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ONGAR & DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

General Meetings
Please see the website for details

Tackle Auction Meeting
3rd March 2025

AGM Meeting
21st April 2025

Race Night and Presentation Night
14th June 2025

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.



Hi Everyone,

It's been a very a good year for ODAS. The fishing at our fisheries has been very good, we have acquired a new Fishery at Brick House Farm and we have commenced a programme of works to improve fishery swim access at Ongar No 1. We hope to carry out further improvements next year particularly the access road up to the lakes at Ongar No 1. We have strengthened the Committee by adding 3 new members to help run the Club with their new ideas and input at our meetings. The ODAS Committee wishes every member and the their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in the New Year!!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS | ROBIN BUNDY



Our Club membership has increased again this year with many new applicants now on the waiting list wanting to join next season.

The Clubmate system attracted over 150 existing members to join online (which saved me a lot of work) and it seems to be the way to go for the future. Thank you to all those that included their stamped addressed envelopes with their applications and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Merry Xmas. And A Happy New Year.
Robin Bundy

CAR ACCESS AT ONGAR | ODAS COMMITTEE

Unfortunately we had two incidents of horses escaping from the field between the car park and the lake entrance gate. These were very serious incidents that could have caused injury to the very valuable horses. As consequence the farmer has now blocked the 2nd gate to all cars while there are horses in the field. Hopefully the horses will be moved during the winter months and we will have access again. However we cannot know when this will happen. We are investigating an alternative access option to the lakes.

ODAS Committee

CHAIRMAN KEVIN'S CHAT

Hi Everyone,

We have had a very good year's fishing not only at the club waters but on Outings as well. Match fishing has long been part of the ODAS events calendar and the continued good support from Club members is very pleasing. Our Outings organiser **Terry Commer Jnr** is standing down this year and we would like to thank him for all his dedication and management of the Outing matches over the years Hopefully Terry will be back again one day. Congratulations to all the competition winners during 2024.

Tight Lines. Merry Xmas & A Happy New Year to you all.

Kevin Withington



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

FISHING HIGHLIGHTS IN 2024



ALFIE LORD WITH A NICE COMMON CARP AT ONGAR ON THE 26TH JULY 2024



MARK COLE WITH HIS 28LBS MIRROR CARP AT ONGAR ON THE 31ST AUGUST 2024



TERRY COMMER JNR WITH A BREAM HYBRID AT ONGAR IN SEPTEMBER 2024



TONY PERRY WITH HIS 27.5 LBS COMMON CARP AT ONGAR ON 6TH SEPT 2024



ROBERT LINWOOD WITH A 22LBS CARP AT ONGAR ON 4TH JULY 2024



TONY WESTGARTH WITH A LOVELY MIRROR CARP AT BRICK HOUSE FISHERY IN APRIL 2024

2024 HOME MATCHES ROUND UP
MIKE JENKINS

Overall Match Summary

The usual matches have been contested this season and whilst outing numbers are slightly down the home water matches have been well attended. Rather than give you a summary of the results, which are posted to the website soon after taking place I thought that an overview would be better.

Outings – A mix of old and new venues was on offer this season. The numbers attended are down and so will be the overall weight of fish caught this year. The top angler will be announced at the last match of the season at Stambridge. The matches are based on dropping your worst two match points. **Terry Commer Jnr**, who has done a brilliant job is standing down and **Paul Blatch** is taking over. Terry has booked all the venues for the season commencing March till December next year again a mix of old and new. Many thanks Terry for the professional way you have run the matches.

Home Waters – This is broken down into several different matches at Moreton or Langford bridge again the results are published on the website. The main match is the Pit and River competition. This is a combination of Moreton or Langford Bridge, unfortunately Moreton has not fished well which resulted in poor attendance for these matches. However, the weights at Langford Bridge have been brilliant, plenty of big weights of bream with some nice carp mixed in. The Moreton Summer League was withdrawn since the attendance was so poor. The OAP Wednesday shield was well attended and again some good weights were recorded.

Thanks to all the members who have supported the matches. We look forward to seeing them and some new faces next season.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Michael Jenkins



TERRY COMMER

WINTER OUTINGS



CRAIG RAMSEY



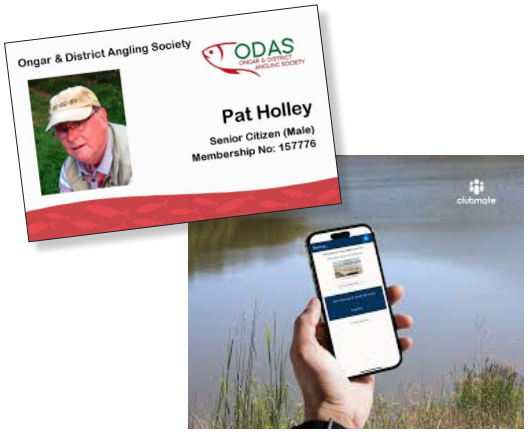
HARRY SHEARMAN

2024-25 CLUBMATE MEMBERSHIP
ROBIN BUNDY

Hello everyone! As you know its getting harder to pay in cheques and cash to banks as they disappear from the local High St. To help we asked Members to pay their renewals by bank transfer where possible. However the increasing cost of postage, printing application forms and printing Membership cards has required us to review our running expenses and membership management. Following this review the ODAS Committee has decided that from next year we will be asking Members to renew their membership online by using Clubmate. We know there will be a few exceptions but anyone with an email address can use the Clubmate system. There will be help for those unsure with the process but we already have 154 members on Clubmate system of different ages. If needed, your details can be put onto Clubmate by me.

Once you have downloaded the app you will only have to enter your email address and create a password to get started. This can be on your smartphone or computer/ laptop. You start by checking your profile information or add the information in yourself, then take your photo or upload a photo of yourself, pay your subscription by credit or debit card and then you get your plastic Membership card sent to you in 7 days. Once you are on the system you will get access to electronic Guest Tickets and Club clothing. You can add in you children or non-fish companions very easily too.

The Clubmate cards are not renewed each year so we will send you the new gate code for each new season by email or text. Lost cards are easily replaced within 10 days. Please note we will not be sending out renewal forms to those with email addresses. Instead we will send you an emailed renewal letter with help and information to get you started on Clubmate.





ROBBIN BUNDY

There are over 275 fishing clubs in the UK with 75,000 anglers using Clubmate - which is affiliated to the Angling Trust. As we are Angling Trust members we get a discount on its use for ODAS membership management.

Help your Club by adopting Clubmate. Thank you.

Robin Bundy - Membership Secretary

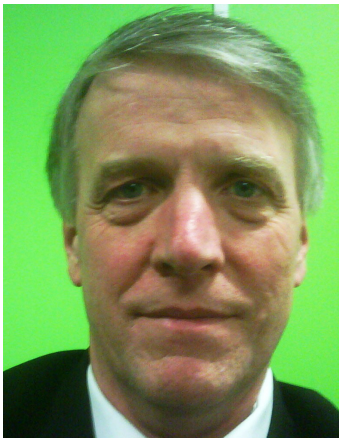
MEMBERSHIP PRICE INCREASES
NIGEL MAIN

As we mentioned in the section above concerning Clubmate we are trying to reduce our running costs but unfortunately despite our best efforts we will still need to increase our Membership prices for the 2025-6 season

It's been some time since we have increased our prices and it is a decision not taken lightly. We need to ensure we have enough monies in hand to pay our rents, maintain our fisheries and buy fish if needed.

We will announce the increases at our AGM in April. Our proposed membership prices will still be much lower than other clubs in the area as we strive to keep ourselves competitive.

Nigel Main - Club Secretary



NIGEL MAIN

ONGAR NO 1 SWIM RENOVATION



You may have noticed that **Terry Commer Snr** has been busy upgrading our swims at Ongar by repairing the steps down to the swims, adding safety hand rails and covering the swim ground with wood chippings. This work has made the swims more accessible, safer and comfortable.

It involved a lot of effort on Terry's behalf and the Club would like to thank him for his proposal and the carrying out of the work.

Well done Terry.



TERRY COMMER SNR



RIVER NEWS

Tommy Eldridge gave the river a try on a recent Pit & River competition at Ongar. He walked a good way down our stretch and had some great success.

It's always nice to know the fish in the river are still healthy and can be found in the quieter parts.

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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