



MALDON ANGLING SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

We are always looking for members who would be willing to contribute to future newsletters. If you have anything fishing related you would like to add then please send it to the email address below.

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WILLOW GROVE OPENING

Maldon Angling Society are pleased to announce the opening of our new water Willow Grove. Willow Grove opened on June 20th to 5 anglers who won the right to be the first to fish it through a raffle. For more information on the opening please see the article later in this newsletter.

SLOUGH HOUSE WEST

As you are all probably aware there was a large fire in a building close to Slough House West during the night of April 12th.

Since the fire, Slough House West has been closed due to safety reasons and will continue to be shut until further notice.

We understand Slough House West has become a very popular venue with our members, but safety comes first. As soon as we get the all clear to allow fishing again, we will post it on our Facebook page and website.



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CLUB NEWS

DISCARDED TACKLE

Members are reminded that leaving discarded hooklinks, line and any other tackle is regarded as leaving litter and will result in a lifetime ban with no grounds for appeal.

Whilst our members are not allowed to take dogs on our fisheries our landlords and others have permission to access waters with them.

We have recently had an incident where a dog has picked up a discarded baited hooklink at one of our fisheries which resulted in a £800 vet bill for the owner. Discarded tackle is also a threat to other wildlife.

Incidents like this are also a risk which could result in us losing fisheries.

We have also been finding a lot of discarded line in trees at a number of our fisheries.

If you cast into a tree and end up snapping up, please report it to a Bailiff or Committee member so it can be dealt with and not become a risk.

GATES/PADLOCKS

Once again, we are having issues of members not closing gates and locking the padlocks. It is against club rules to leave gates open or unlocked where a padlock is present.

Please ensure you close gates and check the padlock is firmly shut after closing. Also please ensure the numbers are jumbled up.

MEMBERSHIPS

We have this season reached our membership cap in record time with memberships all sold out within weeks of the new season starting. Membership is now closed until the 2027-28 season.

LEADERS

We are still seeing a number of anglers using leaders on our waters. Anyone caught using one will receive a ban, and it will affect any chance of holding a night permit in future.

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.

When using braid as a mainline a length on monofilament or fluorocarbon can be used to protect the fish from the braid and act as a buffer during the fight.

This should be attached via a suitable braid to line knot to comply with rule 6.4 for fixed leads. The monofilament or fluorocarbon must be of a lower breaking strain than the braided mainline. Alternatively, braid can be used straight through to the swivel but must have a minimum of 4ft of tubing

CARP MATCHES

HEAT ONE SLOUGH HOUSE FARM

Our first Carp match of the season took place over the weekend of the 21st/22nd March.

Although the days were sunny, we still had cold nighttime temperatures which had made the fishing slow.

Adam Monahan was first to land a fish from the back of the island, this being a 24.02lb Common.

Adam then followed this up with another Common of 12.04lb to put himself firmly in the lead.

No other fish were caught until late afternoon on the Saturday when Jason Berris got off the mark with a 17lb Mirror.

We then had an hour where a number of fish were landed, a 26.08lb Common for Anthony Chamberlain, a 20.13lb Mirror for Dean Andrews, a 17.08lb Common for Andy Thomas and a 14lb Common for Aaron Cheverall.

Dean Farmer got off the mark just into darkness with a 20lb Common.

During the night, Andy Thomas had a Common of 8.08lb, Tony Hayden a 16.08lb Common, Malcolm Teader a 18.04lb Common and Aaron Cheverall had Commons of 18lb and 9.10lb to put him in the lead.

Going into Sunday the match could be won by anyone, but with no other fish landed, Aaron Cheverall was the winner of our first match.

1st Place – Aaron Cheverall

3 fish for 41.10lb

2nd Place – Adam Monahan

2 fish for 36.06lb

3rd Place – Anthony Chamberlain

1 fish for 26.08lb



Adam Monahan with his 24.02lb Common



Anthony Chamberlains 26.08lb Common



Dean Farmers 20lb Common



Jason Berris with his 17lb Mirror



20.13lb Mirror for Dean Andrews

HEAT TWO TOTHAM PIT

Our second match of the season took place at Totham Pit at the end of April. Disappointingly we had a number of late dropouts, but this did mean there was more room for the anglers to fish.

As usual the shallows were the area most wanted to target as it had been fishing well and also this was where the better results had been achieved in past matches.

Rob Poulton in Reeds 1 was the first to land a fish with a 15.11lb Common.

Aaron Cheverall was next off the mark with an 18.04 Common before Tony Hayden in Reeds 2 slipped his net under a 21.07lb Common.

Andy Thomas, who was on the point, landed a 23.06lb Common before Oscar Crissey who was in Spenny's point had a 17.02lb Mirror as it got dark.

Nighttime brought a flurry of fish With Andy Thomas landing fish of 27.12lb and 15.02lb, Adam Monahan with a 27.07lb and Tony Hayden with a 20.04lb Common.

Sunday morning resulted in three more fish being landed. Aaron Cheverall with a 25.02lb Common, Oscar Crissey with a 27lb Common and a 11.08lb Common for Andy Thomas which gave him 1st place. 12 fish were landed in total with 7 being twenties with three 27's landed.

The only thing that was disappointing was the number of last-minute dropouts. These matches are for charity, and a lot of work does go into organising them.

1st Place – Andy Thomas

4 fish for 77.12lb

2nd Place – Oscar Crissey

2 fish for 44.02lb

3rd Place – Aaron Cheverall

2 fish for 43.06lb

4th Place – Tony Hayden

2 fish for 41.11lb



Tony Hayden with his 21.07lb Common



Aaron Cheverall with a 18.04lb Common



Aaron Cheveralls 25.02lb Common



Adam Monahans 27.07lb Common



23.06lb Common for Andy Thomas



27lb Common for Oscar Crissey



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27.12lb Common for Andy Thomas



Third place Aaron Cheverall



Secon place Oscar Crissey



First place Andy Thomas



TOM MARTIN MEMORIAL MATCH

Sunday 7th June saw us hold our annual memorial match in memory of our long - term landowner of Totham Pit and Bog Grove Tom Martin. The match is between two teams, the Committee/members and Bailiffs/members.

The match was held at Bog Grove with competitors allowed to use two rods. Just three Carp were landed with one lost, most of the weights were made up with Silvers.

Well done to Aaron Cheverall who took the win and the Tom Martin trophy with a 14lb 4oz Carp.

1st Place – A Cheverall – 14lb 4oz

2nd Place – M Willis – 13lb 2oz

3rd Place – D Tarell – 11lb 11oz

Section 1

K Willis – 5lb 8oz

Section 2

C Dyll – 7lb 2oz

Committee team – 37lb 11oz

Bailiff team – 37lb 15oz

Bailiff team win by 4oz

We would like to thank Nick Snelling for presenting the trophy and champagne to the top three and Daniel Gower for the photos.

Julian Jordan

Senior Match Secretary





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JUNIOR SECTION

2026/27 SEASON JUNIOR EVENTS

May 2026 – Bog Grove

June 2026 – Slough House West

Full Lake closure

26/07/2026 – Slough House West

President's match

01/08/2026 – Slough House Farm Res

24hr Junior night fishing event

September 2026 – Heron Hall

17/10/2026 – Totham Pit

PAC Pike event – Full Lake closure

November 2026 – Little London

Dates will be published a month in advance if not published above.

These will be published on our Facebook group and Website; signs will also be placed on the gate of the venue a week in advance.

Full lake closures are from 7am of the event day

For any information on any of our junior events or to be added to our junior events WhatsApp group, please contact me on:

07460 383368

Richard Turner

Junior Events Co-ordinator



Some photos from our first junior event of the season which was held at Bog Grove

GOWER MULTI SPECIES CHALLENGE – LATEST UPDATE

1ST – Ava & Mason – 18pts

2nd – Jack – 17pts

3rd - Alfie – 16pts

4th – James – 14pts

5th – Ren & Ellius – 13pts

6th – Elise – 10pts

7th – Isla & Seventy-Rose – 8pts

8th – Ben, Archie, Albie & Henry – 7pts

9th – Josh – 6pts

10th – Travis-Harvey – 5pts

11th – Roman & Alex – 4pts

12th – Rosie – 3pts

13th – Tiger-Lily & Archie R -2pts

Still a long way to go, so if your junior has caught, please send me the photos.

A massive thankyou to Tower Pet & Animal Feed Ltd for supporting this great year long competition.



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JUNIOR FISHING DAYS

OPEN TO ALL MAS JUNIOR MEMBERS



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN THE
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CONCESSIONARY MATCHES

CONCESSIONARY MATCH FIXTURES 2026/27

07/04/26 – Bog Grove
14/04/26 – Oakford Middle Lake
21/04/26 – Heron Hall
28/04/26 – Rook Hall
05/05/26 – Slough House Farm
12/05/26 – Slough House West
19/05/26 – Bog Grove
26/05/26 – Oakford Top Lake
02/06/26 – Rook Hall (Dennis Penn trophy)
09/06/26 – Slough House Farm
16/06/26 – Heron Hall
23/06/26 – Tesco Canal
30/06/26 – Bog Grove (Senior Citizens trophy)
07/07/26 – Slough House West
14/07/26 – Rook Hall
21/07/26 – Heron Hall (Alf Burton trophy)
28/07/26 – Little London
04/08/26 – Slough House Farm
(Silvers Only, Pairs)
11/08/26 – Slough House West (Askew Cup)
18/08/26 – Heron Hall
25/08/26 – Rook Hall
01/09/26 – Oakford Middle Lake
08/09/26 – Chapmans Canal
15/09/26 – Slough House Farm
22/09/26 – Rook Hall
29/09/26 – Paper Mill
06/10/26 – Heron Hall
13/10/26 – Slough House West
20/10/26 – Heybridge Basin
27/10/26 – Slough House Farm (Silvers Only)
03/11/26 – Bog Grove

CONCESSIONARY MATCH FIXTURES 2026/27 CONTINUED

10/11/26 – Lakelands Lily Lake
17/11/26 – Boreham Back Bridge
24/11/26 – Slough House Farm
(Ted Cornwell trophy)
01/12/26 – Heron Hall
08/12/26 – Lakelands Wood Lake
15/12/26 – Heybridge Basin
22/12/26 – Bog Grove (Christmas Match)
05/01/27 – Heybridge Basin
12/01/27 – Lakelands Lily Lake
19/01/27 – Heybridge Basin
26/01/27 – Bog Grove
02/02/27 – Commercial Fishery T.B.A
09/02/27 – Heybridge Basin
(Presidents Senior Citizens trophy)
16/02/27 – Lakelands Wood Lake
23/02/27 – Heybridge Basin
02/03/27 – Tesco Canal
09/03/27 – Heybridge Basin
16/03/27 – Heron Hall
23/03/27 – Slough House Farm (Pairs Match)
30/03/27 – 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

Steve Willis: 07741 494512

Gus Lee: 07594 483274

07/04/2026 – Bog Grove

- 1) M Maynard – 6lb 12oz 8drms
- 2) D Murton – 6lb 4oz 8drms
- 3) T Aldworth – 4lb 12oz 8drms
- 4) K Acres – 4lb 10oz 8drms
- 5) L Fitt – 1lb 15oz
- 6) C Dyall – 1lb 5oz 8drms
- 7) N Cook – 1lb 4oz
- 8) D Fawcett – 1lb
- 9) G Lee – 11oz 8drms
- 10) R Harrington – 8oz
- 11) S Leaper – 8drms

21/04/2026 – Heron Hall

- 1) D Murton – 39lb 15oz 8drms
- 2) G Lee – 18lb 5oz 8drms
- 3) T Aldworth – 15lb 7oz
- 4) D Tarrel – 13lb 1oz 8drms
- 5) D Fawcett – 12lb
- 6) M Maynard – 8lb 9oz 8drms
- 7) S Leaper – 2lb 5oz 8drms
- 8) R Harrington – 1lb 12oz 8drms
- 9) K Acres – 12oz 8drms
- 10) N Cook – 5oz 8drms
- 11) C Dyall - DNW
- S Willis - DNW

05/05/2026 – Slough House Farm

- 1) D Fawcett – 17lb 15oz 8drms
- 2) D Tarrel – 13lb 2oz
- 3) S Joy – 12lb 6oz
- 4) N Cook – 3lb 15oz 8drms
- 5) D Murton – 2lb 11oz
- 6) G Lee – 2lb 8oz 8drms
- 7) R Harrington – DNW
- S Willis – DNW
- M Maynard – DNW
- T Aldworth – DNW
- C Dyall – DNW
- K Acres - DNW

14/04/2026 – Oakford Middle Lake

- 1) G Lee – 28lb 14oz 8drms
- 2) S Joy – 27lb 4oz
- 3) M Maynard – 16lb 5oz
- 4) S Leaper – 13lb
- 5) R Smith – 12lb 7oz
- 6) D Tarrel – 10lb 10oz 8drms
- 7) N Cook – 9lb 14oz
- 8) K Acres – 6lb 15oz
- 9) D Fawcett – 3lb 11oz
- 10) R Harrington – 2lb 7oz
- 11) D Murton – 2lb 1oz
- 12) S Willis - DNW

28/04/2026 – Rook Hall

- 1) S Joy – 16lb 12oz
- 2) S Willis – 16lb 7oz
- 3) K Acres – 10lb 14oz
- 4) M Maynard - 5lb 14oz
- 5) N Cook – 4lb 6oz 8drms
- 6) C Dyall – 3lb 9oz
- 7) G Lee – 3lb 8oz 8drms
- 8) A Stebbing – 2lb 8oz
- 9) R Harrington – 14oz 8drms
- 10) D Fawcett – 14oz
- 11) T Aldworth – DNW
- S Leaper - DNW

12/05/2026 – Heron Hall

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

19/05/2026 – Bog Grove

- 1) M Maynard – 13lb 5oz
- 2) A Stebbing – 8lb 10oz
- 3) N Cook – 4lb 14oz
- 4) D Tarrel – 3lb 8oz
- 5) D Fawcett – 2lb 6oz 8drms
- 6) L Fitt – 1lb 15oz
- 7) K Acres – 1lb 4oz
- 8) D Murton – 15oz
- 9) S Leaper - DNW

02/06/2026 – Rook Hall (Dennis Penn Trophy)

- 1) S Joy – 12lb 11oz
- 2) A Stebbing – 10lb 14oz 8drms
- 3) D Murton – 7lb 13oz 8drms
- 4) D Tarrel – 6lb 2oz 8drms
- 5) S Harrington – 5lb 2oz
- 6) C Dyall – 4lb 10oz 8drms
- 7) D Fawcett – 3lb 11oz
- 8) R Smith – 1lb 15oz 8drms
- 9) N Cook – 1lb 6oz 8drms
- 10) R Harrington – 1lb 6oz

16/06/2026 – Heron Hall

- 1) G Lee – 38lb 2oz 8drms
- 2) M Maynard – 28lb 4oz 8drms
- 3) D Tarrel – 27lb 8oz
- 4) N Cook – 24lb 1oz
- 5) D Murton – 17lb 13oz
- 6) D Fawcett – 14lb 0oz 8drms
- 7) T Aldworth – 10lb 11oz 8drms
- 8) A Stebbing – 5lb 12oz
- 9) R Harrington – 2lb 12oz
- 10) K Acres - DNW

26/05/2026 – Oakford Top Lake

- 1) S Joy – 51lb 6oz 8drms
- 2) L Fitt – 35lb 2oz 8drms
- 3) D Fawcett – 30lb 8oz
- 4) K Acres – 19lb 8oz 8drms
- 5) R Smith – 14lb 7oz 8drms
- 6) N Cook – 14lb
- 7) D Murton – 13lb 1oz
- 8) T Aldworth – 12lb 15oz
- 9) D Tarrel – 8lb 2oz 8drms
- 10) R Harrington – 3lb 7oz
- 11) S Leaper – 1lb 8oz 8drms

09/06/2026 – Slough House Farm

- 1) S Joy – 27lb 11oz
- 2) S Leaper – 17lb 10oz
- 3) D Tarrel – 15lb 10oz
- 4) D Fawcett – 13lb 1oz 8drms
- 5) M Maynard – 10lb 11oz 8drms
- 6) K Acres – 10lb 5oz
- 7) R Harrington -DNW
N Cook – DNW
R Smith – DNW
C Dyall - DNW

23/06/2026 – Tesco Canal

- 1) D Tarrel – 24lb 12oz
- 2) S Willis – 23lb 8oz 8drms
- 3) D Fawcett – 18lb 7oz
- 4) S Leaper – 5lb 5oz
- 5) S Joy – 4lb 6oz
- 6) C Dyall – 3lb 10oz
- 7) R Harrington – 3lb 6oz 8drms
R Smith – 3lb 6oz 8drms
- 8) K Acres – 2lb 13oz 8drms



Steve Joy receiving the Dennis Penn Trophy from Concessionary Match Secretary Kevin Acres

LATEST CONCESSIONARY MATCHMAN OF THE YEAR LEAGUE TABLE

	14/04/26 - OAKFORD MIDDLE LAKE	19/05/26 - BOG GROVE	09/06/26 - SLOUGH HOUSE	14/07/26 - ROOK HALL	18/08/26 - HERON HALL	08/09/26 - CHAPMANS CANAL	20/01/26 - HEYBRIDGE BASIN	17/11/26 - BOREHAM BACK BRIDGE	08/12/26 - LAKELANDS WOOD	12/01/27 - LAKELANDS LILY	02/02/27 - BLASFORD HILL	02/03/27 - TESCO CANAL	MATCH POINTS	WORST TWO RESULTS	LEAGUE POINTS
M MAYNARD	19	25	14										58	0	58
S JOY	22	0	25										47	0	47
D TARREL	12	16	19										47	0	47
S LEAPER	16	1	22										39	0	39
D FAWCETT	7	14	16										37	0	37
N COOK	10	19	1										30	0	30
K ACRES	8	10	12										30	0	30
G LEE	25	0	0										25	0	25
A STEBBING	0	22	0										22	0	22
R SMITH	14	0	1										15	0	15
D MURTON	5	8	0										13	0	13
L FITT	0	12	0										12	0	12
R HARRINGTON	6	0	1										7	0	7
S WILLIS	1	0	0										1	0	1
C DYALL	0	0	1										1	0	1

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2026/2027 SENIOR MATCHES

12/04/26	CLUB MATCH	SLOUGH HOUSE WEST
10/05/26	CLUB MATCH	BOG GROVE
24/05/26	CLUB MATCH – SILVERS ONLY	TOTHAM PIT
07/06/26	TOM MARTIN MEMORIAL	BOG GROVE
21/06/26	ESSEX INTERCLUB LEAGUE AWAY	KDAA WATERS
28/06/26	CLUB MATCH	ROOK HALL
12/07/26	ESSEX INTERCLUB LEAGUE AWAY	C.A.P.S WATERS
26/07/26	PRESIDENTS MATCH	SLOUGH HOUSE FARM/SLOUGH HOUSE WEST
02/08/26	CLUB MATCH	HERON HALL
09/08/26	ESSEX INTERCLUB LEAGUE	SLOUGH HOUSE FARM/HERON HALL SLOUGH HOUSE WEST/ROOK HALL
23/08/26	CLUB MATCH – SILVERS ONLY	SLOUGH HOUSE WEST
06/09/26	ESSEX INTERCLUB LEAGUE AWAY	DOES WATERS
13/09/26	CLUB MATCH	SLOUGH HOUSE FARM
27/09/26	ESSEX INTERCLUB LEAGUE	RIVER CHELMER
04/10/26	CLUB MATCH	LITTLE LONDON
18/10/26	CLUB MATCH – SILVERS ONLY	SLOUGH HOUSE FARM
25/10/26	MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 1	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
01/11/26	ESSEX INTERCLUB LEAGUE HOME	MALDON CANAL
08/11/26	MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 2	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
22/11/26	MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 3	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
06/12/26	MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 4	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
20/12/26	CLUB MATCH – SILVERS ONLY	HERON HALL
03/01/27	CANAL OPEN 1	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
17/01/27	CANAL OPEN 2	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
31/01/27	CANAL OPEN 3	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
14/02/27	CANAL OPEN 4	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
28/02/27	CANAL OPEN 5	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
14/03/27	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:

Julian Jordan: 07810 303447

12/04/2026 – Slough House West

A windy day at Slough House West for our first club match of the season. 16 anglers fished which more or less filled the lake up.

A fair few Carp showed up with a few Bream for those who had an island cast.

Kelvin Willis took the win with 5 Carp and 1 Bream.

- 1) K Willis – 54lb 8oz
- 2) C Dyall – 16lb 2oz
- 3) J Jordan – 12lb 15oz

Section winners:

Section 1:

M Wheeler/S Harrington both with 11lb 5oz

Section 2:

K Acres – 11lb 14oz

24/05/2026 -Totham Pit

A very hot day at the Pit which made a difficult venue even harder. 13 fished with two DNW

- 1) K Willis – 2lb 3oz
- 2) S Harrington – 2lb 2oz
- 3) S Baker – 1lb 3oz

Section winners:

Section 1:

D Fawcett

Section 2:

C Beedon

10/05/2026 – Bog Grove

13 anglers fished our second club match. A cold wind slowed up the fishing with just two Carp, a handful of Tench, 1 Bream, 1 Barbel and a small number of silvers caught.

- 1) M Willis – 12lb 12oz
- 2) J Jordan – 10lb 4oz
- 3) C Dyall – 8lb 4oz

Section winners:

Section 1:

K Acres – 5lb 10oz

Section 2:

D Tarrel – 6lb 2oz

27/06/2026 – Rook Hall

13 fished on a pleasant day weather wise – Unfortunately not pleasant enough to make the Tench feed.

Most weights were made up of small Rudd, Roach and Perch.

A fair few 4-6oz Tench showed up.

Well done to John Dobbie who took the win.

- 1) J Doddie – 10lb
- 2) A Stebbing – 9lb 8oz
- 3) S Harrington – 8lb 6oz

Section winners:

Section 1:

S Baker – 6lb 4oz

Section 2:

J Luetchford – 3lb 15oz

WILLOW GROVE OPENING

On Saturday 20th June Maldon Angling Society opened Willow Grove for members to fish. The lake was opened by Totham Pit, Bog Grove and Willow Grove owner and club president Britt Snelling.

We held a BBQ for Committee members, the Willow Grove team and the first five anglers to fish Willow Grove. These five anglers won their place to fish the lake through a raffle with the proceeds going to the Lucy Bowl charity.

The opening of Willow Grove comes after 3 years of hard work to create the fishery from what was a heavily wooded area.

Following the cutting of the ribbon to open Willow Grove we didn't have to wait too long for the first official fish to be caught when Steve Wallis landed a stunning 24lb mirror within the first hour.

For those who wish to fish Willow Grove please note there are some different rules to our other lakes.





LAKE RULES

(ALL RULES IN RULE BOOK STILL APPLY)

- 1) 24 HOUR MAXIMUM STAY.
- 2) MAXIMUM 2 ROD LIMIT ALL YEAR, EVEN WITH A SWIM SHARE.
- 3) NO UNDER 16S UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT MEMBER IN THE SAME SWIM.
- 4) YOU CAN ONLY FISH FROM ONE OF THE DESIGNATED 6 SWIMS.
- 5) MAXIMUM 2KG BAIT LIMIT PER 24 HOURS.
- 6) ONLY BOILIE & PELLETS ALLOWED NO PARTICLES OR SWEETCORN.
- 7) MINIMUM OF 12LB LINE TO BE USED.
- 8) NO SPODDING OR SPOMBING.
- 9) ONLY MICRO BARB HOOKS TO BE USED.
- 10) NO GUEST TICKETS.
- 11) FISH MUST BE LIFTED OUT THE WATER & RETURNED WITH CARP SAFE CRADLE.
- 12) NO WADING.
- 13) IF YOU SEE THE GATE LEFT OPEN PLEASE CLOSE IT & IF YOU SEE WHO DOES IT PLEASE REPORT TO BAILIFF OR COMMITTEE.
- 14) IF YOU SNAG A FISH OR BECOME SNAGGED, PLEASE DO NOT PULL FOR A BREAK, REPORT ASAP.
- 15) ONLY FISH THE WATER BETWEEN MARKERS ON THE FAR BANK, FROM THE SWIM YOU ARE IN.
- 16) IF YOU SEE ANYONE BREAKING THESE RULES PLEASE REPORT TO BAILIFF OR COMMITTEE MEMBER.

REEL IMPACT ANGLING

FISHING WITH PURPOSE, PATHWAY AND IMPACT.

Reel Impact Angling is an Essex-based community angling initiative built on a clear belief. Fishing is one of the most powerful yet underused tools for improving mental wellbeing, confidence and social connection. Founded locally, the programme delivers structured, progressive angling development pathways that support individuals both on and off the bank.

We are not just a Carp outfit. We teach everything from whip and pole fishing for complete beginners right through to advanced Carp angling and specimen tactics. Our delivery model is built around structured 4, 6, 8 and 12-week programmes, allowing participants to progress safely and confidently through the sport.

Each programme focuses on:

- Watercraft and fish care
- Technical angling development
- Confidence building
- Routine and personal responsibility
- Positive social interaction

Reel Impact Angling works with:

- SEND Children and young people
- Individuals experiencing school avoidance
- Those struggling with anxiety, depression and other mental health challengers
- Adults in recovery
- Individuals facing isolation or disengagement

We are currently engaged with the NHS neighbourhood team, exploring how structured angling programmes can support early intervention and community wellbeing pathways. We are also in discussion with established national charities regarding collaborative delivery and referral partnerships.

In addition, Reel Impact Angling has received growing support within the angling industry, with recognised tackle firms backing the initiative and supporting its long-term development.

The vision is clear, to create a structured pathway into Angling that not only develops skill but strengthens individuals.

Alongside our outreach work, we have launched the Reel Impact Angling League.

The league brings anglers together in a structured, fair and transparent format.

Members fish within agreed guidelines across a season, logging captures and competing for prizes before coming together for a 48-hour social finale event.

The league promotes strong angling standards, sportsmanship and local community spirit, whilst also helping support the wider outreach programme.

Reel Impact Angling operates under the Essex Hub CIC, ensuring accountability, governance a clear community focus in everything we deliver.

Fishing has always been about more than just catching fish. Reel Impact Angling exists to make sure that impact reaches as many people as possible across Essex and beyond.

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Q&A WITH DEAN COWELL

This is a new section which will be in newsletters going forward. Fishing related questions are put to our Committee members and Bailiffs. First up is Assistant Fishery Management Officer and Bailiff Dean Cowell.

What age did you start fishing?

Aged 10 with a great family friend. Memories of picking up my brother and I in his yellow ex council Escort van. One of us in the front and one in the back holding on.

Earliest fishing memory?

Fishing on the Green Acres club in Chelmsford catching my first Common Carp weighing a massive 8lb, Caught on Sweetcorn on a ledger using the fairy liquid yellow bottle cap as an indicator bobbin. Great memories.

Favourite species?

My two favourite species are my two predator favourites, Pike and Catfish. Great prehistoric creatures and especially the Catfish which doesn't look like it should belong on this planet.

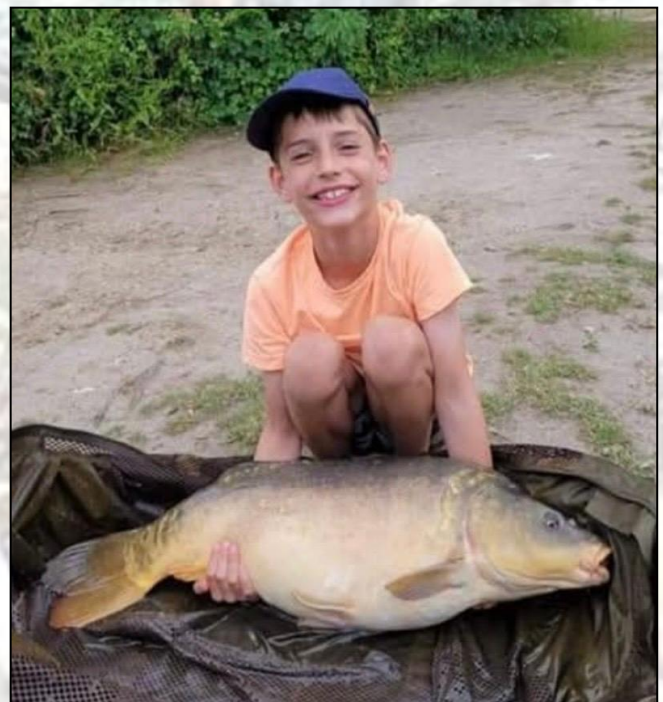
Most memorable fish caught?

My most memorable fish caught has got to be a 19lb 9oz Pike from the Chelmer.



Most memorable session?

Most memorable session until recently would have been a great session at Slough House with my son Billy. Up all night with double and triple takes and bagging a lot of fish. However, the other week I had a very successful session in one afternoon catching Catfish to 44lb and couldn't keep a rod in the water.





All-time favourite venue

Totham Pit is my favourite venue. It's a water that draws me back time after time. Not just the fish but it's the whole setting, surroundings, and ambience, not to mention its wildlife and birdlife.

Best ever bait used?

Best ever bait is maize and tigers for Carp which caught my PB. For the Cats its pellet and Chorizo topped with a pop up.



FISHERY MANAGEMENT

Again, a very busy three months with work done at a number of our fisheries. We have had a team working hard on our new fishery Willow Grove to get it up and running for the opening day.

Willow Grove has taken us three years from when the first trees were cut down to what is now a fantastic new venue for our members to fish.

The fish that have been stocked in Willow Grove are already showing a good growth rate.

The swims at Little London have now been completed with the venue now having 14 that allow our members to fish comfortably.

There was also an evening work party on Totham Pit with pathways around the whole lake being trimmed, some overhanging trees cleared and some steps replaced in several swims.

We are suffering with the ongoing problem with floating Azola weed on the Railway Pond. This can be a big issue as it covers the whole lake if allowed to. Currently we have a number of members who are spending any spare time they have clearing it.

Adam Johnson had a strim round Bog Grove clearing pathways and any swims that had overgrown.

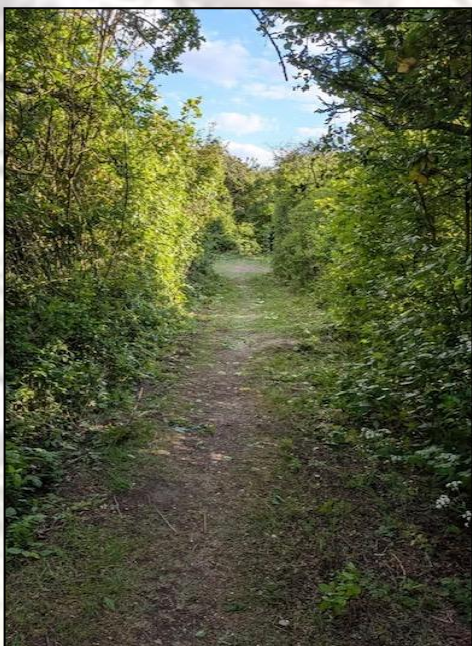
Also, thank you to Richard Huett who has donated 52 Iris plants for us to plant into Willow Grove.

Without the team of volunteers we have within our club we would never be able to do the work that is needed. There are too many people to name but from myself and the rest of the Committee I would like to give you a massive thank you. Your work is much appreciated.

Dan Gower

Fishery Management Officer









CATCH REPORTS



MALCOLM TEADER WITH A TOTHAM PIT COMMON



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SLOUGH HOUSE RESERVOIR COMMON



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JULIAN JORDAN FROM SLOUGH HOUSE



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ROOK HALL BAG FOR JAMES WRIGHT



BOG GROVE COMMON FOR DAVE ORRIN



JULIAN JORDAN FROM ROOK HALL



JASON BERRIS WITH A TOTHAM PIT COMMON



SLOUGH HOUSE RESERVOIR COMMON



ROOK HALL RESERVOIR



SLOUGH HOUSE RESERVOIR COMMON



MALCOLM TEADER WITH A TOTHAM PIT COMMON



TOTHAM PIT BREAM FOR PAUL BARROW



KELVIN WILLIS WITH HIS BAG FROM SLOUGH HOUSE RESERVOIR



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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



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.

