

Anglers can again fish lake

MEMBERS of Dorchester Angling Society will be able to fish Milton Abbey lake again after a break of several seasons.

The society, in alliance with Wimborne and Blandford Angling Clubs, have negotiated a one-year agreement with the lake's owners for their members to fish for the variety of coarse fish that the lake contains.

The aim is to assess the potential of the water in the next year with a view to obtaining a long-term lease.

The Dorchester club's newly-acquired trout stretch at Stratton fished well during May with some 24 rods taking around 30 fish with a top weight of 1.75lb. An evening ticket costing £1 is now available to members with a one-fish limit.

Because of the strain put on the society's resources by the renting of new waters more fund-raising events are planned. A jumble sale is being held at the Y.M.C.A. Headquarters in Icen Way, Dorchester, on August 14.

Hooked on angling?

THE fishery in the picturesque Milton Abbey grounds has been obtained by an alliance of the Blandford, Dorchester and Wimborne Angling Societies.

The lake, together with farmland, was recently up for auction, but was not sold.

Dorchester Angling Society hope that because the lake is not far from the town it will attract new members. Anyone interested in joining the society should ring Mr. E. Bird on Dorchester 3684.

There are plenty of fish now — and plenty of fishermen too

AN ANGLING society with no water to fish in. That was the strange situation once experienced by the coarse fishermen of the Dorchester and District Angling Society who next week celebrate their 30th birthday.

The society were formed by nine members who met at the former Old Comrades' Club, on October 18, 1947.

The first water fished by them was that owned by the late Mrs.

Graham-Jones at Lower Bockhampton, near Dorchester, and this was so limited that they could only fish on a rota basis.

Later the society found themselves without anywhere to fish and went into temporary recess while members continued to meet and search for a stretch of river they could use.

Eventually one was found and on May 31, 1954, the society reformed.

Membership has

grown rapidly over the years and at one time had to be limited because of the shortage of water available.

But with good fishing now readily available on the Stour and Frome membership has risen to 124 seniors and 20 juniors. The only founder member still with the society is the present chairman, Mr. F. G. Gilbert.

New members are welcomed and should contact the secretary, Mr. E. Bird, on Dorchester 3686.