

I am very pleased to have the privilege of saying a few words to members of the Barnet & District Angling Club, in connection with your new venture "Quill". Your officers deserve to be complimented on this enterprise. A journal of this nature can only be a success, with the help and co-operation of all members.

I am quite sure that the Editor would be only too pleased to receive information about your fishing experiences; even a report of that big one that got away.

This journal should help to bring members in closer contact with one another, and I am quite sure that if all members co-operate it should prove of great interest to everyone.

C. Gordon Maynard

When Mr Harwood, some months ago, asked me what I thought of the idea of a Club Journal, I was all for it as a means of keeping every member in touch with club activities. It is strange that out of a membership of 350 the attendance at the monthly club meeting is about 30 to 40. Even at the Annual General Meeting the attendance is less than a third of our membership. No doubt in some cases, a member has a good reason for non-attendance; for instance, while some members are comfortably tucked up in bed, others are engaged on night work. Night workers cannot attend all meetings.

I suspect that a large number of our members are not sufficiently interested in the running of the club to attend meetings. Many are not interested in competition angling and coach outings. They think the affairs of the club are in good hands, and they are members because Barnet offers good private angling facilities and they can get down to one of our waters for a few hours quiet angling whenever they feel like it. To these particular brothers of the angle I would like to say, do please read your club journal when you receive it and learn what we are up to. Occasionally you will see that on a certain date a party will assemble to carry out much needed work on one of your fisheries, to improve the amenities for your benefit. Will you please, dear brother, make a note of the date and come along to the rendezvous. You will find there the faithful few who have been working for you for many years. They may be surprised to see you but too polite to show it.

Your help will be very much appreciated.

You will need and enjoy that long drink, soft or otherwise, at the end of the job - it's on the club, and we'll forget about the empty chair on the first Monday in the month.

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