



# MALDON ANGLING SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY – FEBRUARY - MARCH

## CLUB AGM

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January we held our annual AGM. The AGM was moved to our usual time of the year following an unsuccessful attempt at holding it in October. The AGM ran smoothly with no issues and all the Committee got voted in. The only changes we have to the Committee from last year is Kevin Acres who has come in as the Concessionary Match Secretary and Julian Jordan has replaced Kelvin Willis as the Senior Match Secretary.

## 2025/2026 MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the coming season is now open to new members and for existing members to renew. We are expecting to hit our Membership cap quickly and once we do, our Membership will be closed for the season.

You can join on the Clubmate App, At JP Tackle, The Fishing Outlet or Through Paul Kyffin our Membership Secretary. Membership forms can also be found at Tower Pet and Animal Feeds.

We also have a limited amount of night permits available for renewals only.

## KELVIN WILLIS

As you are aware our Senior Match Secretary Kelvin Willis has decided to stand down from his role within the club. Kelvin took over the role at a very difficult time for match fishing within MAS, where the club had no Senior Match Secretary and the future for Senior Matches within the club looked extremely bleak. Kelvin leaves the club in a much better position than when he joined with regular matches now being taking place and for the first time in a number of years we have had a team in the Essex Interclub League.

Anyone who knows Kelvin knows he is not only an extremely good Angler but also very passionate in what he believes and that is why his time within the Committee has been a massive success.

I'm sure everyone would like to join the MAS Committee in thanking Kelvin for his hard work he done while holding the role, it's been much appreciated.



# A.M BAIT SERVICES

Maldon Angling Society are pleased to announce that club members are able to get a 10% discount on all A.M Bait Services products. A.M Baits are based in Hockley in Essex and currently have two lines of bait, The Bounty hunter and the Caviar and Black Pepper. A.M Baits are also currently working on other flavours which will be released soon. A code to receive your discount is on the Clubmate App in the Membership info section.



# CLUB MERCHANDISE

We now have a new range of club merchandise that is available through the Clubmate App.

All items are long lasting and durable while also being environmentally friendly using organic cottons and recycled plastics wherever possible.

## Items include:

T-shirts

Fishing Towel

Peaked Caps

Beanie Hats

Polo Shirts

Sweatshirt

Classic Hoodies

Camo Hoodies

Half-zip Hoodies

Full-zip Hoodies

Softshell Jackets

Waterproof insulated Jackets

Insulated Bodywarmers



## DOGS

Members are forbidden to take dogs (except guide dogs) to any Society waters. We have had reports of members walking dogs round our lakes and if caught you will face action from the Committee

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## RIG CHECKS

Members are reminded that our Bailiffs will be carrying out random rig checks. We are still finding dangerous "Death rigs" including the one below that was found in a tree at a recent Work party at Slough House Farm. With this rig, the solid bag stem is being used with the incorrect type of lead. In the event of a line breakage the lead would stay attached to the hooklink.



## 2025 CARP MATCHES

29/30 March – Heat One - Slough House Farm

26/27 April – Heat two - Totham Pit

12/13 July – Heat three - Slough House Farm

13/14 September – Heat Four - Totham Pit

03/04/05 October - Final – Totham Pit

All 24/48 hr Carp Matches are fished from 12 noon till 12 noon with the draw taking place at 10am.

The top three in each heat qualify for the final.

For more information or to book a peg please call:

**Tony Hayden 07878 532087**

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## SPEEDING VEHICLES

At a recent Committee meeting we received a complaint from one of our landowners of a vehicle speeding down a track to one of our waters. Members are reminded of rule 4.2 which states the speed limit on the approach to our fisheries to be 5mph

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## TRIMMING TREES

Members must not trim trees or cut any vegetation except on an official work party. If there is any trimming you feel needs doing, then please contact Dan Gower our Fishery Management officer.

## INTRODUCING KEVIN ACRES

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all members who may not know me or have not yet had the chance to meet me. I'd also like to share a little about my background and lifelong passion for fishing.

Fishing has been a central part of my life for as long as I can remember. As a child and well into my thirties, I lived for fishing. Every school holiday and weekend during the season was spent by the water. My journey began when my father would take me to Danbury Lakes on Saturday mornings. We would arrive before dawn, set up by torchlight, and start fishing. While we didn't always catch much, I was completely hooked from the start.

During my early teens, a school friend introduced me to the reservoir at Brock Farm, which was less than a mile from where I lived. At the time, it was filled with crucians—though not true crucians—and it quickly became a favourite spot. I later joined Does Angling Club and spent several years fishing what is now known as Number One Reservoir before the second reservoir was constructed. Over the years, I have also been a member of Chelmsford, Marconi, Mid Essex, CAPS, and Maldon Angling Association.

As a youngster, my primary interest was match-style fishing. However, after starting work and making friends with other anglers, I was persuaded to try carp fishing. I gave it a go for a few years until one particular experience at Layer Pit changed my approach. A fellow angler, fishing a match-style setup, was catching carp consistently while we struggled. That moment reignited my passion for match-style fishing, which I have continued ever since—though primarily for pleasure.

I also spent a great deal of time fishing the River Chelmer, particularly at Paper Mill Weir Pool and Hoe Mill Pool, often staying out until midnight with a swing tip, catching roach, bream, and Tench.

Later, I took up pike fishing with friends, frequenting Abberton, Alton Water Reservoir, Totham Pit, and the Chelmer. However, as family and work commitments grew, my fishing trips became less frequent. During this time, I also developed an interest in radio-controlled model aeroplanes, which occupied much of my free time.

At 54, I fulfilled a long-time ambition of obtaining my motorcycle license, and to this day, I still enjoy riding. However, I always knew that when I retired, I would return to my first love—fishing. Three years ago, at the age of 64, I rejoined Maldon Angling Association and resumed regular fishing. For a period, I played guitar in a band, The Noisy Neighbours, but eventually decided to focus entirely on fishing, which had always been my retirement plan.



Through social media, I connected with Julian Jordan and Kelvin Willis, which led me to participate in the President's Cup Match at Slough last year—my first proper match in over 45 years. I thoroughly enjoyed it and have since been actively participating in both club and concessionary matches. For anyone interested in joining the club or concessionary matches but feeling unsure about their skill level or whether they'll fit in—please don't worry! The anglers are incredibly friendly and supportive. The goal is to enjoy fishing, keep improving, and most importantly, have fun.

Finally, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to all the match anglers—both senior and concessionary—for their warm welcome, encouragement, and camaraderie. It has meant a great deal to me. I'd also like to thank all the other anglers I have met so far, regardless of their fishing style—be it carp fishing, pleasure fishing, or match fishing. The sense of community and shared passion for the sport is truly inspiring.

I look forward to seeing you all by the water.

**KEVIN ACRES**

**CONCESSIONARY MATCH SECRETARY**

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## INTRODUCING JULIAN JORDAN

I just thought I'd do a short piece in this month's Newsletter to introduce myself as the new Match Secretary for M.A.S. My name is Julian Jordan and some of the existing members will have seen my posts on Facebook, some have been when I've been fishing with your previous Match Secretary Kelvin Willis, who has, I'm sure you'll all agree, done a fantastic job, so I have big boots to fill.

A little bit about myself, I started fishing when my late father bought me a fishing rod and reel for my 10th Birthday, some 48 years ago. I didn't actually get to do much fishing myself first time out, as it was my dad fishing and me watching. I don't remember us catching too much back then on the River Chelmer either.

Then my late Grandfather gave us all his fishing gear, which gave me and my brother our own rods and reels. My father then joined us up to Mid Essex Angling, they had waters at Hatfield Peverel, Roxwell and Asheldham as well as a few others. The pits at Asheldham were a firm favourite, we used to catch some big bags of Rudd and Perch from there, which got me hooked and so my love for angling began.

Living in Great Baddow most of my life my go to shop was Ronnie Crows on Maldon Road, in-fact I lived in Crescent Road which is dead opposite the shop. My Dad, me and my brother would go across on a Saturday afternoon to get our maggots for a fishing trip on Sunday. I made very good friends with Bob Hall who ran the fishing side, a friendship that still stands today, in fact he is God Parent to my two sons Jack and Harry.



As for the match fishing, apart from a few one offs when I was a Chelmsford member, I've only been doing it for the last couple of seasons with M.A.S. after meeting Kelvin. I've managed a few section wins with my best position being second overall, so I'm yet to get my first win, so I will just keep trying. Our club matches are just a bit of fun really, nothing is taken too seriously and at £10 entry not too expensive and all the anglers are a really friendly bunch. Any new or existing members would be most welcome, don't think you're not good enough, we have had novice anglers turn up and win something and don't be afraid to ask any questions we will only be too pleased to help.

All the dates for the upcoming matches for the new season are on the Facebook page, we also have a Maldon Angling Society *matches* page on Facebook which you can also join.

Second to fishing I like to travel and have been lucky enough to game fish in most of the places I've visited, and I have caught Mahi Mahi, Wahoo, Snapper and GTs to name but a few.

So, if you see me one the bank why not pop over and say hello, I'm always up for a chat, you can't miss me I've got all the Matrix gear on, wishing you all good luck for the new season.



**JULIAN JORDAN**

**SENIOR MATCH SECRETARY**

## **GUESTS/VISITORS**

Please remember Members are not to have visitors or guests on our waters unless they are a Member, a Non-Fishing member or have a guest ticket. Anyone caught at our lakes who does not have a membership or guest ticket will be asked to leave and the member they are with will be reported to the Committee.

If you require anything brought down to you while you are fishing, then you must reel your rods in and meet them at the gate.

## **UNATTENDED RODS**

Members are reminded of rule 5.13 that Fishing hook bait must be removed from the water when the swim is vacated for any reason. This includes popping to the next swim to visit another member. We are increasingly finding members sitting in another swim while their rods are still out.

Leaving rods unattended will result in a 3-month ban.

As a club we want to protect our stocks and leaving rods risks fish getting tethered up.

# FISHERY MANAGEMENT

We have had a very busy and productive few months with work parties on Totham pit, Bog Grove, Slough house Farm and Rook Hall. Our first work party was on January 19th at Totham pit where we had an amazing 18 people turning up to help out. We had three swims completely rebuilt, blue dye being added, a number of underwater snags removed, some dangerous and awkward trees cut down, bush trimming, new signage and lily's being planted at Bog Grove. Also thank you to Peter Garrett for making us all a great lunch.







The 9<sup>th</sup> February saw our next work party taking place at Bog Grove. The main aim of this work party was to deal with the massive willow trees that had fallen in the lake. We managed to pull the trees out, repair damaged swims, cut and log most of the willow, burn most of the brush, had a good trim, put up new signage and mark out where the car park will be.





Over the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of February we had work parties at Slough House Farm. As some of you may know we have had issues with the water level recently which was a result of problems with the outflow pipes. Work was done to replace one of the pipes and protection put in place to help stop the pipe blocking again. We also cleared the other outflow pipe that gives us control over the water level.

The North side of the island has also been cleared of the snags that had become a big problem and will now allow anglers to fish in a much safer manner.

Swim work is continuing and hopefully soon all swims will have protection with boards.

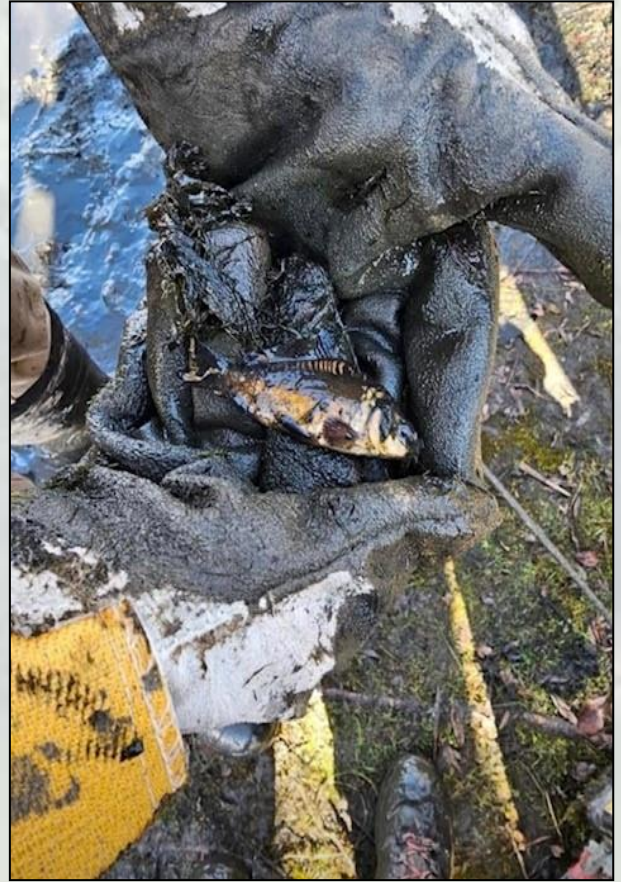






Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March saw us have a Work party at Rook Hall with loads of trees trimmed, 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of blue dye and an amazing amount of weed removed. We did see lots of juvenile fish in the weed, Tench, Rudd, Perch and Carp so the future does look bright for this fishery. We will be looking at holding more Work parties here over once the banks dry out to remove more weed.





As you can see, we have had a very busy few months in making our waters better for our members to fish. I cannot thank those who turn up to our work parties enough. Far too many names for me to mention but you know who you are. Without your help this work would not get done and myself, the whole Committee and no doubt our members really appreciate you giving up your time to help.

Anyone else who would like to help at any of our work parties then look out for dates on our Facebook group, Website or contact me.

Tight lines

**DAN GOWER**

**FISHERY MANAGEMENT OFFICER**

# CONCESSIONARY MATCHES

## CONCESSIONARY MATCH FIXTURES 2025/26

01/04/25 – Bog Grove  
08/04/25 – Oakford Middle Lake  
15/04/25 – Heron Hall  
22/04/25 – Rook Hall  
29/04/25 – Slough House Farm  
06/05/25 – Slough House West  
13/05/25 – Bog Grove (Silvers Only)  
20/05/25 – Oakford Top Lake  
27/05/25 – Rook Hall  
03/06/25 – Slough House Farm  
10/06/25 – Heron Hall  
17/06/25 – Tesco Canal  
24/06/25 – Bog Grove  
01/07/25 – Slough House West  
08/07/25 – Rook Hall  
15/07/25 – Heron Hall  
22/07/25 – Little London  
29/07/25 – Slough House Farm  
(Pairs Match, Silvers Only)  
05/08/25 – Slough House West  
12/08/25 – Heron Hall  
19/08/25 – Rook Hall  
26/08/25 – Oakford Middle Lake  
02/09/25 – Bog Grove  
09/09/25 – Slough House Farm  
16/09/25 – Rook Hall  
23/09/25 – Paper Mills  
30/09/25 – Heron Hall  
07/10/25 – Slough House West  
14/10/25 – Heybridge Basin  
21/10/25 – Slough House Farm (Silvers Only)

## CONCESSIONARY MATCH FIXTURES 2025/26 CONTINUED

28/10/25 – Bog Grove  
04/11/25 – Lakelands Lily Lake  
11/11/25 – Boreham Back Bridge  
18/11/25 – Slough House Farm  
25/11/25 – Heron Hall  
02/12/25 – Lakelands Wood Lake  
09/12/25 – Heybridge Basin  
16/12/25 – Bog Grove Christmas Match  
06/01/26 – Paper Mills  
13/01/26 – Lakelands Lily Lake  
20/01/26 – Heybridge Basin  
27/01/26 – Bog Grove  
03/02/26 – Commercial Fishery T.B.A  
10/02/26 – Heybridge Basin  
17/02/26 – Lakelands Wood Lake  
24/02/26 – Tesco Canal  
03/03/26 – Paper Mills  
10/03/26 – Heybridge Basin  
17/03/26 – Heron Hall  
24/03/26 – Slough House Farm (Pairs Match)  
31/03/26 – Slough House West

Our Concessionary matches are fished from 10am to 3pm with the draw taking place at 9am.

Members wishing to fish a Concessionary match must book in advance with one of the match organisers as some fisheries have limited availability. For more information on our Concessionary matches or to book a peg then please contact one of the below:

**Kevin Acres: 07938 548777**

**Dave Harley: 07845 929110**

**Les Drury: 07780 842516**

**Steve Willis: 07741 494512**

## CONCESSIONARY MATCHMAN OF THE YEAR

Here is the final League table for our Concessionary Matchman of the year.  
 Congratulations to Gus Lee.

	09/04/2024	14/05/2024	18/06/2024	23/07/2024	27/08/2024	10/09/2024	01/10/2024	12/11/2024	03/12/2024	07/01/2025	04/02/2025	11/03/2025			
	OAKFORD MIDDLE LAKE	BOG GROVE (SILVERS)	ROOK HALL	TESCO'S	OAKFORD MIDDLE LAKE	SLOUGH HOUSE	HERON HALL	BOREHAM BACK BRIDGE	LAKELANDS	PAPERMILL LOCK	COMMERCIAL (TBA)	HEYBRIDGE BASIN	MATCH POINTS	WORST 2 RESULTS	LEAGUE RESULTS
G. LEE	19	22	19	0	25	0	14	1	25	25	22	1	173	0	173
D TARREL	22	19	12	10	22	12	16	1	16	6	14	25	175	7	168
D HARLEY	25	10	0	22	12	25	0	0	22	19	19	0	154	0	154
T ALDWORTH	16	0	0	14	19	16	19	25	1	16	16	1	143	0	143
R HARRINGTON	10	14	14	19	14	10	12	1	14	5	12	1	126	2	124
D MURTON	12	16	0	0	16	22	22	1	0	10	0	0	99	0	99
S WILLIS	5	25	1	0	0	0	0	19	1	12	25	1	89	0	89
C DYALL	0	0	22	16	0	0	0	22	1	0	0	22	83	0	83
D NICHOLLS	4	0	0	7	10	8	10	16	10	7	10	1	83	0	83
K ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	19	25	14	1	8	1	1	69	0	69
R SMITH	7	0	10	0	0	0	0	1	19	22	8	1	68	0	68
S LEAPER	14	12	16	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	1	55	0	55
D AUSTON	0	0	8	12	0	0	0	12	0	16	0	1	49	0	49
L DRURY	8	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	34
G GREEN	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	30	0	30
B TURNER	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25
J CHRISTENSEN	0	0	0	0	0	14	8	1	0	0	0	0	23	0	23
S JOY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	22	0	22
A BEARD	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
B HUTT	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

## 2025/2026 SENIOR MATCHES

06/04/25 – Club Match – Slough House West

11/05/25 – Club match – Bog Grove

08/06/25 – Tom Martin Memorial Match – Totham Pit

22/06/25 – Essex Interclub – Away – KDDA Waters

29/06/25 – Club Match – Rook Hall

13/07/25 – Essex Interclub – Away – CAPS Waters

27/07/25 – Presidents Match – Slough House Farm/Slough House West

03/08/25 – Club Match – Heron Hall

10/08/25 – Essex Interclub – MAS + Brookhall – Slough House Farm/Slough House West/Heron Hall/CAPS Brookhall

07/09/25 – Essex Interclub – Away – DOES AC Waters

14/09/25 – Club Match – Slough House Farm

28/09/25 – Essex Interclub – Away – River Chelmer

05/10/25 – Club Match – Little London

26/10/25 – Maldon Canal Singles League 1 – Heybridge Basin

02/11/25 – Essex Interclub – Away – River Stour

09/11/25 – Maldon Canal Singles League 2 – Benbridge

23/11/25 – Maldon Canal Singles League 3 – Heybridge Basin

07/12/25 – Maldon Canal Singles League 4 – Benbridge

04/01/26 – Canal Open 1 – Heybridge Basin

18/01/26 – Canal Open 2 – Benbridge

01/02/26 – Canal Open 3 – Heybridge Basin

15/02/26 – Canal Open 4 – Benbridge

01/03/26 – Canal Open 5 – Heybridge Basin

**Tom Martin Memorial Match** – This our annual Committee and Members V Bailiffs and Members Match. This match is fished in memory of the long-term landowner of Totham Pit and Bog Grove.

**Presidents Match** – This is our annual Committee and Bailiffs V Members Match. Food and drink are always supplied to those attending at the culmination of the Match and presentation. We would also like to invite our Landowners and any Members that would like to come down after the match for a social, even if they are not competing. It's a way of saying thank you to our members and a way of meeting everyone outside of the more serious AGM scenario.

**For more information or to book a peg then please contact one of the following:**

**Julian Jordan: 07810 303447    Ian Shepperd: 07584 994962**



# BOB GOWER TROPHY

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March we held the Bob Gower Trophy match on Slough House Reservoir. 15 Anglers attended the match and a hard frost the night before put pay to any big weights. Only 7 fish were caught, 5 Bream and two Tench. Kevin Acres won the match with 2 Tench.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place = Kevin Acres – 7lb 8oz**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place = John Dobbie – 5lb 4oz 8drms**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place = Steve Willis – 4lb 8oz**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place = Ian Shepperd – 2lb 3oz 8drms**

**5<sup>th</sup> Place = Richard Hyam – 2lb 3oz**

**10 Anglers did not weigh**



## JUNIOR SECTION

For this year's events, dates will be published a month in advance on both the Clubs Website and Facebook groups. There is a WhatsApp group for anyone that wants up-to-date information about Junior events, please contact me to be added. On event days some waters may only be partially closed or have a number of swims reserved.

A rough plan for this year's events are as follows:

**May 2025: Bog Grove**

**June 2025: Slough House West**

**27/07/2025: Presidents Match – Slough House West**

**August 2025: Slough House Farm – Night Fishing**

**September 2025: Heron Hall**

**October 2025: Little London**

**November 2025: Totham Pit – Pike Fishing**



**RICHARD TURNER**

**JUNIOR EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR**

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## PREDATOR MATCHES

All matches to be fished from 10am to 3pm with the match draw at 9am. Members wishing to fish a match should book their place in advance with the match organiser as some fisheries have limited availability. Live baiting is not permitted as per club rules. 15lb minimum breaking strain line must be used when fishing for pike.

**11/01/2026 – MAS Pike match – Totham Pit**

**To book a peg or for more information please contact:**

**Peter Garrett: 07949 474782**

# CATCH REPORTS

As expected, our Facebook page has been very quiet with regards to catch reports with just a handful of Anglers braving the winter.



**Travis with a 10lb Heron Hall Mirror**



**New Senior Match Secretary Julian Jordan with 5lb 4oz of Roach and Perch from the Benbridge**



**Kelvin Willis with 31lb of Bream and Ide from Heron Hall**



**5lb 13oz from the Benbridge for Kevin Acres**



**Kevin Acres with some good Bream from Heron Hall**



**Roger Laurie with a Heron Hall Mirror**



**Paul Height's son landed this 14lb 2oz Common from Bog Grove**



**Julian Jordan with 27lb 2oz of Bream from Slough House West**



**Jack Hughes with a 23lb 8oz Slough House Farm Common**

## FISHERY IN FOCUS – LITTLE LONDON RESERVIOR

Little London is a small reservoir of around two acres situated just outside Goldhanger. It is reed and tree lined which accounts for some great margin fishing. Little London at times can prove to be a bit difficult but there are some stunning fish for those who are patient. The Bream in Little London go into double figures with Tench, Rudd, Roach, Crucians and Perch also stocked. Pike are also present with a few into low doubles, but mainly small jacks can be found. There are also a few big Eels. The Carp fishing in Little London can at times prove to be a challenge but the fish are worth the wait. The Carp go up to mid-twenties, these are mainly Commons with just a handful of Mirrors present. Little London does seem to fish better when the banks are quiet so if you do give it a go then try to keep any disturbance to a minimum.

Over the last year or so there has been a lot of work on the swims that is ongoing to make the venue a lot more comfortable for members to fish.

For more information on Little London then please contact Graham Holmes on 07798 625312





# CLUB OFFICERS AND BAILIFFS

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Paul Kyffin – Chairman and Membership Secretary:**

**Contact number: 01621 892152**

**Peter Harden – Vice chairman and Deputy Club**

**Welfare Officer:**

**Contact number: 07754 536639**

**Simon Greengrass – Treasurer:**

**Contact number: 07305 557976**

**Peter Garrett – Secretary:**

**Contact number: 07949 474782**

**Iain Fraser – Minutes Secretary and Club Welfare Officer:**

**Contact number: 01245 328334**

**Dan Gower – Fishery Management Officer:**

**Contact number: 07793 278430**

**Julian Jordan – Senior Match Secretary:**

**Contact number: 07810 303447**

**Kevin Acres – Concessionary Match Secretary:**

**Contact number: 07938 548777**

**Phil Winfield – Webmaster and Online Membership:**

**Contact number: 07817 856033**

**Richard Turner – Junior Events Co-Ordinator:**

**Contact number: 07460 383368**

**Tony Hayden – Head Bailiff:**

**Contact number: 07878 532087**

**Andy Thomas – Publicity Secretary:**

**Contact number: 07858 791728**

**Nic Lindsell – Wildlife Officer:**

**Contact number: 07732 579820**

**Paul Kemp – Assistant Fishery Management Officer:**

**Contact number: 01621 857427**

**Dean Cowell – Assistant Fishery Management Officer:**

**Contact number: 07958 388601**

## MAS STILLWATER BAILIFFS

**Head Bailiff: Tony Hayden 07878 532087**

**Bog Grove:**

Tony Hayden: 07878 532087

Tony Morris: 07946 455628

Graham Dack: 07939 013342

Adam Monahan: 07379 290224

Tony McQueen: 07841 647808

**Brick Kiln Pond:**

Aaron Cheverall: 07934 603066

Rob Poulton: 07825 684683

**Heron Hall:**

Peter Garrett: 07949 474782

Graham Holmes: 07798 625312

**Little London:**

Graham Holmes: 07798 625312

Ewan Harris: 08980 641247

**Railway Pond:**

Aaron Cheverall: 07934 603066

Rob Poulton: 07825 684683

**Rook Hall:**

Peter Harden: 07754 536639

Rob Poulton: 07825 684683

**Slough House Farm Reservoir:**

Aaron Cheverall: 07934 603066

Roland Hughes: 07864 569983

Adam Monahan: 07379 290224

**Slough House West:**

Roland Hughes: 07864 569983

Adam Monahan: 07379 290224

**Totham Pit:**

Tony Hayden: 07878 532087

Graham Dack: 07939 013342

Aaron Cheverall: 07934 603066

Tony Morris: 07946 455628

Adam Monahan: 07379 290224

**Additional Bailiffs (Any water):**

Dean Cowell: 07958 388601

Nic Lindsell: 07732 579820

Andy Thomas: 07858 79128

## MAS RIVER BAILIFFS

### Chelmer and Blackwater Canal

#### Day Ticket Bailiffs ):

Iain Fraser: 07531 288554

Mike Chaplin: 07871 681176

Jonathan Swan: 07973 842531

### River Blackwater

#### (Wickham Bishops/Langford):

Iain Fraser: 07531 288554

Mike Chaplin: 07871 681176



## FACEBOOK PAGES

We now have three Facebook pages for members to use.

**Maldon Angling Society**

**Maldon Angling Society Matches**

**Maldon Angling Society tackle trading**

**Fishermen stay young until they die because fishing is the only youth passion that doesn't fade with age**



## LEPTOSPIROSIS

Although Weils disease is extremely rare it is something all anglers should be aware of. Weils disease (Leptospirosis) can be a serious illness requiring hospital treatment and can lead to kidney and liver failure. It is a bacterial infection that is carried in Rat urine which contaminates water and the banks of rivers and lakes. One patient in 19 dies from it. The most common symptoms are a temperature, an influenza-like illness with severe headaches, sometimes meningitis and joint muscle pains (pains in the calf muscles are often particularly noticeable). These symptoms normally start 3 to 19 days after exposure to contaminated water and if caught early it can be treated.

If you show any of the symptoms after fishing, then please tell your doctor you may have been exposed to Leptospirosis so they can consider this as a diagnosis.

### What precautions to take:

Cover any cuts, sores or scratches with waterproof plasters or use gloves.

Disinfect any wounds that occur at the waterside.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Do not put your hands in your mouth after immersing in water.

Never place bait or fishing line in your mouth

Never leave food on the floor and always cover or wrap it.





## CHELMER AND BLACKWATER NAVIGATION RULES

- 1) Anglers must comply with Environment Agency bylaws & hold a valid rod licence for the number of rods in use.
- 2) Close season applies 15<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> June inclusive.
- 3) Anglers using the Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation do so at their own risk. Maldon Angling Society accepts no responsibility or liability for the loss of, or damage to any tackle, property, or personal possessions.
- 4) Anglers are responsible both for keeping their swim and surrounding area free from litter.
- 5) Anglers must not dig swims into the bank.
- 6) No angler is permitted to kill or take away any fish.
- 7) No fish to be kept in captivity for longer than 6 hours and any fish showing signs or distress should be returned immediately.
- 8) No fires are allowed on the banks.
- 9) Where a match is advertised, the stretch of water will be closed for fishing from both banks for 2 hours before and 1 hour after the match.
- 10) The use of live baits is not permitted.
- 11) Anglers fishing for Carp and Pike must use an unhooking mat.
- 12) Hooks and bait must be removed from the water if the swim is left for any reason.
- 13) Carp sacks are not to be used & Carp over 5lbs will not be retained by any method, except during officially booked matches.
- 14) Anglers must be in possession of a suitably sized landing net.
- 15) No fishing within 30 meters of any lock, nor within 15 meters of any bridge, weir, wharf, landing stage, permanent mooring, or any other navigational structure.
- 16) No fishing on that part of the waterway just above Daisy meadow car park & Heybridge Basin.
- 17) No fishing between Paper Mill Road bridge & the upstream end of the towpath moorings at papermill.
- 18) No fishing on the waterway adjacent to Treasure Island at Little Baddow.
- 19) No fishing on the part of waterway adjacent to the south bank between Hall bridge Heybridge & Heybridge Basin.
- 20) No angler is to be inconsiderate or abusive towards other users of the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation.
- 21) Anglers must not obstruct the towpath.



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# Protect fisheries by disinfecting your angling equipment



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## Equipment is a big risk in transferring diseases

England and Wales has over 10,000 registered fisheries and 1 million regular anglers. One of the biggest threats to the angling industry is the transfer of disease between fisheries through fish movements or equipment.

Fishery managers can only do so much to reduce the risk of disease transmission and the spread of non-native species between fisheries, so anglers must do all they can to safeguard the future of their sport.

It has been proven that angling equipment poses a major risk in the transfer of diseases between fisheries. A recent Cefas experiment found that nets infected with KHV spread the disease to healthy fish. Other studies have found a range of fish pathogens and invasive species can also be spread by angling equipment.

Critically, once diseases are present in a fishery they are often impossible to treat. They have a detrimental effect to fish populations and the wider aquatic ecosystem. Therefore preventing the spread of diseases is vital to safeguard the fisheries industry.

You can help by using disinfectant to thoroughly disinfect your equipment between angling trips. This kills disease pathogens which stops the spread of disease. If you cannot use chemical disinfectants, you can dry and expose your equipment to UV light when at home. But this is not as reliable as the use of disinfectant and may not kill all disease pathogens.



## What equipment to disinfect

It's not always practical to disinfect all your equipment so focus on the items which are high risk, especially those that touch fish or water.

Therefore check, clean, disinfect and dry:

- landing nets
- keep nets
- unhooking mats
- boots
- weigh slings

This helps stop your equipment spreading water, pathogens, or animals between fisheries.

