

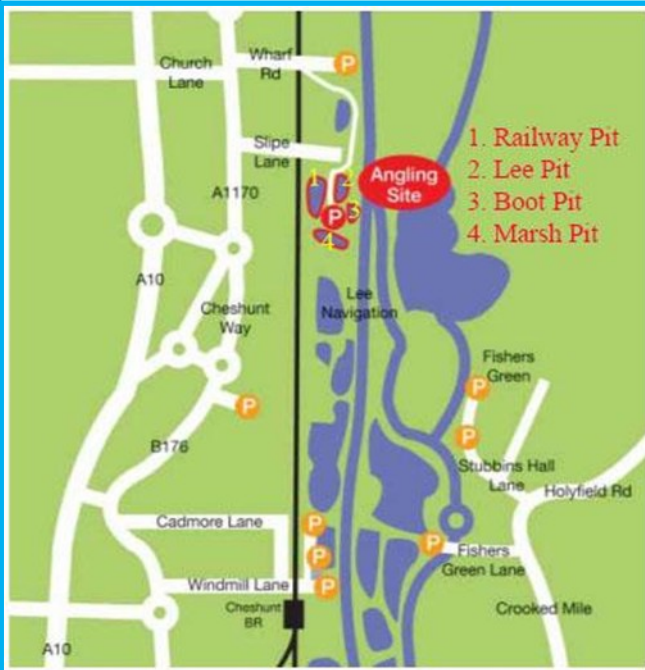
BDAC NEWSLETTER



AFFILIATED TO THE ANGLING TRUST FEBRUARY 2022

NEW FOR 2022

The Club has this year joined the Turnford Angling Consortium. This means that Club members can buy tickets to fish the Slipe Lane pits in Wormley, reckoned to be the best fishery in the whole of the Lea Valley area. It consists of a small complex of four gravel pits, Lea, Railway, Marsh and Boot Pits, consisting of 25 acres. These waters are managed jointly by Lee Valley Regional Park Authority and Turnford Angling Consortium.



Species These four waters contain a good head of mixed coarse fish, a number of species being found to specimen size. These include Carp, Bream, Tench and Pike. In addition the pits, particularly Boot Pit, contain good quantities of smaller coarse fish; Roach, Rudd, Perch, Crucian Carp and a large number of Tench.

Hotspots For the Carp in Railway Pit, try the middle to north end during the summer months, southern end autumn and winter. Boot Pit around the lily pads for all species. Tips: Bags of Rudd can be taken from Marsh Pit in the warmer months fishing shallow with a waggler. Observation is the key on all of the pits – look for fish movement.

Restrictions Two rods maximum per angler. The Slipe Lane Complex is jointly managed by the LVRPA and the Turnford Angling Consortium (TAC). All permits for this fishery are issued with the TAC rules, conditions and disciplinary code. These rules are specific for Slipe Lane Pits and contain individual rules for the protection of this fishery. All anglers using Slipe Lane are reminded of the jurisdiction of TAC and are expected to read the site rules.

The four pits surround the members locked car park. The whole complex is open 24 hours a day throughout the year and is for members only.

A members' card is issued by the Club for this complex showing combination lock numbers and all the rules in detail. Members can apply for tickets by using the form on the back page of this newsletter to be sent in with their renewals or by post if new members this year. The cost of these tickets will be £10.00 per member. The tickets will be valid from 1st April 2022. Further information and news can be found on the Turnford website www.turnfordac.co.uk.

I recently read a River Wid report on our website from Peter Yates, Fishery Officer, about a rumour of a decent sized golden orfe in the top weir pool. My picture below confirms this after I landed this 2lbs + specimen taken on a stick float using bread.
James Ballard

10lb 13 oz barbel caught by Fishers Green regular, Mike Beiley, on 3rd September. He took it rolling freelined spam under an overhanging tree in a swim about 6 feet deep.



BILLERICAY & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 2022 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Nevendon Centre, 21 Nevendon Road, Wickford. SS12 0LN on Wednesday 16th March 2022 commencing at 8.00pm.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE

IMPORTANT—MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL **NO MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE SENT OUT UNTIL 23RD MARCH**

The Club asks any member who can do so pays through Internet Banking (using their surname and ID number as the reference). Priority will be given to these payments as cheques will take up to at least 5 working days to clear.

Any new non-fishing member will need to contact the Club's Helpline.

NIGHT FISHING: The new night fishing tickets for Barleylands and Laundry will now cover all members on the Membership card including one named Associate and up to two named Juniors. These tickets are to be limited for the 2022/23 season and will be issued on a FIRST PAY first served basis (with priority given to internet banking payments) and to 2021/2 renewing members only.

To avoid changing your membership card during the season and incurring an admin. fee, make sure that you include any additional fees with your renewal subscription.

Memberships will be processed in the order they are received. You have until **30th April** to renew after that a £10 entry fee will be charged as your membership will have deemed to have elapsed. If you wish to fish from **1st May** you must ensure that your renewal form is received by the membership dept. by **8th April** to guarantee your membership card will be back in time.

Memberships are only issued by post. No photos are required for Associates or Juniors.

Any Junior becoming an Intermediate must fill out their details in the Junior box and include a photo. Disabled members **must** send the required proof of a copy of their letter from the Benefits Agency showing current eligibility, any member who does not send this will have their application returned.

FISHERS GREEN UPDATE

To avoid car parking charges members should enter by Stubbins Hall Lane, pass the first car park on the right, cross the bridge and enter through the padlocked gate. You will then have access to the two upper car parks for anglers which are free to use. Entering through Fishers Green Lane and parking at the main car park will require payment. However, holders of a Consortium ticket may purchase a discounted annual parking permit costing £25. The Club will advise the park-

WATER SHARE WITH BISHOPS STORTFORD & DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY (BSDAS)

The Club has again agreed with BSDAS for a water share arrangement where BSDAS members will be able to fish our water at Straits Mill, Braintree (both lakes and river), and our members will be able to fish their water "Malcolm Barker Lake" and a short stretch of the River Stort. Full details of these fisheries including directions can be viewed on www.bsdas.org.uk.

This will be on a strictly first come first served basis and successful applicants will receive a BSDAS card in May and will be valid from 1st June. The BSDAS card will show the gate padlock combination for Malcolm Barker Lake for the 12 month period together with their club rules and directions

Only the following classes of members of this Club will be eligible: Ordinary, OAP, Disabled and Intermediate.

BISHOPS STORTFORD & DAS

APPLICATION FOR WATER SHARE CARD

Complete this form (or photocopy) and return with your renewal form together with a stamped addressed envelope - **C5 size. (If there is no correct sized envelope included the application will be rejected).**

Cards will be sent out during May 2022.

Name.....

I.D. no.....

For office use only

MATCH SECTION

Retired and Disabled

It has been a good year overall. We had 26 matches with an average turnout of 17, well done. I am not going to talk you through all the matches as it would take ages but I think everyone enjoyed the year. We lost another previous member, Tom Batterbee, and we wish to send our sincere wishes to his family from the group and all BDAC members. We also had another match at Puddledock Farm for the Malcolm Salmon Memorial for which Mrs Carole Salmon paid for all the day tickets and everyone's breakfast. Shaun Mahoney won the match with 61lbs. We have sent flowers to Carole with thanks.

Well done to Dave Sykes, the overall league points winner. I would like to give many thanks to all the guys who have supported me over the year, you're a great bunch of guys and it is a pleasure to be alongside you.

Special thanks should go to Bert Blackwood who helps with the pegging, Paul Mortimer, and especially Clive Gliddon who helps on the day and sorts out the points for each match. I

Ret. & Dis. Points & Agg. Weight League Sheet 2021

1 Dave Sykes	539	1 Paul Mortimer	734.88
2 Ray Nicholls	511	2 Ray Nicholls	583.31
3 Shaun Mahoney	500	3 Dave Sykes	573.13
4 Paul Mortimer	499	4 Shaun Mahoney	548.31
5 Derek Howard	478	5 Nigel Warwick	482.19
6 Ray Strutt	462	6 Fred Groves	478.88
7 Nigel Warwick	451	7 Dave Tosley	449.31
8 Clive Gliddon	436	8 Ray Strutt	400.88
George Rivers	419	9 Derek Howard	400.13

Senior Points & Weight League Final Positions 2021

1. Jaz Powell	477	1. Paul Mortimer	455.5
2. Peter Bicknell	473	2. Ray Ankin	441
3. Paul Mortimer	462	3. Jaz Powell	437.75
4. Ray Ankin	461	4. Peter Bicknell	412.6875
5. Chris Ward	450	5. Wayne Candy	388.25
6. Ray Strutt	435	6. Ray Strutt	342.6875
6. Jamie Byford	435	7. Chris Ward	340.4375
8. Paul Grayston	407	8. Jamie Byford	271.375
9. Dave Fackerell	377	9. Dave Fackerell	245.6875



Following the last match of the season at Hicks Farm here are Marley (2nd), Jasmine (1st) and Hannah (3rd) with their prizes.

JUNIORS 2021 CHAMPIONSHIP

With 9 matches during the 2021 season the decision for who was to become the Junior Champion was not decided until the final match. Our top 3 Juniors were given their end of season prizes and all Junior members were given a choice of various items which had been donated throughout the year by both Club members and non-club members, for which we are most appreciative. Any donations would greatly be appreciated by the Junior Match Secretary for next season's prizes.

Aggregate results of 2021 season were as follows:-

Jasmine Wilkinson	112lbs 7oz
Marley Darch	96lbs 5oz
Hannah Dakin	68lbs 12oz
Riley Joy	60lbs 13oz



Riley Joy with his carp from the Hicks Farm Match

End of Season Report

During the 5 mixed pairs matches and the 4 ladies matches of the season and the aggregate results are as follows.

Anyone wishing to come along to these matches in the future, please contact Nick Mitchell for information or booking on 07970 606558

Mixed Pairs Matches

Frankie & Nigel	98lbs 0oz
Alison & Martin	87lbs 0oz
Kathy & Nick	85lbs 2oz
Wendy & Alan	82lbs 15oz

Ladies Matches

Kathy	151lbs
Frankie	76lbs 12oz
Alison	67lbs
Wendy	37lbs 5oz

WORKS CARRIED OUT IN 2021

Straits Mill , Braintree

Further removal and reduction of dangerous trees mainly around the large lake at a cost of £12750. The installation of the otter fence around both lakes costing £33507.

Asheldham

Continuing the bank piling and back filling at a cost of £32760.

Southminster

Tree removal and height reduction of the conifers between Bill Broome reservoir and Pit 9 costing £12565.

Repair of banks and swims on Pit 6 at a cost of £21006.

Thoby Wood & Dodds Farm New Containers £4972

WORKS PLANNED FOR 2022/3 SEASON

<u>SOUTHMINSTER</u>	Installation of a compressor, timer and bubbler in pit 6 to improve oxygen levels. Cladding of the present container
<u>BARLEYLANDS</u>	Stocking of fast growing carp.
<u>STRAITS MILL</u>	To remove the conifers behind the toilet and replace with a hawthorn hedge. Stocking with carp of over 10lbs.
<u>THOBY WOOD</u>	Further stocking of rudd.
<u>PARSONAGE FARM</u>	Further stocking of silver fish.

VACANCIES

The Club is looking for Fishery Officers on the River Roding and the River Wid. All enquiries to Shaun Mahoney at

Following a meeting with the owners the Club has obtained 10 year leases on Windmill Lakes, Dodds Farm and Thoby Wood. To maintain our good relationship with the owners, members should not wander onto surrounding areas, land and woods.

Straits Mill Braintree

The Club is considering putting in CCTV following some recent thefts and to monitor the otter fence. It has appeared that some members are leaving the otter fence gate open. The otter fence was installed at an enormous cost to protect our fish stocks and leaving the gates open will allow the otters into the fishery where our large carp are particularly vulnerable.



Luke Cairns with a 15lbs 7oz common from Thoby Wood last September on his first visit to the lake. He also took a ghost carp of 15lbs 2oz on the same day.

TURNFORD CONSORTIUM

APPLICATION FOR 2022/23 CARD

Send this form (or Photocopy) with your BDAC renewal, completing the details below:-

NAME

FEE £10

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TOTAL

For office use only:

HANDBOOK 2022/23

There have been a number of changes to the by laws to Bicknacre and Field & Swan Lakes. Members should make sure they read these before visiting those waters.

If any member knows of any suitable available waters for the Club can they get in touch with Shaun Mahoney at shaun.p.mahoney@btinternet.com with details.