

VERULAM ANGLING CLUB

www.verulam-angling.co.uk

MEMBERSHIPS ON OFFER

THE VAC offers full membership consisting of an Entrance Fee, which includes the cost of a gate key and Annual Subscription.

There are discounted rates for Senior Citizens, Ladies and Disabled persons. The junior fee is further discounted as we want to encourage younger members into the club.

A "Husband & Wife" membership is also available as is a "Parent & Child" membership.

A River Ouse & Ivel Only membership is available for those who only wish to make use of the club's Ouse and Ivel fisheries. No entrance fee is payable - just an annual fee approximately half the full fee.

There is also a Trout Fishing only membership on the same lines as the River Ouse & Ivel Only.

It should be noted that our membership year commences on June 16. However, now the club has two fisheries open all year, if new members wish to fish earlier they can elect to pay an extra £3 per week for every week prior to the start in June.

TROUT FISHING

DURING THE close season, trout fishing is available for members on the purchase of a day or season ticket.

Commencing at the end of March and continuing until June it provides good close season sport for members.

Stocking takes place throughout the trout season so that sport remains constant.

For those who have never tried it our trout section can offer some friendly advice and possibly the loan of some tackle.

WORK PARTIES

ONE OF OUR conditions of membership is that able bodied senior members (and juniors over 16) attend one working party per year.

When your membership is issued you are allocated a day and venue to attend (this can be altered if not suitable).

Your membership card will be stamped at the end of the working party and production of the stamped card will enable you to apply for membership the following season.

If, due to valid health reasons, you are unable to attend, advise the Registrar in writing well before renewing your membership.

Remember we don't expect those of our members who really are unable, to attend working parties, merely that able bodied members "do their bit".

As an option, you can "buy out" your work party (see your application form for details).

THIS MEMBERSHIP GUIDE has been compiled to give prospective new members as much information about the Verulam Angling Club as possible, so that you know what you are going to get for your money.

Certainly angling is not the cheap sport it once was, but we believe we offer excellent value, a very wide choice of fisheries providing a excellent variety of angling and all the species you'll want to catch with specimen size fish in every one of our waters.

Over recent years, considerable survey work and subsequent stocking has been taking place to ensure our fisheries remain in good form for our members.

The fact that we are one of the few clubs to be maintaining their membership, shows that we must be doing something right!

The Club was formed in 1934 by some 14-20 local businessmen. It has since flourished and the membership now exceeds 1,200.

This figure may seem large but we restrict our membership on the amount of fishing that we are able to offer without overcrowding the waters.

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. All it means to members is that they are liable to pay the sum of £1 in the event of the club being wound up due to litigation.

The club controls fishing at three local stillwaters, two stretches of the local River Lee, three miles of the River Great Ouse, just north of Bedford and has access to six miles of the River Ivel. The club is also associated with extensive consortium fisheries which includes 21 miles of the R. Lee and four lakes in the Lea Valley. Some fisheries are available during the close season. Full details of all fisheries and their stock are overleaf.

Our affiliations include the NFA, GOFCA, London Anglers Association, ACA and the Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust which reflects our concern for the environment we use.

QUERIES

If you have any queries regarding actual membership then telephone our Registrar on 07866 559957 or email: registrar@verulam-angling.demon.co.uk.

The Secretary will be pleased to answer any more general club queries on (01582) 593798. Please restrict your calls to before 9 pm. You can also E-Mail us at secretary@verulam-angling.demon.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:

["www.verulam-angling.demon.co.uk"](http://www.verulam-angling.demon.co.uk).

HOT LINE

We have introduced a Members Telephone Line for members to ring in to find out about all things Verulam. How the waters are fishing, competition details and late changes to fixtures in event of flooding etc, work party dates, raffle winners, social date reminders, emergency notices, in fact anything that will be of interest to members.

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE FROM YOU

WHILST you join a club for your own reasons we ask you to remember that a club is, by definition, a group of people joined together with a common interest.

This means that we like members not to remain isolated individuals but to take an interest in the club.

This you can do in many ways but basically we like to know you're out there.

If you have a comment to make, then make it - don't just voice it to others on the bankside. Write to the club magazine or the secretary who always replies to all correspondence.

MAGAZINE

The club magazine is our, hopefully improved, version of a normal club newsletter. The size and success of the issues depends on you - the member.

The editor is always pleased to receive anything for publication, whether it be comments, articles, cartoons, brief tips, complaints, good quality photos, literally anything at all.

The more varied the input, the more interest it arouses, the more input we get and so on. Thus the publication and the club become more successful.

If you feel you want to put something of a more practical nature back into the club why not help with its administration? It can be very satisfying and need not take up hours of valuable fishing time.

If you can't spare committee time, then help out casually. If the gate to a fishery is left open, don't ignore it, close it. If you see litter lying, pick it up.

Remember, they're your fisheries.

GUEST PERMITS

PERMITS ARE available for members to take a friend with them to most of the club's waters.

Please consult the rule book for available waters and how to apply.