



LDAS NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

The weather has turned, and the waters are warmer, and the fish are . . . spawning. Yes, it's that time of year, so please be extra careful when playing the catch and handling fish. The following advice is an extract from an article Stuart Safford wrote last year to all members:

You may notice fish thrashing around in the reeds/margins on many of our waters. Sometimes this will occur right next to where you are fishing. This is fish spawning, mostly carp but other species will as well. These spawning fish will not feed so please do not cast baits towards or near them. It is fine to fish as normal for species not spawning. The weather, particularly water temperature, will have an impact on spawning and it can stop and start over several weeks. The warmer the water, the earlier they will spawn. Different species also spawn at different times with Pike going early and Tench often late. Unfortunately spawning also leads to fish stress, damage and sometimes mortalities. This is quite normal but please continue to report fish deaths to the local pond warden or the fishery management team.

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The **Club Match** season is now underway, thanks to our new **Match Secretary, Dave Pearson**. A League Table has been published and can be seen on the website [here](#).

Don't forget all matches are listed on the website, including the dates for the early evening Friday matches.

TWO Matches that are classed as **SOCIAL MATCHES**, are now available to book:

1. Sunday 5th July Parent/Junior Match Winners Trophy and Heaviest Fish prizes.
2. Sunday 26th July. Top Pond Open Match with BBQ. Winners Trophy and other prizes.

Please book via the '**BOOK TICKETS**' icon on the website or your Clubmate App.

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The Clubmate 'briefing sessions' at Long Copse on 25th and 26th April were very worthwhile, with members asking questions on the joining process to navigating the App. If you would like to know more about the App, please contact David on 07850 465258.

After last year's successful 'Tackle-Give-A-Way', we will hold another one **on Sunday 31st May** at Long Copse, from 12noon. If you have any suitable tackle you are happy to donate to this cause, please bring it on the day at 11.00am – there is a **Work Party** the same morning, so please come and help out first.

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'**Calling all fluff chuckers!**' - Geoff Ballinger will be running his annual fly fishing competition on **20th May** at Albury fisheries - if you would like more details, please email him on geoff@leatherheadangling.co.uk

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As all members are aware, **Anti-Social behaviour** at any of our waters will not be tolerated. There is the Incident Report found on the App to send a report to our bailiffs, but the committee have introduced a faster way of alerting us of anti-social behaviour by calling a dedicated phone number where immediate action can be taken. This number is **07395 835986** It can also be found on the App. in a new Icon called **ANTI-SOCIAL REPORTING**

As we approach summer, and with it longer lighter evenings, this is the time most of the anti-social youths cause trouble. We do not advise members to confront these individuals but contact us, or the police, so we can take action. If it is found LDAS members are responsible for repeated anti-social behaviour, their membership will be revoked with immediate effect.

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MAY WORK PARTY DATES:

1. **Weekend 16th / 17th May** 9.00am/1.00pm **Ashtead Park, Rookery** start of building of island and tree works.
2. **Weekend 30th / 31 May** **Spring Grove** tree works (only if the trees are dead) due to the nesting season. Removal of the platform on the bottom pond and cutting back of the reeds.

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REMINDER: Membership renewal fees became active on 1st April, but it has always been the policy to allow members a 'month grace', which will end soon. So, please consider renewing from the website Home page or via the Clubmate App.

Tight lines

PS: Don't forget River Mole is now closed until 16th June