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ONGAR & DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

General Meetings
CANCELLED

AGM Meeting
September - date to be advised

Race Night and Presentation Night
CANCELLED

All start at 8.00pm at Budworth Hall - Ongar

Work Parties
Please ring Tommy Eldridge on 01708 768808

DAY GUEST TICKETS

Guest tickets are not currently available at **Ongar No 1** at the moment. This will be reviewed in September.

Mike Jenkins
07950 342674 (Epping)

Pat Holley
07772 258031 (Collier Row)

Robin Bundy
07956 568722 (Ongar)

NIGHT FISHING

For Night Fish - Members only Please ring or text **Robin Bundy** on 07956 568722 for your Authority to Fish.



WE FISH AGAIN!

We have over the last few month experienced a strange new world where our normal lives have been disrupted by COVID-19. Fortunately we are back fishing with Government Guidelines to help us prevent the Coronavirus from infecting our Members when on our Fisheries. Lets hope by next Spring this will all be over and we will be fully back to normal. In the meantime please read and follow the information on the website regarding COVID-19 so you can keep yourself and others as safe as possible. If anything concerns you on any aspect concerning COVID-19 please contact **Terry Commer Jnr on 07912 869651**. Stay safe.

CHRIS BIRCH 1952-2020

We regret to announce the passing of our very own **Chris Birch** recently following a long illness. Chris was a true ODAS Clubman who worked tirelessly over the years on the various Work Parties and Pest Control duties on our fisheries. Chris would sometimes spend long hours into the night helping to pump water between lakes and then be up the next day for a Pit & River. He liked to fish the river for Chub and was a regular winner of The Ray Berney Trophy. Chris will be sadly missed by the Club and the Committee pass on their sincerest condolences to his Family at this sad time. Chris's funeral was held in July in Ongar.
Tommy Eldridge

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY | TONY WESTGARTH

We have had a very good response to our renewals letter for this new season membership so much so that we are now full and have had to close the Membership.

All applications for new Membership will now go on a waiting list. The Night Fish section is also full and new requests from existing Members will also go on a waiting list. Please don't forget to look on the website for additional information. **Tony Westgarth**

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi All,

First of all I would like to thank all our Members for rejoining this year. We still have to pay our fishery rents and other overheads but this guarantees we carry on as a Club.

We are slowly getting back to normal after the COVID-19 problems and it's a slow process. Our Club matches have started up again and will be as shown on the Fixture List on the website. All anglers are glad to be getting back on the bank to catch fish and get some fresh air.

There was a great turn out for the Work Party. Well done boys! Special thanks to Robin Bundy for the good work at Moreton on the fencing.

Tight Lines **Tommy**



FISHERY OFFICERS

If you need to contact the Club Fishery Officers:

New Moreton
Michael Jenkins
07950 342674

Old Moreton
Barry Etherington
07759 421051

Ongar No 1
Tommy Eldridge
07789 982711

Dave Wickings
07902 015057

ODAS WEBSITE POSTS

The website has a new facility where it can send out emails to Members giving a link on the website for any new post. Rather having to search the website for any news items you now get an early warning.

This is very important for giving urgent information to Members if any of the following events happen:

- A fishing venue is closed at short notice due to a fishing match/pollution/serious trespass issue
- A fishery closure due a Access Gate problem
- Any COVID-19 Guideline changes that stop or alter the fishing rules on our fisheries.
- When a new Rule is urgently introduced by the Committee to deal with a serious issue involving a Fishery and/or Member(s)

To keep up to date please ensure you give your email address to Tony Westgarth. This will help to reduce our running costs. Where we can we will now send out notifications by email or refer you to the website for information - including this Newsletter. Only those that have notified ODAS that they can only receive postal notifications will receive printed copies of Newsletters.



BAILIFF DUTIES AT ODAS

ODAS have introduced more Bailiffs onto our Fisheries to deal with the increased Membership numbers.

The Bailiffs duties are there to look after our fisheries and act as an early warning system for any potential problems for ourselves and our landlords. They are also there to ensure all Club Rules and Bye-Laws are followed and will report back to the Committee any problems or issues found.

They are also requested to inspect your Membership Card to prove you are a current Member of ODAS. It is a requirement for you to carry your Membership Card at all times during your fishing session and you could be asked more than once during your session to produce your card. You will be asked to leave the fishery if you cannot or will not show your card.

If you verbally abuse the Bailiff when he/her is asking to see your Membership Card you will render yourself liable for disciplinary action by the Committee.

If you take a Guest to Ongar who does not have a Guest Day Ticket you will also be asked to leave the Fishery.

You can only fish one swim. **You cannot reserve a swim for a friend until they arrive.** For Night Fishing please ensure you book on with Robin Bundy before fishing.

If you are concerned by the behaviour of any other angler on the fishery please inform the Bailiff who will deal with the matter.

NIGHT FISHING



Don't forget - you need to call **Robin Bundy** on **07956 568722** to book a Night Ticket at Ongar No 1. **Please telephone or text**.

Remember fishing at night after dusk without a Night Fishing Ticket is breaking club rules - which is punishable if caught by the Club Night Fishing Bailiff

COVID-19 FISH AT ONGAR NO 1 & OLD MORETON

Although we have been under the COVID-19 cloud since March some amazing fish have been caught during this period. Fish are being caught on various methods and baits.

The fish are caught all around the Lake which is good news if your favourite swim is occupied. Even Pike over 20lbs have been caught from the 'Bomb Hole' at Old Moreton. We have to be aware that these large fish must be handled carefully to avoid damaged mouths and body abrasions.

Please see the separate article by Terry Commer Jnr on Carp Care. Carp will take any bait especially close to the bank. Be prepared.



SIMON KREUGER WITH HIS 28LBS COMMON CARP



TERRY COMMER SNR WITH HIS 20LBS LEATHER CARP



TERRY COMMER JNR WITH PERFECT MIRROR CARP

ODAS FISHING MATCHES START AGAIN

The ODAS Fishing Matches have re-started on both Ongar No 1 Langford Bridge and Old Moreton.

Please see your Fixture List or the website page on this link http://ongardistrictangling-co-uk.stackstaging.com/odas-fixtures-list/

This means that on some days the Fisheries will be closed to non-participating Members for that day. Night Anglers must be off by 6.00am on the morning of the Match.

The first Pit & River was held on Sunday 2nd August at Ongar No 1 and it was won by **Tony Westgarth** with 62lbs 9ozs. **Martin Reader** was the runner-up with 23lbs 10ozs.

The first OAP Shield Match was held on the 5th August at Ongar No 1. This was won by **Martin Reader** with 27lbs 4ozs

Keep nets can only be used during Matches and not for pleasure fishing. This is an ODAS COVID-19 rule. Nets to be dry before using. Please observe.



ODAS OUTINGS RESUME

TERRY COMMER JNR



The Outings restarted on the 16th August with a match at A12 Lakes. This was won by Paul Blatch with 52lbs 8ozs.

However, I cannot guarantee all the matches for the rest of the year as I have gaps in Sept and November and may not be able to fill them.

Booking on with me is an absolute must **(07912 869651)** as the draw will be done the night before. When match anglers pay me on the morning I will tell them their peg number and remind them of general rules for the match. Arrival at the venue no later than 8:00am. Fishing times remain the same as in the fixture list but please advise that weighing in may take slightly longer than usual.

Please wear a mask when paying me on the morning and remember to use hand sanitiser before and after the match.

Tony Westgarth and myself will be the only ones carrying out the weigh-in and handling the anglers keepnets.

MORE COVID-19 FISH



JAMES DEAN WITH HIS 20LBS+ PIKE



SIMON CAST WITH HIS 26LBS 2OZS COMMON

NEW MORETON RE-OPENS AGAIN

We have decided to re-open New Moreton again rather than keep it closed until the renovations start. There is a new padlock access code which can be found in the Members only section of the website. You have been sent your password to access this area of the website. Tommy Eldridge has been over to the Lake and has been tidying up the swims and car parking area. Fish were seen to be very active so if you fancy a session over there please let us know how you got on. Tommy had a fish and caught this nice Roach (see right). New Moreton is a 'silver fish' only fishery. No Carp. Cheers **Mike Jenkins**



NATURE BOY - WILD LIFE AROUND OUR WATERS

Red Kites are still in the air above Ongar No 1. The sound of Cuckoo's at Old Moreton has been heard by many Members. An explosion of Damsel flies everywhere.







CARP CARE | TERRY COMMER JNR

Due to the increased pressure on the Fisheries we are seeing ever more damaged or injured fish - particularly Carp. We must do all we can to prevent this continuing whilst caring for those fish we see that need help. Following on from the ban of floating baits around any lily beds we have introduced a basic requirement at both Ongar No 1 & Old Moreton of using a padded unhooking mat . This is in case an angler catches a Carp and it needs to be laid down to take out the hook. This is regardless of whether you targeting Bream or Tench only. Carp are caught in any swim with any bait (even dead bait) on any method.

If however if you are Carp/Specimen Angler you must have a Cradle or specimen thick padded mat to place the large fish onto. Carp/Specimen anglers will also need to carry Carp Care Kits to deal with fish line abrasions, cut mouths and fresh body damage (any bleeding from the body of the fish). This is also recommended for non-specialist anglers too. Carp/Specimen Anglers to have a landing net at least 36 inches wide.

All mats and cradles to be wetted before use with lake water but must be bone dry when you arrive to fish. Bailiffs will remind anglers of these requirements about the new requirements until the 1st October when it will become compulsory for both cradles/mats and Carp Care Kits for Carp/Specialists and mats for pleasure anglers. The maximum permitted breaking strain line is 12lbs of monofilament. Braided main line is not allowed.

Summarising - all anglers to have to have carp padded unhooking mats with them and they must be used when unhooking a carp. Carp Specimen anglers to use a Cradle or specimen standard padded unhooking mat and carry Carp Care Kits.

CARP CARE KITS

Carp Kits are easy to buy and apply. They help to reduce the healing time to an injury on the fish. Because carp are large and sometimes difficult to handle they can easily get abrasions and mouth injuries from hook holds. The Carp Care kit will help to give our stock of carp that extra bit of care to recover from injury to so please invest in a kit. More details can be found on the link below together with good advice for Carp anglers.

https://www.fishingagain.com/take-care-with-a-carp-care-kit/





KESWALL ANGLING CENTRE

Keswall Angling Centre of Collier Row sponsor ODAS on a number of mutual aspects:

- Spend over £10 - 10% Discount on Fishing Tackle
- Prizes for Club Raffles at the Presentation & Race Night
- Promotion of ODAS in the Keswall's Shop as a reputable fishing club to join

To claim your 10% discount at the shop please present your Membership Card **prior to purchase**.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Don't forget to send in details of your specimens and catches for the Newsletter.
Also tell us what you want to know about or see in the Newsletter.
We also need your e-mail addresses so we can get the Newsletter to you much quicker plus other communications about the Club activities.

Please send comments to: **ODASNEWSLETTER@OUTLOOK.COM**

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