



MILTON KEYNES Angling Association Newsline

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For 2007-'08

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SEEMINGLY EVER-MORE CRACKERS COMING TO THE NET SHOW...

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From wide-open Willen to the tiny Tear Drops – MCAA's waters are prolific fish-feeding grounds. And they're producing catches which, only a few years ago, would have been the stuff of dreams.

Jane Curry's Willen South 29-6 is a porker – but recent stockings have been of a longer and leaner strain which tear off like torpedos when hooked.



For instance this summer Willen South was booked to host two regional heats of the British Carp Championships.

And at the time of writing the first round had seen competitors COMPLAINING that too-many double figure bream had been beating the carp to their baits.

The largest fish of that match turned out to be Jane Curry's 29-6-0 common – pictured left – though larger fish have been caught from the venue before and since.

One man who wasn't complaining about big bream though was Danny Crossin, pictured right with a 10-8-0 which was part of a catch taken on plastic corn back in early May.

His five fish – best 11-12-0 smallest 9-2-0 – totalled almost 50 lbs.

Furzton has, as expected, been producing its traditional crop of 30s, plus nice tench, roach and bream.

Steve Woodley (below) with a 5+ Ravenstone chub. He had a 13 lb barbel later in the year.



Bradwell continued its habit of producing a raft of hard-fighting spring-time tench, with fish to 7 lb +, and this year some of the December stocking of 'supacarp' were also featuring in catches.

But the real surprise for many was the way Caldecotte, known for its big bream catches and occasional huge carp, came on song as a big tench water.

One man had what would, at 10-2-0, have been an MCAA record had he claimed, and among other high-light catches association pike record holder Pete Hobson (Caldecotte again) had nine fish to 7-9-0 in one sitting.

There were good fish from Emberton, the canal (junior national won with 21 lb of bream) Lodge, Teardrops, and the Ouse and Ouzel, too. See inside for more details.

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and shoals more...*

Beat THIS for a personal service...

Fishing Toombes Meadow one warm July day (yes, there were a few) Colin Delamore had chub of 5-3-0 and 6-0-0 on meat.

When bailiff Gary English walked past, Colin mentioned his meat had got too soft to stay on the hook...and was amazed when Mr Nice Guy Gary returned to present him with a tin of cool meat.

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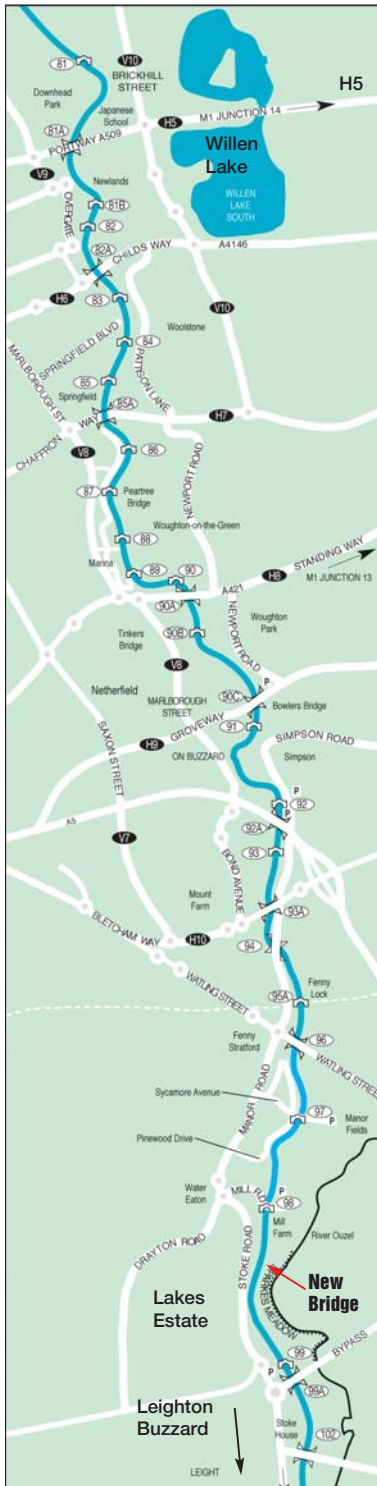
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Don't overlook it just because you grew up with it!

The Grand Union – big drop in boat traffic means it's bang on form!



YOU could be missing out if you're one of those who don't give the canal a second glance because it is where you first learned to dangle a maggot.

It may have been around for a couple of hundred years but it is still one of our most reliable – and consistently productive – fisheries.

And perhaps because of the weather **boat traffic has been at a long-time low this summer, making for some cracking sport.**

Even near-strangers to the water have been having a ball as several hundred youngsters aged 7 to 19 found out when they fished the NFA's Youth Nationals in MK on July 7.

Given the variation in skills among the competitors, results were consistently good throughout the cadets, junior and intermediate championships – which ought not to be that surprising given that



FOUR previous adult 'nationals' had been fished on the MK length without a single dry net being recorded.

Top weight for the Intermediates was Leeds' Dale Shepherd (left) who bagged a tad over 21 lbs – mostly bream.

A good fishery throughout the 9.5 mile length it is ideal for matches, pleasure fishing, and those who need lots of bites to help them outgrow the beginner stage.

Yes boat traffic can be a pain at times, but going early and late, when the boats are generally moored up, can produce some great catches.

The cut is also a largely untapped – except by a minority – speciic venue and has some huge fish to its credit...like Michael Humphrey's 35-2-0 MKAA record carp.

In the seven years prior to that catch he'd banked a string of canal carp between 20 and 29 lbs.

Carp into the 30s, tench to 9 lbs, bream to 7, roach pushing 2 lb, perch over 4, pike into the 20s and good rudd have all been caught from it.

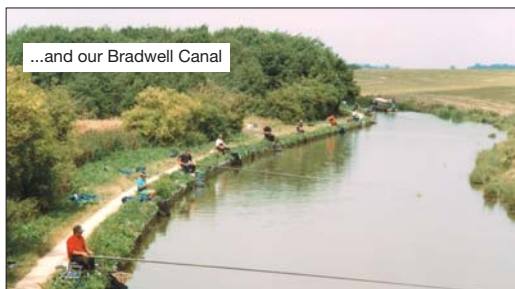
Eels to 9-3-0 have also been landed...and a mighty catfish of 30-2-0.

In general it is the most under-rated fishery in the area, but it really can produce the catches dreams are made of!

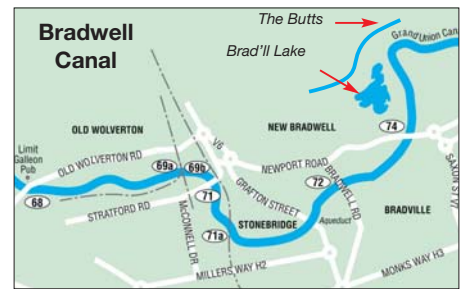
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Ian Stratton and 8 year-old son Harry (right) with a fin perfect 9 lb Lodge common.

Their next run produced something a little different...the terrapin (left) which promptly made its own way back in and, presumably, made a change from the occasional cray.

Paul Weeks is pictured (far right) with an 18 lb streamlined and almost fully-scaled mirror.



Always expect the unexpected on Lodge



'cos you never know what it will turn up next!

One day it can be a net-full of roach with a thumping great carp the next. Then again it might be slab-sized bream or hard fighting tench.

On other days it can be hordes of gudgeon, a perch of 3 lb or more or a big crucian – MKAA's current record for that species came from 10 acre Lodge – or a match-winning bag of small carp.

Sometimes it can be so good it makes you wonder why all waters aren't like it.

It can be a match hauling venue, a specci water or a simple fun fishery with bites galore.

The heaviest match-weight recorded from the water so far was taken November before last when Ian Smith won there on the feeder with 27 carp AND 25 bream for 142 lbs!

But it is not just a warm weather water, and several carp topping 20 have come out in the depths of



winter, one a 24 lb mirror last February.

If you want to be in with a chance of some cold-weather fun, especially with the big roach, fish it in winter off the H4 bank and you could be in for some superb action.

Try again in the last two weeks of March as the season draws to a close (Lodge closed March 15 to June 15 both dates inclusive) preferably from the pegs opposite the Kam Tong restaurant and the first two on the peninsula, and you might well be hauling smaller roach and clouds of good gudgeon to hand until your arm aches!

An almost bewildering variety of 'exotics' – which include koi and gold-fish – are also present and add to the 'what's coming next' ethos. They are all fish which were never legally stocked.

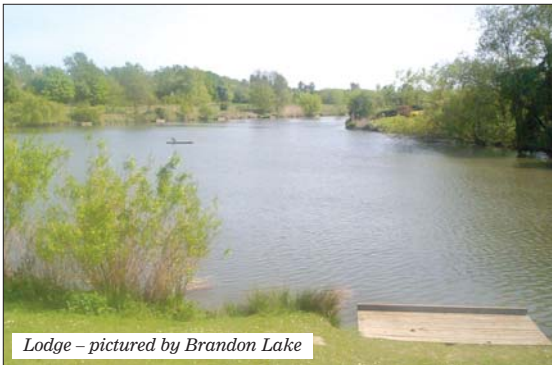
PLEASE DON'T be tempted to add to the variety – the risk of unwittingly introducing potentially fatal diseases to the existing stocks is too great to run and is growing greater almost by the week!

Fishing is from more than 40 permanent pegs and depths vary between 2 & 18 feet.

Most baits work at some time of the year – and don't forget the the 'Wilderness' pegs backing onto the badminton centre. They may look like isolated ponds but can produce big fish all season through.

Left: Darren Impey with 23 lb mirror taken on size 16 hook, 4 lb line and maggot, and took "an eternity to land". It beat his previous PB by 7 lb.

Below: S Coles, we think (if you are emailing pictures PLEASE include your full name and phone number) below with a nice bream and, below that, a superb 15 lb common from opposite the Kam Tong restaurant.



Lodge – pictured by Brandon Lake

Don't forget YOU could win £100 in MKAA's photo competition. See page ?

NOTICE
FISHING & SWIMMING PROHIBITED

REMEMBER: close season (March 15 to June 15 inclusive) on Lodge Lake.

NO swimming in MKAA waters at any time, and for safety no junior night fishing unless accompanied by an adult.

Trying to control the crayfish menace

American signal crayfish have been a growing menace at Lodge for several seasons now.

Direct annoyance to anglers apart, there is a real fear that this alien invader competes with fish for food and eats fish spawn and immature fish – adverse effecting future fish stock levels.

With the co-operation of MK Parks Trust MKAA is starting a trapping trial on Lodge, and

will destroy all sizes of signals caught – not just the ones large enough to eat. Only removing the bigger crays, as some commercial trappers do, actually speeds up the population explosion which is the last thing we want to do.

Please don't interfere with the traps, and if you see anyone else doing that please report them on 01908 660579 or 01908 270000.



TWO rods ONLY on Lodge

PLEASE NOTE: Reciprocal arrangements with North Oxford and Letchworth ONLY allow members of those clubs to fish MKAA's canal on those tickets. On ALL other MKAA waters an MKAA season or dayticket is required.



Out of town and away from the rat race...

Wappenham Water



The first purely dayticket commercial (discounts for MKAA members) on the association card, Wappenham Water is a mature fishery with a superb head of carp, roach, perch, bream tench and some crucians, too.

The carp range from a couple of pounds up to 18 – possibly slightly larger – and will take most baits. This summer is due to see an injection of smallish carp intended to stir things up a bit.

Like the idea or not, it also holds a fair head of stillwater barbel and chub – both species going well over 5 lbs – plus crucians, big bream, tench, orfe and perch this year caught to 4 lb.

And its silver fish can come on feed like there is no tomorrow.

On a bright, hot summer day last summer one man fished 3 metres to hand to take 40 lbs of small roach...and it has at least one shoal of roach in which the smaller fish average a pound apiece!

It's around 3.5 acres, depths vary from 3 feet to 15 or so, and there are 20 superbly built comfortable concrete pegs, a mown path all round and a road side car park just 50 yards walk from the water.

Added to the quality of the fishing is the peaceful rural location, well away from big town yobbery.

Getting there couldn't be simpler: From MK and Northampton take the A43 or A5 to Towcester, then the A43 bypass round to the McDonalds roundabout and take

the minor road (signed to Abthorpe and Helmdon) off that.

Stay on it until you reach Wappenham (about 5 miles) then take the first left turn in the village (called Brookside, and signed to Syresham) and the car park is 150 yards on the right.

From Banbury: take Welsh Lane and turn off towards Helmdon. Stay on that road until you reach Wappenham.

From Brackley: A43 and turn off through Syresham village, along a twisty road.



Nice crucian



Bailiff Daniel Preston with a 12-8-0 mirror



Youth coach Nuala Gray with two nice fish caught on the whip

Roger Bird reckons his scales were under reading when they showed 14-10-0 for this hard fighting common



Blisworth man Ian Davies with some nice silvers

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November 1 to April 30 – £4.00 all categories

NON - MKAA members

May 1 to October 30

Adult: £6.50; concessions £5.50.

Evening tickets (after 4 pm) £4.50

November 1 to April 30 – £4.50 all categories

Inquiries & match bookings to T Johnson on 01908 270000

RULES: No night fishing or presence on the property during darkness; ALL fish MUST be returned alive to the water; NO litter, fires/barbecues or dogs; Respect the fishery and everyone else at all times; No carp over 5 lb in keepnets; no more than 40 lb of fish in a net; barbless or microbarb only, no so-called bent hooks, 'beachcaster' setups or bivvies.

In short, just enjoy yourself and be nice to everyone. If that's too much to ask...it's probably not a place for you.

Dimmocks Pit

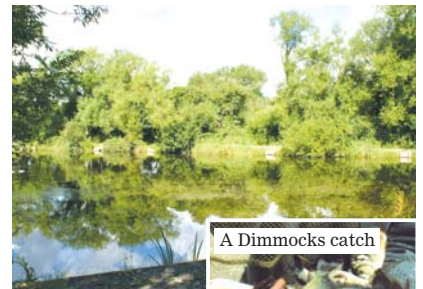
MKAA's 1.5 acre Dimmocks Pit (two rods only) on the edge of Newton Longville is a fun fishery open all year.

With the help of Environment Agency grants, a car park has been created with short, easy walks, really solid and comfortable pegs, and lots of fish.

Over 1,000 small fast growing carp were added a bit over two years back and are now reaching rod-bending size.

But it is a long-established fishery holding tench and bream topping 5 lb, some nice pike and perch, plus shoals of small rudd and a handful of larger carp.

There are now 20 or so permanent pegs. Code locked front gate (3790). No vehicles beyond the second gate at back of car park, please. That's for contractors' machines only.



A Dimmocks catch

• More than £6,000 – much of it EA grants – has been spent improving Dimmocks.

Three contractors have been involved in building the car park, putting in paths and gates, clearing undergrowth and installing new pegs – and Shuttlesworth College

student fishery managers have been in the water doing a lot of weed-clearing work.

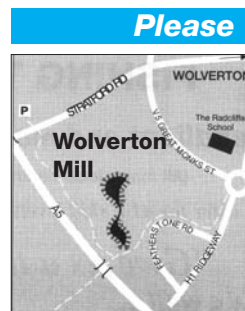
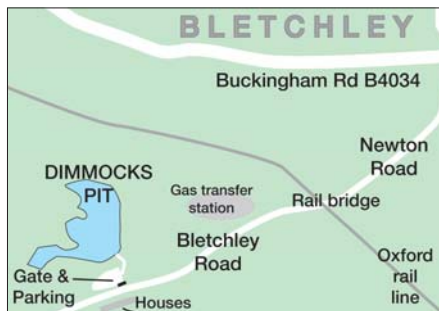
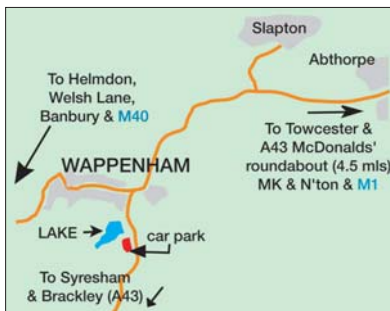


Trainee fishery managers weed clearing

Wolverton Mill

MKAA's Wolverton Mill fishery is two tiny storm water lakes with barely a dozen pegs between them. But they are heaving with carp of all sizes, including crucians.

No night fishing, and no keepnets in the interests of fish welfare. Have fun and keep it simple.



Please take NOTE

No Night fishing on Wappenham Water or Wolverton Mill. Close season March 15 - June 15 on Wolverton Mill (Dimmocks and Wappenham open all year). Two rods max on Wolverton Mill (no keepnets) and Dimmocks. One rod per ticket at Wappenham (2 rods max at bailiff's discretion).

Fancy a place where the biggest fish **DON'T** all have names?

Head for Caldecotte!



CALDECOTTE is a big, big water – 90 acres – holding masses of big, **BIG** fish.

And more and more people are finding those fish – easier when there has been a strong wind blowing consistently on-shore for a day or three – with catches improving year on year.

Yet it is still far from hammered and few people, if any, can currently do more than guess at exactly how big each species really does grow.

Some days you might just happen to spot one of the huge bream shoals near the surface and, if you do, the sheer number of big fish will probably take your breath away.

The angler pictured right (the pictures got detached from his email so no name) had 15 fish to 10-2-0 for 131-13-0 back in June. He used several keepnets to ensure the well-being of the fish caught and spread them on wet plastic for the picture.

Caldecotte can be dauntingly vast at first sight. Depths average 12 feet in the fishing areas and best results often come from close in, especially

when a big wind is on. This water has produced roach to 3 lb, pike to 30

(both MKAA records) big perch, bream into double figures, good tench – one tinca apparently caught at 10-2-0 this spring but not claimed – and hard-fighting hybrids.

Carp have been caught into the 30s (some are rumoured to go larger still) and MKAA plans to boost stocks with a fast-growing strain.

Some 18 months ago the Environment Agency spent £15,000 creating a breeding lagoon in the lake's southerly end. The ambition is to boost fry survival and silver fish populations. If it works it will increase attractiveness as a match venue.

Don't forget the neighbouring River Ouzel.



MK Citizen angling writer Roger Stratton (above) with 7 lb tench. He's red because we had sunshine in May!

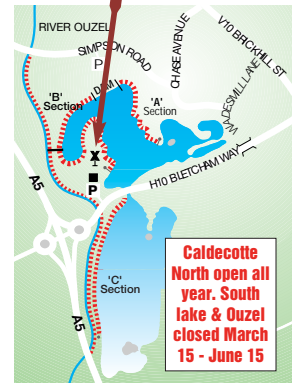


Floyd Edwards with 9-13-0 slab



Greg Lemon (left) landed the 18 inch 3-12-0 perch pictured from Caldecotte in January.

You can spot Caldecotte a mile off from the A5 because of the windmill (pic top right) on top of the pub.



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A very famous photographer used to call it 'critical moment' photography - capturing that special moment when a fleeting glint in the eyes, or the sun breaking out from behind a cloud, brings a picture to life...transforming it into something special.

To catch it you are either lucky or really looking at the image in the viewfinder instead of just pressing the button. Taking more than one picture of the same thing can increase your chances

but you still need to be trying for that X-factor moment.

RULES:

1) It must have been taken on an MKAA fishery (Emberton, CEMEX, Letchworth & the Oxford shared waters included for this purpose).

2) Submit it together with FULL name, address, telephone number, and details of the contents, within FOUR weeks of having been taken.

3) The winner will be chosen by MKAA executive officers who are NOT eligible to enter (neither are association bailiffs) and their decision will be final on all matters.

4) MKAA will have the right to publish pictures submitted as and where it wishes and may retain the print/transparency/e-file for future use.



Snap-up £100!

A happy angler admiring his catch. That's why Neil Atkins' picture of Steve Wright cradling a 9 lb Ravenstone barbel won this year's £100 picture prize.

It may not be a huge fish by some people's standards - 17 pounders swim there - but the photograph makes a great souvenir of what was obviously a very special moment for Steve.

Neil has his own happy memories - having landed both an 8 lb whiskers and a 5-8-0 chub.

Please send your entries to: "MKAA Picture Competition," PO Box 3195, Milton Keynes, MK3 6ZY.

You can also email electronic files (decent size JPEG format is best) to MKAA at:

info@mkaa.co.uk if using digi-

tal...but please send full-size files and a phone number.

Free season tickets will go to those entrants judged to have provided the best 'near misses'.

Good luck - enjoy your snapping as well as your fishing!

Three years of Furzton Festival fun means YOU have given £4,000 to Willen Hospice



Anglers fishing the Furzton Festival - evolving this year into a city-wide series - have been benefiting a really worthwhile cause.

Peg fees and donations from junior, disabled, veteran, ladies, open and carp matches have all added up to £4,000 - £1,000 in the first year and £1,500 in each of the second and third years.

And - hopefully - that is only the beginning.

To give those taking part more variety, and to avoid closing Furzton for best part of a week during what,

weather permitting, should be prime fishing time, this year's big bash has been re-named the Milton Keynes Festival of Fishing.

Co-inciding with National Fishing Week (a campaign to get more people into the sport) it will include events on Tear Drops, Bradwell Lake and Willen South as well as Furzton.

But the aim remains the same: for a lot of people to have a lot of fun while benefiting what has to be one of the most worthwhile causes in the city.

MILTON KEYNES FESTIVAL OF FISHING 2007

August 22nd - 27

Veteran's (over 55) match, Wed 22nd, Tear Drops - details: Terry Valentine 01908 565446.

Disabled people' match, Thur 23rd, Bradwell Lake - details: Brian Sapsford 01908 608944.

Young people's (under 17s) match, Wed 22nd, Tear Drops - details: Nuala Gray 01908 32007.

Carp match, Fri 24th to Sun 26th, (individuals not pairs) Willen South - details: Bob Final 01865 890090.

Ladies match, Sat 22nd, Bradwell Lake - details: Bob Final 01865 890090.

Frank Swan Memorial open, Mon 27th, Furzton Lake - details: Richard Swan 01908 506678.

Come & Try sessions (for all ages) 24th & 25th, Bradwell Lake - details: Brian Sapsford 01908 608944. Also Environment Agency led pond-dipping, ect for added interest.

Match Fees: £4 for vets, youth and disabled events - £6 for non-concessionary. Carp match £30 (concessionary £15 but no under 12s and 12-16 year-olds must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

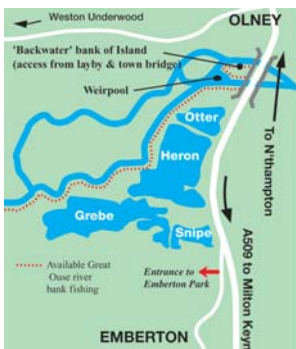
Come & Try sessions: FREE.



MKAA youth match team members James Drakulik, James Lewis and Ben Hough are pictured handing the latest £1,500 'installment' to Willen Hospice's Sue Wallis during the association's annual general meeting.



Not a festival fish but young Jake Rigby (pictured by dad, John) looks happy with this 4-8-0 Furzton tench caught on a wet July day.



Above: Emberton Park map. See page 9 for 'dawn of a new era' at that fishery.

Please do your bit to help keep it clean!

NO one likes to fish a tip, and MKAA spends a lot of YOUR money - and volunteers' efforts - trying to keep fisheries clean.

BUT...no system is perfect, and if you decide to fish a mucky swim, it is YOUR responsibility to clean it up before YOU start to fish.

And you could help by 'shopping' any dirty toe-rag you see leaving litter.

Afterall, they are dumping on YOU as much as on the rest of us.

WANT to know who's responsible for what, need help or want to give your feedback? (all numbers 01908 prefix unless otherwise stated).

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Mighty Furzton is full of fish

...and not JUST carp, either!

Fantastic – that’s the word for Furzton which is just heaving with fish of all shapes and sizes.

From monster carp to chunky roach – Furzton is quite possibly MKAA’s most exciting ‘still-water’, though the Willens can run it close.

Though probably best known for its ever-growing carp – and rapidly gaining a reputation as something of a regional mecca – it is also a cracking conventional match venue which really comes into its own as a specimen and pleasure fishery.

Created as a balancing lake on the site of the old LBC Cold Harbour brick clay pit, it was first stocked less than 20 years ago and now holds thousands of carp – fish which have been caught up to 33-34 lbs, and most years see multiple catches of 200 lbs or more to catch and release anglers.

Yet other species abound there. Stillwater chub to at least 5 lb, big bream, tench to more than 7 lb, perch pushing 4 lb and mega shoals of big roach are all part of a very attractive picture.

There are also a few catfish, a species never officially stocked.

Rarely does a season go by without roach nets of 50 lbs or more being taken, frequently in matches.



Left: Allen Piercy with a beautiful 33 common caught in May.

Above: A Section during a match. Among other things Furzton has hosted a ladies world championship and TWO British Carp Championship finals.



Above: without a proper camera when he caught this 29-3-0 in June, on sweetcorn, Jason Ollard got a passer-by to snatch a mobile phone snap. Not a top quality picture but still a brilliant souvenir.

A strong, consistent, wind is usually a help and if you can catch it when it’s been blowing into the hotel corner for a few days, especially in the autumn, then bites on feeder from quality roach, bream and the odd carp can be too frequent for it to be practical to use more than one rod.

Yes...they CAN come that fast – and to nothing fancier than worm, caster and maggots!

Two recent 48 hour British Carp Championship finals have both produced total weights around the half ton mark.

• The past three years have seen anglers in MKAA’s annual Furzton Festival – now evolved into a city-wide event – raise £4,000 for Willen Hospice.



Keith Burden experiences a real ‘golden glow’ moment with the capture of this Furzton mid-double.



Above: Jack Bredey-Page (then 9) with his 3 lb perch which, two years on, is still Furzton’s recorded best.



Furzton is open all year. Premium ticket (extra £15) holders can use 3 rods on Furzton



‘Don’t wreck it for everyone’

Please don’t park your motor on Lynmouth Crescent to access the ‘new’ island pegs opened up last year.

Use the picnic car park or get someone to drop you off, instead.

And on the other side of Furzton DON’T park on the verges of Tilbrook Road.

Anyone ignoring these polite requests will be BANNED from all MKAA waters.

You may have the right to park where you like on a public road – subject to getting a ticket from the police – but we

are allowed to fish these areas as a privilege...and some persons have been causing annoyance to residents which in turn causes complaints to our parks trust landlords who just don’t need the hassle.

So to avoid losing these areas for everyone please bite your lip and comply with the above, and keep the noise down – or fish elsewhere.

• And please remember: **no fishing from the islands pegs Wednesdays or Sundays**, those are the sailing club’s days.

Thankyou.

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Take care – ELECTRICITY CAN KILL YOU!

YOU don’t have to touch a cable – just get near enough for the voltage to jump the gap!

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Before starting to fish, look UP to check there are no cables nearby.



PLEASE: remember: It’s better to be biteless than lifeless!

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...AND WHEN YOU JOIN...



Dawn of a new era at Emberton - and Willen coming on strong

Willen South is shaping up to rival - or even surpass - Furzton as the area's number one public big carp fishery.

Thousands of pounds invested in stocking over the past four or five years are really beginning to pay off. Increasingly anglers are heading there to get to grips with fish from a couple of pounds up into the 30s.

And if they fancy a change of scene then Willen North next door holds fish into at least the middle 30s, albeit at a much lower stock density.

But...it isn't just about carp. Big shoal bream are there aplenty along with large tench, pike and several other species.

In early July Korda British Carp Championship semi-finalists found that double figure bream, and the occasional big tench, were frequently beating the big brown ones to their baits. And the October before last saw the

NFA Eastern Region Shield match won on the south lake with just 9 fish - nine bream totalling a tad over \$1 lb!

Yet it is Willen North which currently holds the 12-8-0 MKAA bream record. It has also produced 30+ carp and 7lb tench not to mention big rudd and 30 lb pike.

Back on the south lake, there are huge shoals of roach and perch which, despite the vastness of the water, can frequently

be taken fishing a 3 metre whip and the humble maggot.

Far from being a boillie only water all the 'general' baits such as worm, bread and corn - especially corn - will work there.

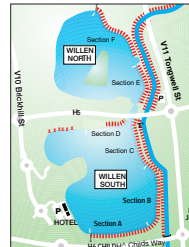
Fishing is often best when there's a big on-shore wind, but the increased carp stocks rooting about are helping keep a good colour in the water.

It's a place to get your string pulled...big time.

Willen open all year - no kennets south lake March 15 to June 15. Premium ticket (extra £15) holders can use 3 rods.



Above: 5-8 ounce fast-growing 'Supercarp' added to Willen South in December '05. Within six months they were being caught at 3-4 lb! Working with MK Parks Trust MKAA has stocked the lake with the better part of a tonne of carp in recent years.



Below: MKAA £100 Picture of the Year winner 2006, John Cooper displays bream of 10-10-0 and 9-4-0 - part of a big Willen North catch.



A triple bagger...



Above: three Willen South carp - all in their 20's which is more than can be said for MKAA bankside officer Denholme Reid who caught them. He had these plus a shed-full of smaller fish during a series of frantically-busy evening sessions.



Above: Kent pair Nick Howard and Mark Casper on their way to winning a weather-hit semi of the Korda British Carp Championships 2007, with a total of 52-12-0 from Willen South.



Above: MKAA bailiff Dr Simon Denny attracted a gallery of Sunday afternoon strollers while catching this 18-4-0 from Willen South. Hooked on corn on a size 14, it took him almost half an hour to land...a quite John Wilson-ish performance. Left: a 6-9-0 tench taken on a previous visit.

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A bright new future could be on the cards for angling at Emberton Park.

Though the river and lakes complex is a favourite haunt of many it has for years had only a minimum of fishery management input, a situation complicated by year-to-year uncertainty over fishing arrangements there.

Now MK Council - owners of the countryside park near Olney - and MKAA have hammered out the basis of a long-term agreement for the future of angling in the 'park'.

As part of the partnership deal (spanning best part of a decade) MKAA will produce a phased fishery management plan for the complex; a plan including fishy stocks, habitat and access for anglers.

One of the specialists already signed up to provide professional expertise is Dr Ian Welch - current globe-trotting Angler's Mail columnist and the man who evolved RMC Angling from little more than a collection of pits to the UK's premier commercial fishery operation.

The joint ambition is, within the context of the public countryside park, to produce a premier fishery complex (not an over intensively used and over-stocked puddle) in which people will be able to enjoy high quality fishing in a safe, secure and very pleasant environment.

Possible moves include additional stocks of fast-growing carp to Grebe, boosting tench stocks - especially in the smaller lakes, and increasing silver fish populations in all the still waters, combined with improved access to the river bank and more 'layby' parking off the ring road.

Night fishing remains banned at present but may well return on some, yet to be decided, syndicate or premium ticket basis.

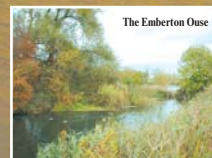
For the moment an MKAA season ticket continues to give anglers free daylight fishing in the complex all year round (river closed March 15 to June 16) but you still have to pay the car entry charge - £3 in summer, reduced to £1.80 in winter.

Its carp touch the 30 mark, bream top 8 lb and the best recorded tench went 9-6-0 (bags to 90 lb have been taken...in JANUARY).

The river can provide fantastic roach fishing, particularly in the autumn while the weirpool has chub and barbel too. When the main river is in flood the backwater sometimes seems to hold half the roach in Buckinghamshire.

The internal ring road provides access throughout the complex. Facilities include toilets and, during the summer, a small store and cafe.

See page 6 for map.



The Emberton Ouse



Ken Gates with 28-5-0 pike



S Coles with big, super-fit tench



Grebe Lake



Sunrise over Grebe Lake at Emberton Park. Picture by Andrew Redley

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In past years they've produced TWO perch at 4-10-8 – perhaps something to do with the then profusion of gudgeon – plus good roach, bream and tench to 6 lb...and a couple of catfish (the latter a good 10 years back).

Carp into the mid 20s are also present, having

worked their way down the Loughton Brook from Furzton. Again probably migrating from Furzton, there's a fair head of chub, particularly in TD number 1, with fish to 4 lb.

Periodic flooding sees all four mini-lakes become one, but it is surprising how each continues to exhibit distinctive characters. No 1 for example can be a great autumn and winter roach fishery with high double-figure bags of pound roach always on the cards.

Fishing is from permanent pegs only on three of the four waters (the fourth – the overgrown one third in line working away from Bletchley – is a non-fishing bird sanctuary). Access is from the two picnic carparks off of Davy Avenue.

So many people only send carp pictures these days that MKAA is offering 3 FREE season tickets for the best 3 NON-carp pics sent in before May 1 2008. Same rules/details as the £100 photo comp, see page 6.



'Stuart B' with good looking 'Tear Drops' 15-8-0



Tear Drop 1 pic by Brandon Lake



Unknown angler with 'Tear Drops' 24-6-0



Tear Drop 4 pic by Brandon Lake



The 'Drops fish in the winter, too. Iain Chapman (above) caught the two mid-doubles (right) on December 22 – fishing just 3 feet out from the bank in 4 feet of water.

One fell to a pineapple pop-up and the other to a squid-liver boilie.



Two rods ONLY at any time on the Tear Drops and traditional close season – March 15 to June 15 inclusive – applies

OBITUARY Derek Haynes

Derek helped found MKAA in 1970 – serving 16 years as its first match secretary.

Born a Londoner (Brent) he and his family moved to the then boom-town of Bletchley in the early 60s where he worked as a precision engineer.

An avid angler he was part of numerous local clubs such as White Hart, Beacon, Post Office, Mail Crafters and the Tove.

Retirement as match secretary and from work didn't sit well with Derek and he became a conscientious bailiff on his beloved canal, still covering several miles a day shortly before Christmas – only two or three weeks before he passed on.

Keen to share his pleasure, and working with Steve Chilton, he taught numerous groups of youngsters on the Manor Fields canal – helping bring hundreds of kids into fishing.

Two of his proudest moments were when MKAA teams won the NFA junior national angling championship – twice – with both winning teams including one of his grandchildren.

Another high-light was a White Hart match on the Kennett when he caught two two pound roach – the best 2-13-2. And he once had an Ouse dace close to a pound, and a 76 lb catch of roach from the Ouzel.

Derek was a real angler through and through...one with an irrepresible sense of humour and who put more than a bit back into the sport he loved.

Thanks mate. Nice knowing you.

Wogan, Moyles and Chris Tarrant all have 'pod casts'...

Now MK angling has its own Rod Cast!

IF you don't know what a pod cast is – go ask a seven year old.

But in simplest terms it's a short burst of tv or radio broadcast (usually the allegedly best bits of a programme) in a form anyone can access over the internet from anywhere in the world whenever they like.

It's catching on like wildfire among the more computer literate of all ages.

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Now – courtesy of Horizon Radio's Black Thunder Jim – local angling is bang up with the latest in broadcasting

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new technology with a pod cast, aptly christened a rod cast, of its own.

In what has to be a ground-breaking move in angling publicity terms, the rod cast is recorded and updated every two weeks with keen angler Jim hosting a show which features news, views, guests, tips and which waters are currently on form.

The rod cast came into being back in June when Jim got to talking with Gone-Fishin proprietors Richard Swan and Gary Underwood.

He decided local angling was long over-due some air-time and decided to do a show with Richard and GF staff man Ian Todman as star-turns on the first one.

And for everyone's convenience he went for the pod cast format so that anyone can listen in at a time of day, night or week to suit themselves.

To join Thunder Jim's growing audience all you have to do is go to Horizon Radio's home page at:

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Bottom right of that page is a little picture of Jim (with fish). Click on that and it will take you straight to the rod cast menu and you then click on whichever of his past shows you want to listen in to.

If you want to contribute, contact him on 01908 591610 or at jim.helliar@capmedia.com



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Mark Pollard is pictured fishing the punch at New Inn Bridge for Sky last spring, catching over 9 lb in just two hours.

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...ALL THE WORK MKAA...

Bradwell gets another boost



Bradwell Lake's big tench came hard on the feed again this spring – with some of the recently stocked carp showing, too.

Big 5s and 6s regularly featured in catches...until the rains set in bringing the floods with them.

But even inbetween floods the tench and hordes of roach kept taking baits and, going against past form the roach and perch had kept feeding throughout the winter months.

Back at the turn of the year MKAA stocked some 400 fast-growing carp (pictured below) – fish in the one-and-a-half to two-and-a-half pound bracket.

And when they began showing in April they were averaging between 3 and 4 lb, which probably means that within a couple of years, doubles will become relatively common.



● IF the ground dries out enough (we've been trying for almost a year) contractors will plant 20 water lily beds in the margins at Brad'll to improve fish feeding, spawning and fry survival in the areas where anglers fish, as well as to limit bank erosion.

All that aside, Brad'll has vast bream shoals with fish into double figures. Perch (some up to 3 lb+) abound as do roach – some shoal fish go a pound apiece – with numbers of rudd and pike to 20 lb+.

Bonus fish include a very small number of carp into the early 20s from a yesterday's stocking, and some rapidly growing catfish. A 12-12-0 fell to Mike Sando last year while he was tenching with a 16 to 6 lb braid...and although he didn't claim it as a best of year, bailiff Dave McKnight banked a 28-2-0.

MKAA owns the 40 acre Bradwell site (it rents all its other waters) which includes a 26 acre lake, a quarter mile of Great Ouse and part of MKAA's Bradwell canal section.

Work carried out so far includes: adding around 1.75 tons of fish, building carparks and access road, 33 concrete top pegs and access paths to wheelchair standard, fertilisation to colour the water, adding a quarter mile of extra river – the Butts – with new foot-bridge access, and weed control in the lake.

The Environment Agency granted £11,500 towards the new pegs and disabled parking and put 13 fish refuge cages (the floating 'islands') – cost £6,500 – in for free – and has since granted £2,000 for more cages.

Thank you EA.

Including purchase, the complex has cost more than £170,000...over £100,000 of which has come from lottery and EA grants and other external sources.

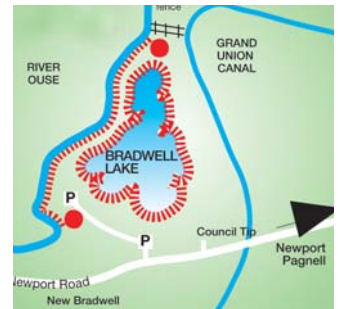
● Aylesbury's Rob Welsh and a mate tried Brad'll for the first time and both had new tench PBs. Rob is pictured with his 5-14-0 on float-fished red maggot.



Dave McKnight with 28-2-0 cat



Mike Sando with 6 lb+ Brad'll tench



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RULE Re fishing match venues!
● If a match is booked (see list below) ALL anglers must be OFF that section by the preceding midnight. The ONLY exceptions are for evening events in which case you must be gone by 12 noon on the day of the match.

WILLEN LAKE			WHITINGS FARM		
29/07/07	A+B+C+D	All Day	04/11/07	ALL	0900-1500
05/08	A+B+C	0730-1330	18/11	ALL	0800-1500
24/08	A+B+C+D	All Day	1/12	ALL	0900-1500
25/08	A+B+C+D	All Day	16/12	ALL	0800-1430
26/08	A+B+C+D	All Day	06/01/08	ALL	0800-1430
09/09	B+C	0800-1300	13/01	ALL	0900-1500
16/09	E+F	0700-1400	27/01	ALL	0900-1500
			03/02	ALL	All Day
			10/02	ALL	0900-1500
			24/02	ALL	0900-1500
			09/03	ALL	0700-1500
BRADWELL LAKE			TOOMBS MEADOW		
05/08/07	A+B	0800-1300	11/07/07	ALL	0800-1400
23/08	ALL	All Day	07/10	ALL	0800-1400
24/08	ALL	All Day	10/10/08	ALL	0800-1400
29/08	ALL	0700-1300	21/10	ALL	All Day
			28/10	ALL	0800-1400
			04/11	ALL	0900-1400
			11/11	ALL	0800-1400
			28/11	ALL	0900-1400
			1/12	ALL	0900-1500
			09/12	ALL	0900-1400
			12/12	ALL	0900-1400
			16/12	ALL	All Day
			01/01/08	ALL	0900-1400
			02/01	ALL	0900-1400
			13/01	ALL	0900-1500
			27/01	ALL	0900-1500
			30/01	ALL	0900-1400
			10/02	ALL	0900-1500
			17/02	ALL	0800-1500
			24/02	ALL	0900-1500
			27/02	ALL	0900-1500
			08/03	ALL	0900-1500
			13/03	ALL	0900-1400
FURZTON LAKE			JEAN HOLLANDS		
31/07/07	A+B	1700-2200	13/10/07	ALL	1200-1800
05/08	A+B+C	0730-1330	21/10	ALL	All Day
12/08	A	0800-1500	28/10	ALL	0800-1400
19/08	A+B	0700-1400	11/11	ALL	0800-1400
27/08/07	ALL	All Day	18/11	ALL	0800-1500
09/09	B	0800-1400	28/11	ALL	0900-1400
12/09	A+B	0700-1300	1/12	ALL	0900-1500
30/09	ALL	All Day	12/12	ALL	0900-1400
14/10	C	0900-1500	16/12/08	ALL	All Day
20/10	A+B	All Day	01/01	ALL	0900-1400
			01/01	ALL	0900-1400
			13/01	ALL	0900-1500
			27/01	ALL	0900-1400
			30/01	ALL	0900-1500
			27/01	ALL	0900-1500
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			10/02	ALL	0900-1500
			24/02	ALL	0900-1500
			08/03	ALL	0900-1500
			13/03	ALL	0900-1400
TEARDROPS LAKES			BRUSH MILL		
12/08/07	1	0700-1400	13/10/07	ALL	1200-1800
12/08	2	0800-1300	21/10	ALL	All Day
19/08	ALL	0730-1330	28/10	ALL	0800-1400
22/08	ALL	All Day	11/11	ALL	0800-1400
02/09	ALL	0800-1400	18/11	ALL	0800-1500
19/09	1+2	0700-1300	28/11	ALL	0900-1400
23/09	2	0900-1400	1/12	ALL	0900-1500
23/09	4	0730-1500	12/12	ALL	0900-1400
14/10	1+2	0800-1400	16/12/08	ALL	All Day
21/10	4	0900-1400	01/01	ALL	0900-1400
			01/01	ALL	0900-1400
			13/01	ALL	0900-1500
			27/01	ALL	0900-1400
			30/01	ALL	0900-1500
			27/01	ALL	0900-1500
			02/02	ALL	0900-1400
			10/02	ALL	0900-1500
			10/02	ALL	0900-1500
			24/02	ALL	0900-1500
			08/03	ALL	0900-1500
			13/03	ALL	0900-1400
DIMMOCKS PIT			CANAL		
05/08/07	ALL	0900-1400	11/08/07	11A+11B	1200-1800
			26/08	14B+15A	0800-1400
			01/09	ALL	All Day
			08/09	2A+2B	1200-1400
			16/09	2B	0900-1400
			03/10	3A+3B	0800-1400
			07/10	1A+1B	0900-1500
			21/10	08B	0900-1400
			11/11	3A+3B	0800-1500
			18/11	2B	0900-1500
			25/11	12A to 15B	All Day
			02/12	12A to 15B	All Day
			19/12	5A+5B	0900-1400
			30/12	3A+3B	All Day
			13/01/08	1A+1B	0800-1400
			also	12A to 15B	0900-1400
			23/01	3A+3B	0900-1400
			3/01	3B	0900-1400
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			10/02	12A to 15B	0900-1400
			24/02	3A+3B	0900-1500
			24/02	12A to 15B	0900-1400
			02/03	11A	0900-1500
			27/04	1A to 2B	0730-1300
			11/05	3A+3B	0730-1300
			25/05	6A to 7B	0730-1300
			08/06	10A to 11B	0730-1300

Annual card holders can purchase – for £15 a year – an option to fish 3 rods (from a single peg) on Furzton, Caldecote north and south, Willen north and south and Bradwell Lakes.

They can do so when buying their card, or later by application to the secretary or chairman.

ALSO, at the bailiff's discretion, any card member wishing to fish 3 rods on those waters on the spur of the moment, can do so – that day – by buying a day ticket (£5 or £2.50 concessionary).

AND day members, at the bailiff's discretion, can fish 3 rods on the same waters by buying an additional day ticket (which means one DT for 2 rods and 2 DTs for 3 rods).

Hopefully this will

benefit those who rarely want to use three rods on MKAA waters.

● MKAA daytickets are valid, as always, from midnight to midnight, so if you want to fish three rods through the night more than a couple of times it might be better to buy a season card.

● You also need TWO EA rod licences to be legal with three rods.

JUBILEE PIT

Last autumn MKAA had to agree to cancel fishing on Jubilee because the landowners are building a small township.

Fish in the pit remain MKAA property, and it is anticipated that members will eventually be able to start fishing there again.

MKAA apologises for any inconvenience caused to members.



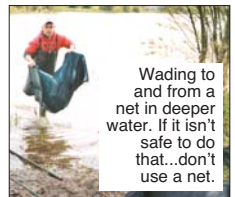
Think fish care before big bag 'trophy' snaps...

If using a keepnet please stake it out in deeper water – NOT on the rocks or in shallow or hot, low oxygen level, areas.

The MINIMUM LEGAL length for keepnets is 2 metres long with a minimum circumference of 1.2 metres which, for round nets, equates to a minimum ring diameter of 381 mm or 15 inches.

Obviously it is better to use larger ones than that and to ensure they are fully submerged – preferably in the shade.

More and more people are now putting their catches straight back and carry a carp sack, barbel tube or pike tunnel in which they can briefly retain the occasional specimen while setting up their cameras.



Wading to and from a net in deeper water. If it isn't safe to do that...don't use a net.

● MKAA rule 21 says NO MORE than 40 lbs (18 kilos) of fish are to be held in any one keepnet at a time.

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- DON'T bounce tackle off boats or tap them with pole tips – chipped paint costs money to repair and hooks in ropes can put innocent people in hospital.
- DO minimise noise, including bite alarms, especially when people on boats are trying to sleep.
- Do be discrete when answering the call of nature.

BOATERS PLEASE:

- DON'T when moored run engines or disturb the water in any way while people are fishing.
- DO keep to the centre of the channel and within the speed limit (4 mph) when cruising.
- DO moor well clear of anglers, on the towpath side, where users have priority on first come first served basis.

ANGLERS AND BOATERS

- DO behave reasonably and courteously at all times.
- DON'T leave litter or light fires.
- DO keep children and dogs under control.

THIS code is agreed with British Waterways for the benefit of all with special reference to where boats are moored opposite...ESPECIALLY on the Boatyard!

The great river Ouse

Around Stony Stratford...

The Ouse looping around the north of Stony Stratford is a good mixed fishery which can provide brilliant sport.

Chunky roach of a pound aren't that uncommon and the bream can touch 8!

Tackle testing chub and silver flashing dace are more common in the faster stretches while pike and hefty perch can be found throughout.

The latter, probably feeding on crayfish, can top 4 lb and a season or three back a match was

won with 8 perch for more than 15 lb, all on worm, on Brush Mill.

There's even the odd tench...and the four hour match record is 78 lb of slab-sided bream to 7-13-0.

From the Calverton Road picnic area (no swimming) and boat slipway down to Stony weir is free fishing. Then it's Brush Mill all the way to the new houses - the backwater can fish in times of flood - then Holland's Field for one field to the top of Toombs' which curves round to the Old Stratford river bridge on the V4 Watling Street.

Below that is no go unless you have a Deanshanger & The Stratfords' card.



Steve Woodley with fin perfect Ravenstone 13



The chub in the Ouse (and the perch, and the roach, and the pike...) just seem to keep on getting bigger and bigger.

Hardly had Andrew House broken MKAA's record with this 6-11-0 cheese paste chub, than Paul Reynolds went and bettered it twice over with fish of 6-14-0 and 7-8-0...in a match. But Andrew was still one very happy man.

The river has already produced at least one 7 pounder (pg 1) this summer.

and Ravenstone

Ravenstone Mill is among the foremost club-ticket big barbel fisheries in the country - let alone on the Ouse.

Fish up to the 17 lb-ish have been reported...and it's a fair bet there are larger ones are yet to be caught.

But it's more than a big whiskers water. There are good chub, certainly into the sixes, bream, monster pike, dace and fine perch.

Downstream of the weir the river is fast and streamy (great for stalking) while the deeper water upstream can yield big carp.

Like most of the Ouse it can be rather weedy in summer, but casting a bait between the weeds works.



• Above: MKAA's youth side has won the British Waterways Canal Championship three years running. Pictured are Ben Hough, James Drakulik, Joe Lattimer and George Hale. Joe, fishing at Tring, was also individual champ with James runner-up.

Come and get hooked

• If YOU are young (or even not so young, maybe a returner to the sport) and looking for help to get into or to improve your fishing, MKAA has two packages to help you gain skills and have fun at the same time.

In one development (training) officer Nuala Gray provides the basics - and sticking with it can earn an achievement certificate and a FREE MKAA ticket for next season! Call her on 01908 320007 to find out more.

The other is for young people who want to fish competitively, features regular matches and chance to fish in MKAA representative teams. For that call Ian Greenhood on 01908 503587.

...and for older baskets

• If you are 55 or over you can join the grey circus - The Veterans - on their Wednesday morning match series which runs all year through.



level and the abiding aim is to have a good crack with like-minded spirits.

The pools are pocket money Call Terry Valentine on 01908 565446. The 'Vets' has a hard core of around 70 people.

ADAMS MILL

The UK's FIRST ever barbel to take the British record over 21 lb was caught from Adams Mill.

So was the first to take the record over 20 lb...and umpteen other national rod-caught records for the species before that.

This unique short section of the Ouse has become legendary.

It has some, as yet undefined, quality which consistently helps it produce barbel growth-rates head and shoulders above any

others in the country.

Grahame King currently holds the record at 21-3-0.

MKAA has run Adams for 20 years but, at the landlord's insistence, it has for some time been on a syndicate basis because it became so popular.

The 50 place (non-profit making for MKAA) group is open to any MKAA season ticket holder prepared to pay the £350 annual fee.

To get on the waiting list call Trevor Johnson on 01908 270000.

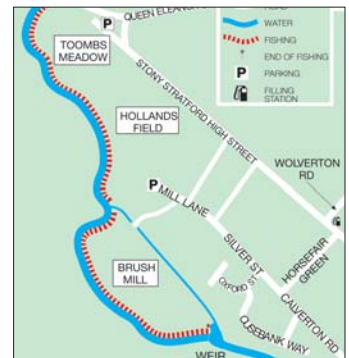
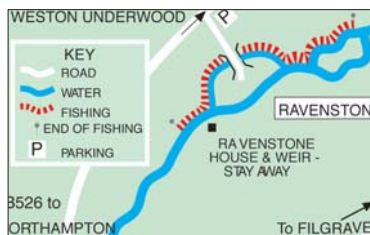
Please note these rules

- No more than 40 lb of fish in a keepnet at ANY time - preferably less!
- No livebait buckets or tubs.
- Immediate LIFE BAN for carrying ANY kind of gun - including replicas or BB weapons - on ANY fishery accessed by an MKAA ticket.

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...AND KEEPING THE RUNNING OF...



Harrold Ouse & the Ivel

MKAA season ticket holders have access to about threequarters of a mile of the Biggleswade Ivel at Manor Farm courtesy of an arrangement with RMC Angling.

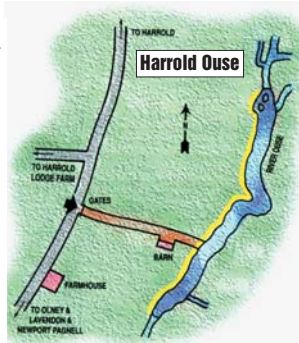
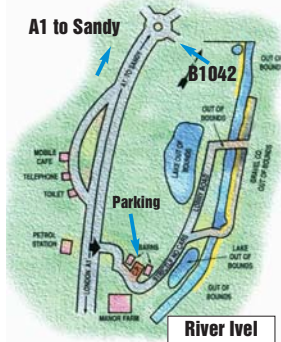
It has a fair flow with chub, roach, dace and bream and is not unlike natural bank sections of the local River Ouzel.

The Ouse at Harrold Lodge Farm is again via RMC and shared with Wellingborough club anglers. It holds some nice roach and bream and can go well on waggler or feeder with regular loose feeding usually helping rather than hindering.

● Night fishing is NOT allowed on either venue.

Please enjoy these waters but remember that we are guests on them and, as such, should be on our very best behaviour while there.

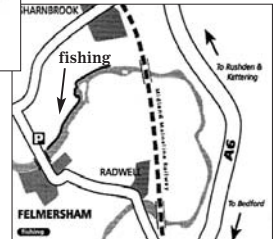
● Please also remember that **ALL English streams and rivers are subject by law to a March 15 to June 15 (inclusive) close season.**



Little Paxton Mill Meadow (above) parking: can be by the raised path or at the designated car park inside Rowleys allotments. Chapman's Farm parking is along the roadside and walk to the sewage works. Lammas Meadow parking in the carpark at junction of B1043 & B0141, cross road and use footpath to river.

As part of the same deal you can also get to fish on the Middle Ouse at Little Paxton, a fishery which has produced 60 lb bream catches in local matches.

If taking advantage of the arrangement please be on your best behaviour as we are guests on these waters.



...and more on the Ouse, too

A chance to fish somewhere different for a change

A section of the Felmersham Ouse is available to MKAA season ticket holders courtesy of Letchworth AC.

Chub, roach, bream and the occasional whiskers – though they do move around a bit – are all part of the potential action there.

Want to keep up with big catches, which waters' are fishing etc?
 Call our recorded info line on **01908 691777** standard BT rates – no premium rip-offs

Old Father Thames (& others)

The waters around Oxford are something special and, generally, only an hour's drive from MK...so – treat yourself.

But please be on your best behaviour. These waters are made available to MKAA members courtesy of North Oxford Angling Society and **MUST be treated with the UTMOST RESPECT.**

● The Thames, Cherwell, Seacourt Stream and even the Oxford Canal have characters of their own.

The arrangement for MKAA members to fish these NOAS waters helps make your association card a winner.

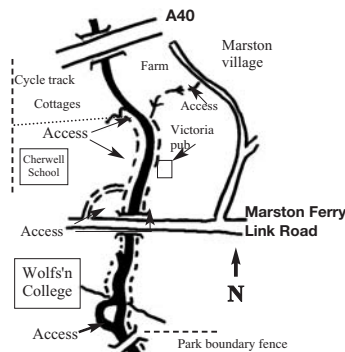
There are also Oxford and District AA waters which can be fished on dayticket. Want to know more? Call NOAS's Andy Crisp, on 01865 53800.

MKAA members can't hold matches on NOAS waters (nor they on ours) and **NIGHT FISHING is NOT allowed on their waters.**

If you use this system please be a good MKAA ambassador...you are a guest on someone else's patch.

CHERWELL (approx 1 mile)

Access West bank from Marston Ferry Link Road B4495 (see OS map for route from A34 Peartree interchange) from either cycle track or footpath shown;



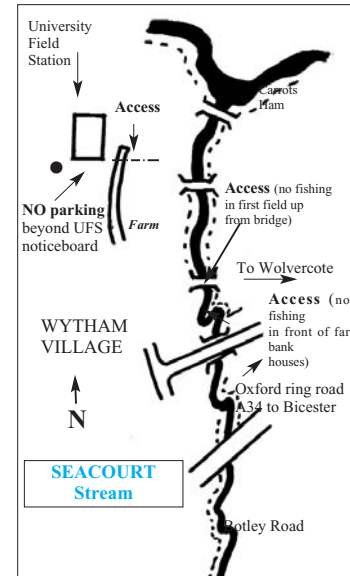
River **CHERWELL**

downstream of bridge (access from bridge) one meadow, upstream three meadows. East bank: upstream two meadows above Victoria pub; and downstream to park boundary fence opposite Wolfson College.

THAMES (approx 3.5 miles)

Access from Wolvercote to Wytham road bridge (see OS map) park in the Wolvercote Bathing Place public car park (river downstream can be fished on ODAA day ticket).

Parking NOT allowed in Trout Inn (great food) car park unless with specific permission of landlord. Access to King's Lock end from "University Field Station" (see Seacourt Stream map) and top end of Pixey Meadow via bridges over the lock and King's Weir. Parking alongside A34 – and crossing it on foot – NOT recommended.

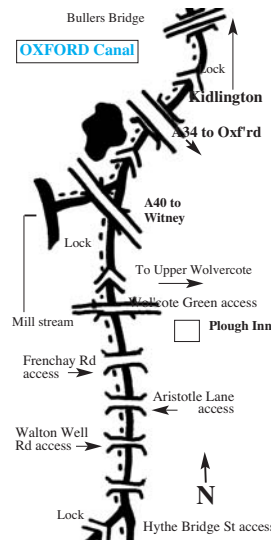


SEACOURT Stream

SEACOURT STREAM (approx 3.5 miles)

Access from Wolvercote to Wytham Village road bridge (see OS map). East bank: NO fishing opposite far bank houses (south side of bridge) and NO fishing in first meadow (north side of bridge).

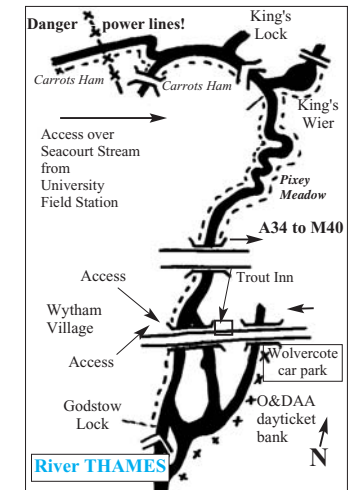
Access also from track leading to University Field Station. Follow road from Wolvercote into Wytham and turn right, take track towards UFS, park on verge just BEFORE notice



board (no parking or turning beyond it). Walk across field to stream. Crossing bridge over stream gives access to Kings Lock/Kings Weir Thames area.

OXFORD CANAL (approx 4.5 miles)

Fishing towpath side from Hythe Bridge Street in Oxford, north to Bullers Bridge in Yarn Lane, Kiddlington and Plough Inn at Wolvercote good access points for first time visitors.



River **THAMES**

Farmhouse Bed & Breakfast
 Lincoln Lodge (on the Tove just north of Milton Keynes)
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...THEM IN LOCAL HANDS.

Wolverton Ouse for big fish



Curling around Wolverton, the Ouse is generally shallowish, pacy, and full of surprises.

Wolverton Mill (upstream of the Galleon canal aquaduct) Whittings (down to the Haversham railway viaduct) and Stone Park (on downstream to New Bradwell) can, on their day, produce the stuff fishy dreams are made of.

Barbel, introduced by MKAA well over a decade ago, have flourished and Wolverton Mill, probably the shallowest of all our sections, has produced them up to 15 lb while a 16-4-0 was landed four years ago from the tail-end of the DATS water immediately upstream.

Whittings also holds barbel but is better known for its huge chub, big bream, perch, roach and pike. The abominable signal crayfish is also present.

Stone Park – now having produced the association’s current



chub record at 7-8-0 – also has big whiskers and can occasionally produce roach nets of 30 lb or more, along with some nice-sized dace.

And if you are into river pike, they are present all the way through and can make 20 lb.

Slugs, cheese, free-lined bread, worms, long-poled casters on a 20, halibut pellets on hair rig...just about anything can have its day on the Wolverton Ouse.

Then of course there’s the Ouse behind Bradwell and on downstream through The Butts – more chub topping six, good pike, perch, roach and some clonking bream.

Take your rod and go live the dream...

● Pictured left: Neil Atkins with 5-10-0 Ouse chub.

The Tove and Ouzel

The rivers Tove and Ouzel – both Great Ouse tributaries – can be wonderful places to fish even though little bigger than large streams in places.

They offer year-round sport with everything from gudgeon to carp (and in the Ouzel the occasional barbel) with fish worthy of far larger rivers.

They can turn out roach to 2 lb, 7 lb bream, perch of 4 – or perhaps more – and pike on the 20 mark.

You might also hook a tench, an escapee trout, or you can amuse yourself with dace, gudgeon and bits, while on the Ouzel (especially behind Willen Lake) you might latch into a 10 lb barbel.

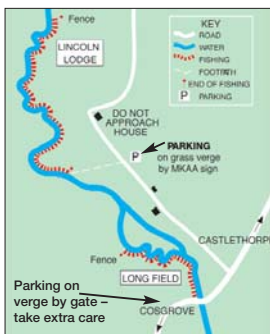
On the **Tove** MKAA has four fields at Castlethorpe’s Lincoln Lodge Farm (long walk but worth it) where really big chub and perch can be had especially if you are into stalking.

The long Field (half a mile of bank and upstream of the Cosgrove/Castlethorpe road) seems to be a long series of fish-holding swims good for ‘sitting it out’.

On the magical **Ouzel** you can fish from Sparkes Meadow (just north of the Fenny bypass) downstream to the Watling Street, and then from alongside Caldecotte Lake most of the way – LEFT hand bank – through Milton Keynes past the OU and Willen Lake to the M1 bridge and, from there, switch to the RIGHT hand bank for one field downstream of the M1. There’s miles to have a go at!

This can be a real fun fishery and some people get the most out of it by taking the absolute minimum of gear and covering large sections in a day...by bike.

● Below: Matt Johnson with typical Ouzel fun catch on the whip!



MKAA in forefront of national moves to cut fish thefts

Everyone’s heard about it, many have seen it...and some are trying to reduce the scourge of fish thefts.

In parts of the country theft, particularly by migrant Eastern Europeans, is far worse than in MK – the Northampton and Luton areas currently really suffering.

But it’s more than bad enough here already – especially with bailiffs being threatened with increasing frequency – and MKAA has been campaigning to get it brought under control for more than two years.

Refusing to let politicians and civil servants follow their natural inclination to sweep it under the carpet – dragging it into the media spotlight whenever possible and flagging up potential for increased racial tension if the sore is left to fester – is part of that.

Few deny that UK laws covering the subject need bringing up to date...but the laws we DO have need enforcing, which means extra public spending and the WILL to do it.

Just as Newsline was going to press, release of survey results by the Professional Coarse Fisheries Association produced a burst of silly season interest from various national ‘papers’. Somehow that led to MKAA becoming the unofficial voice for the nation’s



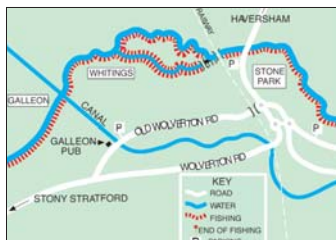
● MKAA’s Trevor Johnson putting the case on Anglia TV

anglers on BBC Radio 2’s Jeremy Vine show, Look East and Horizon Radio among others. But the real jewel was an interview with the Polish Express – the UK’s largest Polish language newspaper (60,000 sales a week).

That was a golden opportunity to explain to a lot of decent Poles that here fishing is for sport – NOT the pot – and that while they are welcome to join us in fishing for pleasure, they have to do it our way if they want friendship instead of acrimony.

● MKAA is also negotiating with a leading international employment agency for distribution of thousands of leaflets to Polish job-seekers in their OWN country...BEFORE they even set out for Britain’s shores!

IF YOU see fish, dead, in distress, or other pollution signs (or fish theft) call the EA emergency-line Free AND quickly **0800 80 70 60**



For more about MKAA, its waters & how to join, or angling in general, call: Trevor Johnson 01908 270000 (office hours) or Stuart Pemberton 01908 660579
Tickets: £30 standard season (£23 from secs of affiliated clubs). Juniors, reg disabled, senior citizens £15 (£11.50)
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