

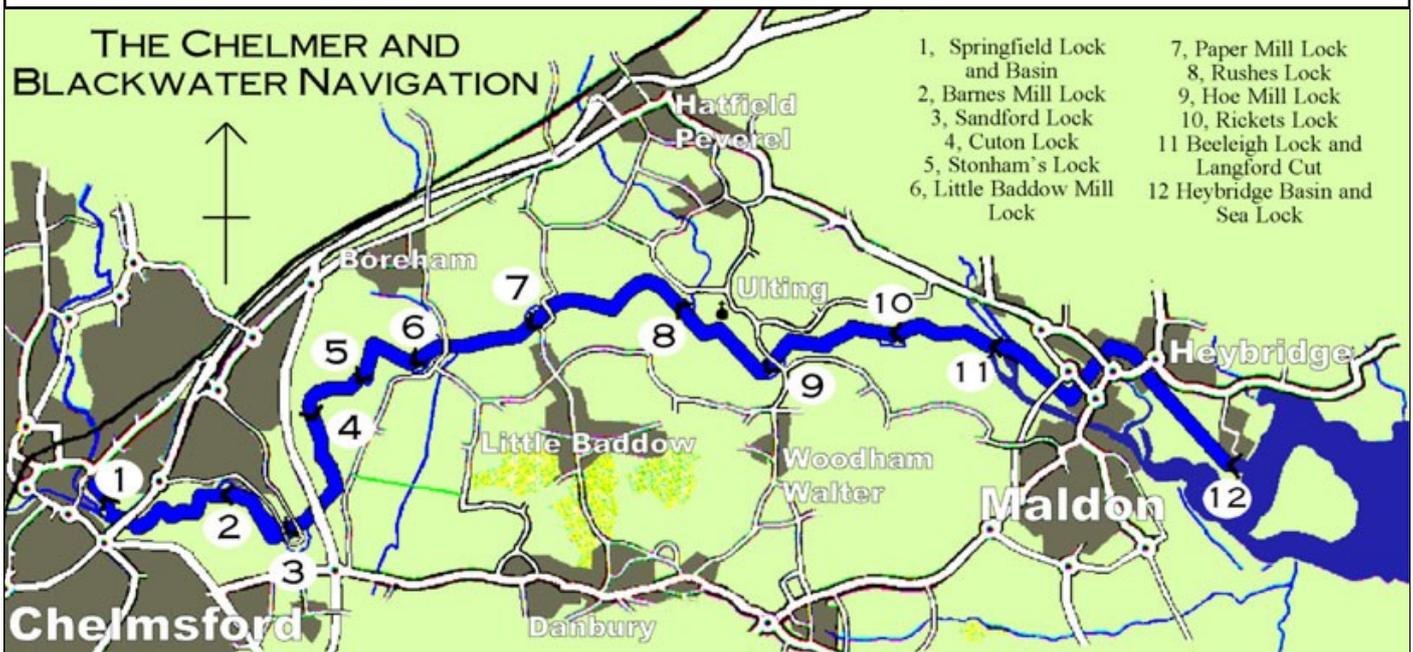
# BDAC NEWSLETTER



AFFILIATED TO THE ANGLING TRUST FEBRUARY 2020

## Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation Consortium

The Club has successfully negotiated joining this consortium along with Maldon AS, Colchester APS and Chelmsford AA. This now gives Club members approx. 12 miles of fishing from the Gas Works at Browns Wharf, Chelmsford to the Heybridge Basin for the next 7 years. Please be careful to observe notice boards erected along the canal as certain banks will remain out of bounds or private. Stocked with carp to 30lbs, pike to 25lbs, bream to 8lbs, tench to 6lbs, chub to 5lbs, perch to 3lbs, roach to 1.5lbs and dace to 8ozs. Rules will be in the new 2020/21 Handbook but until then please refer to the Club's website. NB. The close season rules apply i.e no fishing from 15th March to 15th June inclusive.



Well done Chris Ward on this fantastic 15lb grass carp caught at Hicks Farm on Sunday 29th December on a challenge match



Caught by Marley Darch at Shalford Road Lakes on 2nd February 2020.

Well Done

## **BILLERICAY & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB**

### **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The 2020 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Nevendon Centre,  
21 Nevendon Road, Wickford. SS12 0LN on Wednesday 25th March 2020  
commencing at 8.00pm.

### **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE**

There are vacancies for General Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Assistant to the Fishery Liaison officer  
and Ordinary Committee members.

Anyone interested in any of these posts please apply to:  
Chairman, Keith Collard (email address: keithcollard19@gmail.com)

### **IMPORTANT—MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

#### **NO MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE SENT OUT UNTIL 30th MARCH (AFTER THE CLUB'S AGM)**

Print your name on the reverse of your photo and **sign your cheque** (if used).

The Club recommend payment to be made by bank transfer through internet banking. Ensure that your name and ID number (see renewal form) is sent as the reference so that the Club knows who the money is coming from and don't forget to send in your completed renewal form and photo.

Any new non-fishing member will require a separate form available from our website or via the Club's Helpline.

**NIGHT FISHING: Any Associate or Junior member wanting to night fish with a member holding a night fishing permit for either Barleylands or Laundry Lake must now pay an additional fee. (See renewal form for the new fees.)**

**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 but cheques will take at least a week to clear. You have until **30<sup>th</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> May** you must ensure that your renewal form is received by the membership dept. by **9<sup>th</sup> 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 showing current eligibility, any member who does not send this will have their application returned.

Please provide either phone numbers or preferably an email address in order that we can contact you if there are any problems with your renewal and to help the Club keep you up to date with any urgent news.

### **GUEST DAY PASSES**

These are now available for Southminster, Asheldham, Straits Mill, Jackletts Farm, Hicks Farm and Thoby Wood. Members will need an email address.

#### **Fee:**

Day passes (6am to 10pm, sunset at Hicks & Thoby) £10 per guest.

Two-day passes at Southminster or Jackletts Farm (6am on day 1 to 10pm on day 2) £18 per guest.

Payment can only be made by bank transfer to BDAC sort code 20-37-83 account number 90158224 with the member's name being the reference.

#### **Rules:**

The printed or mobile phone pass must be taken with the guest on the day.

These passes are non-transferable and non-refundable.

The member must be responsible for the guest adhering to the Club's bylaws and venue's rules.

All guests must be accompanied by the fully paid up member.

**To apply email: [bdacmembers@gmail.com](mailto:bdacmembers@gmail.com) or phone the Club's Helpline 0844 335 3978**

# FISHERY WORKS DURING 2019

## STRAITS MILL - BRAINTREE

Treework carried out at our boundary at a cost of £600 (£200 recovered from our neighbour)

## SOUTHMINSTER

Following a burst water pipe on our property the Club had to pay a water bill of over £2000.00 more than usual. We had to close the toilets while repairs were being carried out and had to hire 2 portaloos at a cost of £330.00

## BARLEYLANDS

A water supply was put in, a new car park created and £1200.00 spent on grass and hedge cutting.

## WINDMILL LAKES

Field & Swan grass cutting cost £350.00 and a tree removal £290.00

Old Island Lake: the owner cleared the path around the lake at no cost to the Club.

## HICKS FARM

Repairs to 5 swims were carried out at a cost of £800.00

## DODDS FARM

Swim and walkway repairs were undertaken at a cost of £400.

## RIVER STOUR, HENNY

We now share this stretch of the river with Colchester APS and they paid a contribution towards our rent.

## ASHELDHAM

This was the biggest expenditure of the year to repair the banks which were badly undercut. This cost £19,500.

See below pictures of the new banks.



**In 2020 the Club is looking to spend money on Willow Mere to clear badly overgrown paths and repair swims.**

### **Vacancies**

We currently have vacancies for Fishery Officers at Willow Mere, Hicks Farm, Long & Old Island Lakes and River Roding. Please contact Shaun Mahoney at [shaun.p.mahoney@btinternet.com](mailto:shaun.p.mahoney@btinternet.com) or 07522 096393.

## PATCH PARK - RIVER RODING

The Club is giving this stretch of the Roding up after March 14th 2020. During most of the season the banks have become very overgrown, and only during the winter are they accessible. Fish surveys undertaken by the EA have shown reducing stocks on this stretch.

### **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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 relating to the lake and river.

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**.

Cards will be sent out during May 2020.

Name..... I.D. no.....

For office use only  
BS&DAS no.

Rec. no

# RETIRED & DISABLED SECTION

We are coming to the end of another good year where our match group has improved to an average of 21 members per match over 22 matches. We have had some good catches from some of the hard lakes which are fishing well.

Notable Catches:

Ray Nicholls	123lbs	from Southminster
Nigel Warwick	64lbs of tench	from Parsonage Farm
Brian Webber	100lbs	from Hicks Farm
Paul Mortimer	97lbs	from Jackletts Farm
Bert Blackwood	45lbs	from Thoby Wood
	60lbs	from Jackletts Farm
Calvin Elder	114lbs	from Southminster
Shaun Mahoney	111lbs	from Hicks Farm
	102lbs	from Blind Lane
Dave Sykes	170lbs	from Blind Lane

We used Blind Lane fishery as Straits Mill was too weedy. Perhaps the best weight came from Thoby Wood where Dave Boyland weighed 134lbs of bream with 14 being over 5lbs. Our Christmas match was fished at Hicks Farm where we had 3 trophies up for grabs. Ray Strutt won the match and the Peter Jones Memorial Trophy, Bert Blackwood won the Knockout Trophy and overall points for the year. As always we finished up at a local social club where we had food and drinks. The group is a great bunch of guys and it is a pleasure working with you all. Especial thanks to Bert, Paul and Brian for their help throughout the year. See you all at the AGM where I hope you pick up all of your trophies, it is the only way you will get them!!

Ray Nicholls Match Secretary.

Sadly we are saying Good Bye to two of our long serving and hardworking members of the Committee, Fred Barnes and Calvin Elder. Fred served as General Secretary and was instrumental in the Club obtaining funding for the major works at Southminster and Straits Mill. Calvin was always on hand to help with locks and particularly other metalwork. He also collated all the match results.

We wish them all the best, Calvin with his move to Shropshire and Fred to spend more time with family commitments, you both will be missed.

## FISH STOCKING

In December 2019 150 tench were stocked in Thoby Wood and also 350 small tench in the small lake at Straits Mill.

The ones in Straits Mill will be used for future projects and it is also planned to transfer the bigger fish from the small lake into the main lake at a later date. It is hoped to stock some silver fish in Asheldham in 2020.

## Storm Damage

Following recent storms the Club needs to undertake a lot of tree clearance particularly at Straits Mill and also at Old Island Lake.

In light of the likelihood of more bad weather members should consult Fishery Officers to see whether it has been decided to close waters to prevent accidents.

If any member has a small workshop and can undertake metal work welding and repairs for the Club could they please

contact :

Shaun Mahoney on 07522 096393

Gareth Nicholson with his 13lbs pike from Willow Mere in February

