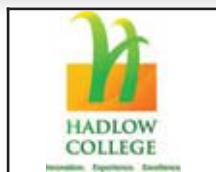


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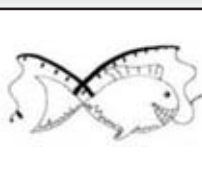
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## Welcome to the Junior Informer pages!

By now you are all settled back in to the school routine and at the end of this month you will have your half term break. I do hope that you are still getting to go fishing? Fishing is not just for the summer! Autumn sees many fishing feeding hard to pack on the weight ready for the coming Winter months. In particular, the carp will throw caution to the wind and feed non stop, especially if the weather stays mild. Sometimes you may need to change your tactics a little and fine down your tackle in order to encourage bites. A move to traditional baits like worms, maggots and bread can often work very well. If you find the carp not wanting to play, try for some perch or roach which will be reaching their prime condition. Try not to introduce

as much groundbait at the start of the session, but play it 'by ear'. If the fish are really having it, you can afford to add more bait, but if they are a little more finicky, then be cautious about putting in too much. Remember, once it's gone in, you can't take it out! However, you can always add some more later. Very often at this time of year, the last two hours of daylight can provide the best time for sport!

Don't forget to keep sending your catch photos to me and remember you can send them to our Facebook page as well!

Best wishes, Barry

## FISHING FOR SCHOOLS

### October Update

It's easy to think that once the summer holidays roll around it's feet-up time for the Fishing for Schools teams, but that's certainly not the case for the F4S Kent group.

For the past two summers this F4S team has shared its passion for and knowledge of fishing with groups of older but equally receptive anglers, from three mental health groups – the Trevor Gibbens Unit in Maidstone, the Charlton Athletic Community Trust and MCCH, which work with adults with learning difficulties and autism.

Throughout July, August and early September, the team – Warren White, Charlie Rayner and Bob Goble – took the budding fishers to two venues – Grove Farm Fishery and Shorne Valley Park. Very many thanks to Hadlow College and to Thameside Works Angling & Preservation Society (TWAPS) for the use of their waters.

Warren said: "We are really starting to see the seeing the fruits of our labours with these groups and are delighted that the three organisations are willing, along with Bexley Council, to help fund the courses.

"Our main aim was to make the courses fun, enjoyable and informative, but over the weeks working with the groups we have had some wonderful feedback from the staff, telling us how the fishing sessions have helped the students not only on the bank to learn more fishing skills but also improved their social skills, self-esteem and confidence, which is good to know."



## Fishing 4 schools - October Tip of the Month from instructor Rob Goble

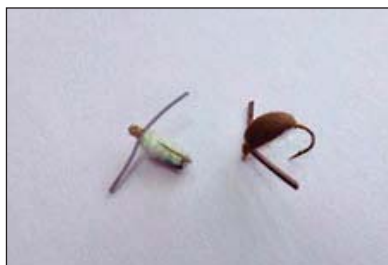
October should be a cooler month, especially after a record-breaking heat wave, that seemed to go on and on, but I fear this weather could become the norm for every year as life goes on.

Trout fishing suffered badly at most fisheries over the summer but if you are an early riser you probably had some success. Those later to the bank will have had mixed fortunes as in the heat of the day the fish went down to the depths to try and find cooler water.

Bowl Water has fared well due to the bubble line out in the main bowl which aerated the water, supplying more oxygen and cooler water encouraging the fish to be interested in feeding. The main bowl has 90 feet or more of depth for the fish to swim in but is only accessible by boat. Fly fishing has been successful but spinning and bait have accounted for catches as well.

Carp fishing has been excellent especially for me and the students who I teach to catch on the top - carp must love the heat! Many thanks must go to Monk Lakes fisheries and Hadlow College for allowing us to fly fish there.

Salt water bass fishing has been up and down, especially here on the north Kent coast. We have had the usual problems – it's been windy, making the water dirty and there's been a lot of weed. It's frustrating casting your fly or your plug out and straight away pulling weed, especially when you can see the



bow waves made by some large fish!

Well that was September and hopefully October will see the weed problem lessen, but there's always bait you can use. Try small calamari squid or mackerel to entice them.

Back to trout fishing. With the cooler weather trout will be actively feeding. All the usual patterns will catch, but it might be a good time to experiment. Try using a Corixa fly. This tiny creature can fish well until the end of October.

The Corixa is a member of the lesser water boatman family. I am told there are approximately 30 species found around the UK, mostly in still waters to a depth of no more than two metres, because they need to return to the surface to replenish their air supply (usually a bubble). They love to be among plant debris and weed beds. There are many imitations to suggest this. I have included some pictures of a couple I have tied to represent this as well as beetle, shuttlecock and hopper patterns, all can be obtained from good tackle store's or online.