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DATES FOR THE DIARY

General Meetings
Dates to be advised

AGM Meeting
Dates to be advised

Race Night and Presentation Night
Dates to be advised

All start at 8.00pm at Budworth Hall - Ongar

Work Parties
Please ring Tommy Eldridge on 07789 982711

DAY GUEST TICKETS

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

Mike Jenkins
07950 342674 (Epping)

Pat Holley
07772 258031 (Romford)

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.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The ODAS Committee wishes you and your families a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. We hope now with the news that the vaccine for the Coronavirus is about to be launched we can look forward to better times next year. Our best wishes go out to all those have been touched and effected by Covid-19 and we hope life can return to normal very quickly for them - particularly those who have lost loved ones and those that been unable to work or have lost their jobs. We have been lucky that we have been able to fish almost constantly during lockdowns and must thank the Angling Trust for their good work in making this happen.

We still live under restrictions but hopefully for not much longer Stay safe. **Editor**

JOHN ARMSTRONG 1939-2020

We regret to announce the recent passing of our popular member John Armstrong following a long illness. John was a great supporter of ODAS and provided continual support and guidance for our Handbook, Website and Newsletter. John worked on the ODAS Committee in the past and was a great contributor to the guidance process on how our Club is run. John's funeral was held in October and was attended by his friends from ODAS. The Committee pass on their sincere condolences to John's family.



MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY | TONY WESTGARTH

As the Membership is currently full and all new applications for new Membership are going onto the waiting list. The Night Fish Membership section is being reviewed so currently all new requests from existing and new 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,

Well what a year - now the vaccine has arrived lets hope we can get back to normality. The lakes have been busy and fishing well. Our Members have been vigilant around our waters and been observing all the guidance. Its been difficult for the Committee, working to keep things running smoothly as the new Coronavirus regulations came through.

Sadly we lost John Armstrong this Autumn, a good friend and an all round nice guy. Rest In Peace John.

All the best for Christmas. Keep well, keep safe,

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

LITTLE PIT - WORK PARTY

The Little Pit at Ongar Langford Bridge has up to recent years been a good spot for Juniors to start fishing and for those who like the more relaxed approach to fishing. Stocks of Crucian Carp, Rudd, and Roach were always in abundance along with some Carp up to 12lbs. Junior Matches and other competitions took place on the lake.

Sadly the level of water has dropped as the overflow pipe from the Big Pit now rarely flows into the lake requiring us on occasion to pump water into it from the Big Pit. The lower level of water has increased weed growth in the lake and as its popularity dropped so the swims have got overgrown.

As a start to improve the lake to allow better fishing Tommy Eldridge arranged a Work Party to clear the banks of vegetation. The photos show some of the completed work and those that attended.

March will see a lot of the weed from the lake removed prior to increasing the water level.

The Work Party was a great success and 11 Members turned up to help out. Thanks once again to those who helped out on the day. **Tommy**



LITTLE PIT WORK PARTY - 25TH OCTOBER 2020



BEFORE





AFTER



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 - PART 2 NOVEMBER 2020



TERRY COMMER WITH A 9LBS 12OZS FINE COMMON CARP FROM OLD MORETON



TERRY COMMER WITH A NICELY SCALED 12LBS 2OZS MIRROR CARP FROM OLD MORETON



TERRY COMMER WITH A SUPERB 6LBS 2OZS KOI CARP FROM OLD MORETON



TOMMY ELDRIDGE'S LOVELY 1LBS ROACH FROM ONGAR NO 1

NATURE BOY - WILD LIFE AROUND OUR WATERS

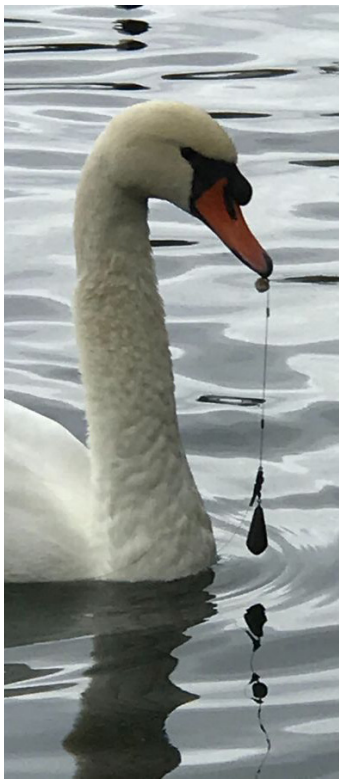
Strange times but nature always gives us hope for a better future. Kestrel's seen at Old Moreton and at No 1.

Also Green Woodpeckers, you normally hear them before you see them.





BEWARE SWANS ABOUT



A Club Member was ledger fishing at Old Moreton in Swim 16 enjoying an afternoon carp session in late September. Regulars at Old Moreton know we have had two swans swimming around the lake generally causing anglers a nuisance by swimming into their swim looking for food handouts. Any maggots, boilies, bread and pellets thrown in as additional ground bait are also quickly seized on by the swans.

On this day the water level was the lowest its been throughout the year and the swans were seen going around the lake hoovering up what they could from the bottom.

Unfortunately for our Club member the larger swan of the two managed to locate some of his bait on the bottom and proceeded to pick-up his hook bait and rig. The swan was soon hooked in the beak and as it attempted to move off our angler had a serious problem trying to get the swan under control to remove the hook.

Unfortunately the hook length broke and the swan swam away with the hook and about 12 inches of line hanging from its beak. Similar to the photo shown - not the actual swan.

The good news is another Member Maurice Pegrum managed to catch the swan and remove the rig and hook safely. Our thanks to Maurice in preventing any further distress to the swan.

This is a problem on many fisheries where in some cases the offending wild fowl are caught more than once in a short while on fishing rigs.

If you see any wildlife tangled in line or foul hooked please call **Tommy Eldridge** on 07789 982711 and report the incident.

Thank you.

NEW MORETON CLOSED AGAIN

Unfortunately following consistent trespassing by a crowd of 'hare coursing' idiots the Farmer has had no alternative but to seal off the entrance to the Fishery with a large block of concrete.

The damage caused by the trespassers was quite extensive to the adjacent fields where a number of '4 x 4' vehicles have been running around. We will keep you posted on the developments by the website.

Cheers **Mike Jenkins**





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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