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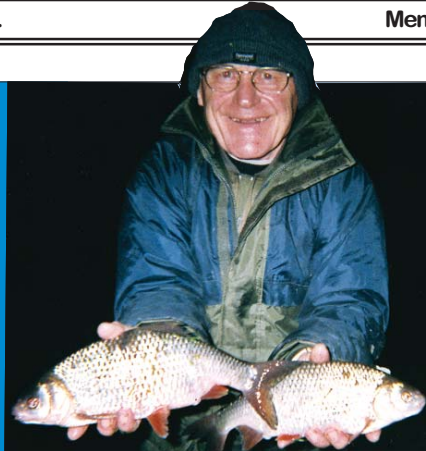
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Then there's the much under-rated Emberton Park waters, Dimmocks Pit, Wolverton Mill and Wappenham Water. And now there's the addition of cut-price access to Billing Aquadrome, near Northampton, as well.

MKAA's card also provides more than 9 miles of canal in the city – a magic water if you catch it right – plus access to a section of Oxford canal as well.

And then there are miles of fishing on the Great Ouse, the Ouzel, the Tove and the Ivel.

Carp, pike, tench, bream, roach, rudd, perch, chub, barbel, dace, cats and eels are all there for the catching – and to specci sizes, too.

It's all part of what helps make an MKAA card such incredible value for money!



Above: Emberton carp go mad – page 4.



MKAA general secretary Bob Final making a big noise – but what's he up to? See centre pages for all the lowdown on THIS year's Furzton Festival!



Floyd Edwards & 30lb Willen pike.

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If any of our waters can be relied on to come up with a few fish when all else around seems devoid of anything which will bite, it has to be the Grand Union.

On the coldest day it will usually come up with at least a few perch and gudgeon for those who just HAVE to get out and fish for something.

But on better days – and the canal has lots

of them – it is a specialist Mecca with carp in the high 30s, pike topping 20, tench to 9 and bream over 7, perch pushing 4-8, numbers of pound-plus roach...and hordes of smaller fish for the match and leisure angler – they're all in there.

In fact about the only time it is likely to be a no-no is when it's gin clear which, thankfully, doesn't happen that often.

That consistency is underlined by the fact that – in the four NFA senior National Championships hosted in the city so far...there wasn't a single dry net!

Make the most of MKAA's 9.5 miles of local canal. You might be pleasantly surprised.



A superb match venue



Michael Humphrey with heavily-plated 28-15 GUC mirror

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Go try Dimmocks Pit

DIMMOCKS, near Newton Longville, is small (1.5 acres) but holds some cracking fish!

It has been developed, with Environment Agency help, as a fun fishery with lots of small fish – and a fair head of small carp which are increasingly outgrowing their 'small' tag.

It has its own car park, short walks and 20 or so really solid, comfortable pegs and **the front gate is code locked (1415).**

A long-established fishery it holds, all the small stuff aside, some superb specimens which would a credit many much larger waters.

Tench over 6, bream of a similar size, double figure pike, the odd very good perch, tackle-testing carp...and the occasional catfish.

It can be a bit weedy at times, but if you carry a drag that need not be too much of a problem – and is part of the reason the fish grow as well as they do.



Steve Warren with 22-12 Dimmocks common

Typical of the surprises it can produce is the 22-12 common cradled by Steve Warren (above).

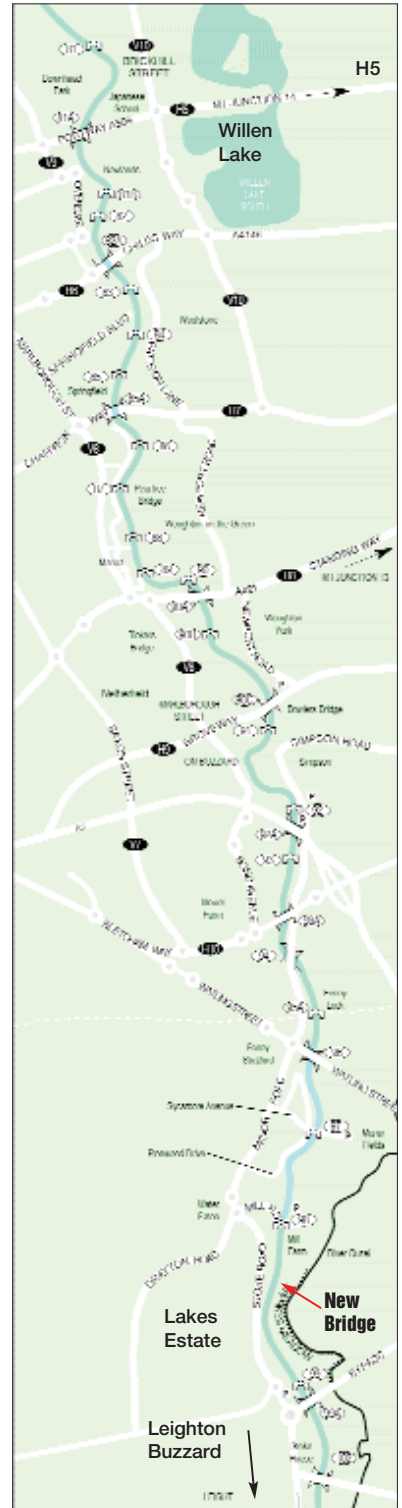
He landed it on his first trip to the pit – only the second time he'd fished any MKAA water – and was, naturally, highly delighted.

Steve used standard carp gear and boilie fished hard on the bottom during the heat of July.

Dimmocks is open all year – two rods ONLY.



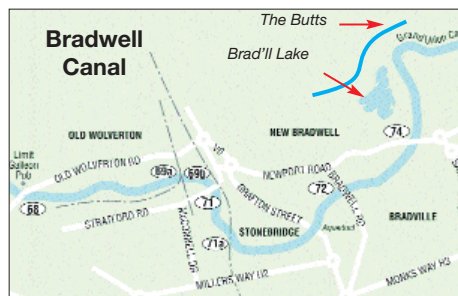
Dom Serratone with 22lb February Dimmocks pike



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Now for something new - and with a discount

Billing Aquadrome – off the A45 on the MK side of Northampton – is bidding to join the ‘must fish’ league.

And now you can get £1 (20%) off the standard day-ticket there just by showing your MKAA season ticket (no car entry charges if you are fishing).

Around £50,000 has been spent on upgrading angling on the former gravel pit holiday park complex which includes several lakes and a stretch of the river Nene.

Masses of silver fish, lots of small carp, a match lake, a specimen water (carp of 40lb+) a ‘dads and lads’ lake and rapidly improving access for the disabled are all part of the new scene.

Bream catches to 100lb+ are being made from the non-specci waters, along with big tench and carp into the 30s.

There’s a tackle shop, toilets and food outlets on site, solid pegs and drive-round access to most areas.



Milton Keynes carpentry apprentice Jason Campbell has been having a ball on Billing’s £5 a day Willow Lake.

He may only be 16 but during July he took at least nine carp over 20lb – including fish of 26, 27, 29-8, 30 and a new PB of 30-4 – pictured left.

And he did that in short sessions while more experienced sit-and-wait anglers were enduring longer stay blanks.

Many who use that approach could do well to take a lesson from Jason who said: “I look for fish – watching for signs of movement and feeling around for gravel bars with a lead – before I put a hook in the water.

“Then when I do start I’m fairly sure I’m fishing in the right place at the right time.” Given his catch record, who can argue with that?

● MKAA’s discount does NOT apply to cut-price concession tickets for juniors, OAPs etc.

The magic of Willen

The mighty Willen north and south lakes can be dauntingly vast places to fish – but they can also be magic!

Catches of big bream totalling more than 200 lb, carp and pike into the 30s, and tench pushing towards double figures have all been caught. So, in seasons past, have legions of quality roach, rudd and perch.

On their day the north (some 60 acres) which has produced bream to 12+ so far, and the south (around 90 acres) can provide fabulous fishing.

Over the past few years the south lake has had several carp stockings, including half a tonne of double-figure fish, and thousands of small fast-growing ‘Supa-carp’ some of which are already high-doubles.

There are 30s in the north lake, too, though the species is nowhere near as prolific as in the south lake. The north is also probably the best bet for the very largest of Willen’s bream and more tranquil than the south.

It has also produced tench over 8 lbs, Floyd Edwards’ 30-0-0 pike pictured right (MKAA best of season 08/09) 3 lb rudd and perch on the 4 lb mark.

And don’t be put off by a big blow. If you take the punishment then fishing into the wind off the east bank can be very productive.



And there’s Lodge

It can give you a net-full of roach or a thumping great carp. Then again it might be slab-sized bream or hard fighting tench.

On other days it can be hordes of gudgeon, big perch or a big crucian. Lodge can also be a cracking match venue, specci water or a simple fun fishery – its heaviest match-weight so far is 27 carp AND 25 bream for 142 lbs!

An all-weather water, it has produced many carp topping 20 in the depths of winter.

Fish it in winter off the H4 bank and you could be in for some superb action.

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 ‘Wilderness’ pegs backing onto the badminton centre.



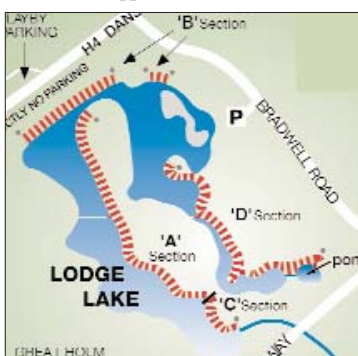
Above: Simon Ryan pictured with a typical 20-7-0 carp caught from Willen South last summer.



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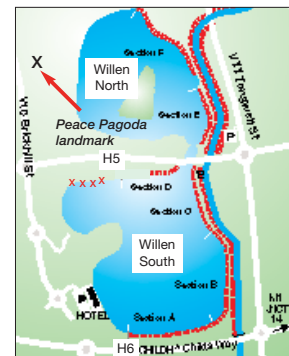
REMEMBER:
close season (March 15 to June 15 inclusive) on Lodge Lake.
NO swimming in MKAA waters at any time, and for safety no junior night fishing unless accompanied by an adult.

Two rods only and traditional close season applies



Above: James Axten getting to grips with a 24-8 Lodge mirror and, right, S Coles with a nice bream from the venue.

If you are emailing/sending in pictures please make sure you include the full name of the angler pictured and your own name and phone number so that we can check the details if we need to. Thanks.



...IN AND AROUND...

Emberton

Emberton Park is set in a world of its own with barrier controlled access, water-side access road right round the inside of the 'park (please stick to the surfaced car parks, especially in wet weather) and an atmosphere, normally, of peace and tranquillity are all part of the picture.

The four lakes (open all year) hold some fair stocks of most common species with carp going up into the 30s, bream close to double figures and tench which have even been known to feed furiously during January snow storms.

Until last summer a 9-6-0 Emberton tench held top spot in MKAA's record list.

The 'park river - and the backwater over by the town bridge in times of winter flood - are deservedly popular and subject to the statutory March 15/June 15 close season.



An MKAA season ticket allows you free day-time fishing (no night fishing) and you have to pay for car access: £3.50 a day April to October, £2 a day Oct to March.

A season pass (£45 for a full year) is available and the £15 Oct to March version is great value. You can use three rods on the big lakes.

● **Left: Olney teenager Jack Moroney with a 21-4 Emberton pike and, above, Steve Woodley up from Watford for this fine 24-6 mirror caught in April on plastic corn fished two rods out.**

The late spring also saw father and son duo Peter and Steve McCabe having a ball with the Park's Grebe Lake carp - landing more than a score of 20s between them in only a few weeks of afternoon sessions.

Steve's best was a 27-0-0 mirror and in one session he had fish of 23lb, 22-12, 22 and 14lb. Pete's biggest went 24lb. Spicy prawn and shrimp boilies accounted for most of their fish.



Wappenham Water

New ticket price reduction for MKAA members

Wappenham Water holds a superb head of carp, roach, perch, bream, tench and some crucians, too...

The carp range from a couple of pounds up to 20 - possibly slightly larger - and, like the idea or not, it also holds a fair head of barbel and chub - both species going well over 5 lbs - plus crucians, big bream, tench, orfe, and perch to 4 lb.

Around 40 lbs of roach...some averaging a pound apiece is not out of the question and a flurry of carp can boost those weights significantly further.

It's around 3.5 acres, depths vary from 3 feet to 15 or so, and there are 20 superbly built comfortable concrete pegs and a car park just 50 yards from the water. And it is in a peaceful rural location.

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

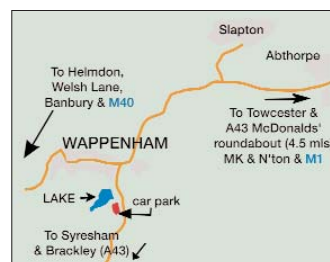
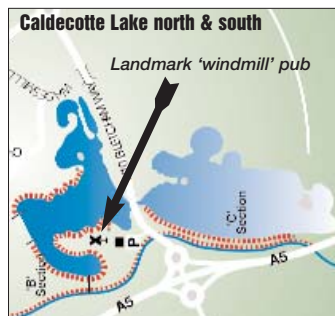
Day tickets: MKAA members

May 1 to Oct 30: Adult (aged 17 or over) £4.50, concessions (rod licence proof) £4.00, evenings (after 4pm) £3.50.
Nov 1 to April 30: £4.00 all categories.

Day tickets: Non-MKAA members

May 1 to Oct 30: Adult (aged 17 or over) £6.50, concessions (rod licence proof) £5.50, evenings (after 4pm) £4.50.
Nov 1 to April 30: £4.50 all categories.

To book matches call 01908 270000/222468



Wappenham Water

Inset above: Peter O'Toole with typical Wappenham small carp

...and Caldecotte

Tench and bream into double figures, carp to the very high 30s, big pike, perch, roach and hybrids, 90 acre Caldecotte Lake has the lot.

Fish spotters have been rewarded with some outstanding catches. On the right day 100 lb+ of big slabs is not out of the question...and there were several such catches this spring.

Average depths are around 12 feet and the fish are often right under your feet. It has produced MKAA's roach (3-0-0) and pike (30-4-0) records.

To find it look for the windmill on top of the lakeside pub at the south end of the A5 dual carriageway.

● In recent years the EA has spent £15,000 on fish breeding areas to boost overall stocks, and MKAA has added two fast-growing 'Supa-carp'.



Above: Floyd Edwards with 9-13-0 Caldecotte bream

Snap up £100 prize!

YOU are in with a chance of winning £100 if you submit a picture of your - or someone else's - catch or fishing memory, to MKAA.

It doesn't have to be a huge fish, a massive bag or even include a fish...just a good picture helping illustrate the magic of our sport and what it has to offer.

Some call it 'critical moment' photography - capturing that special moment which brings a picture to life...transforming it into something special.

RULES:

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

2) Submit it with FULL name, address, telephone number, and detail contents, within FOUR weeks of it 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.

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

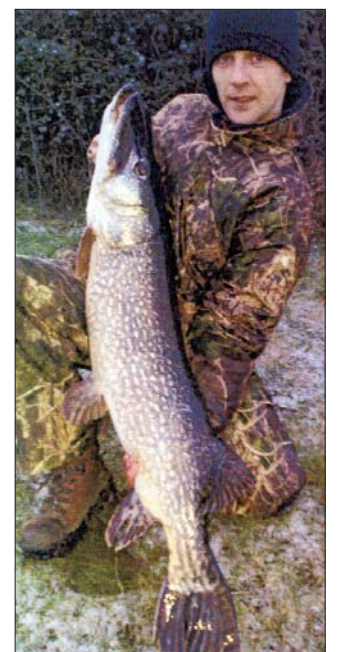
You can also email electronic files (decent size JPEG format is best) to MKAA at:

info@mkaa.co.uk if using digital...but please send full-size files and a phone number.

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

This year's winner is Dave Cooper's picture of JomPaul Lawrence with a 29-4-0 Willen pike.

A fine picture showing the fish to advantage without making the captor's fingers look like bananas! Can you do as well?



Find out more? Call 01908 270000/660579 or 01865 890090

These waters offer something for everyone - be they specci-folk, match people, beginners or leisure anglers, and...

Tiny Tear Drops can mean **BIG** fish

Barely two-acres apiece – but the Tear Drops hold some mighty fish! Carp into the mid 20s are 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 winter 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, while number 2 holds lots of bream. Tench to 6 lb can turn up in any of them.

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



● Above: it is by no means the largest carp from Tear Drops, but Joshua Weeks caught this 12 pounder from number 1 using breadflake on top – his first surface fish and on his first visit to the venue – on a rod he'd had for his 13th birthday the day before.

Dad Roger said: "He'd just cast the bait out when the fish came up and took it. He had a 22lb from Bradwell lake last year."

Among the larger lumps caught from Tear Drops in the past year, James Gibb had a 23-5 and Neil Richardson a 20-15.



Above: Caley Starkey with nice TD roach.



Lawrence Greenhood with part of a 36lb late springtime bream catch from the Tear Drops.



TWO rods ONLY on the Tear Drops Open all year!

WANT to know who's responsible for what, need help or want to give your feedback?

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Festival Fantastic

Last year's Furzton festival was a monster raving success - raising a record £2,650 for Willen Hospice - and a lot of laughs along the way.

Terry Tapp set a new five hour MKAA match record in the Frank Swan Memorial open with 104-9-0 of bream followed by Eddie Ford 98-1-0 and Geoff Ringer 63-1-0. Fifth man had 43-15-0 as almost 80 entrants totalled around 800lb of fish.

The Ken Ball Memorial went to Mike Kelly with 34-0-0 ahead of Terry Lancaster 30-10-0. Alan Ford 29-7-8 and former England manager Dick Clegg 29-4-0.

Dave Edgoose scooped the match for the disabled with 14-12-0 followed by George Moore 11-7-0 and Dennis Sambridge 11-7-0.

George Hale 8-13-0 won the youth match with Josh Balodis on 8-12-8 and Tom Morettie 5-8-0.

Pairs of competitors fished for the largest fish, rather than the biggest total, in the 44 hour carp match which went to Mark Crompton and Anthony Morris with a 17-4. Simon Hopkins and Sam Caton landed a 16-4-0. The 26 entrants caught 414lb.



● Vets organiser Terry Valentine hands over the cheque to the hospice at MKAA's AGM.



● Above: Frank Swan Memorial winner Terry Tapp gets his trophy from Mrs Pauline Swan and, below, Mike Kelly, Terry Lancaster & Alan Ford with Mrs Pauline Ball.



● Organiser of the match for the disabled, Brian Sapsford, puts his catch back and, top left, festival organiser Bob Final sounds the 'off'.

FROM monster carp to chunky roach - Furzton is quite possibly MKAA's most exciting 'stillwater'...and heaving with fish of all shapes, sizes and species.

also really comes into its own as a specimen and pleasure fishery.

Other species abound there. Stillwater chub to at least 5 lb, big bream, tench to more than 8 lb, perch pushing 4 lb and mega shoals of big roach are all part of a very attractive picture.

A veterans' match last year was won with 35 lb...and 4th place went to 17-8-0 of roach on caster. And rarely



a season goes by without roach nets of 50 lbs or more being taken. There are also a few catfish, a species never officially stocked.

A strong, consistent, wind is usually a help and if you can catch it when it blowing into the hotel corner for a few days, especially in the autumn, then bites on feeder 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 48 hour British Carp Championship finals both produced total weights around the half-ton mark.

Furzton is open all year

PLEASE do NOT park in Billbrook Lane on Furzton. It's a discipline offence and can lead to a ban. Use the car park or get dropped off instead. Thanks.

Though well-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

● Some may be going grey...but the entrants in this year's world veteran's championships - held on Furzton - have to be among the best in the world!

- Left: Mick Dowsett displays his MKAA record 35-8 Furzton common caught last summer on a wet and miserable Friday evening.
- Right: Halo Buchan with a 9-1 Koi caught from Furzton. He's had plenty of 'ordinary' carp too.
- Far right: remember the days when no-one was even allowed to speak to entrants in matches? Not these days - and in internationals they even use two-way radios to dictate feeding patterns and pass on info as the French manager did in the world Vets' championships on Furzton.



Brad'll can be good, too

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

Big 5s and 6s regularly featured in catches...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 start of last year and again this spring MKAA stocked some 400 fast-growing carp - fish in the one-and-a-half to two-and-a-half pound bracket.

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 yesteryears stocking, and some rapidly growing catfish.

A 12-12-0 fell to Mike Sando last year while he was tenching...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 footbridge 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.

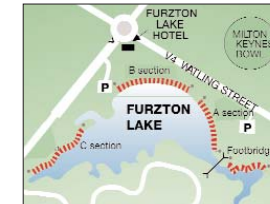
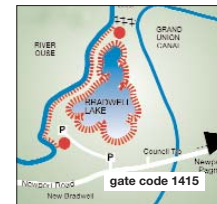
Including purchase, the complex has cost more than



£170,000...over £100,000 of which has come from lottery and EA grants.

● Above is MKAA's 9-10 record tench caught by Matt Hodges from Bradwell last spring.

Over several sessions he also had an 8-10 and 18 others from 2 to 6lb...plus 92 bream...the biggest being 10-6 and 9-14, with eight more 9s and "lots" between 7 and 8lb plus two carp about 4lb each, totalling 115 fish - 84 in one session. "But the biggest surprise was a 19lb catfish. All were caught on a Stonez weight fished with method groundbait around it. I used a short Steamlink hooklink with a size 10 or 12 hook and shrink tube to kink the hook over."



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47 Newport Rd, **New Bradwell, MK13 0AQ**
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Lake) 01908 225353

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4 Castle Street, **BUCKINGHAM**
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KETTERING NN16 8RU 01536 514509

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Wolverton, MK12 5JN
01908 313158

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01582 453542 Fax 01582 735740
& www.leslies-luton.co.uk

Sportsmans Lodge

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Northampton
NN2 6EZ
01604 713399

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19 Neartown Gardens, **Olney**
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Jakeman's Sports & Tackle

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Aylesbury HP20 2PZ
01296 486613

Carpin Capers

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Northampton NN1 3RL
01604 634115

J & K TACKLE

62/64 Sheep Street
BICESTER OX26 6LG
01869 242589

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		11/10 ALL 700-1300	
02/08/09	B+C 0700-1400	14/10	ALL 0800-1400
FURZTON LAKE		25/10	ALL 0730-1530
02/08/09	A+B+C 0700-1400	08/11	ALL 0800-1600
16/08	B0 900-1400	15/11	ALL 0800-1400
16/08	C 0700-1300	22/11	ALL ALL DAY
31/08	ALL ALL DAY	02/12	ALL 0800-1400
01/09	ALL ALL DAY	05/12	ALL 0800-1600
02/09	ALL ALL DAY	20/12	ALL 0700-1500
03/09	ALL ALL DAY	01/01/10	ALL 1000-1500
04/09	ALL ALL DAY	03/01	ALL 0900-1400
05/09	ALL ALL DAY	10/01	ALL 0800-1600
06/09	ALL ALL DAY	24/01	ALL 0800-1600
20/09	A+B 0900-1600	31/01	ALL ALL DAY
20/09	C 0600-1400	07/02	ALL 0800-1600
27/09	A+B 0800-1300	10/02	ALL 0800-1400
30/09	A+B 0700-1300	21/02	ALL 0800-1600
25/11	9A+B 0700-1300	28/02	ALL 0900-1400
		07/03	ALL 0730-1500
		10/03	ALL 0800-1400
		13/03	ALL 0800-1600

BRADWELL LAKE	
26/08/09	ALL 0700-1300
06/09	A+B 0800-1400

TEARDROPS LAKES	
09/08/09	1 0800-1400
09/08	4 0600-1400
16/08	1+2+4 0700-1400
10/09	4 1730-2000
20/09	1 0800-1400
11/10	4 0800-1300
18/11	1+2 0700-1300
21/03/10	2 0900-1400

LODGE LAKE	
08/08/09	A+C 1200-1800
16/08	ALL 0700-1400
23/08	A+C 0700-1500
06/09	A 0730-1430
06/09	C 0700-1500
06/09	D 0600-1400
13/09	ALL 0800-1400
16/09	ALL 0700-1300
20/09	A+C 0900-1400
04/10	ALL 0700-1500

WAPPENHAM LAKE	
08/11/09	ALL 0900-1500

O/U OUZEL	
01/11/09	ALL 0800-1400
15/11	ALL 0600-1500
29/11	ALL 0730-1530
14/03/10	ALL 0800-1400

WILLEN OUZEL	
21/02/10	ALL ALL DAY

RAVENSTONE MILL	
07/02/10	ALL 0900-1500

STONE PARK	
04/10/09	ALL 0800-1400
18/10	ALL 0700-1500
25/10	ALL 0700-1500
08/11	ALL 0700-1500
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22/11	ALL 0900-1400
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07/03	ALL ALL DAY

WHITINGS FARM	
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07/03	ALL ALL DAY

TOOMBES MEADOW	
03/10/09	ALL 1200-1800

JEAN HOLLANDS	
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30/08	2B-3B 0700-1300
30/08	14A-15A 0800-1400
03/09	3B 1730-2000
09/09	2A+2B 0700-1300
20/09	1B 0700-1300
26/09	14B+15A 1200-1800
03/10	4B-11B ALL DAY
07/10	15A+15B 0700-1300
11/10	5A+5B 0600-1400
24/10	1B 1300-1600
25/10	11A 0900-1400
08/11	3A 0730-1500
28/11	1B 1300-1600
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21/02	12A-15B 0800-1500
28/02	1A+1B ALL DAY
25/04	1A-2B 0700-1400
09/05	3A-4B 0700-1400
23/05	7A-8B 0700-1400
06/06	10A-11B 0700-1400

Get some fun with the Vets

■ If you like to fish with like-minded folk who share a few laffs with their mates, and you are 'of an age' (55 or over) then the Vets is for you
The 'Vets' is a self-perpetuating series of Wednesday morning matches taking in canals, rivers and lakes – they go anywhere any time of year whatever the weather: doing their own thing while having a good crack and a bit of banter with cronies. Match

entry costs are minimal 'cos it is all just for fun.
The best-supported series on the local match scene by a long way, it regularly attracts 35 to 40 people a week from a pool of 70 or more.
Another positive aspect is that, being in a group enhances personal security.
● Find out more from leader of the pack Terry Valentine on 01908 565446.

...and for younger people

■ MKAA has been building up its youth development and competitive youth team activities for a score of years.
The aim is to encourage youngsters to come into the sport and help them learn how to fish properly and to get the most out of it.
And the association is grateful for the help and support of its partner organisations – including the Environment Agency, MK Parks Trust, local tackle shops, British Waterways and the Angling Trust...and especially the dedicated coaches giving up their time and their own fishing, to make it all happen.
Teach-ins come-and-try sessions, fun matches, team events around the country, national championships, and coaching for the disabled of all ages, are all part the scene.
Anyone wanting to know more about what is provided – or how they can do their bit to help – should contact youth development officer Nuala Gray on MK 320007, youth team manager Ian Greenhood on MK 503587 or officer for the disabled Larry Harris on MK 675766.
MKAA's youth teams have a good competitive record and won last year's British Waterways Championship at Tring, among other things.
■ Want to know more about fishery access for the disabled, or have ideas for improving it? Call access officer Mike Newman MK 608446.

Fishing for the camera can be a pain

By MKAA chairman Trevor 'another fine mess' Johnson

TAKE it from me...trying to fish for the camera can bring a whole raft of problems and is probably best avoided.
Skipping over why us, Mike Sando and I were trying to bag tent to order at Bradwell for a BBC tv crew.
It was all about trying to use a supermarket luncheon meat we all agreed tasted too horrible for human consumption – and Mike and I have eaten most things in 30 odd years fishing together!
The crew turned up 90 minutes late (typical) and, having caught nowt before they arrived, we set to hoping the stuff would work.
Two hours ticked by and us middle-aged guys were

experiencing severe water pressure problems as, with two ladies in the crew, bankside relief was a no go.
With our failing to get so much as a bite, the crew packed and started up the bank – until Mike (in the cap, below) got an almighty bend in his rod and they dashed back to film me netting his 6-2-0 tench...followed by another half hour of congratulations and chit chat.
As the Beeb finally headed for London, two screamingly-desperate old geezers rampaged into the bushes like charging rhinos!
Fishing for the camera? Think twice about it if you're asked.



CODE OF PRACTICE

ANGLERS PLEASE:

- Catapulting groundbait is BANNED opposite boats at Boatyard
- DON'T loose feed decks hulls with groundbait, it can cause paint damage. Use pole cup if you must feed close to boats.
- 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

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!

ANGLERS AND BOATERS

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

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.

...YOUR SUPPORT HELPS...

The Tove & the Ouzel

Tiny rivers with really **BIG** fish

Small in size...but big on fish, that's these little rivers – both Great Ouse tributaries.

They offer year-round sport with everything from gudgeon to carp with fish worthy of far larger rivers.

They can turn out roach to 2 lb, 7 lb bream, perch of 4 – or perhaps more – chub pushing towards 6, and pike on the 20 mark.

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

On the **TOVE** MKAA has 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.

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.

A Royal Mail winter match season before last behind the OU saw weights of 20-8-0, 18-12-0 and 15-8.

Travel light – a bike helps cover more swims in a day – and have fun!



Oh WHAT a lovely pair!

Some people wait a lifetime for a 2 lb roach...and then two come along at once.

Brian Bowron fished the Ouzel in the Woolstone Willen area and, trotting caster under a stickfloat, had redfins of 2-2-0 and 2-6-0 last winter.

Oh what a brilliant catch! And, as the smile on his face shows, he was over the moon.

This picture also got him a spot in the Angling Times, just for good measure.

He said: "I just couldn't believe it when I had the first one, then I had the second and I was in heaven..."

Talking CAN lead to a better future



It may look like just another talking shop, but the UOFCA meeting pictured above is making a decision which could help shape future sport on the Ouse.

The Upper Ouse Fisheries Consultative Association includes most clubs with interests on the Ouse and its tributaries above Bedford, and meets regularly with Environment Agency decision-makers.

On this occasion the very hot topic was the predation by (legally protected) otters on the river's small population of huge barbel.

As a result UOFCA has given £500 – matched by MKAA – to help fund a

£15,000 per annum three year Hull University research project intended to help: convince the government there are some areas where otters shouldn't have free-rein, and to come up with practical ways to encourage barbel spawning and survival in the river.

The latter may also benefit chub populations in the Ouse, Tove, Ouzel and Ivel.

In recent years UOFCA has also been instrumental in launching a study of roach populations – and how they can be increased – and been in the vanguard of a campaign, which looks set to help bring about a change in the law, against fish theft among other things.

Not bad for a 'talking shop' founded less than five years back.

Trying a different angle...

YES, you CAN catch chub and perch on spinner (not to mention the odd carp, bream and tench in early summer).

And Steve Wells proved the point in fine style when he took his home-made 2 inch silver spoon for a dip on the Ouse at Stone Park.

A fine September afternoon saw him land a chub of just over 4lb and a 3-4-0 perch. Mr Crabtree would have been proud of the lad.



Hooked firmly inside the mouth

Trout fishing?
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Grange
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at Ringstead in
East Northants

DANGER OF DEATH!

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!

So **DON'T** fish any closer than 30 metres (33 yards) to ANY cable.

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

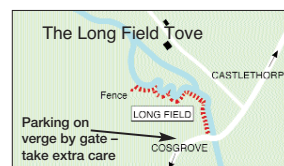


PLEASE: remember: It's better to be biteless than life-less!

Trophy winners at the 2009 MKAA AGM



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



...ALL THE WORK THAT MKAA...



Harrold Ouse & the Ivel

MKAA season ticket-holders have access to about three-quarters of a mile of the Biggleswade Ivel at Manor Farm courtesy of an arrangement with CEMEX Angling.

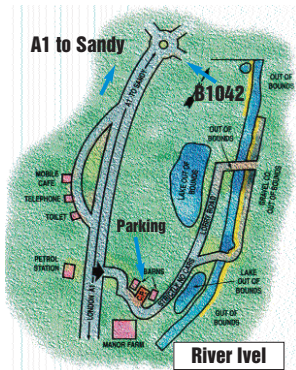
It has a fair flow with chub, roach, dace and bream and is not unlike natural bank sections of the local River Ouzel.

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.

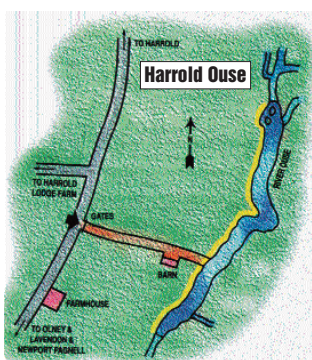
- Night fishing is NOT allowed on either venue.

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.**

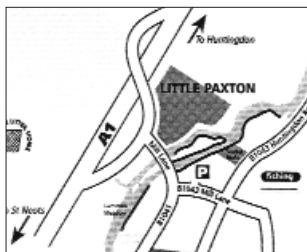


...and more on the Ouse, too



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

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



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.



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. Courtesy of Shefford & District.

Old Father Thames (& others)

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

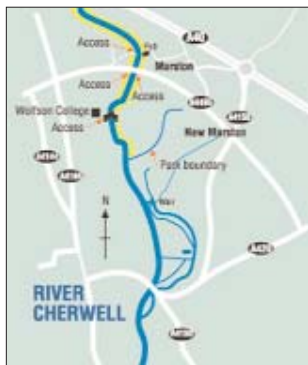
But please be on your best behaviour. These waters are made available to **MKAA members courtesy of North Oxford Angling Society and MUST be treated with the UTMOST RESPECT.**

- The Thames, Cherwell, Seacourt Stream and even the Oxford Canal have characters of their own, and 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 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; 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 ODA 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 (approx 3.5 miles)

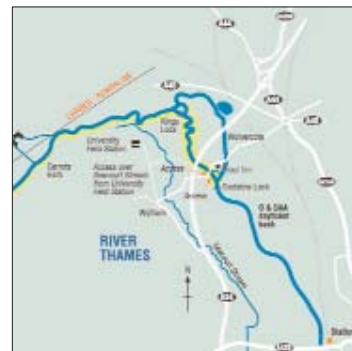
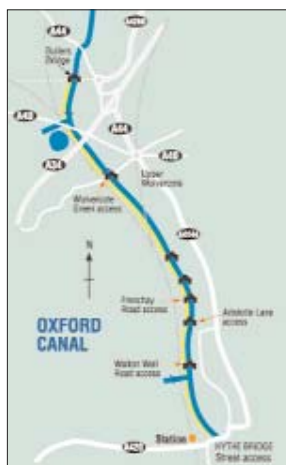
Access from Wolvercote to Wytham Village road bridge (see OS map). East bank: NO fishing opposite far bank houses (south side of bridge) and NO fishing in first

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.



Farmhouse Bed & Breakfast
Lincoln Lodge (on the Tove just north of Milton Keynes)
01908 510152

For more about MKAA, its waters & how to join, call: Trevor Johnson 01908 270000, Stuart Pemberton 01908 660579 or Bob Final 01865 890090

Tickets: £33 standard season (£25 from secs of affiliated clubs). Juniors £16 (£12). Reg disabled, senior citizens £17 (£13)

Daytickets: on the bank: £5 (£2.50 for concessions) midnight to midnight

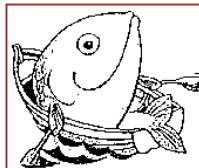
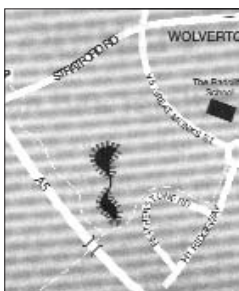
Write to: MKAA, PO Box 3195, Milton Keynes, MK3 6ZY or...go to our website - www.mkaa.co.uk - where you can join on-line at no extra cost.

Wolverton Mill

MKAA's Wolverton Mill fishery is two tiny storm water lakes with barely a dozen pegs between them.

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. Traditional close season – March 15 to June 15 inclusive – applies.



SEAHAWK SUPPLIES

Open till 7 pm Fridays - closed Mondays

TACKLE & bait: Drennan, ABU, Berkly, Leeda, Kamasan, Waterline, ESP, Dynamite Baits, Gardner, Sensas, Nutrabaits, Richworth, Archie Braddock, etc.

PERMITS: MKAA, Winslow, Leighton Buzzard, Bicester.

also: **Trophies & engraving plus CYCLES & accessories**

BREWERY HOUSE - 4 CASTLE STREET - MK18 1BS

BUCKINGHAM - 01280 817807

Big fish on the Ouse



Judging by the past few seasons...it won't be long before MKAA's Ouse around Wolverton and New Bradwell gives up its first recorded 8+ chub!

In seemingly no time at all hopes of 6s have been replaced by expectations of several 7s a year – with the magic 8 now always on the cards.

Curling around Stony Stratford, New Bradwell and 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) and behind Bradwell Lake can, on their day, produce sport

Mr Crabtree would have lusted after.

Barbel, introduced by MKAA well over a decade ago, have flourished and Wolverton Mill/Whittings, have produced them up to 19-4. Most sections are better known for their 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 7-12-0 – also has big whiskers and can occasionally produce good roach nets along with some nice-sized dace.

Pike are present all the way through and can make 20 lb, while there are big fat perch to 4+ and hefty river bream.

Above: this picture of Neil Coleman with chub may not be the best...but the fish did go 7-3-0. Neil had it on trotted caster, along with a 4-14-0, in an LBC match which he won.

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.

and Ravenstone

Ravenstone Mill is a superb big barbel fishery with fish to 17 lb-ish reported...and it's a fair bet there are larger ones yet to be caught.

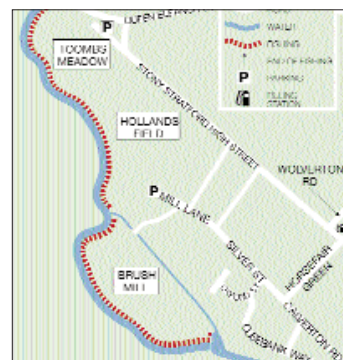
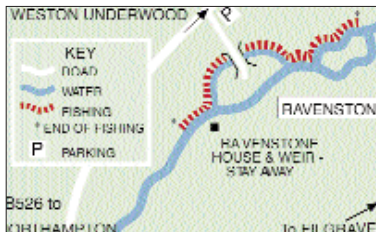
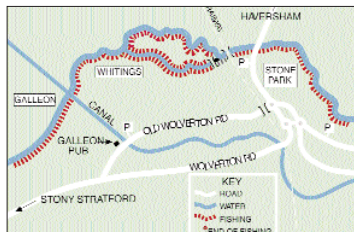
There are also good chub, certainly into the sixes, bream, monster pike, dace and fine perch.

Downstream of the weir the river is fast and streamy (great for walking and stalking) while the deeper water upstream can yield big carp washed out of river-side lakes.

Like most of the Ouse it can be rather

weedy in summer, but forcing your way through the vegetation and casting between the weeds works!

Watch out for undercut banks and, if in the water, sudden drop offs into unexpectedly deep holes. If you haven't been before it is well worth a try.



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RICHARD Lattimer had a historic win – topping the last NFA Division 1 National Championship held before that body disappeared into The Angling Trust.

Drawn on an end peg on the King Sedgemoor Drain he was virtually fishless for two hours...but went on to land 18 bream for 31.820 kilo (70 pounds) beating the runner-up by more than 20 lbs.

And the 10 man Milton Keynes AA team, of which he's vice-captain, finished 12th out of 63 teams in a match spread out over 12 miles of Somerset's River Huntspill and King Sedgemoor Drain.

Richard (pictured) now has an enviable set of golds: the Division 1 individual (plus a section winner's medal) plus a team gold from the day when MKAA won the Division 2 – and promotion on the Stainsforth and Keadby back in 1990.

Two hours into the Div 1 he spotted a bream roll. "I went straight back on the feeder and caught a fish first cast. I kept getting bites from then on, and in one spell I must have had 20 lbs in 20 minutes.

"The river came up a couple of feet during the match – rising over my feet at one stage – and I had to keep stopping and moving my kit back up the bank."

Richard apart, the full MKAA line-up included: Phil Wintle, Gary Underwood, Simon Cordingley, Dave Martin, Mark Morgan, Gary Jones, John Kent, Phil Bardell and Steve Roe.



■ On the same day MKAA's **James Drakulic** won the National Junior Angling Association Intermediate 'National' in appalling conditions on the Kennett & Avon Canal with 5.63 kilos.

■ **Terry Lancaster** (pictured left) now has something few other MK coarse anglers can match – a world championship silver!

One of four in the England team fishing July's World Veterans Championships on Furzton, his squad collected the silvers with France taking gold and Hungary bronze.

Once dubbed Golden Hand for his open circuit successes, he was 12th overall in the two-day event, finishing 2nd in section one day and 4th the next.

South Africa's side had to be admired. Self-funded to the tune of £27,000 (no sponsors) they won their first-ever world medal, an individual bronze, after years of trying.



OBITUARY Sadly, a good friend to MKAA, former Luton tackle dealer Joe Dumpleton, passed away this year aged 73. He leaves a widow and extended family, and was known for his willingness to do deals, his innovative approach, regular tackle stand appearances at NFA nationals, and help for juniors.



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