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ONGAR & DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY

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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.



ALMOST SUMMER

The last of the Membership Cards have been sent out for the start of the new season on the 1st June. We have a few changes this year relating to Rule clarification and Rule addition and details can be found in this Newsletter and on the Club website. We welcome all our new Members and hope you have a great first season with plenty of fish caught. We also invite you to join in the Club matches and the General Meetings at Budworth Hall in Ongar to get a feel of the Club. The Auction Night and the family Race Night are also recommended where at the latter the Club Trophies are presented.

Have a great season. Keep safe.

MEMBERSHIP | ROBIN BUNDY



Robin Bundy has been working hard during April & May sending out the renewal forms to existing Members and to new prospective Members. He also processes the cards and sends these out to each Member. All new Members are now on a 'recommendation by an existing Member' basis and are met by Robin to ensure they are aware of our fishery rules before they join. Robin also runs the Night Fishing section which is strictly limited to a few Members to avoid overfishing of the Ongar Lake.

Keep up the good work Rob!! **Pat**

GATE LOCKS | TERRY COMMER JNR

We are continually being contacted by Club Members reporting that when they are either entering or leaving the fisheries, they find the gates unlocked. In some cases, the lock and chain are just left hanging from the gate posts. Please ensure you shut and lock the gates when you go through them in either direction. We cannot afford to pay for fly tipping waste removal that could be a hazard to wildlife & members.

Terry Commer Jnr - Club Secretary

CHAIRMAN PAT'S CHAT

Hi Everyone,

It's a great surprise and a pleasure to be voted in as the ODAS Chairman for 2022-3 taking over from Tommy Eldridge. Tommy did an excellent job running the meetings and events at ODAS for the last 15 years along with his other fishery roles. The Committee are very appreciative of his great contribution to the Club and look forward to seeing him around the lakes at Ongar and Moreton as our Club Fishery Officer.

Cheers Pat



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

FISHERY MAINTENANCE

As part of our Winter & Spring maintenance programme we have been at work around the lakes at Ongar and Moreton, cutting the grass, pruning trees, repairing swims and clearing objects along the bank paths. This is essential work that needs to be kept running through the year to provide safe and accessible swims to anglers.

Tommy Eldridge manages the work parties based upon his weekly inspections and feedback from our Fishery Officers. It is important we all get involved to help spread the load. Please come along to help all are welcome. Date details on the website. Adult Males can reduce next year's membership fee by £15 (Adult Male Members only).

















FISHING HIGHLIGHTS 2021/22



JEREMY KEMP WITH 20LBS COMMON CARP CAUGHT AT ONGAR IN DECEMBER 2021



COLIN LANE WITH HIS 5LB 4OZS EEL CAUGHT AT ONGAR IN MAY 2021



TOM CRAVEN CAUGHT THIS COMMON CARP AT ONGAR IN MAY 2022



LLOYD WOODWARD WITH THIS VERY RARE 19LB 2OZS GRASS CARP CAUGHT AT ONGAR IN MAY 2022



DAVID SYKES LOVELY 23LBS 6OZS MIRROR CARP CAUGHT AT ONGAR IN MAY 2022



BARRY WILSON CRACKING 27.5LBS MIRROR CARP AT ONGAR IN APRIL 2022

MORETON UPDATE | BARRY WILSON

A recent Work Party has freshened up the Fishery and as usual at this time of year it looks amazing.

Well done to all those who attended. Fishing is now improving as Moreton is always hard to fish in the cold months. Plenty of good Carp caught on the surface with some of the regulars catching up to 6 per session. Ledger tactics for the lower number swims is also proving productive with Carp to 15lbs. The silvers are harder to catch but try the deeper swims at the Northeast end of the lake.

I look forward to seeing you around the fishery but if you have any concerns or problems, please call me on **07590 053374. Barry**



PIT & RIVER 2021 ROUND UP | MARTIN READER

The new season matches are well underway for the Pit & River, OAP Shield and the Summer League competitions. Attendance has been down this year but starting to pick up now the waters are getting warmer, and the fish are feeding. Moreton is always slow to get into gear, but pleasure angler catches indicate that more Carp are now being caught. The lack of good silvers is a concern at Moreton, and we shall be monitoring the situation over the summer months. Matches at Langford Bridge have been much better with some excellent catches and specimen fish. A very nice 8lbs Bream caught by me was one of the specimen fish caught.

At the moment **Tommy Eldridge** leads the Pit & River Competition, **Terry Withington** leads the OAP Shield and **Richard Flesher** leads the Summer League Competition.

The match results and future match details are on the website, or you can ring me on **07786 612449.Tight Lines. Martin**



2022 - ODAS COMMITTEE CHANGES

We are most appreciative of those Members that offer to stand for election onto our Committee. A member is eligible to join the Committee after one year's membership having been duly proposed and seconded at our AGM.

Following our AGM in April we have had several changes to the ODAS Committee that will manage the Club affairs until April 2023.

Tommy Eldridge has stood down from his role as Chairman to spend more time concentrating on the Fishery side of the Club. We are most appreciative of his hard work over 15 years in the Chairman's role guiding the Committee and organising and running events such as the AGM, Auction Nights and Race Nights. Well Done, Tommy.

Pat Holley takes over as Chairmen now and retains his Communications role for the Club.

We also welcome **Kevin Withington** and **Mark Cole** as new Committee Members this year.

Members are welcome to join us at Budworth Hall in Ongar at the Club General Meetings and of course at our AGM in April.



FISHING HIGHLIGHTS 2021/22 (CONT)



TERRY COMMER JNR WITH HIS SUPERB 25LBS 8OZS COMMON CARP CAUGHT AT ONGAR IN SPRING 2021



JANE SNOW CAUGHT THIS EXCELLENT 25LBS 10OZS MIRROR CARP AT ONGAR IN MAY 2022



KEVIN WITHINGTON WITH HIS 26LBS 4OZS MIRROR CARP CAUGHT AT ONGAR – SEPTEMBER 2021



MICHELLE DERRY WITH A LOVELY TENCH FROM ONGAR IN MAY 2021



MAX LINGWOOD WITH A PERFECT 17IBS 10OZS CARP AT ONGAR IN JULY 2021

OUTINGS UPDATE - MAY

TERRY COMMER JNR

The 2022 Outing season has started with some fantastic weights and some really nice days fishing! March started with plenty of fish caught with just over 100lb winning it! Back up weights were plentiful! As too was the case at Aaron's in April where **Terry Commer Jnr** managed to net 173lb to take the win! **Richard Trott** also provided over 100lb to come in 2nd place. As expected, back up weights were also plentiful with a total of 916lbs caught!!!

May saw the return of Timberlands after a few years away. Huge improvements at this fishery so don't forget to use your membership to fish there as it is run privately and not an open day ticket fishery! Discounted day sessions are available to ODAS members! The match was won by **Paul Blatch** with 84lb of just a few monster Carp, all ranging from 8-15lb!! Pipping **Terry Jnr** to the winning spot who took 70lb of fish to claim 2nd! It was actually a hard match where the lake had been and was seemingly confused as to whether they wanted to spawn or not!

Please remember to book on to these matches as some venues have limited space! Booking on needs to be done in advance and everyone is welcome. We are still operating a 8/10 policy on the overall results. There are also some new venues this year, visiting Westmill Fishery, Blasford Hill and Oakford Farm for the first time!!

Any queries regarding Outings then please contact **Terry Commer Jnr** for more info.



Tight Lines! **Terry Jnr**

TIMBERLANDS/FIVE LAKES FISHERY 2022-3

This is an update on our fishing arrangements as a Club with Timberlands for the next year. First of all Timberlands is now known as **5 Lakes Fishery**.

ALL current ODAS club members can day fish there for a £5 day ticket regardless of age, up until May 31st, 2023.

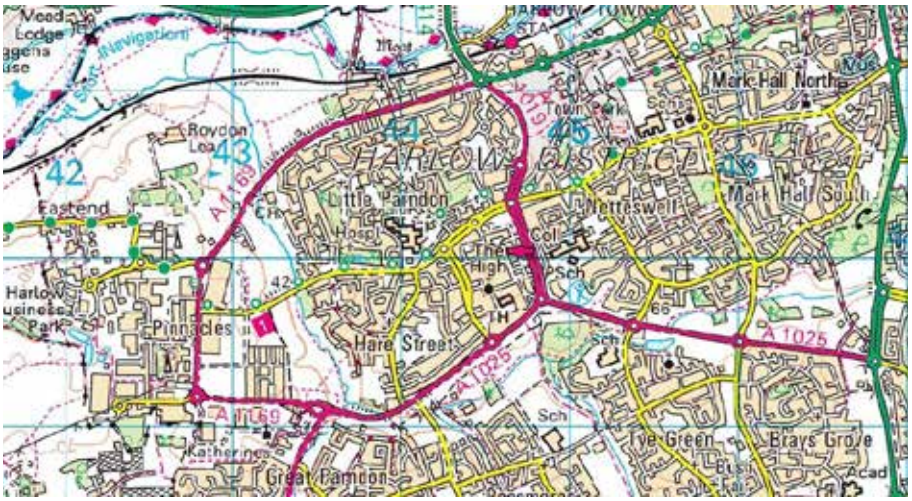
A member is allowed to take one Guest at the rate of £12 per day for 14 to 64 yr. old's and £8 per day for under 14's and over 64's.

The lakes available to fish are Baggers, Willows and Mystery.

All Club members must book in advance by calling or texting Gary on **07796 792974**.

You must mention the club's name when booking to ensure you are not turned away as general day ticket request.

ALL anglers are expected to produce a **DRY** landing net when they get to the main car park/shop and you will be shown the rules for the lake you have booked on to, to ensure there are no problems or misunderstandings whilst fishing.



You **must** take your current ODAS membership card with you to receive the discounted rate and access to the fishery!! No card, no fishing!!

Please see ODAS Members section on the website for location address.

If you have any queries, please contact me.

Cheers **Mike Jenkins**



SECRETARY'S REPORT | FISH & CARP CARE

We would like again to draw your attention to the use of using Fish or Carp Care Products when handling our fish if they have been damaged in any way or are suffering from parasites.

Recent spawning's by the Carp has led to a number of fish being caught showing signs of body damage from the spawning process where in some cases some form of remedial attention was required by our Bailiffs.

If you are unsure about the application of **Propolis** Carp or Fish Care or similar products please see below a link showing when and how you need to apply this treatment.

https://youtu.be/3lAu0Lfs_VY

These simple tasks will help to keep our fish stock healthy and strong.

Out of 15 Carp caught recently in one session 12 had fresh wounds, cuts and scale lifts. To help the fish to recover as quick as possible our Club Rules have now been amended to ensure all Club anglers that target the large specimens in our Lake - Carp, Tench, Bream and Pike use the Fish or



Carp Care. So if your fishing for Carp the Club bailiff will want to see that you have your Membership Card, an unhooking mat, a landing net & Fish/Carp Care Kit. Please be aware.

We also highly **recommend** that Match & Pleasure anglers also follow the same rules.

Thank You.
Terry Commer Jnr

AGM RULE CHANGES

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At our recent Annual General Meeting in April several rule additions and amendments were proposed and considered by the Members present. After much deliberation the following Rule changes were voted on and accepted being effective from the 1st June 2022.

Rule 27- Amendment

Paragraph f) **Cookers** - low fire risk made for purpose cookers are allowed to be used if the following conditions are strictly adhered to:

All cooking devices/appliances that use flame to heat must be secure, sturdy, stable and be raised off the ground with stable leg supports. They must be fitted with a function cut-off device if they are accidently knocked over.

Our bailiff's will inspect cooking devices and prevent their use if found to be at risk and not following any of the above guidelines.

No disposable BBQ's or Bivvy heaters are allowed.

All remains of fuel containers to be removed from the fisheries.

Failure to follow these requirements will make you solely and fully responsible for any resultant damage and financially liable for any costs incurred. It could lead to disciplinary action by the Club.

Rule 27 - Additions

Paragraph j) **Unhooking Mats** - All Members must have and use an unhooking mat when it is necessary to lay a fish down to remove a hook/rig or to apply Fish Care.

Paragraph k) **Fish Care** - Fish Care kits must be carried and applied by all Members targeting large Carp and other specimen species such as big Bream, Tench, & Pike. We also recommend that match and pleasure fish anglers also use Fish Care on any new mouth wounds, scale damage and parasitic infection to improve the health of our fish stock.

Rule 32 - Amendment

Paragraph a) **Fishing Hours** - Each day's fishing is now defined as being from 'official sunrise to sunset'.
Only Night Fishing Ticket Holders can fish after sunset.



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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