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ONGAR & DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

General Meetings
6th September 2021
6th December 2021

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

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.



SPRING TIME FISHING

We have come through the 3rd Covid Lockdown and have started our new Season Club matches with the April Pit & River being the first one completed.

We hope to fully resume Club meetings and fingers crossed the Race Night and Presentations will take place later in the year. We welcome all of our new Club members and hope you will be with us for many years too come. The fishing over the last few weeks has been very good for the time of year with plenty of Bream, Carp and Tench being caught at Langford Bridge.

Lets hope it continues.

TONY WESTGARTH



Tony Westgarth our Membership Secretary has decided to stand down after managing the membership applications for 3 years.

We would like to thank Tony for all his brilliant work in a very important Club role.

Tony stays on as a Committee member so he will still be involved with Club events and affairs.

Tommy Eldridge

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY | PAT HOLLEY

The Club Membership renewal forms have been returned and we have been able to invite those on the waiting list to join ODAS.

The Night Fish Membership is completely full so there is a waiting list for this section. To join the Night Fish section you must have been a Club Member for a year. Robin Bundy is the Night Fish Officer.

Tight Lines. Pat

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi Everyone,

Well at last we seem out of Covid -19 with away and home water matches re-starting. Club Committee work is busy getting ready for the new season with Pat Holley sending out the membership cards. We have had to tighten up on Night Anglers so Ongar No 1 is not over fished in order to keep all our Members happy after a very long winter and spring. Low water temperatures has made the fish slow to get feeding but the warmer weather is coming.

Thanks to all those who turned up for the Work Parties - a great job boys!

Tight Lines **Tommy**



FISHERY OFFICERS

If you need to contact the Club Fishery Officers:

New Moreton
Michael Jenkins
07950 342674

Old Moreton
Barry Wilson
07590 053374

Ongar No 1
Tommy Eldridge
07789 982711

Dave Wickings
07902 015057

PIT & RIVER MATCH - OLD MORETON 4TH APRIL 2021

On a bright and sunny day we held our first Pit & River match of the season at Old Moreton.

There were 11 anglers and the match was won by **Barry Blyth** with 23lbs 13ozs including a lovely 13lbs 3ozs Mirror Carp in his total. **Ray Flesher** was 2nd with 5lbs 10ozs and **Mike Jenkins** 3rd with 3lbs 10ozs. Hopefully we can now complete the seasons fixtures with no more Lockdowns!!

Here are some photos from the match.

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**



BARRY BLYTH - MATCH WINNER WITH HIS 13LBS 3OZS MIRROR CARP



BARRY BLYTH HAS HIS MIRROR CARP WEIGHED



DAVE WICKINGS WITH A SMALL ROACH

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

PIT & RIVER MATCH - OLD MORETON APRIL 2021



OLD MORETON LAKE ON 4TH APRIL 2021



MARTIN READER - MATCH STEWARD TRYING HIS LUCK WITH THE LEGER

NATURE BOY - WILD LIFE AROUND OUR WATERS

A Barnacle Goose and a pair of Egyptian geese and Red Kites seen at No 1.

While at Old Moreton the first Cuckoo was heard and a pair of tufted ducks seen.







OLD MORETON UPDATE | BARRY ETHERINGTON

Fishing has been hard at the moment. The match weights were low on the 4th and 7th April but comparable to last year. The warm weather has arrived and no more frosts at night. Until the watewarms up it will be hard going. Summer late Spring and Summer sessions are much better where catches of 66lbs can be achieved.

I also had a report that some large carp were seen cruising on the surface of the 'Bomb Hole' up to 20lbs. Stay clear of Swims 1, 2 & 3 as the Carp are spawning.

Tight Lines and Goodbye. **Barry**



OLD MORETON FISHERY OFFICER BARRY ETHERINGTON RETIRES

Barry Etherington has decided to stand down this year as the Fishery Officer for Old Moreton. The Committee would like to thank Barry for all his loyal hard work in running Old Moreton and helping to keep the fishery in excellent condition.

Barry also acted as our contact for the Timberland Fishery as well.

We wish Barry and his family Good Health and Good Luck for the future and hope he will keep in touch with the Club.



PIT & RIVER 2021 - APRIL & MAY ROUND UP | MARTIN READER

The first match of the season was due to be in April but the Covid-19 lockdown prevented it being held.

The first actual match held was at Old Moreton with 11 anglers taking part but only 5 weighed in on what was a very hard day as the fish just didn't want to know. **Barry Blyth** had a good day winning with 23lbs 13ozs including a nice Carp of 13lbs 3ozs. **Ray Flesher** was 2nd with 5lbs 10ozs and 3rd was **Mike Jenkins** with 3lbs 10ozs. See photos on Pages 2 & 3.

The May match was again fished at Old Moreton and this also turned out to be a hard days fishing. This time 10 anglers turned up but again only 5 weighed in. 1st place went to **Barabara Bednarski** with a nice bag of Bream for 17lbs 10ozs. 2nd went to **Barry Blyth** with 7lbs 12ozs and 3rd was **Martin Reader** with 7lbs 10ozs. Another frustrating day with the fish not feeding freely.

We have had sunny days but the continual below freezing point overnight temperatures during April has cooled the water much lower than previous years.

Maybe the June match will be better as it is to be held at Ongar Langford Bridge.

If any new or existing Members would like to take part in any of the matches please give me a ring on 07786 612449 or better still just turn up.

A full list of fixtures can be found on the Clubs website: https://ongardistrictangling.co.uk/



OUTINGS UPDATE - APRIL

TERRY COMMER JNR





Finally, we welcome back match fishing and we have started the Outings Season with a bang.!!

Fishing has been hard….but what this does to matches is tightens them and evens out the playing field. This has been evident from our close call results so far. Stambridge was a venue for April after March's cancelled match. The top 3 all catching 38lbs in weight which is incredible as most fish were silvers. **Craig Ramsey** bagging a rare Carp on the day for a winning weight of 38lbs 15ozs. 2nd place was **Terry Commer Jnr** with 38lbs 9ozs and 3rd is **Allan Bird** with 38lbs 2ozs.

The most recent match was held at the prolific Arrans Lake which had been fishing hard and was evident by the first couple of hours of fishing and lack of fish.

800lbs was definitely not on the cards for this match!!! In the end **Allan Bird** worked the method out for his section and slapped his way to 108lbs 10ozs of good size Carp to 12lbs. 2nd was **Terry Commer Jnr** with 100lbs 2ozs of mostly smaller Carp between 1lbs 8ozs and 5lbs. The odd fish slightly over. This catch mostly from 2.2lbs line on the bottom! 3rd was **Paul Blatch** with 71lbs 6ozs, mostly caught from the margins!

It was a good match in the sense it had to be worked at for the rewards, and the top 3 did just that!!

The next venue in June is at Puddledock Farm on the Road Lake. Please remember to book on for a guaranteed place!!

Tight Lines **Terry Jnr**



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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