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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2016

Dear Member,

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held at Marden Village Club on Friday 5th February 2016.

37 members attended the recent AGM which was a slightly smaller turn out than last year, many thanks to all those who did come along and showed their support for the club.

The main things to note were:

The membership had increased to its highest level in history at just under 800 full members.

But disappointingly, only 24 of these members attended a work party last year.

The current committee and club officers were all re-elected for another year but we still have vacancies to fill.

You will all be glad to hear that Subscriptions will remain the same as last season.

The club will continue its focus on ClubMark activities including coaching sessions, cub/scout open evenings and junior matches. Big thanks to our Level 1 Coaches – Paul Whibley and Mel Dearing for their time and efforts.

Rule changes were made to:

General rules

12 - Members are permitted to post catch reports on Social Media but by doing so they give implied consent for the club to use any reports, pictures etc. for its own publicity purposes.

21 - Waters will be closed when larger fish are seen to be spawning by bailiffs, a notice to this effect will be posted at the entrance.

Water Specific

Darwell

7 - Although motors are available, it is recommended that frequent visiting members provide their own motor

8 - Where members wish to take guests, they must apply for a guest permit for each individual, whether they are fishing or not.

These changes are now in the revised rule book which will be sent out with your new membership pack or of course you can find it on our [Rules page](#) of the website.

The raffle was generously supported again by local tackle shops:

Maidstone Angling Centre	www.maidstoneangling.com / 01622 677326	A massive thank you to our supporting shops
Orchard Tackle Southborough	www.orchardtackle.co.uk / 01892 536083	
Tenterden Gun and Tackle	01580 764851	
Kent Tackle	www.kenttackle.com / 01580 754422	
Catcher Baits	www.catcherbaits.co.uk / 01233 850626	

Remember, these shops are a vital part of angling and provide a great source of information. Pop in and see what deals and tips they can give you!

As a thank you for their efforts, every member who attended a work party last year was entered into a draw to win a FREE membership for this season and **Roy Mahoney** was pulled out of the hat on the night.

Congratulations Roy!

We need members to join the Committee

We have recently had a few Committee members leave the Committee due to personal reasons which leaves us with a diminished team and we urgently need some willing members to come forward and join our hard working Committee. We are in quite a serious position because important items will not be able to be planned or resolved if we do not have a full Committee this season.

All we ask from you is attendance to Committee meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at The Marden Village Club, Marden 8pm-10pm and your enthusiasm to help run this forward thinking club.

Weekly Matches

Don't forget we have matches every Sunday through the season that **you are all invited to take part in**. The fixture list is on the back of your membership card and is also on the [Matches page](#) of our website.

Burnt Wood

The right hand side is almost clear of trees and which has made the place look much brighter and should reduce many tons of leaves dropping into the lake in the autumn. Toby Powell and his dad are doing a great job down there and will be doing even more this coming winter.

Recent visitors may have noticed the large pile of wood chippings waiting to be spread in the swims on the work parties. Hopefully we will see many more members come and help the Committee this year!

There does appear to be a few members who still haven't got the message about taking their litter home with them. You know who you are, please stop throwing your rubbish behind the swims.

Junior events

We will again be holding lots of **FREE** coaching sessions this year plus junior matches and of course our annual Family Day & BBQ at Runham Lake as part of our participation in National Fishing Month. **Keep visiting the dedicated [Juniors page](#) of our website for dates and more events for youngsters.**

These events are open for everyone under 16, not just members' children. We'd like to see as many come along to our events as possible.



This years 48hr carp match will be at Burnt Wood from **Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd July**. The draw takes place at 6pm on the Friday for a 7pm start, BBQ on Saturday and will finish on Sunday at 7pm. Places are limited to 10 members and must be booked in advance with Dave Sherwood by phone (07917 307942) or by email (info@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk).

**£10 entry fee must be paid before the match date
1st prize is £50, 2nd prize £25 and 3rd prize £10!**

Work Parties

A work party schedule will be sent out with your new membership pack (in the hope you can attend at least one) and will also be available on our website. It is also 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.

Darwell

Can we remind everyone who uses the boats and equipment down at Darwell to take care of it all because items are getting damaged and being left for others to find which on occasions has spoilt other members days fishing. Treat the equipment carefully and that includes the boats and trailers. If you break or lose something, report it to Trevor so it can be fixed or replaced.

Changes to the way members access the hut is being discussed to increase security and key holders will be notified of when these changes take effect.



Club Merchandise

We have Polo Shirts, Hoodies, Woolly Hats and Baseball Caps, all with the clubs logo on. There is a choice of colours, black or green and sizes range from Medium to XXXL. You can find an order form on the website or contact Dave Sherwood to get yours now.

Renewals - Due in March

Renewal forms are enclosed with this newsletter for you to complete and return; copies can also be downloaded from the website. **Please ensure that the information you enter is clear**, and if you have changed your home address or email address please put a note to that effect on the form. You need to supply a C5 envelope for your membership return, with either a 1st or 2nd class stamp. Also please ensure that you have paid the appropriate rate for the envelope you send in, as if it is under the rate, the club has to pay a £1.20 excess charge and your application will be delayed by the Royal Mail.



Want to be a Bailiff?

If you would like to be a bailiff this season or you are a current bailiff and would like to carry on your duties then please make sure you contact Dave Sherwood on 07917 307942 or email the club on info@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk.

Remember these 4 things this season

- **Read and comply with all the rules**
- **Carry your membership card when on our waters**
- **Don't drop or leave any litter**
- **2 rods only except on Darwell & Lydd**



As usual, we have loads going on this season so make sure you keep checking our website for the news and updates and also send in your catch reports and photos so we can keep other members informed.

We look forward to seeing you on the bank and of course at the work parties!

The CADAC Committee