

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2021

Chairman's Introduction

2020? I know it's a year that a lot of us will wish to park and forget and any of us that have personally been affected by the pandemic will have harrowing memories of but it was an interesting time for our club.

As the year ended CADAC saw itself in good shape to enter 2021 adapting to the "new normal" and luckily due to the government's stance ensuring angling was included in our exercising regime our banks were blessed with our members enjoying the great diversity of waters the club now has in its portfolio. Of course, this doesn't just happen - it is all due to the untiring efforts of our committee, bailiffs, water wardens and "unseen heroes in the background". On behalf of the club, my heartfelt thanks go to all of you for everything you do to make sure the club runs so smoothly.

Hopefully during 2021 we will return to being able to mix etc and fill our nets with plump specimens of our favourite fish. Don't forget to try out all of our venues as some of them are jewels in our crown.

Stay safe and I'll see you on the other side.

Trevor Mc

Chairman

Lydd Agreement

We have signed a new long-term agreement with the owners of the Windsurf pit and as a result we have started a stocking program to introduce some new specimen carp with 10 already introduced this year including 2 Redmire Commons and another 12 on order for next season.....

The sizes ranged from 14lb to 17lb, so should be around 20lb by the end of the year.



Sports England Support

Membership uptake at the start of the season was disappointing with people wanting to wait until they knew what was happening with COVID-19 before paying out for membership. We do understand the reason for waiting however we have rents to pay otherwise we would have lost the waters.

Thankfully the committee applied for support from Sports England and we received a grant for a large sum to help cover the shortfall.

Please help us by getting membership money in as early as possible even if we are in a lockdown.

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Bailiff Report

Whilst most of CADAC's members act as unofficial "eyes and ears" for the club when fishing, we now have thirty active bailiffs covering all of the club's waters who act as a co-ordinated and reactive team. The importance of this team of bailiffs cannot be under estimated and their role extends beyond the perceived checking tickets, water quality, fish welfare and applying club rules. The manner in which our bailiffs carry out their role demonstrate to riparian owners the club to be a responsible "tenant", which helps CADAC negotiate renewal of leases (and in some cases the leasing of new waters).

Last year for obvious reasons, brought increased challenges to our bailiffs, with no fishing permitted during the first lockdown resulting in fewer club members on the bank, the risk of "guests" increased considerably. The lockdown coincided with a very hot summer resulting in low oxygen levels in some waters. Our bailiffs increased visits to our waters to check on both and react accordingly. We're pleased to report that our members were reassuringly compliant with the governments somewhat "unclear" rules at the time. We look to all members to help continuing to support our bailiffs by always carrying both photocard and the current years membership card. If you do not present both you are liable to be asked to leave the water. The club will not tolerate any verbal (or physical) abuse towards its bailiffs, any members found doing so will face a club ban. Last year a member received a life time ban for threatening behaviour towards two bailiffs. This was an extremely isolated incident on our waters which resulted in the attendance of Kent Police.

We are always looking for more bailiffs to complement our existing excellent team, if you can keep calm under pressure, manage situations, take details, interpret developing situations whilst staying safe then please contact Trevor Gilbert on 07740407701.

White Kemp Sewer

We have been hearing of some great fish being caught from the white kemp sewer, the sizes are very welcome. So if you haven't made it down there yet, make sure you do and let's see the photos.....



New Season

As we couldn't have an AGM the committee have decided the fairest thing is to keep membership prices the same for the 2021/22 season. We will of course be keeping an eye on membership numbers as we aren't out of the woods when it comes to COVID-19 and want to keep you all safe and fishing.

For renewals / new membership please go to our membership page and download the relevant form.

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Guest Tickets

Adult and Senior members may request a guest ticket. The application must be made to the membership officer, at least 24hrs IN ADVANCE giving dates required, which venue and the name of the guest.

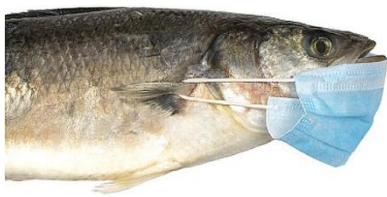
The guest ticket fee may be paid by bank or a cheque/postal order is acceptable to be sent to the club's address.

The guest ticket will be issued in any of the following forms text, e-mail or letter.

Permission will be given on the understanding that the club member will be responsible for any damage, injury or trespass that may occur.

Guest Ticket Fees: 24hrs £20 48hrs £40

COVID-19 Information



Follow the angling trust guidelines - <https://anglingtrust.net/covid-19/>

Carry hand sanitiser in car and use it before, during and after entering venues.

Follow rules – Stay Safe and Protect Others

New Waters Wanted

We are always looking at adding more waters to our already large portfolio of waters. If you know of a water that may be available, please get in touch with our Chairman Trevor on 07460024294 or email info@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk

Members Only Facebook Group

Along with our Twitter and YouTube channels, we also have a fantastic members only Facebook page. Great chats, a bit of banter, photos of catches and new this coming season some special offers coming from our club supporters. Make sure you are joined up, so you don't miss out.

Have a great 2020/21 season and we look forward to seeing you all on the bank very soon.

Kind Regards

Cranbrook and District Angling Club Committee



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