



MALDON ANGLING SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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NIC LINSDELL

It is with regret that we have to announce that our Wildlife officer Nic Linsdell has stepped down from his role within the club Committee due to personal reasons. Nic joined the Committee in October 2020 as our Website and Social media officer. Nic has extensive knowledge of local wildlife and was moved to a new position of Wildlife officer within the club in 2023 and his knowledge has been very valuable to the club. I'm sure everyone would like to join the Committee in thanking Nic for his hard work the last five years.



NEXT ISSUE

If you have anything fishing related you wish to put in any of the future newsletters, then please contact me on: maldonangling@aol.com



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PRESIDENTS MATCH

On Sunday 27th August we held our annual Presidents match at Slough House Reservoir with the junior section of the match being held at Slough House West.

Despite us having problems with algae and low oxygen at Slough House in the weeks before the match it did surprisingly fish well.

Only two Carp were landed but the Bream and Tench were certainly on the feed and a good few silvers were also caught.

The presidents team took the team win with Kelvin Willis taking the individual trophy.

Presidents team 159lb 5oz

Committee team 125lb 8drm

1st Place – Kelvin Willis – 94lb 7oz

2nd Place – Julian Jordan – 36lb 12oz

3rd Place – Steve Willis – 22lb 6oz

4th Place – Oscar Crissey – 18lb 12oz

Roy Samuels cup (Biggest fish) – Kelvin Willis

Wooden spoon (Lowest weight) – Dave Nichols

Section wins

Section 1 – Andy Stebbing

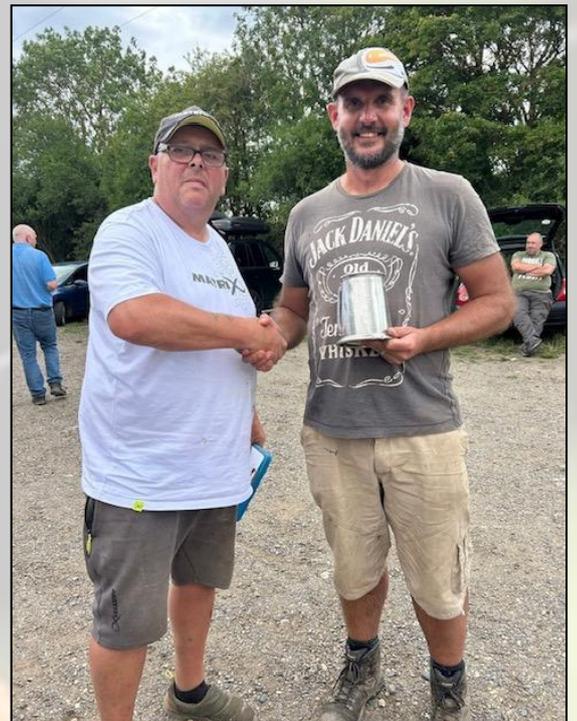
Section 2 – Steve Harrington

We would also like to give a big thankyou to Nichola Jordan, Kevin Parker and Sonia Parker for collecting the food and setting it all up.

The write up for the Junior section of the match can be found in the Junior section of this newsletter.

JULIAN JORDAN

SENIOR MATCH SECRETARY



CLUB NEWS

PIKE SEASON

It was agreed at a recent Committee meeting that MAS will adopt a policy of not fishing for Pike during the hotter months. Therefore, a Pike season from 1st October to 31st March will be implemented and fishing for Pike will be banned outside of this period.

AGM

A reminder to our members that our AGM will be held on Sunday 25th January 2026. Please note rule 8.1 of section 3 (Constitution) in our rule book:

Any proposals from members for the amendment to the Constitution, alteration of rules, or proposals of new rules, must be submitted in writing and be in the hands of the secretary by 30th November.

LEADERS

A reminder to members that ALL leaders are banned. This includes homemade or shop bought ones.

Rule 6.3:

Readymade shop bought and homemade leaders made from Lead-core, Braid, coated braid or similar material attached to the mainline via a loop, splice or connector are banned on all club waters.

Rig checks will be taking place by club bailiffs and anyone caught breaking this rule will face a ban.

LITTER

We have unfortunately received reports of litter being found around some of our waters. Anyone caught leaving litter will face a lifetime ban. Litter also includes discarded tackle or line, cigarette butts and tea bags.

RULE REMINDER

Following a recent incident at Slough House Reservoir, members are reminded not to cut branches of trees or fell trees in or adjacent to swims. Please see rule 5.4 for the exact wording for swim clearance.

SLOUGH HOUSE HORSES

It has been noted that some of our members have been feeding the Horses at Slough House Farm. Please do not feed the Horses as they are on a strict diet.

MATCHES

Members are reminded that there may be an occasion where a match will have a change of venue or date at short notice. We do everything we can to run in line with the dates published in the rule book but sometimes a rare occurrence may force the match to change. All changes are announced as soon as possible on our Facebook page and website.

WADING

It was agreed at a recent Committee meeting that there will be a new club rule regarding wading. The new rule is as follows:

“Anglers may wade provided the water does not extend above the knee and that the angler can touch the bank of their swim with their fingertips. In addition to this there must be another member of the club aged 18 years or more present if wading takes place. There shall be no wading at all during the hours of darkness”

GUEST TICKETS

Guest tickets are available so that our existing members may take a guest to fish any MAS water. It is the MAS member that applies for the guest ticket stating the date of the visit and the guest's name. Guest tickets must be applied for in advance to the fishing session and they are not available on the bank. Guest tickets are available from JP Tackle, The Fishing Outlet, the Membership secretary and online through the Clubmate App. Guest tickets are also available through Andy Thomas who you can PM on facebook if you are unable to get them from the other sources. Please plan in advance and get your guest ticket as early as you can. We have had enquiries as late as 11pm for tickets the following day.

PADLOCKS

We are still getting issues with opening and closing padlocks. After you have put in the correct code, always press in the shackle before trying to open the padlock. It will depress in a few mm. If you just put the number in and then try to pull the shackle it will probably not open. On locking the padlock, you can either jumble the numbers first and then shut until it locks or shut and then jumble the numbers. With both options always ensure the lock is shut and the numbers are jumbled up.

THREE RODS

Members who have either a night permit or a three-rod permit can use three rods from the 1st October. Please ensure you have one of these permits if you are to use three rods.

BOG GROVE

Bog Grove is open to night fishing for night permit holders from 1st October until 30th April

ROOK HALL

Members are reminded Rook Hall is closed to members from 1st October until 31st January

CATCH REPORTS



Paddy Thompson with a 27.04lb Totham Pit Common



21lb of Bream and Silvers from the Canal for Kevin Acres



Charlie Little with a couple from Totham Pit



Michael Cole with a Bog Grove Tench



19lb Common for Mick Richardson from Bog Grove



Julian Jordan with 16lb 4oz from Heybridge Basin



Commons of 22lb and 23lb for Committee member Paul Kemp



25lb of Fish from Slough House West for Kelvin Willis



James Wilkins with a Totham Pit Tench of 7lb 12oz



Dean and Billy Cowell with a couple of fish from Slough House Reservoir



28lb Totham Pit Common for Chris Bruce



Young Teddy Gower with a Bog Grove Common



Steve Harrington with a Slough House Common



Slough House Common for Jason Berris



Ryan Levett with three Totham Pit Commons



Bog Grove Fully scaled Mirror for Mick Richardson

Julian Jordan from Slough House Reservoir



Bog Grove Crucian for Nick O'Shea



Neil Wallis from Slough House Reservoir



Mixed bag from Totham Pit for Kevin Acres



Couple of 20's for Dean Sparks

JUNIOR SECTION

JUNIOR PRESIDENTS MATCH

With 15 Juniors lining up (our best turn out)

A car park full of young keen anglers went off picking swims. A slow match all round, Jack catching the first Carp, closely followed by Isla. Then out of nowhere young Riley in an unfavoured swim caught a Carp. A few skimmers were then caught all round before Riley caught another Carp.

Poor Oakley's swim was slow to start with then when it kicked off, he lost 5 Carp due to the tree line.

With Riley so far out in front it came down to the captains for second place. Isla landed a Bream with minutes left which gave her second place, her third second in three years.

Riley also took biggest Carp with a 10lb 4oz Common, he won a prize kindly donated by Tony Read.

A massive thankyou to JP Tackle for donating the prize for best angler on the day for the Bailiffs and Committee team, Oakley winning this prize.

Also, a massive thankyou to the Fishing outlet for donating the prize for the best angler on the president's team, Henry was super pleased with his prize. It was such a great day and was enjoyed by all. Every Junior went home with a prize, thank you to all those who donated.

RICHARD TURNER

JUNIOR EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR

1st Place – Riley – 20lb 5oz

2nd Place – Isla – 12lb

3rd Place – Jack – 10lb 12oz

4th Place – Thomas G – 4lb 13oz 8d

5th Place – Thomas K – 3lb 4oz

6th Place – Oakley – 1lb 6oz

7th Place – Ellius – 14oz

8th Place – James – 11oz

9th Place – Travis – 8oz

10th Place – Ollie – 6oz

11th Place – Serenity Rose & Mason 4oz, 8d

Hayden, Frank, Henry DNW





24HR JUNIOR FISHING SESSION – SLOUGH HOUSE FARM RESERVOIR

In August we held our annual 24hr session for the Juniors so they could experience overnight fishing.

From the minute we turned up these Juniors were buzzing to catch some Carp. It was an amazing turn out. We had a great BBQ so a massive thank you to Meatline for supplying the meat and well done to Ewan Harris for cooking it all. As you can imagine the lake fished bitty with certain areas fishing better than others.

I will say this event was a massive success and a big thank you to our members for understanding the lake closure.





MALDON ANGLING SOCIETY

JUNIOR FISHING DAYS

OPEN TO ALL MAS JUNIOR MEMBERS



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN THE
JUNIOR WHATSAPP GROUP CONTACT
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OVERNIGHT JUNIOR SESSION

The session officially started with everybody meeting in the car park at 8am where the swim choice took place. Some of the juniors took a walk round the lake to look beforehand for likely looking areas which would help them decide their swims for the next two days and one night to come.

During the time everybody was getting the rods out in their chosen swims, the obvious best early choice of swim appeared to be Frankies who was fishing towards the point of the island, left side of the car park. A quick flurry of bites early on resulted in him landing 5 or 6 decent sized Carp and an amazing Mirror in there too. Good angling by him when bites were tough to come by.

Later in the session, I, who was fishing off the back of the island, decided to switch to solid bags, resulting in 3 stunning Carp and a 20lb Common. Sharing this news in the morning, the lads in the double swim chose to also use solid bags resulting in another big hit of around 6 commons, some of which went over the magical 20-pound barrier.

The constant sound of the spod seemed to attract the fish to every angler's area, the term "ringing the dinner bell" seeming to come in effect due to most fish coming directly after spods went out.

Luckily, this time at Slough House farm the Bream didn't show up in numbers like they sometimes do at this venue.

I would like to say a huge well done to the younger anglers as well for not only remaining well behaved around the lake, but also for preserving when the angling got tough. The mindset some of the kids had towards the fishing aspect really showed through perfectly tied rigs within the rules and regulations, strategy also being part in the resulting big hit of fish.

Also, a big thankyou to Richard Turner for putting the junior event together, it couldn't have happened without him. Also, thankyou to Ewan Harris for doing the BBQ and feeding everyone around the lake.

Lastly thankyou to all the adults who supported the kids in landing as many fish as possible and making it a very enjoyable experience.

Hopefully these events will entice more young anglers into the Angling society to keep the sport thriving.

TOMMY HEWITT

**MALDON ANGLING SOCIETY
JUNIOR MEMBER**

CARP MATCHES

The original date for the second Slough House Farm match had to be changed due to the algae and low oxygen issue we had in July. We eventually held this heat of the Carp matches over the weekend of 16th/17th August.

The match ended up being a one man show with Rob Poulton easily taking first place. Rob landed eight fish in the first six hours of the match before anyone else had had anything.

Rob ended up winning the match with a margin of over 100lb to second place Aaron Cheverell.

Also, a mention goes to Charlie Little who managed to secure fourth place despite only fishing for around four hours.

- 1st Place – Rob Poulton – 165lb**
- 2nd Place – Aaron Cheverell – 50.06lb**
- 3rd Place – Tony Hayden – 45.12lb**
- 4th Place – Charlie Little – 33.04lb**
- 5th Place – Adam Monahan – 31.06lb**
- 6th Place – Oscar Crissey – 25.14lb**
- 7th Place – Andy Thomas – 10.02lb**

2 Anglers DNW





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TOTHAM PIT

SEPTEMBER 13TH/14TH

Our last qualifying heat took place at Totham Pit over the weekend of 13th/14th September.

We were down to ten anglers for the match due to some dropouts which meant we were able to give all the anglers plenty of space.

The shallows seemed to be where everyone wanted to fish, and this proved to be the right idea with every fish landed coming from that area.

Aaron Cheverall in Reeds three swim was the first to catch when he landed a stunning 24.15lb Common.

Next to land a fish was James Howard on the Point when he netted a 20.04lb Common.

Tony Hayden in Reeds two swim then landed his first fish which weighed in at 14.13lb.

The lead then changed several times with Tony, Aaron and James continuing to catch.

Young Jack Height in Spennys point started getting into the action where he ended up having three fish.

With just 9 pound separating the first three anglers it went right down to the last minute when another fish could change the leaderboard.

The match ended up being a bit of a disappointment for some as just four anglers ended up catching.

Tony Hayden ended up in first place, Aaron Cheverall second, James Howard in third and Jack Height in fourth.

1st Place – Tony Hayden – 75.05lb

2nd Place – Aaron Cheverall – 68.10lb

3rd Place – James Howard – 66.02lb

4th Place – Jack Height – 50.04lb

6 Anglers DNW



2025 CARP MATCH FINAL

Our 2025 Carp match final will be held at Totham Pit from Friday 3rd October until Sunday 5th October. It is the first time our final has been run as a 48hr match.

Please note Totham Pit will be closed to members from 7am on Friday 3rd October until 1pm on Sunday 5th October.

2025 Carp final line up:

Tony Hayden

Rob Poulton

Aaron Cheverall

Dean Andrews

Adam Monahan

Andy Thomas

Anthony Chamberlain

Oscar Crissey

Jack Height

John Godier

John Guess

Charlie Little

TONY HAYDEN

HEAD BAILIFF



AM BAIT'S CARP MATCH LEAGUE

We have this season been running a league at our Carp matches as well as using them as qualifiers for our final.

We went into the final qualifier with Rob Poulton in the lead, 4 points ahead of Tony Hayden, Aaron Cheverall and Oscar Crissey.

Unfortunately, Rob was unable to fish the last qualifier which meant it was between the other three, providing they caught.

It went right down to the wire between Aaron and Tony with Tony eventually coming out on top.

		HEAT ONE SLOUGH HOUSE	HEAT TWO TOTHAM PIT	HEAT THREE SLOUGH HOUSE	HEAT FOUR TOTHAM PIT	TOTAL POINTS
1st	Tony Hayden	10	15	13	15	53
2nd	Aaron Cheverall	11	13	14	14	52
3rd	Rob Poulton	15	12	15	0	42
4th	Oscar Crissey	14	14	10	1	39
5th	Adam Monahan	7	1	11	0	19
	Andy Thomas	8	1	9	1	19
7th	John Godier	13	1	0	0	14
8th	Charlie Little	0	1	12	0	13
	Dean Cowell	12	1	0	0	13
	James Howard	0	0	0	13	13
11th	Jack Height	0	0	0	12	12
12th	Ben Kilpin	9	0	0	0	9
13th	Dean Andrews	0	1	1	1	3
	Anthony Chamberlain	0	1	1	1	3
15th	Dean Farmer	0	1	0	1	2
	John Guess	0	1	0	1	2
	Dave Redgrove	1	1	0	0	2
18th	Jules Wiles	0	1	0	0	1



BOUNTY HUNTER

CAVIER AND BLACK PEPPER

ALPHA

10% DISCOUNT TO MAS MEMBERS

FISHERY MANAGEMENT

As you are probably aware we had an issue at Slough House Reservoir in July that could have resulted in a very serious situation if it wasn't for the quick actions from the club. On the morning of the Carp match it was obvious we had a problem when the anglers arrived and noticed a number of fish gasping on the surface. Within hours the pumps had been switched on and they remained on for two weeks while the issue we experienced had improved enough to reopen the lake.

It is when we have situations like this it shows what a great team we have within our club. The pumps we use run 24hrs a day and need refilling with petrol every 4hrs so I'm grateful for those who volunteer to fill them at all hours of the day.

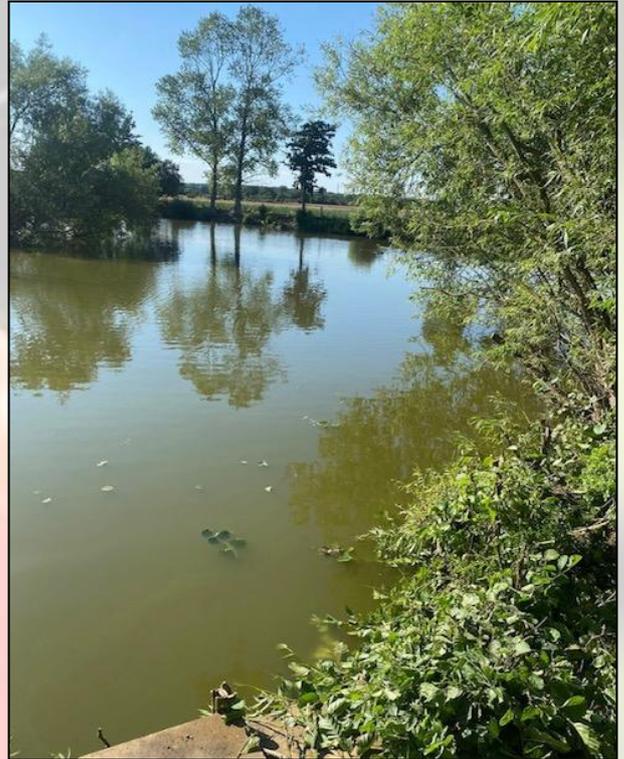
We also experienced extremely low water levels at Little London reservoir which we had to monitor closely in case we needed to take any action.

As for work on our lakes, we had an evening work party on Totham Pit to have a bit of a clear up and trim.

A few of our Committee members had an evening over Slough House to get the lake ready for the Presidents match. A lot of reeds were removed from some swims along with trimming branches in the swims and margins to make all 24 swims fishable for the match.

The Slough House West team have continued to tidy up round the lake and island as well as adding more fish refuges.

This team has done an amazing amount of work and has changed what was an overgrown lake to now a very popular venue that is fishing extremely well for those who fish it.



SLOUGH HOUSE WEST

Graham Holmes and Ewan Harris have continued their hard work at Little London Reservoir. More swims have been built while the water level has been low and when the water is back to its usual depth we will see the benefits of these swims.

Unfortunately, we have had an incident at Slough House Reservoir where someone has not just had a trim but has cut down whole trees to create a bigger swim.

Not only is this against club rules but major work like that must be cleared with our landowners so this sort of behaviour could put our lease in jeopardy.

If you feel any work needs doing, then please contact myself and I can assess the situation properly and plan a work party if I feel the work needs doing.

Again, I can't thank enough those who put their own time in to make our lakes better for our members.

When I see the number of members who attend our work parties compared to other clubs who have more members it does make me realise just how lucky we are.

DAN GOWER

FISHERY MANAGEMENT OFFICER



SWIM WORK AT LITTLE LONDON RESERVOIR



SAFE RIGS

With fishing now being more popular than ever and more anglers on the bank there will always be a danger of the use of unsafe rigs. With so much information available on the internet there should never be an excuse for anglers fishing with a rig that is not only unsafe to the fish but also other wildlife. As a club we do all we can to ensure that our members fish in a safe way, but we do still have a very small minority who either ignore our rules or are just uneducated in how to cause as little harm to our fish stocks and wildlife.

We have banned all forms of leaders and other methods like the magic twig and the washing line method.

We have also adopted other methods of safe fishing, such as how many wraps you can fish to the reeds at Totham pit.

So, what is a safe rig? I believe it is what can cause as little harm to the fish when you hook it but just as importantly if you suffer a line breakage, how a fish or other form of wildlife will deal with the rig if it picks it up.

At the end of the day, we are putting a piece of metal in the fish's mouth so it will cause some damage, but we need to minimise that as much as possible,

Years ago, we had the 'Bent hooks' which caused massive damage to the mouths of fish and rightly so these ended up being banned at most fisheries. Bent hooks were at the time a massive edge in fishing but luckily, we have moved on and use shrink tubing and kickers to match the mechanics of the bent hook.



The old 'Bent hook' above, and how shrink tubing now mimics its shape

Although it's not always possible we do also try to encourage the use of rig tubing wherever possible. Rig tubing can help reduce damage to the fish's flank during a fight which you don't get when using just line above your rig. Most tubing now is heavy enough to sit on the lakebed so not only does it help reduce damage to the fish it also helps camouflage your end tackle better.

A massive important thing to consider is if you do suffer a line breakage, a fish or other wildlife doesn't want to be towing around a lead which would no doubt lead to its death eventually.

ALL rigs must be able to eject the lead in the case of a line breakage. Let's look at the most popular types of rigs that are used for Carp fishing.

Lead clip systems

Lead clips are designed to hold the lead in place until enough pressure pulls off the tail rubber and the lead slides off.

Issues we have seen:

The tail rubber is superglued in place or line tied tightly around the lead clip so the lead cannot come off.



Please ensure the tail rubber can move off the lead clip without too much pressure so the lead can be ejected if needed.



Running leads

Running leads are designed so there is as little or no resistance on the rig when it is picked up by a fish.

Issues we have seen:

A stop has been attached to the mainline/tubing above the lead so in the case of a line breakage the lead would not be able to slide off the mainline.

Please ensure there is no stop attached to the mainline/tubing above the lead or it can move with just a slight bit of pressure



Helicopter rigs/Chod rigs

Helicopter and Chod rigs are not tied directly to the mainline but are attached by the mainline/tubing running through the hooklink swivel between the lead and a top stopper on the mainline/tubing.

Issues we have seen

The top stopper on the mainline/tubing is attached far too tight so it will not allow the hooklink to slide off the mainline/tubing in the case of a line breakage.

Please ensure the top stopper can move without too much pressure.



Inline leads

Inline leads have a central tube running through which the mainline runs. A tail rubber is usually used above the lead.

Issues we have seen

The hooklink swivel is pushed into the inline lead far too tightly so it would not eject.

Please ensure the hooklink swivel will remove itself from the lead without too much pressure.



Our advice to you is please read up on how you can fish safely with the rigs you intend to use. Always use the correct components and never mix match brands unless they work 100% together. One brand of tail rubbers may not work well with other brands of leadclips.

Make sure your hooklink is of a lower breaking strain than your mainline.

ALWAYS ensure your lead can be ejected in the case of line breakage.

If you are unsure of any rig you wish to try, then please contact one of the bailiffs or any Committee member for advice before using it. Trust me you won't be judged, and we would prefer to give out advice than see an unsafe rig used on one of our waters.

Also, if you are a junior or know a junior who wants to fish but are unsure of anything then please contact Richard Turner and attend one of his junior days where he and other helpers give out great advice.

One last thing. If you are fishing and cast into a tree or snag, have a fish tether itself up or have any incident with wildlife then please don't hesitate in contacting a club official. We would much prefer to come out and clear line or help a fish or wildlife than suffer a death. Again, you won't be judged on anything that happens. Accidents happen and I'm pretty sure everyone has cast into a tree at some point in their life.



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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

Slough House West – 1st July

Six fished, a very hot and humid day

- 1 S Joy – 26lb 10oz
- 2 M Maynard – 22lb 6oz
- 3 T Aldworth – 11lb 15oz 8drms
- 4 R Harrington – 7lb
- 5 D Fawcett – 4lb 13oz
- 6 R Smith – 4lb 10oz

Rook Hall – 8th July

Thirteen fished, a very pleasant day with everyone catching. Some good weights and a mix of fish including a nice Perch, two Eels and some Tench

- 1 S Joy – 20lb 13oz
- 2 C Dyll – 10lb 7oz
- 3 G Lee – 9lb 4oz
- 4 T Aldworth – 8lb 2oz 8drms
- 5 K Acres – 7lb 6oz
- 6 D Fawcett – 7lb 3oz
- 7 S Willis – 7lb 2oz
- 8 R Harrington – 5lb 5oz
- 9 M Maynard – 4lb 8oz
- 10 G Green – 4lb 2oz
- 11 R Smith – 2lb 11oz
- 12 D Nicholls – 2lb 7oz
- 13 D Tarrel – 15oz 8drms

Heron Hall – 15th July

Ten fished for the Alf Burton trophy, Sadly the Bream were not to be found, the top weights were mainly Carp

- 1 T Aldworth – 71lb 7oz 8drms
- 2 G Lee – 44lb 10oz
- 3 S Willis – 35lb 4oz
- 4 D Tarrel – 30lb 5oz 8drms
- 5 M Maynard – 27lb 12oz
- 6 D Fawcett – 16lb 12oz
K Acres – 16lb 12oz
- 8 D Nicholls – 3lb 11oz 8drms
- 9 R Harrington – 3lb 6oz 8drms
- 10 C Dyll - DNW

Slough House West – 22nd July

Eleven fished on what proved a difficult day

- 1 S Willis – 13lb 10oz
- 2 S Joy – 13lb 7oz
- 3 D Fawcett – 11lb 8oz
- 4 M Maynard – 7lb 11oz 8drms
S Leaper – 7lb 11oz 8drms
- 6 R Smith – 7lb 2oz 8drms
- 7 D Tarrel – 7lb 2oz
- 8 P Talbot – 5lb 9oz 8drms
- 9 T Aldworth – 3lb 5oz 8drms
- 10 K Acres – 2lb 9oz 8drms
- 11 R Harrington – 2lb 5oz 8drms

Rook Hall – 29th July

Fourteen fished (7 pairs) silvers only match that was moved from Slough House Reservoir due to the recent closure.

- 1 M Maynard – 15lb 4oz
S Leaper – 10lb 8oz
Combined weight – 25lb 12oz
- 2 C Dyll – 8lb 8oz
D Fawcett – 15lb 1oz 8drms
Combined weight – 23lb 9oz 8drms
- 3 S Willis – 9lb 3oz
T Aldworth – 10lb 4oz
Combined weight – 19lb 7oz
- 4 D Auston – 2lb 12oz 8drms
K Acres – 13lb 11oz 8drms
Combined weight – 16lb 8oz
- 5 A Stebbing – 9lb 6oz 8drms
R Harrington – 5lb 5oz
Combined weight – 14lb 11oz 8drms
- 6 G Lee – 6lb 3oz 8drms
P Talbot – 5lb 10oz
Combined weight – 11lb 13oz 8drms
- 7 D Tarrel – 1lb 9oz
D Nicholls – 2lb 8drms
Combined weight – 3lb 9oz 8drms

Slough House West – 5th August

Eleven fished for the Askew trophy

- 1) S Willis – 9lb 14oz
- 2) T Aldworth – 7lb 10oz
- 3) D Fawcett – 7lb 9oz 8drms
- 4) K Acres – 5lb 6oz
- 5) D Tarrel – 5lb 5oz 8drms
- 6) M Maynard – 5lb 5oz
- 7) S Joy – 4lb 8oz
- 8) R Harrington – 2lb 7oz
- 9) D Nicholls – 1lb 7oz
- 10) S Leaper – DNW
P Talbot – DNW

Heron Hall – 12th August

Eleven fished on a very hot day with everyone catching. Two very good weights for first and second.

- 1) G Lee – 89lb 14oz 8drms
- 2) S Willis – 60lb 9oz
- 3) P Talbot – 26lb 7oz
- 4) C Dyll – 14lb 13oz
- 5) T Aldworth – 11lb 7oz
- 6) K Acres – 10lb 10oz
- 7) R Harrington – 9lb
- 8) D Fawcett – 7lb 8oz 8drms
- 9) D Tarrel – 7lb 4oz
- 10) D Murton – 6lb 5oz
- 11) R Smith – 3lb 15oz 8drms

Rook Hall – 19th August

Fifteen fished with mostly silvers and some small Tench making up the weights

- 1) S Joy – 26lb 2oz
- 2) A Stebbing – 16lb 7oz 8drms
- 3) M Maynard – 11lb 5oz
- 4) T Aldworth – 7lb 13oz
- 5) N Cook – 7lb 1oz 8drms
- 6) S Willis – 6lb 14oz
- 7) K Acres – 6lb
- 8) R Smith – 5lb 12oz 8drms
- 9) S Leaper – 5lb 10oz
- 10) D Fawcett – 3lb 11oz 8drms
- 11) D Dyll – 3lb 6oz
- 12) D Murton – 3lb 1oz 8drms
- 13) R Harrington – 1lb 14oz
- 14) D Nicholls – 1lb 7oz
- 15) D Tarrel - DNW

Oakford Middle Lake – 26th August

Thirteen fished with some good weights

- 1) M Maynard – 55lb 15oz
- 2) R Smith – 48lb 14oz 8drms
- 3) S Joy – 36lb 8oz
- 4) S Willis – 35lb 3oz 8drms
- 5) P Talbot – 34lb 9oz
- 6) D Tarrel – 24lb 10oz 8drms
- 7) G Lee – 17lb 4oz
- 8) D Murton – 18lb 12oz
- 9) R Harrington – 16lb 2oz
- 10) S Leaper – 5lb 15oz
- 11) K Acres – 3lb 9oz 8drms
- 12) D Nicholls – 1oz 8drms
- 13) N Cook - DNW

Bog Grove – 2nd September

Thirteen fished with some good weights and a good mix of fish caught

- 1) M Maynard – 22lb 4oz 8drms
- 2) S Willis – 11lb 1oz
- 3) C Dyll – 7lb 13oz 8drms
- 4) G Lee – 7lb 12oz 8drms
- 5) P Talbot – 5lb 0oz 8drms
- 6) D Tarell – 4lb 8oz
- 7) N Cook – 4lb 3oz 8drms
- 8) K Acres – 3lb 14oz 8drms
- 9) D Fawcett – 2lb 14oz
- 10) S Leaper – 2lb 4oz 8drms
- 11) R Smith – 1lb 7oz 8drms
- 12) T McQueen – 1lb 5oz
- 13) R Harrington – 5oz 8drms

Slough House Farm - 9th Sep

- 1) P Talbot – 25lb 9oz 8drms
- 2) D Tarell – 24lb 6oz
- 3) C Dyll – 23lb 14oz 8drms
- 4) G Lee – 15lb 13oz 8drms
- 5) S Willis – 10lb 12oz
- 6) M Maynard – 10lb 6oz
- 7) K Acres – 9lb 10oz
- 8) S Leaper – 7lb 4oz 8drms
- 9) D Fawcett – 5lb 9oz 8drms
- 10) R Harrington – 4lb 6oz 8drms
- 11) N Cook – 4lb 5oz 8drms
- 12) D Nicholls – 1lb 2oz 8drms
- 13) D Murton - DNW

Rook Hall – 16th September
 Eleven fished with some good weights
 being caught

- 1) D Dyall – 22lb
- 2) T Aldworth – 15lb 15oz 8drms
- 3) S Willis – 11lb 15oz 8drms
- 4) D Fawcett – 9lb 1oz 8drms
- 5) D Tarrel – 8lb 11oz 8drms
- 6) N Cook – 7lb 4oz
- 7) K Acres – 6lb 10oz
- 8) D Murton – 4lb 13oz
- 9) M Maynard – 2lb 14oz 8drms
- 10) R Smith – 2lb 10oz
- 11) R Harrington – 2lb 0oz 8drms

Paper Mill – 23rd September
 Eleven fished today with some
 reasonable weights

- 1) P Talbot – 7lb 9oz
- 2) S Joy – 7lb 4oz 8drms
- 3) C Dyall – 5lb 15oz
- 4) S Willis – 3lb 9oz 8drms
- 5) D Fawcett – 3lb 1oz
- 6) T Aldworth – 2lb 11oz
- 7) D Tarrel – 2lb 10oz 8drms
- 8) R Harrington – 2lb 2oz 8drms
- 9) R Smith – 1lb 11oz 8drms
- 10) M Maynard – 1lb 10oz 8drms
- 11) D Murton – 1lb 8oz

LATEST CONCESSIONARY MATCHMAN OF THE YEAR LEAGUE TABLE

	29/04/25 - SLOUGH HOUSE	20/05/25 - OAKFORD TOP LAKE	17/06/25 - TESCO	08/07/25 - ROOK HALL	26/08/25 - OAKFORD MIDDLE LAKE	23/09/25 - PAPERMILL LOCK	28/10/25 - BOG GROVE	11/11/25 - BOREHAM BACK BRIDGE	02/12/25 - LAKELANDS WOOD	20/01/25 - HEYBRIDGE BASIN	03/02/25 - COMMERCIAL (TBA)	17/03/25 - HERON HALL	MATCH POINTS	WORST TWO RESULTS	LEAGUE POINTS
SJOY	1	19	19	25	19	22							105	20	85
G LEE	25	25	0	19	8	0							77	0	77
M MAYNARD	1	22	10	7	25	6							71	7	64
T ALDWORTH	22	10	7	16	0	12							67	7	60
P TALBOT	19	0	0	0	14	25							58	0	58
C DYALL	1	1	12	22	0	19							55	1	54
D TARREL	1	16	14	3	12	10							56	4	52
S WILLIS	1	8	8	10	16	16							59	9	50
D FAWCETT	0	0	22	12	0	14							48	0	48
K ACRES	14	14	5	14	5	0							52	5	47
R SMITH	1	12	0	5	22	7							47	1	46
G GREEN	0	0	25	6	0	0							31	0	31
R HARRINGTON	0	0	7	8	7	8							30	0	30
D NICHOLLS	12	7	4	4	4	0							31	4	27
S LEAPER	16	0	0	0	6	0							22	0	22
A STEBBING	0	0	16	0	0	0							16	0	16
D MURTON	0	0	0	0	10	5							15	0	15
D AUSTON	1	0	3	0	0	0							4	0	4
N COOK	0	0	0	0	1	0							1	0	1



TONY ALDWORTH RECEIVING THE ALF BURTON TROPHY



STEVE WILLIS RECEIVING THE ASKEW TROPHY

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:

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Club match – 03/08/25 – Heron Hall

10 fished with everybody except one having double figure bags.

Plenty of Bream and Carp were caught along with 3 Ide.

Kevin Acres took the win with a nice bag of Carp

- 1) Kevin Acres – 45lb 11oz
- 2) Kelvin Willis – 36lb 2oz
- 3) Andy Stebbing – 32lb 2oz
- 4) Chris Dyall – 31lb 15oz

Club match – 14th September Slough House reservoir

Only one big Carp caught today, 16lb 4oz to Adrian Hughes which gave him the win. Lots of small Carp were showing again with Kelvin Willis catching 60 of them.

- 1) Adrian Hughes – 16lb 4oz
- 2) Kelvin Willis – 13lb
- 3) Richard Hyam – 10lb 14oz
- 4) Julian Jordan – 10lb

Short pole silvers match – 24/08/25 Slough House West

15 fished with most bags made up of skimmer Bream and Roach with only one proper Bream caught along with one Tench.

The algae bloom had slowed things down from earlier on in the summer and bites were harder to come by.

- 1) Chris Dyall – 13lb 12oz
- 2) Kevin Acres – 12lb 12oz
- 3) Steve Harrington – 9lb 8oz
- 4) Julian Jordan – 9lb

JULIAN JORDAN

SENIOR MATCH SECRETARY

MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE

£20 entry for each match with £15 of every £20 paid out on the day with the other £5 going in the hat for the top three in the league.

Last years top three won £225, £150 and £75 on top of any top 3 placings and section wins they had over the course of the 4 matches. Let's try and get better attendances this year so we can top that.

26/10/25 – Match 1 – Heybridge Basin

09/11/25 – Match 2 – Benbridge

23/09/25 – Match 3 – Heybridge Basin

07/12/25 – Match 4 – Benbridge



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 Morning Session (9:00am – 12:00pm)  Afternoon Session (12:30pm – 3:30pm)

- Please **do not** bring fishing tackle with you to use on the day, but we can advise on anything you bring, for use in your own fishing.
- Please **do** bring suitable clothing and be prepared for outdoor conditions

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NOTE: REGISTRATION ONLINE ONLY

FISHERY IN FOCUS – ROOK HALL

Rook Hall fishery consists of three separate lakes, the largest being the lake closest to the car park, the middle lake being the smallest and the top lake being the middle sized and the deepest. Generally, the first and middle lakes have depths from 2 feet to 8 feet deep and get very weedy in the summer. The top lake has a depth of approximately 9 to 10 feet deep and is mostly weed free.

FIRST LAKE

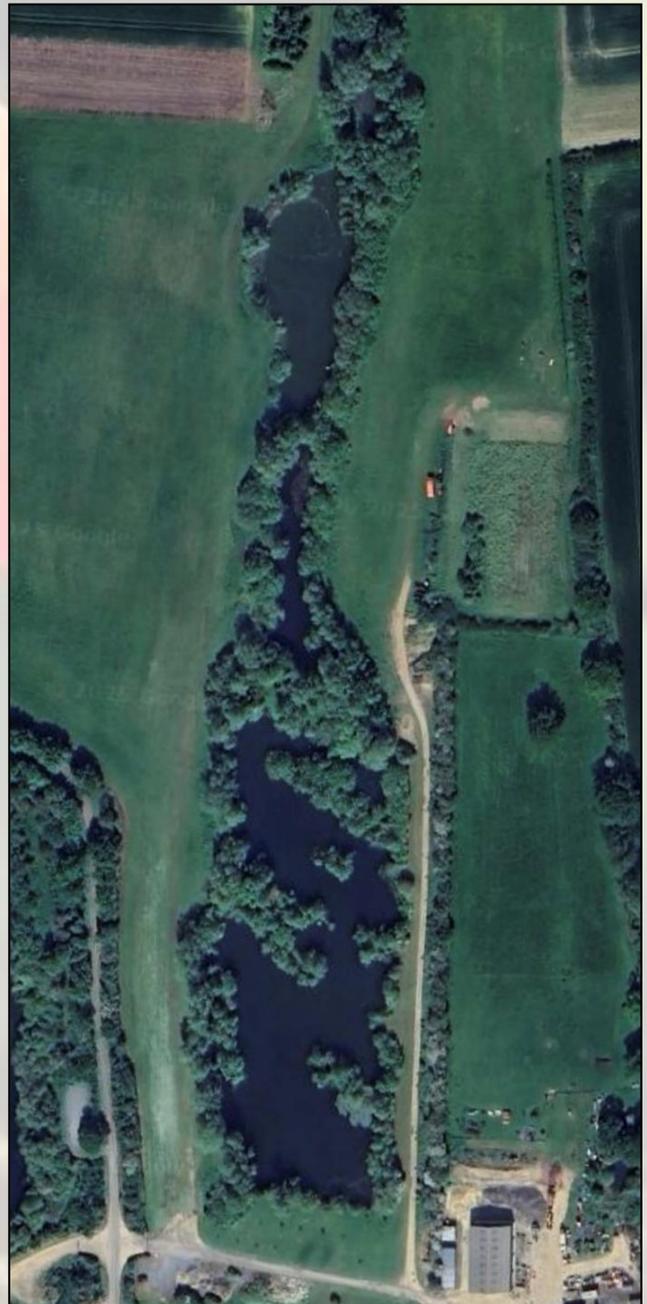
This lake has around 26 swims which vary from clear grass banks to being surrounded in reeds or trees. It's recommended that from June onwards you bring a weed rake with you to clear a swim. This lake has Tench in abundance with many 3lb to 6lb fish being caught with top weights in the 8lb to 9lb region. There are good heads of Rudd and Roach with weights of 1lb plus to be caught. There is also a good head of Perch up to 3lbs which show up using worm or maggots. There are several stunning Carp up to around 20lb but the number of these are low. The weed is a big factor in this lake, and it does not favour ledgering so most use a float. There is also a few Bream present up to 8lb and even a few Crucian Carp.

MIDDLE LAKE

This lake has two swims at present cut through the surrounding trees and has Tench, Rudd, Roach, Perch and the odd Carp. This lake is seldom fished and is very weedy but a good day's sport can be found. Also don't be surprised if the odd Eel makes an appearance.

TOP LAKE

There are 6 swims on this lake, 5 on one bank and 1 across on the opposite bank. This lake has very little weed in which it favours ledgering for the Carp that go up to low twenties. This lake is primarily a Carp lake but also has Tench up to 7lb, Bream to 6lb, Roach to around 1lb and also Rudd are present.





DONYLANDS PIT

This is a subject I covered a few years ago in a previous newsletter but with so many new members to the club it may be something most don't know about.

Back during the late 80's and very early 90's when Carp fishing wasn't anywhere near popular as it is today Maldon Angling Society held the lease on a lake called Donylands Pit. To put it mildly, Donylands pit was a very interesting place and not always in a good way.

Donylands pit was a deep overgrown snaggy pit of around 12 acres and had very limited areas to fish. The pit seemed to be a rubbish tip with all sorts of rubbish including fridges, freezers, cars and anything else anyone wanted to dump.

At the time Donylands was said to hold some very big Tench and Pike. There were even rumours of a child being bitten by a pike while swimming and needing ten stitches in a leg wound.

Opposite Donylands was a childrens home for uncontrollable kids from London and they were a nightmare for those fishing. Stones and rocks were regularly thrown at bivvies and even the occasional mugging took place. Not the sort of place for a relaxing days fishing.

Recently a photo was put on our facebook group of one of signs at the lake at the time. A onetime committee member commented saying when they put the signs up, one was put up in the car park and when they had finished putting another one up the original one had been stolen.



OUR SIGN WITH BARBED WIRE WRAPPED AROUND IT TO STOP IT BEING STOLEN

They ended up wrapping the poles in barbed wire and grease to prevent anyone gripping them while attempting to pull them from the ground.

As well as the childrens home there was also an estate behind Donylands which seemed to house people that had been evicted from elsewhere. People were walking round the lake all night with dogs that were hunting badgers. Air rifle battles taking place and people shooting at pike floats.

Talking to Zenon Bojko about Donylands he told me when he originally fished the lake it was for the Pike that resided in there. Two local brothers saw some Carp in the first corner while walking their dog and assumed there was lots of Carp present.

They started fishing there and caught a couple of Carp including a Common of 40lbs.

Now back in the early 90's a 40lb Carp was something extremely special with just a handful in the whole country.

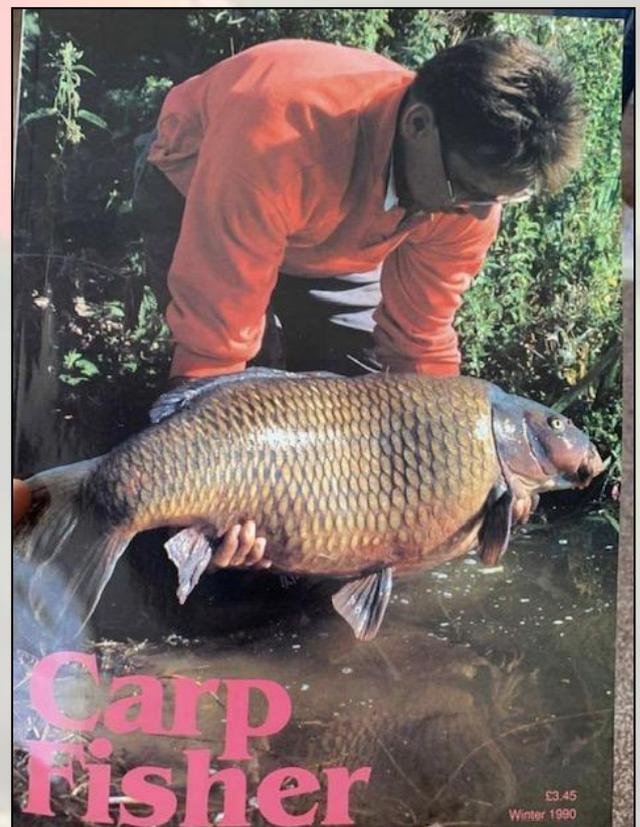
At the time Zenon was fishing the winter at our very own Totham Pit with his young son Rael. Zenon was losing lots of leads fishing against the barge in the reeds and was left with a few swivels and beads and come up with a rig he called "Whirlygig rig". The rig was shown to Rob Maylin and he christened it the Helicopter rig which it is known as today.

Word had got out about the big Common from Donylands and anglers were turning up to fish but as soon as they went through the green gate, they changed their mind once they saw the rubbish, the snags or abusive Children from the kids home. Zenon started to target Donylands along with "The famous five" from Savay, Rael and the well known angler Kevin Nash. As well as the rubbish, kids and everything else that went on at Donylands it was home to a massive amount of grass snakes. It is said that one day a grass snake hit Kevins bivvy, making him jump and he renamed the lake "Snake pit". This name stuck and is what it is now known as today.

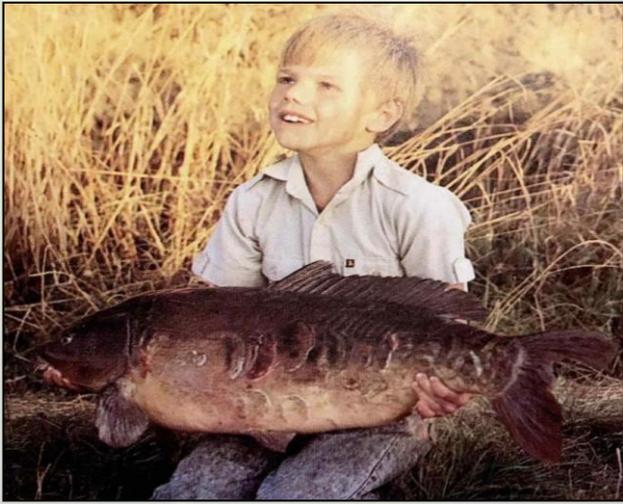
Searching the internet will find several stories of anglers fishing the lake including the time Kevin fished a swim for five days not knowing the dead body of a missing man was in the area he was fishing.

Zenon was lucky enough to live near Donylands so he was able to fish most nights with Rael. The swim they targeted started getting bigger as when they finished the sessions, they dug it out a bit bigger with a broken spade they found.

Zenon had at the time landed a 40lb Mirror from another water and on his birthday, he landed the big Donylands Common making him the first angler to land two different 40lb Carp from different waters.



THE FRONT COVER OF CARP FISHER MAGAZINE FROM THE WINTER OF 1990 SHOWING ZENON BOJKO WITH THE BIG COMMON FROM DONYLANDS



**A VERY YOUNG RAEEL BOJKO WITH "RAELS FISH"
AT 26LB FROM DONYLANDS**

The following summer to Zenons capture of the common a relatively unknown 19-year-old angler by the name of Damian Clarke was fishing Donylands.

Damien was about to start his second season on the pit having landed one fish the season before.

Prior to beginning his second campaign, Damian had spotted the massive fish during several closed season scouting trips, and at the time could see the fish was bigger than its last capture.

Damian blanked on his first night of the new season, but after doing several laps of the lake the following morning he found the big Common basking just under the surface in an area known as the 'Car park snags'.

He predicted that the fish would ultimately head over to the heavily weeded area to the right of the snags, but with two anglers already set up close by, Damian was forced to wait until the following morning to move into the swim nearest the area of the weed bed. Once set up he plumbed the area out in front and found a weed free gravel area to present his baits over.

He then baited up with around 100 Zenon Bojko Liver and marine mix boilies to cover the spot.

Putting the same baits on his size six Drennan Boilie hooks, he cast out a couple of helicopter rigs complete with 3oz leads to the baited area.

Around 11pm a short bleep on one of his alarms signalled a take, and Damian immediately struck into a heavy fish.

The carp become embedded in the weed bed, Damian climbed the high bank behind him to put more pressure from above.

After this failed, he chose to adopt a different approach of giving the fish slack line in the hope it found its way out. He held the line between his fingers and after what felt a lifetime, he felt the line twitch, so he closed his bail-arm and started to exert pressure.

This worked and soon he realised he had hooked the fish he was after when it rolled on the surface.

The mighty fish measured 35 inches from nose to the fork of its tail. It comfortably beat Dick Walkers long-standing 44lb Redmire pool fish which was at the time the country's biggest authenticated Common.

The 'Snake pit Common' brought shockwaves through the Carp world and after its capture by Damian it was targeted by some of the biggest names in Carp fishing, well those who braved the environment.

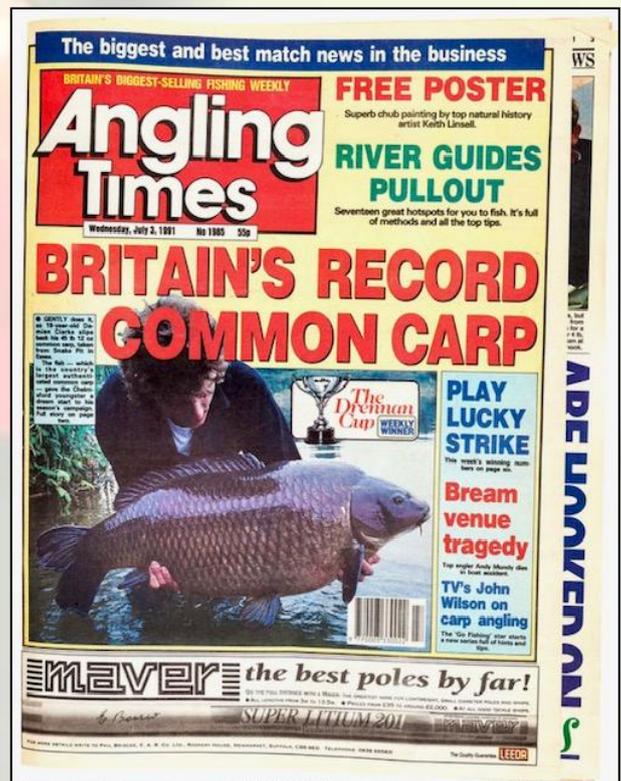
I remember myself sitting looking in awe at the iconic photo of the great fish on the front cover of the Angling times.

What I found even more amazing was it was caught from a lake which I had a membership for. Even though I had a ticket there was absolutely no way I could even consider trying to fish the venue as it was so far out of my league and I was nowhere near experienced enough. I was in my mid-teens and was happy catching singles and doubles from our other venues. I did once walk round Donylands just to see where the fish had come from and saw myself what a daunting prospect it must have been for those who chose to fish it.

Shortly after Damians capture Maldon Angling Society didn't renew the lease on Donylands pit. Once Maldon lost the lake it become a free for all for a couple of seasons before another club took over the lease. More Carp were stocked including a fish named Dippy which unfortunately resulted in the deaths of all the original Carp including the original 'Snake pit Common'

You can read up more on the internet of the capture and there are also some videos on YouTube from Damian himself on his once in a lifetime capture.

You can also read up on Zenon Bojkos time on Donylands pit in Rob Maylins book "Fox pool". The Snake pit Common is a massive part of our club's history, and some anglers nowadays may not know the significance Damians capture holds in the history of Carp Fishing. At 45lb 12oz Damians massive common is still Maldon Angling Society's record fish, some 34 years after its capture. It may never be beaten.



TOP: DAMIAN CLARKE WITH THE "SNAKE PIT COMMON"

BOTTOM: THE ICONIC FRONT COVER OF ANGLING TIMES

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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





Essex Region 102 Calendar of Events 25/26

The region is committed to pike welfare and providing opportunities for all ages to learn, improve and enjoy their pike angling.

Meetings and Events (Constantly Evolving!)

October 2025

Saturday 18th – 2nd Annual “**Pike Day**” – Totham Pit, Maldon

November 2025

Monday 10th – Meeting – Speaker **Adam Ford**

December 2025

Date TBA – Christmas Meeting – **Eddie Turner**

January 2026

Events **TBA**

February 2026

Monday 9th – Meeting – Speaker **Dave Horton**

March 2026

Monday 9th – Meeting – Speaker **Rob Lawrie**

Meetings held at the Hadleigh Conservative Club

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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 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.
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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.

