

Ongar & District Angling Society

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

General Meetings

5th June 2017
4th September 2017
4th December 2017

Annual General Meeting

April 2018

Auction Night

March 2018

Presentation Night

3rd June 2017

All start at 8.00pm at
Budworth Hall - Ongar

Work Parties

Please ring Tommy Eldridge
on 01708 768808

DAY TICKETS

Day tickets are available
for fishing at Ongar No 1
only and must be obtained
(and collected by Member)
from any of the contacts
below prior to fishing:

Mike Jenkins

01277 364624 (Ongar)

Pat Holley

01708 726419 (Collier Row)

NIGHT FISHING

Please ring or text

John Cottis

07866 281313 for your
Authority to Fish.

Do not leave messages on
voicemail.



PCS LEGAL BIG FISH OFF

We are very lucky to have **Stuart Fosdyke's PCS Legal company** to sponsor our Big Fish Off again on the Sunday 30th July at Ongar's Langford Bridge. The prize money and prizes have been improved over last year with an increased number of prize sections. Anyone can win a section, heaviest total weight, best bag of specimen fish or biggest fish prize.

Book your place now with **Terry Commer** on
07912 869651 or **Mike Jenkins** on **01277 364624**.

MUSIC QUIZ NIGHT & PRESENTATION NIGHT

On the 3rd June we are holding a Music Quiz at Budworth Hall along with our Presentation Event for the Club's successful anglers for last season. Tickets are £10 and include Fish & Chips or Chicken & Chips. **Barry Etherington** will be the MC for the evening and he promises it will be good fun and slightly different to the normal quiz format. So come along for a good laugh and singalong. Please call **Tommy** for tickets.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE | ROBIN BUNDY

New membership levels are good and now the problems with the website are resolved they will start to increase. Your Membership Renewal Form is either enclosed or attached to your email. Please get them back to me asap. Please do not forget to make out your cheques to **Ongar and District Angling Society** and not **ODAS**. The bank will not accept them as **ODAS** - it could delay posting your new membership card.

Thank You. **Robin** - Membership Secretary

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi Everyone,

I would like to start by thanking the Committee for all their hard work over the past year. Without their commitment the Club would not exist.

Spring is in the air so all members will be looking forward to fishing our great lakes and river.

20 Tench between 4 to 6lbs have been stocked into Ongar No 1 improving the quality of fishing in the lake.

Also our big sponsored match with PCS Legal will be held in the summer. Please try to attend - it was a great event last year.

Tommy



FISHERY OFFICERS

If you need to contact the
Club Fishery Officers:

New Moreton

Michael Jenkins
01277 364624

Old Moreton

Barry Etherington
07759 421051

Ongar No 1

Tommy Eldridge
07789 982711

Dave Wickings
01708 449142

OUTINGS REPORT



TERRY COMMER JNR

Hi All

What a thrilling start we have had to this year's Outings. I was not able to make Fennes (Hills & Black Lake) in March for the season's opener but what a great start! **Harry Shearman** winning by just 1oz after weighing in a Carp of 16lbs 4ozs. A good match winning fish giving him a total weight of 22lbs 12ozs. **Keith Wicker** also landed a double figure Carp during the match and finished with 22lbs 11ozs in 2nd place. 3rd place was **Micky Eid** with 20lbs exactly.

Hills & Black always throw's up specimen fish and other notable catches were double figure carp from **Terry Withington** and **Ray Flesher**, a 3lbs 8ozs Tench from **Craig Ramsey** and a 2lbs 2ozs Perch from **Tony Westgarth**. Cracking Fish!!

The second match saw us at Pea Lane Fishery in Upminster. Fishing conditions were not great for this pit style lake. **Tommy Eldridge** started bagging early in shallower covered Peg 1 and it looked like Tommy would win from the favoured peg, but fish, especially Carp as they are at this time of year, can be a bit 'iffy' and easily back off feed. However it was 2 hours into the match when it really kicked-off and it was the start of a neck and neck contest between **Paul Jenkins**, myself and **Barry Blyth**. On Pegs 15,17 and 18 (with 16 unoccupied). Paul started the proceedings with a 'lump' on the bomb and pellet. Barry and I caught fish on Pellet Waggler for the rest of the match, taking fish between 4lbs and 8lbs at depths between 3 and 4ft. Paul had a great mixed bag of Skimmers and a few big Carp to 13lbs 6 ozs for a final weight of 53lbs 4ozs in 3rd place. Barry took 2nd with 54lbs 8ozs and I

finished with 1st with 69lbs 8ozs. A short break in Barry's bites was the difference with an hour to go - a close fought match indeed! With the best 8 results from the 10 matches deciding the overall winner, it's still very early days but as it stands points - wise **Paul Jenkins** and **Tony Westgarth** are joint 1st with 36 points (just about after Tony's late surge at Pea Lane to finish 4th), 3rd **Harry Shearman** with 35 points and **Tommy Eldridge** with 28 points in 4th place. The Pairs have been decided and to date **Harry Shearman/Barry Blyth** lead the way with 41 points. **Terry Commer Jnr/Keith Wicker** 2nd with 39 points and **Paul Jenkins/Tony Gladden** 3rd with 35 points.

The John Cox Knockout Trophy will commence on the next outing May at Newlands Hall.

If you wish to join us on any venue then please contact me on 07912 869651 to book on.

Be quick as places are limited on some venues due to the regular turnout of around 25 anglers.

Tight Lines

Terry

MATCHES & EVENTS 2017

You will have already received details of next years events & matches together with meeting details and work parties. The Music Quiz/Presentation Evening will be a first but it is proving popular already. We would like to see more members attending all events particularly the Pit & River Matches and our new Annual Fishing PCS Big Fish Off - which will have some changes to the format and prizes.

NATURE BOY - WILD LIFE AROUND OUR WATERS

An Egret has been seen at the water's edge at New Moreton with a Mute Swan looking at its best on Ongar No 1. Long Tailed Tits with large flocks of Red Wings and Field Fares. Well worth a stroll around our lovely lakes for fresh air and great wildlife



WHAT'S BEING CAUGHT & WHERE?

MIKE JENKINS HAS A TALE TO TELL CONCERNING RECENT VISITS ALONG THE RIVER RODING AT NO 1:



A Fisherman's Tale

If you know me you will realise I am very keen on promoting fishing on our 2 mile stretch of the River Roding. During January, February & March this year I fished on a dozen occasions mainly in the afternoon until it got dark. Tackling up in the Car Park and taking minimal tackle, light rod, reel with 3lbs line tied to a 16 hook and 2lbs hook length strength, I tried all swims down to the weir. Every time I caught roach up to 1/2 lb but not always in the same swims. I also caught two small dace, about six minnows, three perch up to 1/2 lb and two chub - the photo of one is left. On that day I took the club scales and it weighed 3lbs 10ozs. This is the best chub I think I have ever had on our stretch of river.

The Club is planning to remove - with the farmer - some more of the willow trees that have fallen in over the years - if you wander down later in the year you will see the obvious swims. Why not give it a try - I would love to hear your reports no matter what. **Mike Jenkins.**



ONGAR NO 1 - BIG COMMON CARP

Martin Cambridge recently had a nice day at Ongar No 1 catching this magnificent 20lbs Common Carp. Like all good Carp anglers he is using his unhooking mat. Well Done Martin on catching such a great fish!!

ONGAR NO 1 - RE-STOCKING PROGRAMME

As part of the Club's long term stocking strategy we have introduced a number of mature Tench up to the size of 6lbs into Ongar No 1 water. Some have already been caught.



NIGHT FISHING



Don't forget you need to call: John Cottis on 07866 281313 to book a Night Ticket at Ongar No 1.
Please telephone or text.

Please do not leave a Voicemail as these are not monitored

Remember fishing at night without a Night Fishing Ticket is breaking club rules - which is punishable if caught by the **Club Bailiff**

PIT & RIVER MATCH REPORT

MIKE JENKINS



I am writing this report with two matches March & April of the new season completed. The March match was held at Langford Bridge fishery where 17 members fished for a total weight of 71lbs 11ozs. The match

was dominated by Bream with the best one caught by Martin Reader of 6lbs 5ozs. Except for a Carp just before the whistle of 16lbs 8ozs by Jerry Kemp. A few nice roach were caught the biggest at 10ozs caught by Tommy Eldridge.

The April match was at Old Moreton where only 10 fished for a total weight of 84lbs. Tommy Eldridge had a lovely bag of silver fish at 23lbs 11ozs - mainly Roach & Rudd plus a bonus 2lbs Bream. Terry Withington was 2nd with two Carp and bits and I was third with a good bag of 17lbs 6ozs all Roach & Rudd including a Roach of 1lbs 3ozs. This match was 1 week after the dye, to kill the weed growth chemical was put in and as you can see it has not affected the fishing.

I look forward to seeing old & new Members at our not to serious home matches. On the website, under news, I have a blog (report) on matches in conjunction with the results sheets, this blog will give more information on how the matches are going. Please report with pictures of any catches from any of our waters to michaeljjenkins@btinternet.com. Tight Lines **Mike**

FISHERIES UPDATE

ONGAR NO 1 | TOMMY ELDRIDGE

The lake is looking a lot more open as Danny the Farmer (lake owner) has decided to clear all big willows and brambles from the lake side. So it will look different!! Planting is already in progress—shrubs and bushes. Some nice Chub and Roach being caught on the river. 20 Tench ranging from 4 to 6lbs have recently been stocked.

OLD MORETON | BARRY ETHERINGTON

Hi All - The lake at Old Moreton is still low and the ground is still firm. The fishing is good with nice bags of roach & bream and still one or two Carp now appearing. The Bomb Hole is still fishing well though - with very large Pike, Carp and Bream. Also expect some big Roach Rudd & Perch.

Be careful when getting to and from The Bomb Hole swims, the Club recommend two members go together for safety.

Please send us your photo's and details of your catch.

Cheers **Barry**



NEW MORETON | MIKE JENKINS

For members who like a quiet non-Carp fishery this is the venue you should go to. Access is brilliant just a few paces from where you park your car with nice flat swims. The main fish are Roach, Rudd & Perch with the odd Crucian Carp and Tench.

You can fish light knowing you will not be broken up. We plan to remove a few of the willow saplings around the edges but apart from this no work is required, I have fished on a number of occasions lately and caught well every time. Have fun! **Mike**

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- 10% Discount on Fishing Tackle
- Prizes for Club Raffles at the Presentation & Music 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