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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear Member,



We had our annual Family Fishing Day and BBQ at Pattenden Lane on 13th August. The event was part of our participation in the National Fishing Month 2023. It was a fantastic day with 142 people attending, very busy but very rewarding seeing all the youngsters, parents and grandparents having a go at our great sport.



The weather behaved itself, apart from one short downpour and Bill (with his trusty assistant Trevor) cooked some fantastic BBQ food for everyone. Top work keeping up with demand!

Big thankyou to our professional coaches Kevin Durman and Paul Whibley who provided everyone with some much needed coaching which went down a storm.

Mike Coward, our Junior membership officer, put in a tremendous amount of time and effort to organise and setup this event, so it was great to see so many people take part and enjoy the fishing.

All the kids went away with certificates and goodie bags, so hopefully we will see them on the bank again soon and of course at next years event.

Burnt Wood

The fishing here this year has been great, for both our carp anglers and general fishermen. The oxygen levels have been very good for over a year now and we are seeing the improvements in fish growth and feeding. The aerators are really doing their job.

We will be continuing to thin out the trees over the next year or two as this will reduce the amount of leaf litter falling into the water and will also increase the amount of light and wind that hits the water. All these things encourage aquatic plant growth, increase oxygen levels and reduce silt buildup, making the fishing much better.

Remember to attend the work parties in October and December, we always need lots of hands to help.

Fish Care - You can do your bit:

Play fish rather than winch them in. The trend seems to be to use large TC rods and 16lb+ line, both of which are way over the top for our waters.

Use the smallest lead for the situation. Heavy leads over 3oz will tear mouths as the fish takes off.

Do not fish in areas that you cannot hook, play and land fish safely.

Always using wet unhooking mats, not bone dry and baking hot.

Treat hook holes, cuts, wounds and dislodged scales with fishcare kits.

Return fish as quick as possible.

Always hold fish over the unhooking mat when taking photos. If you don't, one flap could be costly.

Report any gasping or dead fish immediately.



No littering

Litter – We still seem to have members who are ignoring this rule. It is quite simple:

TAKE ALL YOUR LITTER HOME WITH YOU

Anyone found dropping litter on any of our venues will be banned from the club.

In response to calls from various groups within the club to consider what the Club should do in relation to One More Cast launching their Magic Twig end tackle the Committee has now considered the matter. The Committee considered three options:

Option A - ban use of the OMC MT with immediate effect. Acceptance by members of bailiffs needing to check rigs if this is the case.

Option B - defer any decision until more evidence has been obtained to prove one way or the other.

Option C - no ban as just another piece of end tackle

The Committee considered these options as well as the views from bailiffs and decided to adopt option B - no rule banning the item would be imposed until further evidence of its conclusive danger to fish welfare comes to light or not as the case may be.

Important points that several committee members raised and were concerned about was the fact that rigs would need to be checked and also, that there are many permitted tackle items that also create a risk to our fish if used inappropriately or incorrectly .e.g. lead core, leaders, fixed lead set ups, excessively strong tackle, etc. and we do not ban these.

Members are of course free to propose a rule at the AGM to be voted on. At the same time as publicising this decision the Committee will remind members to fish safely and sensibly.

New Waters

We are excited to announce that we have managed to secure two new venues for our members to fish.

Five Watering Sewer – 1 mile stretch in New Romney. An addition to our very popular White Kemp Sewer.

River Teise Spelmonden – 2 mile stretch near Goudhurst

We will be sending all the information to you very shortly so you can fish these straight away.



Work Parties

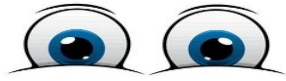
A work party schedule was sent out with your membership pack (in the hope you can attend at least one) and is also available on our website. It is a good idea to regularly check the News page of our website for any updates or changes as we sometimes have to instigate last minute work or reschedule dates. They are fun and not hard work at all and they are a good time to get inside information about the venue and meet your Committee. It would be great to see more of you come along, as the Committee struggle to do everything on their own, surely you can spare just one morning in a year? Plus, if you do come along your name will be entered into a draw at the next AGM and you could win a free membership for next year.



The next few work parties are:

Sun 24th September – ROSEMARY LAKES	Sun 22nd October – BURNT WOOD	Sun 10th December - BURNT WOOD
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The more members come to help, the more we can get done! To get involved just simply turn up on the day!

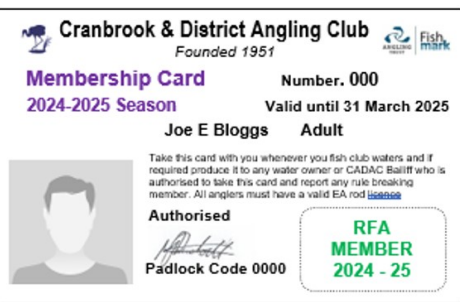


If you are not checking our [website](#) regularly then you are missing out on important news and information. Our website is full of information for you and is regularly updated to make sure we get as much information out to you as quick as possible. This should be your first point of call for anything to do with club news, information & rules. We have lots going on during the season, so make sure you keep checking our website for the news and updates otherwise you will miss vital information. Also, email in your catch reports and photos so we can keep members informed and keep an eye on fish growth.



Club Merchandise

We have Thermal Mugs, Polo Shirts, Hoodies, Woolly Hats and Baseball Caps with the clubs logo on. In either black or green. Sizes from Small to XXXL. Order yours now by contacting Dave Sherwood on info@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk



Membership Cards for the 2024-2025 Season Renewals

The club is intending to change the format of the membership card, to include a photo of the member, rather than have a separate ID card, see example. In order to achieve this, we will be asking existing members to send in a good quality passport size photograph, either by email or post, whichever is practical. This will be a onetime request as the photographs will be stored on our database for use in future seasons for a period of ten years. This request will be made at the time of renewal, early next year. If for any reason you are unable to provide a photograph, you should return your current ID card, and we will attempt to extract an acceptable photo from the card.



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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cranbrookangling>

If all our members used the portal when buying anything online, we could be looking at 100's of pounds in funds for the club. Over 7,500 brands will donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. So, before you go to sites like Amazon, Ebay, Sainsburys, Tesco's, Apple, Argos, Dunelm, Currys, Euro Car Parts etc, go through our portal first. You won't spend any more time or money by doing your online shopping this way than going to the retailer's website directly. Simply click the Easyfundraising link, find your retailer and buy. Anyone can use it and with Xmas coming, every online purchase makes a huge difference!

A challenge for all you Catfish anglers

Burnt Wood is home to quite a few Catfish and we are gradually moving all captures to a local fishery but there is one monster that keeps evading capture. It has been hooked many times but never landed. So we are calling on all members that fancy their chances at trying to catch and land this big Cat to fish for it. Many have been caught up to 26lb, so we are guessing this could be 40lb+. If you do manage to land it, please contact Mark Lindsell on 07973 383952 immediately.



Environment Agency Fishery Officers visited Pattenden Lane recently which was very welcome as we have been having trouble with a few trespassers lately. They checked the licences of everyone fishing and no issues were found.

The EA have been given the locations of all of our venues so they will be paying regular visits to help our bailiffs to deter these intruders.



Stocking

Now that Burnt Wood is looking good and the current stock is fit and healthy, we are going to stock six 20lb+ Carp, some Tench and some more Perch in here during the winter. So when you fish here, please let the club know if you catch a 20lb+ Carp or a Tench so that we can monitor this new stock.

Put these club contact emails into your contacts so our emails always reach your inbox

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We hope you all have a great rest of the season and keep getting out on the bank, even during the colder months. The CADAC Committee