

ALAN HARE MEMORIAL

On Sunday 27th October a Red Maple was planted at Totham Pit in memory of Alan Hare, former Chairman and Vice President of the Society. Alan's wife Pat helped plant the tree after saying a few words in memory of Alan and she was joined by Bob Gower who spoke about Alans years of service to the Society. Alan's family and club members also attended.

Alan will be remembered fondly for his years of dedication to MAS, his excellence as a Carp angler and contribution to fishing. Totham pit was a favourite venue of Alan, and the point will now be known as "Hare's point".









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. An Email will be sent out soon to all club members with the code that you will require to get your discount.



CLUB AGM

Unfortunately, due to poor attendance by members attending the AGM on November 3rd we had to postpone it. The date for the rearranged AGM is on January 26th at Great Totham village hall with a 10am start. Current members will be able to renew their memberships on the day.

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 Peaked Caps Beanie Hats Polo Shirts Polo Shirts Sweatshirt Classic Hoodies Camo Hoodies Half-zip Hoodies Full-zip Hoodies Softshell Jackets Waterproof insulated Jackets

JUNIOR SECTION

On Saturday 5th October we held our first ever 24hr session for our juniors at Slough House farm. Starting the day off with some fantastic Perch on the whips, and then as the day went on the Carp slowly turned up. The best Carp weighing in at over 26lb was caught by Ren and his dad Ewan. It was a very enjoyable experience for those who attended and was the first time most had fished at night. I'd like to say a big thankyou to those who helped out on the day to make it a success.

Richard Turner

JUNIOR EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR











PIKE ANGLERS CLUB OPEN DAY

November the 10th saw Maldon Angling Society hold a pike event with the Pike Anglers club at Totham pit. The event was an open event and saw over 60 people attending including 25 Juniors. Everyone learnt how to unhook a Pike correctly using a dummy Pike that was brought along. Talks on methods for fishing for Pike and how to tie traces also took place.

Goodie bags were given out to the Juniors with a raffle ticket. A separate raffle also took place for the adults.

Prizes included a Lure rod and reel combo, Lure rods and Lure bundles.

The event was a massive success and is something we will be looking at holding again in the future.









CARP MATCH FINAL 2024

The weekend of October 18th/19th saw the 2024 Carp match final take place at Totham pit. The anglers arrived to a wet miserable morning which wasn't ideal for setting up. The draw was pretty predictable with Kyff's corner and the snag being the swims taken first, these swims produced the better results in the last match on the pit. Also, with the area around the point not being pegged due to thick weed, Kyff's corner was the only area past the reeds that would be fished.

As was predicted the fishing was slow and everyone knew it would be a tight match with small numbers of fish caught.

The snag was the first swim to produce a fish to John Godier when he landed a stunning 26lb 8oz Common, this fish come just before everyone reeled in to enjoy a BBQ and beer.



John Godiers 26lb 8oz Common

Dean Farmer in Kyff's corner was next to catch at 6 in the evening when he landed a 14lb 2oz Common.

The night was very slow and only one other fish being caught and again this was to Dean Farmer when he landed another Common that weighed in at 12lb to put him just 6oz behind John Godier.

Just before first light, Dean Cowell in Reeds 2 swim got off the mark when he landed a 17lb 1oz Common which moved him into third place.



Dean Cowells 17.01lb Common



23lb 2oz Mirror for John Guess

Sunday was very tense with all Anglers knowing that anyone could still win the match, and it could take just one fish.

At around 9.30 it started to happen for John Guess who landed a stunning Mirror of 23lb 2oz in Reeds 3 swim.



The fish that won the match for John Guess

Just an hour later the match was won when John Guess landed the final fish landing another Mirror of 19lb 8oz. Although the fishing and at times the weather wasn't the best, it was still another enjoyable weekend fishing.

As always, I would like to thank all the Anglers who have taken part in this year's matches, and we have raised a good amount of money for a great charity. I would also like to thank those who have donated this year's prizes.

We are already planning next season matches.

Tony Hayden

HEAD BAILIFF

Carp Match final results

1st Place – John Guess – 2 fish for 42.10lb 2nd Place – John Godier – 1 fish for 26.08lb 3rd Place – Dean Farmer – 2 fish for 26.02lb 4th Place – Dean Cowell – 1 fish for 17.01lb Biggest fish in all Carp matches this season went

to John Godier for his 29.10lb Common in one of the qualifiers at Totham pit.



Second Place - John Godier



Third place - Dean Farmer



Winner John Guess receiving his prizes



Biggest fish in a 2024 Match - John Godier



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR CARP MATCH SPONSORS





CATCH REPORTS



Eddie French with a Totham Pit Pike, this one weighed in at 12lb



Julian Jordan with a 5lb 13oz mixed bag from the Canal



Roger Laurie with a Slough House Reservoir Common



Barry Harding with a 28lb Common Carp from Slough House Reservoir



Ryan Levett with a 5lb Ide from Slough House Reservoir



11lb 13oz of Roach and Perch for Kelvin Willis from the Canal



Kevin Acres with his bag of 12 Bream from Heron Hall



Matt Hillmans 22lb 4oz Mirror from Little London Reservoir taken on a single grain of Corn



James Wilkins with a Slough House Reservoir Bream



Kelvin Willis with a mixed bag from Slough House West



James Wilkins with a 6lb 7oz Chub from the Chelmer Canal



Eden with a Slough House Tench





Kevin Acres with a 18lb 11oz Slough House Reservoir Common Carp



19lb 8oz Totham Pit Pike for Dean Cowell



Totham Pit Mirror Carp for Terry Bentham



Peter Barns with a stunning looking Bog Grove Mirror Carp



Dean Cowell with another Totham Pit Pike, this one weighing 17lb

FISHING FOR THE CROCS

As I sit here on the bank at Totham Pit waiting for that first bite of the evening with the crimson sun setting, the stinging feeling to the eyes and failing light making that ever so slight twitch of the float increasing more difficult- I thought now would be a good time to write this short article about Pike fishing and what gives me the buzz to be out in all weather, either walking the bank of the Chelmer and Blackwater or sitting here at The Pit in my favourite spots fixated on my bite indicators. Pike to me are as near to a prehistoric, predatorial fish as you can possibly get in UK inland waters which I guess gives them their name " Croc". Watching that head lift out the water with the bait hanging out to the side of those razor Croc teeth and judging if you've got a beast by the weight of its head is a big draw for me, as is watching the follow from the depths on a lure as the predatorial instinct kicks in and the "Crocs" irresistible urge to follow a bait whilst the Angler holds his breath and whispers..." take it...take it!" For those that know me will know how I love my Predator fishing and when October comes, I can't wait to get a dead bait out in the water. Now I'm far from an expert in Pike fishing but over the years I have had my successes and to date a PB of 19lb 9oz out the river, and a cracking few sessions last season at the Pit. I like to try different set ups, and I now believe that I've found my favourite which seems to be the most productive.

I've had many questions whilst on the bank about how I target the bigger fish and to be honest I must say that generally I find " not to try too hard" would be my best advice.

For tips and advice, I would always say that if you are thinking of taking up Pike fishing, I would always strongly advise going with someone who has experience fishing for them and how to handle them. There is a perception of Pike being a tough, brutal predator fish. This couldn't be further from the truth. Pike are a delicate, fragile species and if not looked after, whether that's judging your strike on a bite or handling them on the bank and unhooking them - fish care is paramount, and I would argue even more so for Pike. I've witnessed too many Pike caught and hooked too late. Again, my advice is to strike early. If the float moves slightly, a slight twitch... take the hit. If the ledger indicator moves up or down..take the hit!



A good, safe set up is key, with good bite indication and a set of long forceps, pliers and cutters, an adequate landing mat, and a rubberised landing net.

Fishing with no indicator will only result in a dead fish.

There are many YouTube videos out there- The Ginger Fisherman being one- check out his channel as there are some great underwater footages which shows you why you should strike early. Once again there are many videos of tips, set ups and rigs out there. Another one of my favourites for those starting out is the brothers Carl and Alex, or Foxes Predator channel.

I hope this has been of interest and if you see me on the bank and want some advice and pointers just come and ask.

Tight lines... and hope for a Biggun!

Deano

Dean Cowell

ASSISTANT FISHERY MANAGEMENT OFFICER



FISHERY MANAGEMENT

Over the weekend of the 16th and 17th November we held a two-day work party at Slough House Reservoir. The plan was to trim back the extensive snags on the island, dig out and work on some swims and improve the size of the Car Park. Unfortunately, the water level was up considerably which made the work harder but those who attended did a superb job and we achieved what we set out to do.

We also put up some parking and deep-water warning signs.

I'd personally like to say a big thankyou and well done to those who attended and put in the hard work over the weekend.

This is the first phase of the work completed and when the water level drops, we will be returning to finish off the swims that we started.

We are now planning work parties at Bog Grove, Totham Pit and Rook Hall which will take place during January and February.

Dan Gower

FISHERY MANAGEMENT OFFICER





BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS OF THE CAR PARK































FISHERY IN FOCUS – BOG GROVE

Bog Grove is a 3-acre tree lined reservoir with 22 swims. Bog Grove holds Tench to around 8lb, Crucian Carp, Roach and Rudd to over 1lb, Bream to around 6lb, Perch to nearly 2lb and Carp to 20lb. The water also contains some smaller species such as Ruffe and Gudgeon and will also throw up the odd large Eel to around 5lb.

The Fishery has over the last year or so seen extensive work done to improve the swims and tracks with the help of Fusion Landscapes.

We have also undertaken a programme of making Bog Grove more of a mixed fishery just like it used to be before the mass introduction of Carp in the late 90's/early 2000's.

There has been around 300 Carp removed which has now left a stock of around 50 quality fish that are already putting on weight with some coming out to just over 20lb.

With the help of the EA, we have been trying to establish a Crucian Carp population as there was once years ago, and slow up the relentless breading of small Rudd by adding Perch.

Bog Grove has always been one of our most popular waters and has a great history as it was one of the best Tench waters about in the late 80's/early 90's.

If you want a day of fishing for mixed species, then give Bog Grove a go.

Recent stockings include:

100 x Juvenile Perch, 10 x Juvenile Crucian Carp (Feb 21)

750 x Juvenile Crucian Carp, 250 x Juvenile Tench (Jan 22)

10 x Juvenile Crucian Carp, 25 x Juvenile Perch (Feb 22)

310lb of Tench up to 5lb (Dec 22)

170 x Tench between 1lb and 2lb, 175 x Bream between 8oz and 1lb, 57lb of Juvenile Crucian Carp (Jan 23)

600lb of mixed silvers (Jan 24)







THE MAGIC OF REDMIRE

If anybody had said to me a few months ago that this September I would be standing at Redmire Pool in the swim that Richard Walker in 1952 landed his record carp Clarissa at 44lb and that I was to be looking out over the shallows where Chris Yates in 1980 landed The Bishop at 51lb 8oz I would have laughed at them. But having had my name drawn out of a hat through my involvement in the Crabtree Society Essex Group that was indeed where I was for three days and nights this September. Me, along with four other lucky anglers were to be given this chance through luck more than fate maybe. So, what about Redmire Pool itself, the place where history was made in 1951 when Bob Richards landed the first recorded 30lb plus carp at 31lb 4oz and where both Richard Walker and Chris Yates were to then go on to rewrite the record books.

Created in the 18th century by damning a stream the pool laid fishless until the 20th century when the then owner stocked it with trout. That stocking failed which led the owner back to Donald Leney who had stocked the trout to stock 50 six-to-eight-inch carp to help control the weed which to this day is still very prolific. The pool then laid untouched until the 1950's when Bob Richards, hearing of rumours of large carp being seen got permission to fish and made history with that carp of 31lb 4oz caught on a cane roach rod and 5lb line. How times change, he gaffed it, thus killing it and took it home to Gloucester wrapped in a cloth on the seat next to him on the bus.

Much has been written about the capture of Clarissa and The Bishop so I will not repeat that here, but a little-known fact is that a 43lb 12oz Common was caught by Chris Yates in the 1970's. Known as Fat Lady this carp lost a lot of fluid between its capture and weighing and might even have broken Walkers record back then. So let me now tell you about my visit.

Redmire Pool is tucked away in the rolling Herefordshire countryside near Ross on Wye. Firstly, it is tiny just 270 yards long and 70 yards wide at its maximum and secondly apart from an 11ft depth near the dam over most of its surface it is very shallow and completely weed choked. The water is crystal clear but because of the local red soil colours up quickly after rain and when the carp get their heads down overnight in the silty bottom. It is surrounded by very mature trees giving it a very dark and enclosed feel, almost haunting, in fact it is rumoured to be haunted with several well-known anglers refusing to night fish in certain swims. This just increases the atmosphere of the place.





It was completely drained and desilted in 2018 and alas the original stocking of the Leney strain of carp are long gone but there are many smaller carp to keep you busy, a few in the 20's and a much smaller number in the mid 30's these days. I had three carp of up to 4lb and 16 Gudgeon which if I am honest I was more pleased about the Gudgeon than I was about the carp. Redmire has left a lasting impression on me. On face value I cannot see how such a tiny pool could produce such huge fish but produce them it did and to have those carp being chased by such famous anglers adds to the pools lasting legacy.

Will Redmire ever produce leviathans again, I hope so and I feel privileged to have been given the chance to fish it and will remember those three days and nights forever. The icing on the cake was finding that Clarissa was in a case on the wall of the pub just up the road at Docklow Pools so after my trip I paid my respects to that legendary fish.

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Peter Garrett

CLUB SECRETARY





THE TOP PHOTO IS OF THE SWIM THAT BOB RICHARDS HAD HIS 31LB 40Z AND ALSO WHERE WALKER HAD CLARISSA. THE BOTTOM PHOTO IS OF THE SWIM THAT PRODUCED THE BISHOP

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS FROM THE MALDON ANGLING SOCIETY -COMMITTEE AND BAILIFFS

CONCESSIONARY MATCHES

CONCESSIONARY MATCH FIXTURES 2024/2025

02/04/24 - BOG GROVE 09/04/24 - OAKFORD TOP LAKE 16/04/24 - HERON HALL 23/04/24 - ROOK HALL 30/04/24 - SLOUGH HOUSE FARM 07/05/24 - TOTHAM PIT 14/05/24 - BOG GROVE (SILVERS ONLY) 21/05/24 - OAKFORD MIDDLE LAKE 28/05/24 - ROOK HALL 04/06/24 - SLOUGH HOUSE FARM 11/06/24 - HERON HALL 18/06/24 - TESCO CANAL 25/06/24 - BOG GROVE 02/07/24 - SLOUGH HOUSE FARM 09/07/24 - HERON HALL 16/07/24 - LITTLE LONDON 23/07/24 - TESCO CANAL 30/07/24 – SLOUGH HOUSE FARM – PAIRS (SILVERS ONLY) 06/08/24 - TOTHAM PIT 13/08/24 - HERON HALL 20/08/24 - TESCO CANAL 27/08/24 – OAKFORD MIDDLE LAKE 03/09/24 - BOG GROVE 10/09/24 - SLOUGH HOUSE FARM 17/09/24 - ROOK HALL 24/09/24 - PAPER MILLS 01/10/24 - HERON HALL 08/10/24 - LITTLE LONDON 15/10/24 - HEYBRIDGE BASIN 22/10/24 – SLOUGH HOUSE FARM (SILVERS ONLY) 29/10/24 - BOG GROVE

CONCESSIONARY MATCH FIXTURES 2024/2025 CONTINUED

05/11/24 - LAKELANDS 12/11/24 – BOREHAM BACK BRIDGE 19/11/24 - SLOUGH HOUSE FARM 26/11/24 - HERON HALL 03/12/24 - LAKELANDS 10/12/24 - HEYBRIDGE BASIN 17/12/24 - BOG GROVE CHRISTMAS MATCH 07/01/25 - PAPER MILLS 14/01/25 - LAKELANDS 21/01/25 - HEYBRIDGE BASIN 28/01/25 - BOG GROVE 04/02/25 - COMMERCIAL FISHERY TBA 11/02/25 - HEYBRIDGE BASIN 18/02/25 - LAKELANDS 25/02/25 - TESCO CANAL 04/03/25 - PAPER MILLS 11/03/25 - HEYBRIDGE BASIN 18/03/25 - HERON HALL 25/03/25 - SLOUGH HOUSE FARM - PAIRS 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:

Dave Harley: 07845 929110

Les Drury: 07780 842516

Steve Willis: 07741 494512

LATEST CONCESSIONARY MATCHMAN OF THE YEAR LEAGUE TABLE

	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	11/03/2024			
	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				125	0	125
D.TARR EL	22	19	12	10	22	12	16	1	16				130	11	119
D.HARLEY	25	10	0	22	12	25	0	0	22				116	0	116
T.ALDWORTH	16	0	0	14	19	16	19	25	1				110	0	110
R.HARRINGTON	10	14	14	19	14	10	12	1	14				108	11	97
D.MURTON	12	16	0	0	16	22	22	1	0				89	0	89
D.NICHOLLS	4	0	0	7	1	8	10	16	10				65	0	65
C.DYALL	0	0	22	16	0	0	0	22	1				61	0	61
K.ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	19	25	14	1				59	0	59
S.LEAPER	14	12	16	0	0	0	0	0	12				54	0	54
S.WILLIS	5	25	1	0	0	0	0	19	1				51	0	51
R.SMITH	7	0	10	0	0	0	0	1	19				37	0	37
L.DRURY	8	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0				34	0	34
D.AUSTON	0	0	8	12	0	0	0	12	0				32	0	32
B.TURNER	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0				25	0	25
J.CHRISTENSEN	0	0	0	0	0	14	8	1	0				23	0	23
G.GREEN	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0				8	0	8
A.BEARD	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				7	0	7
B.HUTT	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1	0	1

2024/2025 MATCHES

07/04/24 - CLUB MATCH - SLOUGH HOUSE WEST

12/05/24 – CLUB MATCH – BOG GROVE

09/06/24 - TOM MARTIN MEMORIAL MATCH - BOG GROVE

23/06/24 – ESSEX INTERCLUB AWAY – MIXED WATERS

30/06/24 – CLUB MATCH – ROOK HALL

14/07/24 – ESSEX INTERCLUB – CAPS WATER

28/07/24 - PRESIDENTS MATCH - SLOUGH HOUSE FARM/SLOUGH HOUSE WEST

04/08/24 – CLUB MATCH – HERON HALL

11/08/24 – ESSEX INTERCLUB AWAY – KDAA WATERS

08/09/24 – ESSEX INTERCLUB AWAY – DOES AC WATERS

15/09/24 – CLUB MATCH – SLOUGH HOUSE FARM

29/09/24 – ESSEX INTERCLUB AWAY – RIVER CHELMER

06/10/24 - CLUB MATCH - LITTLE LONDON

03/11/24 – ESSEX INTERCLUB AWAY - MALDON CANAL

10/11/24 – MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 1 – HEYBRIDGE BASIN

24/11/24 – MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 2 – BENBRIDGE

08/12/24 – MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 3 – HEYBRIDGE BASIN

22/12/24 – MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 4 – BENBRIDGE

05/01/25 – CANAL OPEN 1 – HEYBRIDGE BASIN

19/01/25 – CANAL OPEN 2 – **BENBRIDGE**

02/02/25 – CANAL OPEN 3 – HEYBRIDGE BASIN

16/02/25 – CANAL OPEN 4 – BENBRIDGE

02/03/25 – CANAL OPEN 5 - HEYBRIDGE BASIN

16/03/25 – CLUB MATCH – SLOUGH HOUSE FARM

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:

Kelvin Willis: 07706 047342 Ian Shepperd (Club matches only): 07584 994962

MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE

The last Maldon Canal singles league match is taking place at The Benbridge on Sunday 22nd December.

Going into the final match the league placings are as follows:

1st Place

Joe Harber on 3 points (19lb 5oz 8drms) The title is joes if James fails to win his section

2nd Place

James Wright on 4 points (24lb 5oz) James needs to win his section in the last match to potentially beat Joe

3rd Place

Kelvin Willis on 5 points (18lb 4oz) Martin Willis on 5 points (10lb 2oz) Both Martin and Kelvin are still in contention for 2nd and 3rd place If either win their sections on the last match then they need a considerable weight gain to beat James for second place, assuming he doesn't win his section.

4th Place

Paul Grant on 6 points (14lb 15oz)

Paul is still in contention for any of the top three places having had two section wins. He will need to win his section to be in chance of winning and a second place would throw the cat amongst the pigeons for a potential second or third place.

MALDON CANAL OPENS 2025

Our first Canal open match of the year will be taking place on Sunday January 5th at Heybridge Basin.

We have room for 37 anglers at the Basin this year.

Entry is £20 and to book a place please contact Kelvin Willis

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 15th March to 15th 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 that 6 hours and any fish showing signs or distress should be returned immed
- 8) No fires are allowed on the ban
- 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 match
- 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.

CLUB OFFICERS AND BAILIFFS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Simon Greengrass – Treasurer: Contact number: 07305 557976

Peter Garrett – Secretary: Contact number: 07949 474782

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Slough House West: David Peterson: 07519 609647 David McGrath/Finn McGrath: 07944 698683 Roland Hughes: 07864 569983

Totham Pit: Tony Hayden: 07878 532087 David Witney: 07738 098295 Grahan Dack: 07939 013342 Aaron Crawford/Anna Pringle: 07732 311756 Aaron Cheverall: 07934 603066

Additional Bailiffs (Any water): Kelvin Willis: 07706 047342 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

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.



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.





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