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DATES FOR THE DIARY

General Meetings
Please see the website for details

Tackle Auction Meeting
6th March 2023

AGM Meeting
24th April 2023

Race Night and Presentation Night
10th June 2023

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

Pat Holley
07772 258031

NIGHT FISHING

For Night Fish - Members only

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



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The ODAS Club Committee wish all our Members and their Families a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. Next year will be our 75th Anniversary as a Club so we hope to hold a special event to recognise this epic achievement with maybe some mementos being available for Club Members as well. The Club events this year were very successful with good attendance especially at the Presentation Race Night in September. The next main event is the Tackle Auction in March so get out that old good condition tackle equipment and earn yourself some money. You may even see an auction bargain that will interest you.

Keep safe.

MEMBERSHIP | ROBIN BUNDY



The membership take up this year has been very good with many enquiries and new members. We have now closed all new membership applications until next June. Once renewals are received from existing members in May we can assess the membership structure and see how many new members we can allow to join. The new Guest Ticket arrangement of using Bank Transfer of the fee to Mike Jenkins is working very well. Please note your Guest can now only use one rod. Details on the Members website section. Merry Xmas. **Rob**

GATE LOCKS AGAIN!! | TERRY COMMER JNR

We are still 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. If the lock looks damaged please report to the fishery officer asap.

Thank you. Merry Xmas. **Terry Commer Jnr**

CHAIRMAN PAT'S CHAT

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all have had a pleasant Summer's fishing. We are now into Winter fishing sessions but the reports are that the fish are still feeding well. Our Work Party's managed by Tommy Eldridge are doing good work around the fisheries but we could do with more volunteers. Please contact Tommy to book on. A big thanks to the Committee Members for their support and contribution in running the Club this year.

I wish all Club Members and their families a Merry Xmas and A Happy New Year. **Pat**



FISHERY OFFICERS

If you need to contact the Club Fishery Officers:

Moreton
Barry Wilson
07590 053374

Ongar No 1
Tommy Eldridge
07789 982711

or

Dave Wickings
07902 015057

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MARTIN READER WITH AN ALMOST BLACK COMMON CARP CAUGHT AT MORETON IN JUNE 2022



SCOTT LAMBERT WITH A PERFECT COMMON CARP AT ONGAR IN OCTOBER 2022



TERRY COMMER SNR WITH HIS PB BREAM OF 7LBS



TERRY COMMER SNR WITH A VERY RARE HYBRID GOLDFISH CAUGHT AT ONGAR IN JULY 2022 DURING PIT & RIVER MATCH



PAUL JENKINS WITH PART OF HIS CATCH OF 24LBS AT THE PIT & RIVER MATCH IN AUGUST 2022

PRESENTATION & RACE NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 2022

At last things got back to normal and we were able to run our annual Presentation & Race Night event at Budworth Hall. It was very professionally run by our usual organiser Simon Chapman of 'Go Racing Nights'. The ODAS Trophy Presentations were held during the break. The Fish or Chicken & Chips as usual were excellent with condiments, gherkins, pickles, bread and butter provided by Robin Bundy, Tommy and Sue Eldridge. The Trophy's and Cups were gleaming on the green baize tablecloth all carefully engraved and positioned in place by Terry Commer Snr.

A special thanks to Terry who does this every year. It was then back to the racing. Our thanks go to all those who donated raffle prizes and to those who gave out the raffle tickets and collected the money. Also a big thanks to our two volunteer Tote personnel Tony Westgarth and Emily Jenkins. Finally thanks to all those members who attended the event. We are planning to hold next years event in June our usual time of the year.



ODAS TROPHIES READY FOR THE PRESENTATIONS



OUR TOTE VOLUNTEER TEAM



SIMON CHAPMAN OF 'GO RACE NIGHTS' ABOUT TO GET THE EVENING UNDER WAY

PRESENTATION & RACE NIGHT

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ALL READY FOR THE RACE NIGHT TO START



TERRY COMMER PRESENTED WITH THE JOHN COX KNOCKOUT CUP ON OUTINGS



TONY WESTGARTH PRESENTED WITH HIS RAYMENT JUBILEE CUP FOR THE OCTOBER PIT & RIVER



PAUL JENKINS PRESENTED WITH HIS IVY MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST WEIGHT ON PIT & RIVER MATCHES



TOMMY ELDRIDGE WITH HIS BARRY STUART 'CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR' TROPHY

PUDDLEDOCK OUTING

NOVEMBER 2022

The penultimate Outing Match of the 2022 season was held at Puddledock Fishery near Cranham, There was a strong turn out of 19 Members that ensured a close match finish. The peg draw was delayed due to heavy rain but it soon cleared up into a bright sunny day.

The winner was **Paul Jenkins** (right) with a total weight of 32lbs 10ozs. Second was **Craig Ramsey** with 30lbs 0ozs. Third was **Richard Trott** with 28lbs 9ozs. **Mike Jenkins** had the 'Best Fish Of The Match' - 11lbs 12ozs Carp.







CRAIG RAMSEY LANDING A MIRROR CARP ON HIS WAY TO 2ND PLACE



RICHARD TROTT WAS 3RD PLACE WITH 28LBS 9OZS



MIKE JENKINS CAUGHT THE LARGEST FISH OF THE MATCH





RICHARD FLESHER LANDING A CARP DURING THE MATCH. RICHARD FINISHED 7TH WITH 20LBS 14OZS

PIT & RIVER 2022 & OAP SHIELD ROUND UP | MIKE JENKINS

We have had a better year in 2022 in the Club Pit & River where overall weights and the number of Members fishing are up on 2021. 23 Members fished 85 times for a total weight of 1123lbs 2ozs. This works out to an average weight per angler for the season of approx. 49lbs.

The final match was held on the 4th December at Langford Bridge and it was won by **Kevin Withington** with 39lbs of Bream. The runner-up was **Bernie Bantick** with 38lbs. Very close! The overall winner of the Competition was **Martin Reader** (below), the runner-up was **Tommy Eldridge** and in 3rd place was **Kevin Withington**. Martin fished all the matches. Carp dominated some matches but there were nice bags of Bream and mixed Bream, Roach, Rudd and Perch. The match results and future match details are on the website or you can ring Martin on **07786 612449**.

The final OAP Match of 2022 was held at Langford Bridge on the 7th December and was won by **Kevin Withington** with 26lbs 8ozs. 2nd was **Terry Withington** with 22lbs 12ozs and **Martin Reader** 3rd with 22lbs 0ozs. The overall winner of the OAP 2022 competition was **Terry Withington** beating **Martin Reader** by just 3 points, A very tight finish. Well Done Terry.

Many thanks to **Martin Reader** for running the competition matches in all weathers.

Tight Lines **Mike Jenkins**





TERRY WITHINGTON THE WINNER OF THE 2022 OAP SHIELD



KEVIN WITHINGTON WITH HIS 39LBS BREAM HAUL TO WIN THE LAST PIT & RIVER MATCH OF 2022 ON THE 4TH DECEMBER

OUTINGS UPDATE | TERRY COMMER JNR

Well, it's been a funny old year with some venues fishing really really well, and others just switching off for no apparent reason. But, that is fishing! We've been spoilt with some great weather this year on each of the outings with no noticeable rain or poor conditions, so here's hoping to an ice free lake for the final match of the season! **Terry Commer Jnr** heads into the final match with a nice lead closely followed by **Craig Ramsey** & **Allan Beecher** who are tied on 130 points and **Richard Trott** in 4th with 126, so still all to fish for!!

All but one fixture is sorted for next year with two new venues on the list, despite it becoming harder and harder each year to find suitable match fishing venues!

Blind Lane (June) and Tyler's Common Ash Lake (August) the new additions. We haven't fished Ash at Tyler's for well over 10 years!!

Remember as usual please, next season it's incredibly important that you book on in advance of a match, more so than ever due to the strain on finances and getting numbers correct for each venue. If you have any questions at all, especially if you are thinking of joining us on our fun and friendly matches, then please do not hesitate in contacting me.



Tight Lines & A Merry Christmas.

Terry Jnr



PS - The final match at Stambridge was won by **Terry Commer Jnr** with 15lbs 8ozs. This makes Terry the overall winner of the Outings Competition for 2022. Well done. **Ed**



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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