



Thank you for considering membership of the Verulam Angling Club. The Club has been established in St Albans for over seventy-five years and now has nearly 2,000 members from across the Home Counties and into London.

We believe we offer excellent value, a very wide choice of fisheries providing a wide variety of angling and all the species you'll want to catch with specimen size fish in every one of our waters. We also pride ourselves in the additional features we offer. These include an active, but not too serious, match calendar, a trout section. Every year we run a popular Open Day to showcase the Club to the general public.

Last year we held a very popular 'Evening with Martin Bowler' and a barbel day offering coaching on the species on one of our Ouse fisheries. Over recent years, considerable survey work and subsequent stocking has been taking place to ensure our fisheries remain in good form for our members. Trips are regularly run to the likes of Grafham reservoir, Timsbury on the River Test and Bury Hill Fisheries.

This figure may seem large but whilst some of the very popular fisheries do get busy at times, others are rarely fished and offer peaceful solitude. In 1986 we became a limited company (limited by guarantee). This was solely to give the officers of the club full personal protection from the liabilities of the club.

If you wish to apply for membership of the Verulam Angling Club please telephone our
Registrar on 07866 559957
or email: registrar@verulam-angling.co.uk.

The Secretary will be also be pleased to answer more general club queries on
(01582 612945)
Please restrict your calls to before 9 pm.

You can also E-Mail him at secretary@verulam-angling.co.uk.

Please note that, should you decide to take up membership, this begins on June 16th and ends on June 15th the following year. Note you will be able to view further details and download an application form from our Web Site at: which contains more detailed information about the club and its fisheries.

www.verulam-angling.co.uk

Verulam Fisheries

Riverside Road

IN THE 1960s, not having a long-term secure fishery in St Albans, we literally dug this fishery out of disused watercress beds. Since then we have extended the area to what you see today and it has become a delightful amenity. It is very popular with the members being very local to St Albans and having easy access for juniors and our less active members. The fishery contains roach over 2lb, crucians over 3lb, tench, bream over 4lb and a good head of carp to double figures.

Like many clubs, we do have problems with crayfish though using fyke nets, we believe we now have them under control. Coarse fishing closes at the end of February when Trout fishing is available for a 10-week season.

Frogmore

THIS VENUE situated between St Albans and Radlett (not to be confused with Moor Mill) is a long established fishery. Low water levels can be a problem though we have taken significant steps to protect, what we call, the Match Lake. The Car Park lake and Tony's lake are both available though the former does suffer in dry summers. Despite its problems, this fishery which is open all year, is still a

Radwell

SPLIT INTO three sections, Radwell, two miles nearer than Felmersham, has two fast sections with a lower deeper area above the railway viaduct. Sport on the faster beats means dace, roach, chub and barbel (19lb the best last season). Good bags of chub are a feature with one member taking 33 in one session. With EA consent, we have built nine platforms which gives members good access to our reedy bank for the first time in many years.

Smallford

THE LARGEST of our two gravel pits Smallford is just off the St Albans to Hatfield road approximately halfway between the two. Available all year, it has some deep water, over 30ft in some places, though there are some shallow banks. Well established this fishery is available all year and has fished particularly well over recent seasons. It contains excellent carp and pike, both species topping 20lb regularly with some over 30lb during night sessions. Tench are plentiful with fish over 8lb taken every season. There is a good head of quality roach (2lb 10oz the best reported) together with perch, bream, some excellent rudd and occasional crucians.

Moor Mill

HAVING TAKEN over when the LAA relinquished the fishing rights, the club is taking large steps to restore this fishery back to its former glory. Famous for "toadless" the 40lb leather carp, the fishery has recently revealed a near-record crucian carp, massive bream and tench along with perch and large pike. There are also very big roach to be had (3lb 4oz reported in 2007) with some large bags of nice fish being reported.

Felmersham

THE LARGEST of our two fisheries on the Ouse is Felmersham, some nine miles north of Bedford. The club holds approximately two miles of river including meadows, spinney and islands. These variations offer a good choice of fishing from deep slow runs to fast shallows where the barbell and chub hang out. Prolific weed growth can be a problem during the summer and one meadow in particular unfishable at this time of year. We also now have the north bank downstream of the islands which gives members better access to some of the barbel and chub swims. Arguably, the venue comes into its own during the autumn an early winter when the roach fishing can be good. There is a good head of decent chub, dace, bream and even some tench! Barbel are becoming more frequent with fish to 13lb.

Turnford Lakes

WE ARE members of a consortium of clubs to fish four excellent lakes in the north of the Lea Valley. Sport is reported as very good and a carp of over 40lb has been reported during 2005. Certainly it is very handy for those living in north London and the Lea Valley. There is no close season. Again, there is no extra cost to members to fish Turnford - it's all in your subs !

Marford Farm

WHAT CAN I say about Marford Farm. Situated on the River Lee just outside Wheathampstead, it is a superb fishery with a good length of bank. Specimen roach are taken (the best last season being 2-12) along with barbel up to 10lb. There are also carp, chub, dace and perch over 4lb. There is no doubt this is a very popular fishery and thus the limited number of swims may be a problem at times. Conversely, you can still turn up on a Saturday morning and find just a few cars. It should be mentioned here that the club was only able to take control of this fishery because of the amount of litter that was left when it was open to the public. Our club policy is thus "leave litter, leave the club" regardless of whether the litter is yours or not.

Leasey Bridge

IS THE club's freehold fishery situated on the River Lee near Harpenden. After an impressive start to our ownership, when good roach were often taken, the fishery deteriorated to the point where it was rarely used. To improve matters, we built a backwater to provide extra swims and a fish holding area. The result has been spectacular and the fishery often rivals the more popular Marford Farm.

Buckingham

ANOTHER 2007 acquisition, this intimate section of the upper Ouse, sports chub, nice dace, roach, huge perch. If you fancy trotting with a centre pin, then this is the venue for you.

Lea Anglers Consortium

THE VAC now has an arrangement with the Lea Anglers Consortium whereby all our members can fish some 20 miles of the River Lee without extra cost. The LAC was formed to improve the quality of both river and fish on these popular venues and gives VAC members more waters than they could ever hope to fish. Large bags of quality fish are regularly reported including 160lb bag of bream, roach and perch recorded by a 15 year old! A roach of 2lb 10oz was also reported.

Carlton Road

THE opposite bank and upstream of our Church section this attractive length is on a substantial bend of the river, provides around 30 pegs and is lined with plantation willows. With slow, wider stretches and narrower faster runs, the river should suit all anglers and with much cover on the far bank, casting over to these trees and bushes should provide good sport. Parking is close by and members only have around 100 yards to walk to the river. Night fishing is allowed, so no doubt we shall be hearing reports of good barbel.

River Ivel

AS members of the Ivel Protection Association, members access to over six miles of the river in the Biggleswade and Sandy areas. Barbel and chub show up well here with the former reaching specimen proportions with fish of 15lb and 16lb being reported in recent seasons as well as chub to 7lb. In conjunction with the EA, efforts are being made to improve the number of silver fish which, like in most rivers, have declined in recent years. There are, however, still quality roach to be found and one of 2lb 15oz was taken last year

Aldenham Reservoir

A brand new addition to the portfolio. A famous fishery but an unknown quantity to the VAC. Be one of the first to explore it.

Fishers Green

The Club is a founder member of the newly formed consortium controlling this legendary fishery previously fishable on a Cemex ticket.

Bellows Mill

Our second freehold fishery, two lakes and a stretch of chalk stream in the Chiltern hills on the outskirts of Dunstable. It is so new even we have no idea what it contains yet!