

Wellingborough & District
Nene Angling Club



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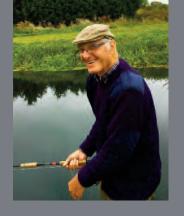
Welcome

In this Handbook you will find details of all our club waters — comprising 12 Lakes, 5 miles of Canal and 6 miles of River including a stretch of the Ouse and Ise.

Whatever your fishing style we have the venue.

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Hello, Welcome to our fishing club, we are approaching our 150th anniversary and going from strength to strength

We offer a wide variety of fishing opportunities of the highest quality whether you employ general course fishing tactics or a more specialised approach.

Our club has something to suit you and at what we think is outstanding value for money.

For 2017 the club is intending to offer coaching. So keep yourself up to date via the website or tackle shop notices.

Club waters are a haven for wildlife and the club does its utmost to maintain and manage its fisheries to promote and encourage wildlife and so enhance the fishing experiences of all our members.

Enjoy your fishing.

Brian Crowhurst Chaiman

- ✓ Night Fishing Permit required.
- **S** Specimen Fish Venue.



OFF ROAD PARKING

(BARKERS & BRIGHTWELLS)

NIGHT FISHING

NO NIGHT FISHING

(MILL COTTON)



Mill Cotton **SNAKE LAKE**

Mill Cotton Fishery is our purpose-built commercial type venue. Comprising two separate lakes, both with island features.

These waters have been extensively stocked with a selection of coarse fish. The larger lake contains a variety of carp species and silver fish including barbel. The smaller lake is a mixed

fishery. The fishery is open all year during daylight hours for the enjoyment of club members. Two toilets are installed on the site.

The catch

SNAKE LAKE



CARP (>15 lb) BREAM (> 3 lb) ROACH (> 1 lb)



Carp caught on Snake Lake



Wheel Chair Access Peg



Junior Fishing Day

Pictures left to right. Main picture: Snake Lake. Key access Carpark.

It was my first
match - Great
having a keep net
& seeing a whole
mornings catch.



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Mill Cotton DOUGHNUT

A small fun fishery with lots of fish to be caught.

An ideal place to take youngsters and beginners as bites are easy to come by and fish are of an easily manageable size. Every visit guaranteed to bring a smile.

A great spot in the summer when you can be just feet from a reed Warbler feeding its chicks.

Roach, Bream and small Carp are the main target but larger specimens have been caught including Perch to 2 lbs.



Access

RINGSTEAD FISHERY

ENTRANCE TO RINGSTEAD FISHERY IS OFF STATION ROAD.

ACCESS WITH CLUB
MEMBER KEY THROUGH
LOCKED GATE.

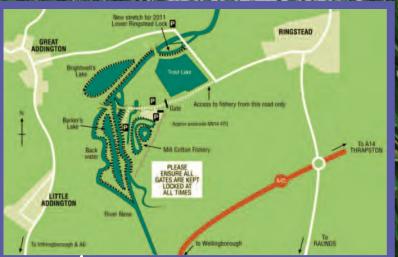
- PARK AT PEG
 (BARKERS RIVER &
 BACKBROOK)
- NIGHT FISHING PERMIT REQUIRED (BARKERS & BRIGHTWELLS)

The catch

CRUCIAN (> 2 lb)

DOUGHNUT	**
CARP (>10 lb) BREAM (> 2 lb)	TENCH (> 2 lb) PERCH (> 2 lb)





The catch

BARKERS 🚓 🔷				
CARP BREAM TENCH CRUCIAN	(>40 lb) (>15 lb) (>12 lb) N(>2.5 lb)	PERCH PIKE	(> 3 lb) (> 3 lb) (>30 lb) EN EELS	

Pictures left to right. A mornings work, The Doughnut Barkers Lake, 40lb 7oz Carp.



BRIGHTWELLS RIVER

The renowned pegs are the three or four pegs at the downstream end above the old railway bridges.

Double figure Roach catches as well as occasional specimen Rudd are caught here. Bream catches come from just below the island.

Specimen Perch are also a taraet. Pike to specimens of 30 lbs make this a popular winter venue. (s

WDNAC **Ringstead Fishery**

BRIGHTWELLS LAKE

The sister lake of Barkers.

Big Carp, Tench and Bream are the main target, good bags of Roach have also been taken.

Peaceful and guiet for a relaxing day or nights fishing. Night fishing permits are available. (s

Ringstead THE RIVER

Ringstead

caught. C

CHUB

MARINA LOCK CUT

autumn/winter venue

Bream are regularly

BACKBROOK

BREAM (> 3 lb)

BARBEL (>10 lb)

where large Roach and

A predominantly

Premier autumn/winter Roach venue.

This popular and accessible stretch is also home for a good head of huge rod bending Chub.

The club Fur and Feather match is regularly held at this venue the 2015 match had eight Roach and Perch weights into double figures. Pike well over 20 lbs are possible.



⁶⁶Ringstead River is a Float Anglers Paradise ***

Pictures left to right. Backbrook, Brightwells Lake Ringstead River, Good catch of Roach.



BACKBROOK

A picturesque backbrook of the River.

Full of natural fish holding. features drive to your peg for a great days fishing.

Traditional methods such as stick float can result in a day to remember.

Catches of Skimmers, Roach, Dace and specimen Perch up to 4.5 lbs.

Chub and Barbel can also be caught on this beautiful stretch.



MARINA LOCK

BREAM (> 3 lb) CHUB (> 4 lb)

RINGSTEAD RIVER <

PERCH (> 4 |b) BREAM (> 3 |b) (> 8 oz) CARP (>20 lb) CHUB (> 7 lb) BARBEL(> 8 lb) PIKE

(>20 lb)

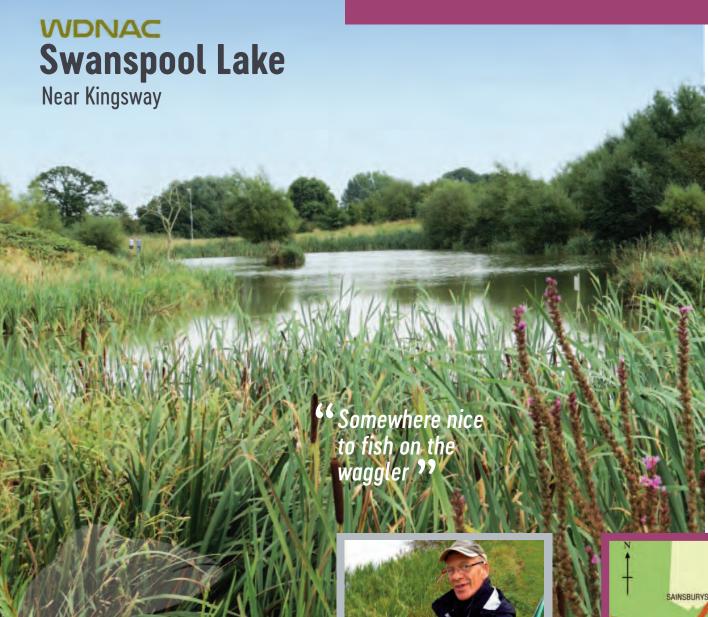
The catch

BRIGHTWELLS (>40 lb) ROACH

(>16 lb) PIKE (>30 lb) TENCH (>12 lb) **RUDD** (> 2 lb) PERCH (> 3 lb)

BRIGHTWELLS

CARP **BRFAM** (>30 lb)TENCH RUDD (> 2 lb) (> 8 lb) CHUB (> 7 lb) PERCH (> 3 lb)



SWANSPOO

BREAM

(>25 lb)

(> 3 lb)

PERCH

ROACH



SWANSPOOL LAKE

A picturesque Town Centre Lake. Easy access this small local fishery where the quality of the fishing in this shallow lake is exceptional.

Roach Skimmers and Tench are the main target. Quality Carp, Crucian and Perch are also regularly caught.

Close range easy fishing can quarantee a catch for a junior or novice in just a short session.

66Great place to take kids for a few hours fishing



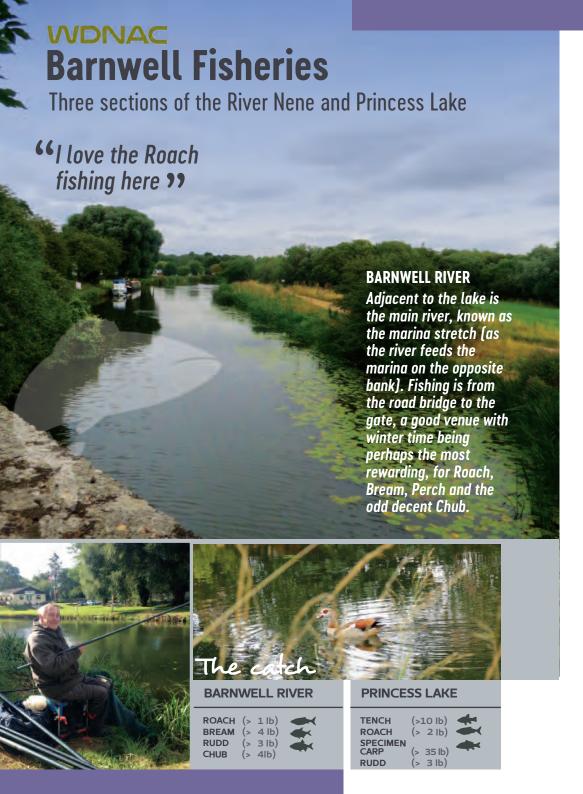
Pictures left to right. Main picture: Swanspool from both directions. Nice mixed catch.

Access

- OPEN ALL YEAR
- ACCESS VIA BOTH **ENDS OF THE LAKE**
- CHARLES ST (LIMITED PARKING)*
- MORETON AVENUE (LIMITED PARKING)*
- NO NIGHT FISHING

*Please be respectful to local residents and park considerately- Not on the





BACKBROOK

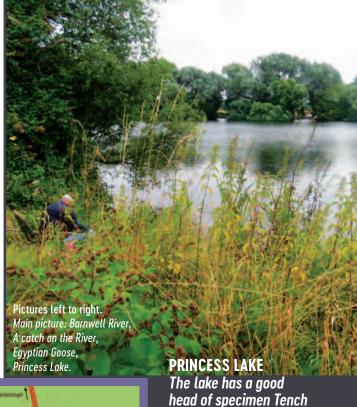
A great roving venue.

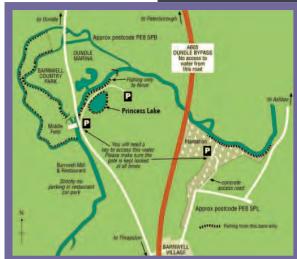
Access to both backbrooks is by foot only (see map for vehicle parking area) across the front of the Mill Restaurant, Fishing is available from inside the middle field only for both backwaters. Roach. Perch and Chub are the main quarry with fish of specimen size. S

NENE PLANTATION

Classic Nene Fishery for Roach, Perch, Bream & Chub.

Access is via the red gate (your standard club key will fit) through Barnwell village on the Ashton road, via a concrete access road A sluggish section of river with good bags of quality fish to be caught.





BACKBROOK

ROACH (> 1 lb)

PLANTATION

ROACH (> 1 lb) BREAM (> 5 lb) PERCH (> 3 lb) TENCH (> 5 lb)

Access

and Carp, Roach and

Rudd are also a target,

as with most lakes this

venue fishes better in the summer months. (s

BARNWELL FISHERY

- THRU LOCKED GATE **OPP MILL RESTAURANT.**
- PLANTATION LIMITED ACCESS: **LOCKED RED GATE** THRU BARNWELL VILLAGE ON ASHTON RD
- NIGHT FISHING 📥

WDNAC **River Great Ouse**

Harrold to Chellington. Quiet and secluded

HARROLD & CHELLINGTON

The upstream end of the stretch is known as the shallows where Chub to 7 lbs and Barbel well into double figures are the main specimens. Roach, Dace and Perch also provide a great days sport.

Access

- DIRT TRACK OFF **FELMERSHAM ROAD**
- NIGHT FISHING 6
 NO PERMIT REQUIRED
- OFF ROAD PARKING

- PARK AT THE BRIDGE
- NIGHT FISHING 🕳

ODELL



66 My favourite river to fish anywhere in the country. A good roving water ??

> The downstream section known as the deep is home to huge shoals of

from Pike. (S

Grendon **Ponds**

GRENDON

Off road parking with two great small lakes for the Carp angler.

A days float fishing for smaller Carp can be a great day's fun or target the large Carp of up to 20 lbs. s



GRENDON

The catch

HARDWATER MILL

SPECIMEN CARP

PIKE



SPECIMEN CARP

(>20 lb)

(>30 lb)

(>30 lb)

Far page top to bottom: Main picture: Chellington. Nice catch of Dace from the shallows.

Hardwater

66 Grendon is a

Carp Anglers
Paradise ***

Not called Hardwater for nothing.

A pleasant river fishery for catches of Roach, Dace and Perch. There is always the chance of a massive prize Carp from this venue. Good sport in the winter

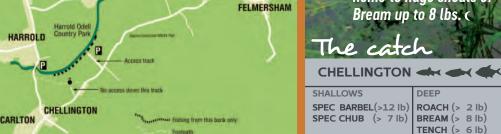
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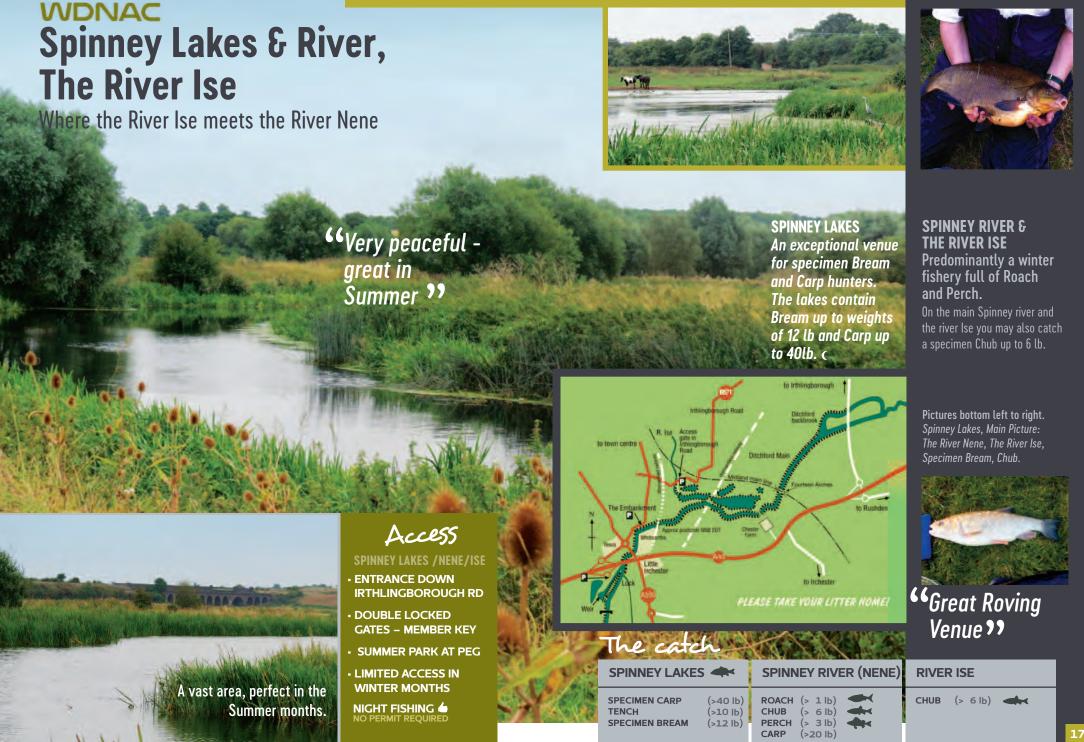
GRENDON LAKES

SECURE PARKING **ACCESS WITH CLUB KEY** - OFF WOLLASTON TO **GRENDON ROAD**

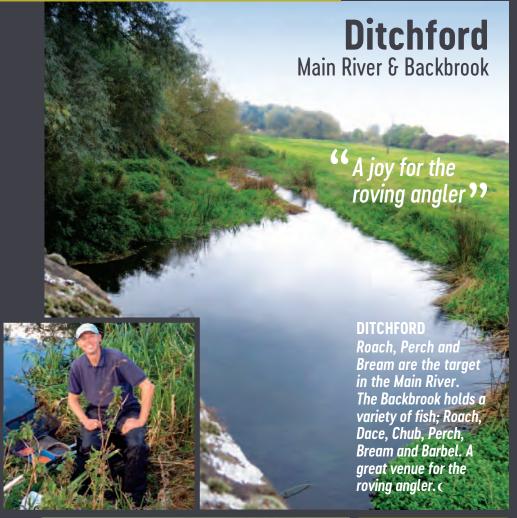
HARDWATER MILL

- PARK EITHER SIDE OF THE RIVER - AVOID **GATE ACCESS**
- NIGHT FISHING 👉









DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR NON MEMBERS-

FOR DAY TICKET HOLDERS: **FISHING PERMITTED BELOW TOP LOCK** (ABOVE A45) TO FENCE **BELOW FOOTBRIDGE**

THE EMBANKMENT

SPEC PIKE (>20 lb) PERCH (> 3 lb)



DITCHFORD River

ROACH (> 1 lb) BREAM BREAM (> 5 lb) CHUB (> 6 lb) TENCH (> 6 lb) ROACH (> 1 lb) PERCH (> 3 lb)



Access

DITCHFORD

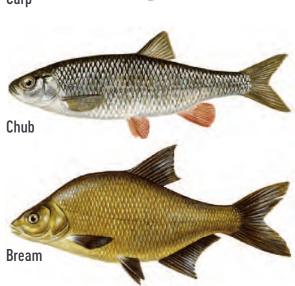
- ENTER OPPOSITE **SEWAGE WORKS**
- NIGHT FISHING &
 NO PERMIT REQUIRED
- LIMITED PARKING

Specimen Fish

Our Club waters are the home to a variety of Specimen sized fish.

Whatever your passion you're sure to find the fish of your choice somewhere on one of our club waters.





Roach. A moderately deep bodied fish with silvery white sides, dark brown or grey back with a bluish or greenish tint, red/orange eyes, large silvery scales and red lower fins, hence the nickname, 'Redfin'.

Carp. There are different variants of carp:- Common carp, Mirror carp, Leather carp, Grass carp, Ghost carp and Koi carp.

Chub. A thick set fish with a large blunt head. It has a long and cylindrical body with large greenish/brown scales that have a slight black edging across the back.

Bream. Adults are deep bodied and bronze in colour with darker, sometimes black fins. Has a prominent covering of protective slime.

WDNAC The Catch

Rudd. Body is flattened at the sides, the back is blue-green and the belly a silvery white. the dorsal fin and pectoral fins are reddish-grey and all other fins are a deep red.

Perch. Nickname 'Stripey'. The perch has a flat-sided greenish body graduating

down to a white belly. It has bright red/orange pelvic fins, two dorsal fins with five or more broad black vertical stripes down the sides.



Tench. A thick set, well rounded, dark olive green body. The scales are very tiny which give them the appearance of being scale-less.

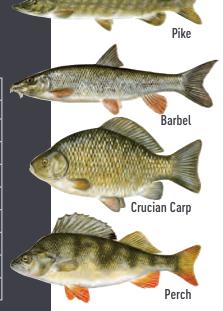
Pike. Unmistakable with its distinguished striped or spotted pattern body, large broad head, flattened snout and huge mouth full of sharp, backward facing teeth.

Barbel. Light to greenish brown with yellowish sides. The fins are darker except for the pectoral, pelvic and anal fins which are yellowish orange.

Crucian Carp. Amongst the smallest members of the family which includes other fish such as the Common Carp. The Crucian is different in that it doesn't have barbules and rarely reaches a weight above 3.3 lb.

MEMBERS CATCHES Here are some of the catches reported:

ROACH	2 lb
CARP	40 lb
СНИВ	7 lb
BREAM	16 lb
RUDD	3 lb
TENCH	12 lb
PIKE	30 lb
BARBEL	12 lb
CRUCIAN CARP	3 lb
PERCH	4 lb







The (WDNAC) Gallery showing fish caught by our members on club waters.

Send us your catches!



WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE PICTURES OF ANY SPECIMEN SIZED FISH FROM OUR CLUB WATERS.

SOME OF THE MOST LIKELY PROSPECTS **WOULD BE** AS LISTED...

40 lb 7oz Common Carp - Barkers Lake

CRUCIAN CARP > MILL COTTON > RINGSTEAD PERCH > RINGSTEAD **CHUB** > BARNWELL **RUDD** > BRIGHTWELLS RIVER **₩** PIKE

Send us photos of your catche

TARGETS

Contact Brian Dray.

ROACH

wdnac@outlook.com

> BARKERS TENCH > HARROLD **★★** BARBEL

> SWANSPOOL LAKE

20 lb 6oz Carp - Barkers Lake



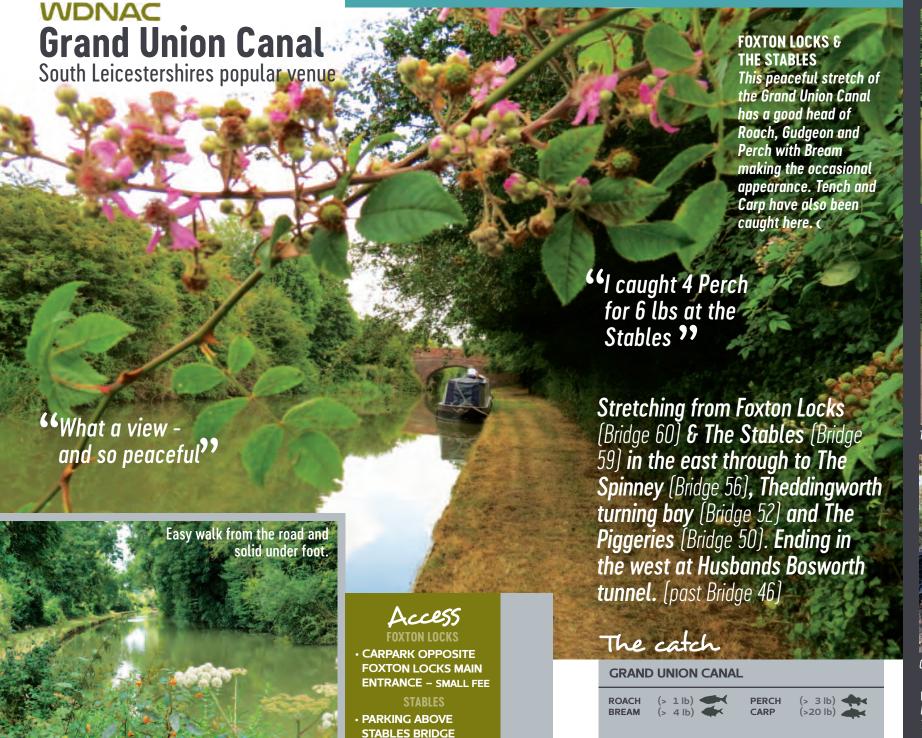
5 lb Chub -Ringstead



5 lb 8oz Tench -Brightwells Lake



20 lb 8oz Pike - Barkers Lake





Foxton Locks (Bridge 60)



The Stables. (Between Bridge 60 & 59)



and catch

Far page Main picture: The Spinney The Stables.

WDNAC Grand Union Canal

THE SPINNEY

Always so quiet and relaxing ??

Attractive venue, a haven for local wildlife which can be observed whilst quietly fishing.

Fishing using breadpunch or maggots can produce nice catches of Roach. Perch to 2 pounds can show using a worm. Match anglers recommend using squatt and pinkies to keep the fish feeding all day. •

NEWLY ACQUIRED

THE PIGGERIES A new section for our club.

Following double figure weights of Roach in our winter league series last year, it was decided to acquire this great venue. [Bridge 50].

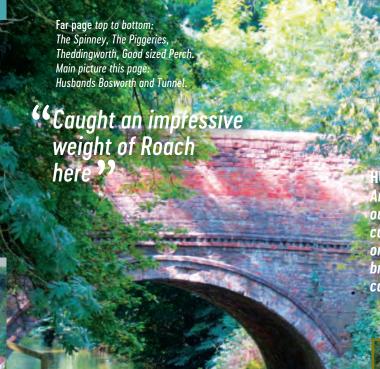


THEDDINGWORTH

One of our original canal sections -

Renowned for good catches of Bream and Roach, big Perch can also be caught here.

Noteable pegs are on either side of the road bridge - look for overhanging features for a good days sport. •



NEWLY ACQUIRED

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH
Another new section for
our Club and good Roach
catches are to be made
on either side of the
bridge. Good size Perch
can also be caught.



Access

THE SPINNEY

 PARK EITHER SIDE OF SPINNEY BRIDGE

THEDDINGWORTH

 PARK EITHER SIDE OF BRIDGE 52

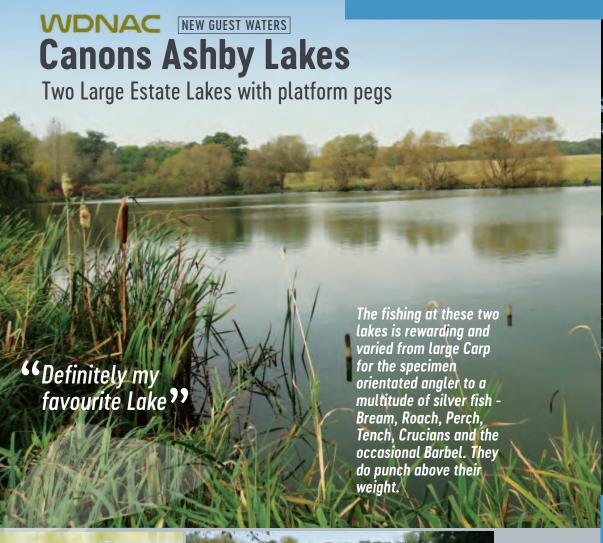
THE PIGGERIES

- PARK EITHER SIDE OF BRIDGE 50

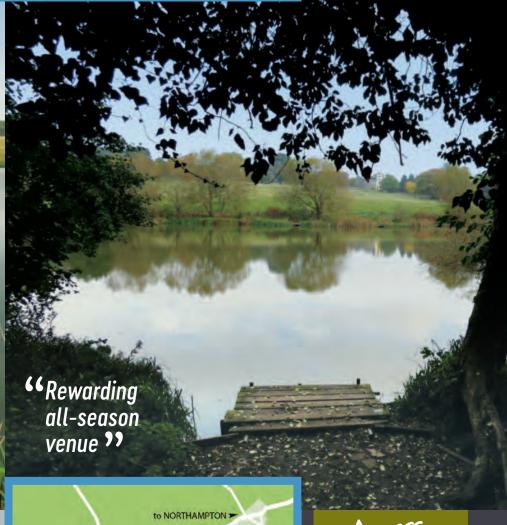
HUSBANDS BOSWORTH

- PARK NEAR BRIDGE 46
- NIGHT FISHING CANAL

 NO PERMIT REQUIRED









Access

CANONS ASHBY

- GATED ENTRANCE
 TO THE LAKES IS 200M
 PAST ENTRANCE TO
 CANONS ASHBY MANOR
 GATES TO LAKES ON RIGHT
- PARKING AVAILABLE PAST SOUTH WEST FARM
- DISABLED PARKING
 OPPOSITE THE GATES

Match Fishing Home & Away.

The first sunday of each month the club organise a match fishing event. This can be held on club

waters or away.

MATCH SECRETARY - IVOR STOKES

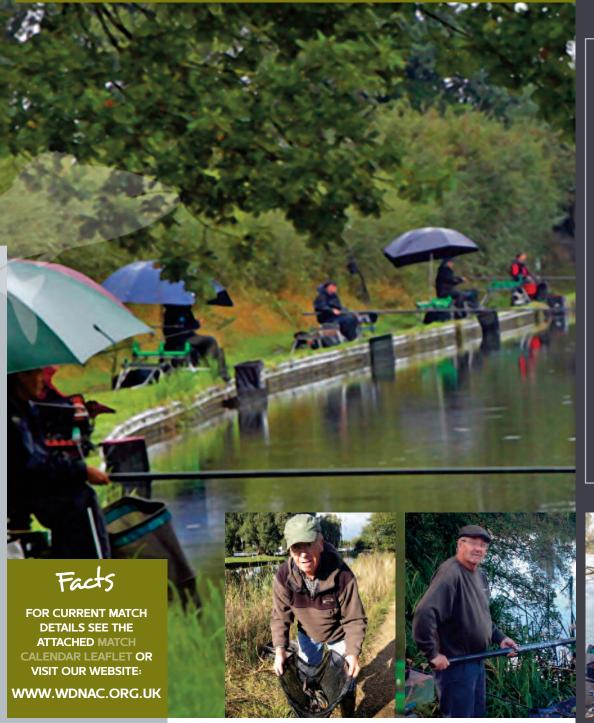
I have been Match Secretary for more years than I care to remember. A member since the 70's — I have fished for Wellingborough in nationals and other more local team events with varying degrees of success.

My aim as Match Secretary is to help promote the club and get as many club members as possible to fish our matches. We try to fish venues to suit all anglers from rivers to lakes, carp venues, canals and fenland waters. We also like to fish our own waters as much as possible to save on peg fees. On average, out of our ten club matches, three will be on away venues. The cost to enter club matches is £10.00; £8.00 is for pools with a £1.00 entry fee and £1.00 for golden peg.

The beauty of golden peg is it soon accumulates so you could be fishing a 15 peg club match that could win you £140.

I am always open to suggestions for away venues and ways to improve our matches so please call me on Tel: 01933-389309.

We are also looking for new members to fish our team matches i.e. 1st Division National, George Barker Winter League, George Shepherd, teams of 6, and Northants County Championship, teams of 8, which this year was fished on our stretch of the Grand Union Canal and contested by 96 anglers. Listed here are some past results from our home waters and away matches. For more information or to book on one of the matches please call me.



MATCH RECORDS

HOME

Barkers Lake 38-9-0
Stables G.U.C. 26-4-0
Theddingworth 28-8-0
Barnwell Marina 13-7-0
Mill Cotton 52-8-0
Barnwell Plantation 12-15-0
Ringstead River 18-14-0

Cyanide Oundle 33-14-0 Cranford 42-10-0 Rysons 35-4-0 Cut at Oundle 36-9-0 Toft Lake 95-8-0 Ashton Footbridge 37-10-0 Rushton Lake 37-0-0







Snake Lake - Junior Match



First Crucian caught and netted



Large Haul

Membership Fees

£40.00 Adult [16-64 yrs]

£25.00 Senior citizen [65+yrs] / Ladies [16+]

£10.00 Junior [8-15 yrs]

Membership cards are available from local Tackle shops - see the website for listings WDNAC.ORG.UK

Night Fishing Permit

£65.00

Required for Barkers and Brightwells Lakes, Ringstead and Princess Lake.

Available to the first 100 applicants.

Apply by email with club card number and passport-style photo to:

wdnac@outlook.com

Match Fishing

Interested in competing? Contact Ivor Stokes on: **01933 389309**

Junior Coaching

Ages 8 upwards. Contact Ian Halliwell on:

07940 325987 Ianjhalliwell@hotmail.com

