

# Kelvedon & District Angling Association



20 lb Marney common carp



36lb of Blackwater dace



5lb plus Back Pit tench

9 STILL WATERS  
STRETCHES ON 3 RIVERS  
3 NIGHT FISHING WATERS  
WINTER ONLY RIVER PERMIT  
OPEN 12 MONTHS  
UNCROWDED WATERS  
EASILY ACCESSIBLE FROM A12  
SPECIMEN FISHING  
MATCH FISHING  
GENERAL PLEASURE FISHING  
GUEST TICKETS

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## HISTORY AND AIMS OF THE KDAA

The Kelvedon and District Angling Association was formed in 1948 to cultivate social feeling, to promote the principles of fair angling and to protect the waters in this district. The Club boasts over eight miles of beautiful rivers and twelve still waters.

The Club aims to provide fishing to suit all types of anglers with no single area dominating. Good quality fishing is achieved by constant monitoring of the waters and fish stock levels by our fishery officers and the Environmental Agency, and restocking when and where necessary.

We are affiliated to the Essex Angling Consultative Association and the ACA and are active in maintaining our waters to the benefit of anglers and the flora and fauna alike.

All our waters are within an thirteen mile radius of Kelvedon off the A12. We draw our membership both locally and as far afield as outer east London and south Essex, where journey times to our waters can be less than an hour.

### RIVERS

#### Blackwater

The KDAA controls over six miles of this beautiful un-spoilt river with large bags coming to anglers fishing for pleasure or in matches. The stretches are located between Stisted and Witham. All river species are in evidence with chub to over 4lbs throughout the river and large shoals of dace concentrating in many of the stretches. The KDAA owns a stretch at Kelvedon that contains roach and perch in excess of 2lbs.

#### Suffolk Stour

The KDAA controls a stretch of this famous river between Dedham and Stratford St Mary. Roach, dace, chub, bream and pike provide the sport in this beautiful part of the county.

#### Colne

A 3/4 mile stretch between Earls Colne and Colne Engaine. The main species are roach, dace, chub and surprisingly large numbers of perch. Bags of good sized roach are a particular feature of this stretch. Members have also been surprised to hook one of the resident trout. The river twists and turns along this stretch with shallows, deeper runs, undercuts under trees and many other interesting features. In short, the ideal fish holding stretch.



### STILL WATERS

#### Silver End Pits

The KDAA's foresight in purchasing the Front Pit has guaranteed its members quality fishing for the future. This mature 2 acre gravel pit has been developed into an excellent general fishery with large shoals of rudd, roach, bream, perch and crucian carp. Early season tench fishing can be spectacular with good bags and individual fish to over 7lbs. Double figure carp are present in large numbers with a fish breaking the 25lb barrier. Other fish of note are pike in excess of 20lbs and eels to over 5lbs. To cater for disabled anglers, three purpose built concrete platforms are located next to the car park.

The Back Pit lies adjacent to the Front and has been developed as a specimen fishery. Most species are present to specimen size with roach and rudd to over 2lbs and tench and bream to over 9lbs. Carp are the main quarry for anglers in this very rich fishery with many fish in excess of 20lbs and some over the 35lb barrier. Very large pike are also present which have been caught in excess of 25lbs. The early season tench fishing can be truly spectacular. The average size is high with bags usually made up with fish in the 4lb to 6lb range. Large bream are also present with a match won in 2001 with a bag of 132lb.

Night fishing allowed. Access to car parks and the pits via a locked gate. Only 5 minutes from the Rivenhall, Witham exit on the A12.

#### Layer Marney Reservoirs

This three reservoir complex at Layer Marney has seen an infusion of fish in recent years as part of the club's policy to create a good general fishery. The fish have thrived in these very fertile waters and now offer match and pleasure anglers consistently good sport throughout the season. Roach, rudd, crucian carp, skimmer bream, tench, common and mirror carp are present. The third reservoir has a very high carp stock rate with two recent new stockings, totaling 33lbs/swim, of fish between 1lb and 3lb. This is in addition to the original heavy stocking. Three very good waters where double figure bags are common and the larger carp that run to over 20lbs regularly test light tackle to its limits. Only 20 minutes from Kelvedon off the A12.

### **Tiptree Reservoir**

A general fishery occupying a sheltered position in a wood. Holds a good head of roach, rudd, crucian carp, tench, perch, mirror and common carp and catfish to high double figures. Access via a locked gate. 15 minutes from Kelvedon off the A12.

### **Seabrooks Reservoir, Lt Leighs**

A well established water, located in Lt Leighs just outside of Chelmsford, of over five acres containing common, mirror and crucian carp, roach, rudd and tench. The large head of carp in the low double range make the water a relatively "easy" carp water with chance to catch one of the elusive twenties. Surface fishing for carp is a productive and exciting meat, sweetcorn, pellet and paste will tempt the smaller carp and larger roach and rudd. Maggots will catch small roach and rudd. Casters fished over hemp in the late autumn can result in bags of the larger roach. A very popular fishery. Night fishing is allowed. Access to car park and water via locked gate. Located off the new A130/A131.

### **Shemmings Pond, Easthorpe**

If you are looking for a quiet days pleasure fishing, then this is the venue for you. A very under-fished water with fish of most species present, including roach, tench, crucian carp and double figure carp. 20 minutes from Kelvedon off the A12.

### **Hunts Farm Reservoir, Tollesbury**

A small reservoir, located by the sea wall at Tollesbury, fishable by a maximum of twelve anglers. This delightful little water contains some beautiful rudd, crucian carp, tench, mirror/common carp and perch. The perch have been caught in excess of 4lbs, as reported in Angler's Mail. Access via a locked gate. 30 minutes from Kelvedon off the A12.



### **Match Angling**

The KDAA runs senior and junior matches throughout the season on a variety of waters. The dates and venues are printed in the club membership handbook and all members are welcome to fish. The club also fish teams in the Essex Inter Club League and the Essex Winter League.

### **Junior "Teach Ins"**

Junior "Teach Ins" are held during the year to help juniors learn our sport in a non-competitive environment.

### **Night Fishing**

The KDAA provides night fishing on six still waters (Silver End Pits and Seabrooks Reservoir) for the payment of a single reasonably priced night fishing permit.

### **Limited Membership**

To ensure uncrowded waters the KDAA operates a limited membership policy. Once the membership numbers reach a level that provides the budgeted income no more members are accepted. Existing members are guaranteed continued membership if they rejoin before the end of April. Members may purchase Guest tickets.

### **Year Round Fishing**

All KDAA stillwaters are open all year round. The membership season runs from the 15 March to the 14th March in the following year. A winter only membership is available to fish the rivers.

### **Visit our web site**

For more details of our waters, including maps, catches, rules etc. please visit our web site at [www.kdaa.co.uk](http://www.kdaa.co.uk). An application form can also be downloaded. Our web site is a good method of keeping up to date with the latest KDAA information such as matches, working parties, fish stocking etc. It is also another method of keeping in contact with the committee and officials for queries or reporting catches.

### **Joining**

You can join the KDAA by sending the an application form, photographs and cheque to the Membership Secretary. Please include a stamp for the return postage. Alternatively you can join at any of our agents listed on the application form. Please request an application form from our Agent if one is not inside this brochure.

A membership card and handbook providing details of the waters, rules and maps will be provided.

For further information, contact the Membership Secretary on 07952 058389



# Catches from KDAA waters



Another bream in 132lb match bag



Silver End Back Pit monster



8lb plus tench



Blackwater chub caught on cheese



Young Robert's 19lb Mirror carp



John is pleased with his 23lb Pike