FOUNDED 1948
[73 YEARS OLD]

ONGAR & DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY

ODAS
ONGAR & DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER NO. 29 | DECEMBER 2021

ongardistrictangling.co.uk



DATES FOR THE DIARY

General Meetings
Please see the website for details

AGM Meeting
Please see the website for details

Race Night and Presentation Night
Please see the website for details

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

Robin Bundy
07956 568722

NIGHT FISHING

For Night Fish - Members only

Please ring or text **Robin Bundy** on 07956 568722 for your Authority to Fish.



2021 - A BETTER YEAR

We have had a much better summer's fishing compared with last year. Ongar Langford Bridge produced some nice weights in competitions and specimen fish during pleasure sessions. Although slow to start Moreton finally showed some good specimens but the shoals of Roach and Rudd seemed to be missing this year.

It's good to see the new Members on the lakes and an increase in female anglers. We have been able to get out on Work Parties to keep the bankside and tree growth under control and repair swims. We also managed to hold our AGM at Budworth Hall.

Have a great Xmas and a Happy New Year. From the Committee.

ROBIN BUNDY | TOMMY ELDRIDGE



Robin Bundy has taken over the Membership Secretary role again after a break of 3/4 years. As Robin also is the Night Fishing Officer it works out very well.
Our membership is closed now for the current season but Robin has plenty to do in getting paperwork ready and organising membership matters for next year.

Welcome back Robin!!

Tommy Eldridge

LOST AND FOUND | PAT HOLLEY

We are often contacted by members concerning lost or found items on the banks of our fisheries. Details of these items can be found on the website so if you see anything that needs to be reported please contact me on 07772 258031 and I will post the details on the website.

Thank you. **Tight Lines. Pat**

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi Everyone,

I hope all our members are enjoying catching on our lakes. It has been very difficult over the last 18 months but hopefully we can start getting back to normality soon. The committee did their best to keep the club running smoothly in the bad days of the Covid-19 pandemic. Some good work has been done on the river resulting in a few more swims being opened up. Some good chub showed last year.

Wishing all our members a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Tight Lines **Tommy**



FISHERY OFFICERS

If you need to contact the Club Fishery Officers:

Old Moreton
Barry Wilson
07590 053374

Ongar No 1
Tommy Eldridge
07789 982711

or

Dave Wickings
07902 015057

RIVER RODING MAINTENANCE

We recently contacted our specialist tree surgeons Woodward's to carry out the cutting back of trees and bushes along the banks of the River Roding from the car park down to the swims around the first bend downstream - about 300 metres in total. The work involved accessing both banks of the river and the use of 3 men and a 'chipper' to deal with the cut branches and trunks. It was all done very efficiently and the result is better than expected. Here are a few photos of the finished work. Some nice trotting runs for those chunky chub this winter!










AGM PRESENTATION | SEPT 2021

We were at last able to hold our Presentation Evening on the 6th September at Budworth Hall for last years trophy winners. Well done to the winners who are:

Bert Cottee March Outing Winner: **Terry Withington**

Paul Barnes Cup November Outing Canal Winner: **Richard Flesher**

Tom Simmons Free Match Winter Outings Winner: **Terry Commer Jnr**

John Cox Trophy Outings Knockout Winner: **Terry Commer Jnr**

The Carter Cup December Pit & River Winner: **Bernie Bantick**

The Ongar & District Cup Best Fish Home - 20lbs 4ozs Carp: **Winner Terry Commer Jnr**

The Rose Simmons Cup Ladies Total Weight 81lbs - Winner: **Barbara Bednarski**

The Dale Sharp Shield Best Fish by a Junior 18lbs 7ozs Winner: **Vinnie Walker**

David Maynard Juvenile Cup Total Weight 19lbs 12ozs Winner: **Vinnie Walker**

Outings Pairs Winners: **Terry Commer Jnr & Richard Fletcher**

OAP Shield Winner 157 Points Winner: **Martin Reader**

ODAS Clubman of The Year Winner: **Pat Holley**

Special thanks to Terry Commer Snr for the trophy engraving and polishing.



RICHARD FLESHER



MARTIN READER



VINNIE WALKER



TERRY COMMER JNR



PAT HOLLEY

MORETON UPDATE | BARRY WILSON

The fishing has improved as the season progressed. But it was very slow in the late spring and early summer as the continuous months of frost during March and April kept the water temperature down. This had the advantage of reducing weed growth but seem to stop the shoals of roach and rudd feeding in the late Spring, as a result some of the various matches held on the lake suffered from low weights. The odd specimen fish and good weights were caught but not quite as rewarding as previous years.
The highlights of the matches were :

April Pit & River - **Barry Blyth** - 13,3lbs Specimen Carp

June Pit & River - **Dave Wickings** - 63lbs Winning Weight

June Pit & River - **Barry Blyth** - 16lbs Specimen Carp

Summer League - **Martin Reader** - 32lbs Winning Weight

Hopefully next season will be a better start,
Tight Lines. **Barry**



PIT & RIVER 2021 ROUND UP
MARTIN READER

We have had a full season of matches so far this year but with a reduced attendance of Members. The catch weights have varied on average but when the fish were feeding there were some good catches made.

The highlight of the year was the August match at Langford Bridge where **Paul Jenkins** had a winning catch of 67lbs of silver fish only - not one carp. This is a club record for a Pit & River match. Dave Wickings also put in a good weight of 63lbs to win the June match at Moreton.

Don't forget to come along to join in our matches. It's a relaxed event to enjoy and meet other Club anglers.

The match details are on the website or you can ring me on **07786 612449**.

Merry Xmas. **Martin.**

NATURE BOY

We still have our resident Kingfishers at Ongar No 1 along with a great display of Damsel and Dragon Flies. Buzzards are always overhead in the Autumn over both lakes.



JAKE SHIELDS PERSONAL BEST FISH



Jack Shields went fishing on the 20th November at Ongar No 1 with his grandfather Terry Agambar and had a great day by managing to break his personal best with a superb Mirror Carp weighing 26.5lbs.

Well done Jake who is a Junior member of the Club.

BROOKE FARM FINALE

Below are some photographs from our last match at Brook Farm which was held on a chilly cloudy but bright day with 20 anglers attending.

The wind blowing in from the motorway bank seem to favour those fishing from that bank and the east side. The full result is on the website.



TERRY COMMER SNR



ALLAN BIRD





RICHARD TROTT PLAYS A NICE COMMON CARP AND LANDS IT AND GETS IT READY FOR THE KEEPNET



STEVE DALE PLAYS A CARP



PHIL COWLEY LANDS A NICE CARP

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

OUTINGS UPDATE - NOV

TERRY COMMER JNR





We visited for the last time in November Brook Farm which has always been a favourite venue for good catches and the occasional specimen. No further matches will be allowed on the water as the owners try to develop the fishery into a Day Ticket venue only. Our last Outing to this venue produced a tight result where a closely fought match saw **Terry Commer Jnr** just pip **Allan Beecher** and **Allan Bird** by just 5lbs for 1st place. This sets the scene for the final match at Stambridge where Allan Bird is leading the table one point above Terry Commer Jnr. However the table is so tight even the 3rd placed **Craig Ramsey** is in with a chance.

Terry Commer Jnr ran away with the June match at Puddledock Farm on the Road Lake catching a phenomenal bag of 146lbs of fish.

The July match saw **Richard Flesher** also top the '100lbs' mark with followed by 93lbs from **Paul Blatch** in 2nd place. In total 15 anglers caught 715lbs of fish during the match.

Augusts visit to the A12 Cuxton Match Lake saw a very close finish where just 2ozs separated the 1st and 2nd places with **Allan Bird** finishing first with 69lbs 2ozs.

Septembers visit to Pea Lane saw the catch sizes reduce but **Steve Dale** won the match comfortably with 44lbs. Overall 15 anglers caught 170lbs of fish.

In October the visit to Slough House saw **Paul Jenkins** work hard for 34lbs of fish but he was 10lbs above second placed Allan Bird.

The December outing match at Stambridge also coincides with the final of the John Cox Knockout between Terry Commer Jnr and Allan Bird so an exciting days fishing is expected as long as the fish turn up.

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**

Design and artwork | Agave Creative Ltd | michelle@agave-creative.co.uk