



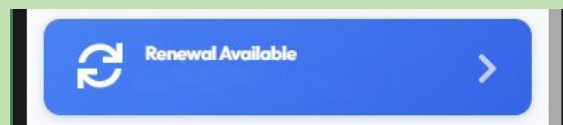
LDAS NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026

NEW SEASON – NEW LOOK

Welcome and ‘thank you’ to all existing members who have ‘renewed’ from 1st April, and *Welcome* to all our new members this month. Our new look Website and Clubmate App has been in overdrive – if you have not ‘renewed’ yet, here is a reminder of how easy it is to do:

Click on the blue bar on the front screen of the App. that says, ‘Renewable Available’.



Follow the online instructions by choosing your Membership Plan and continue to the payment screen. ENSURE the Plan you are choosing says ‘RENEWING’. The new navigation will make it easy to connect to the most important features of the club, and discover some new opportunities.

If you have not installed the Clubmate App yet, do it now from one of these links:

[Click here to download the CLUBMATE iOS app via the App](#)
[Click here to download the CLUBMATE Android app via Google](#)

The ZOOM Meeting held on 15th March was well attended considering this had never been done before. Thank you to everyone who attended. [You can watch the Zoom recording here.](#)

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WILLINGHURST NEWS

After many years of offering our members a generous benefit when visiting this fishery, they have now with-drawn from our partnership as from 1st April 2026.

We still have a good relationship with **Morehouse Farm**, near Crawley, who allow our members to fish for a subsidised rate of £2 per visit. No pre-booking required.

'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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I am pleased to report that we have a new **Club Match Secretary – Dave Pearson**. Dave is a long standing member of the LDAS and a passionate Match fisherman. A new season of *home and away* matches are now published with all bookings required to be made via the [Clubmate App](#). (except for Friday evening matches).

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Nick Carter, our Head Bailiff has, at 92 years of age, has stepped down from the Head Bailiff position. **Robert (Bob) Bransgrove** was duly elected by the committee to take over as Head Bailiff. We thank Nick for his excellent work, although he will still be around the Ponds as a bailiff whenever he can.

Courtesy of the April edition Angling Times:

With fish waking up, you can finally start to introduce a bit of bait. However, don't pile it all in at once. Whatever you're fishing for, a good bet is to start lightly, judge the reaction, and build from there.

TRY FOR A BIG ROACH

Late March to early April is often the period when roach are at their peak weights, making now a great time to target a stillwater giant. There are numerous venues they inhabit, often carp fisheries where the roach have grown large on high-protein baits. The maggot feeder, fished on a heli-rig with a short fluorocarbon hookbait, is a great bet. Feeding a little groundbait can be a good way to kick-start a swim.



FISH WITH MEAT

As carp and F1s on commercial fisheries start to wake up, luncheon meat comes into its own. Filled with fats and protein, it's the perfect bait for fish to feed on after a lean winter. Cut up a few tins into small cubes and feed lightly, introducing a few at a time initially. A good line to try this can be on the short pole, targeting the bottom of the nearside marginal slope.



CATCH A MIXED BAG

If you're getting out for the first time this year, a great way to dust off the cobwebs is to rig up a float rod with a light waggler, grab a few pints of maggots or casters, and get out and catch whatever comes along. Loose feed regularly and fish on the drop. You'll catch silvers through the water and, hopefully, a few bigger carp, tench and bream when your hookbait reaches the bottom.



PS: Don't forget River Mole is now closed until 15th June – tight lines