supported by Collingham anglers and well as outside anglers and a total of £1500 was raised which went to the Autism Plus charity which was chosen by Brians family. A big thankyou to all members who supported the event and especially to Nigel who was in charge of catering and Kenny who was top raffle ticket salesman, leaving myself to sort the match, payouts and raffle. I hope to run another charity even this season

The new season will see a change in the river match organiser; Kenny Clark will be taking over from Ian Sparrow. Again, a big thankyou to Ian for running the river matches over the last two years. The lakes remain the same with me taking the lead and Roger Ferguson in support.

Before I wrap up, can I just draw your attention to a Collingham member who last season has won one of the major trophies in the match Fishing national Callender! For you who did not hear the great news, Phil Foster won the Riverfest championship held on the Trent, Taking the honours with the help of a great second day catch of Barbel.

Congratulations to Phil!

Next season I will keep trying to build on the improvements I have made over the last few years with the wider team's support, which in turn should offer quality well run matches and more choice for all members going forward.

Cheers

Will