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Hello and welcome to the August edition of the Freshwater Informer

The school summer holidays will be well underway by the time this issue hits the shelves. Hopefully the weather will hold and young anglers all over the region will be able to make the most of their break and

get plenty of time on the bank.

Although judging by the catch reports, many of the juniors have been putting their elders to shame by landing plenty of personal bests in the past month. For those that haven't faired quite so well or are looking to get involved in angling there are a good number of organisations, fisheries and angling clubs running open days or taster sessions to help point you in the right direction and teach you the basics. Keep an eye on our Facebook page as we share as many as we can.

Lots of fishing events have taken place over the last month, with Lee representing F.W.I. at the Bodle Angling Open Day at the beginning of the month. I know that everyone at Bodle put a huge amount of effort into the event and they should be justifiably proud as it was a huge success.

Whilst Lee's presence didn't cause quite the same level of excitement as that of Carl Smith or Alan Blair, he did get to meet with plenty of readers and it was great to get their feedback on our plans for

the magazine. He also bumped into long time F.W.I. columnist and specimen hunter Russ Evans, who kindly agreed to write a guest article, covering his chub fishing, for this issue.

Whilst I couldn't make the open day, I did manage to grab a few short hours at a H.B.D.F.A.A. water, the results of which are detailed within these pages. It also gave us the opportunity to launch our YouTube channel and you can view the session in glorious technicolour by scanning the QR code or following the link.

Also in this months issue, Andy Lush has found out that when the going gets tough, the tough get going. Warren White bids farewell to one group of



young anglers but opens the door to the next generation. Bob Rolph explains what it takes to maintain his ornamental ponds and fish, whilst Bob Morris has an update on the ongoing and sorry saga of Southern Waters inability to keep pollutants out of our waterways.

Barbel are covered in this months Simple Approach section. One of the more difficult targets to achieve locally but the rewards are there for those willing to put in the effort.

Speaking of effort, huge congratulations must go to Charles Jardine and Peter Cockwill who completed the marathon task of fly casting the length of a Marathon to raise funds for the Fishing for Schools project. Fishing For Schools is looking to expand their scheme and details can be found in this months Junior Informer.

Add to that a plethora of fishery reports, match results, shore reports and, of course, your catches and you have the August edition of the Freshwater Informer.

Tight Lines, Alex Coutts & Lee Nicoll

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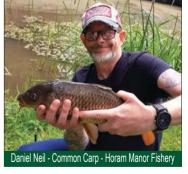
One banana, two banana...



Ellie Neal had a great session at Tricklebrook Fishery, landing this fantastic brace consisting of a mirror and a common carp. Neither could resist the temptation of a yellow banana pop-up, the bigger of the two scaling 27lbs 3ozs.











FWI's August Cover Star!

Steve Mack had this to say about his impressive capture.

"Arriving at Mousehole Lakes after work Friday evening, we set up in swim 2&3 on Kestrel Lake. A double swim, with me opting to fish the right hand side which gave access to the island.

Seeing lots of activity to my right I deployed two solid bags and then my third rod went right to the corner of the island,



Steve Mack With His New PB From Mousehole Lakes

again with my favoured solid bag approach with 25lb supernatural to a size 6 kamakura wide gap finished off with a 12mm pink wafter. Around 9.30pm the left hand rod tight to the island gave off a couple of beeps and then went into meltdown. Lifting into the fish i didn't think it felt that big but how wrong was I?!! After an epic 20 minute battle I rolled the net cord under what turned out to be a 41lbs common and a new UK PB, buzzing is an understatement."



RUSS FVANS

I have to admit that since I finished my match fishing career a few years ago to concentrate on targeting certain species, my Summer fishing days took a back seat as I much prefer to fish Autumn through to the Spring months. I think I suffered too many days in the Sun with no shade in past matches and finally enough was enough on those piping hots days. However with all that said I do like my Summer days fishing to be on small wild looking rivers where I can tuck myself away under the shade of a big tree and flick a piece of bread flake, cheese paste or two glued together 8mm or 10mm halibut pellets next to an overhanging tree on the far bank or margin cover and tempt a nice greedy Chub away from its hiding hole.

THE TACTICS AND BAITS

Depending on the swim and flow determines what tactics I use on the day of a session, if the river is on the low side but flowing slightly I prefer link leger tactics with a piece of bread of paste and let it slowly position itself into place by keeping the rod up and mending the line before dropping the rod and letting the swan shots and bait drop to the bottom and then tightening up when the rod is on the rest. Quite often if a Chub is about and more importantly hungry then a pull round of the tip is not that far away with the thumping of the rod vibrating down to the reel butt section with the Chub trying to



make a quick exit to the first snag he can find, exciting stuff. Knowing where the snags are in the first place is a big plus but if the water is coloured and you are trying the swim for the first time it is very much trial and error as to where the snags are so I tend to make sure my mainline and terminal tackle is up to the task as I like to keep control of the fish from the off and the only way is to be beefed up especially on small and narrow rivers like the River Eden and Upper stretches of the Medway where I am fishing today.

THE TACKLE AND SET UP



Medway Chub - 4lbs 8ozs

I always opt for 10lbs mainline with Drennan Supplex being my choice of brand as it is extremely strong and never lets me down, my link leger of 2 swan shots is fixed to the mainline via a quick change swivel positioned in place by a float stop either side and can be easily slide up and down if you want a longer tail to the hookbait, a very simple but effective way to fish and some anglers prefer the same set up but hold the rod in position and feel for bites which again is a very exciting way to fish for the Chub. If I find conditions more demanding in the way of a rising river with plenty of flow I use a gripper lead system with the Korum Camo Bolt/Run rig set ups doing the job with size of weight depending on the depth of water especially if fishing on big rivers like the Thames or Hampshire Avon. If I find the Chub to be in a feeding mood and I suspect there to be a few fish in the swim I do also like to fish with a cage feeder set up stuffed with liquidized bread in conjunction with a big piece of bread flake on the hook. Talking of hooks, I am a big fan like many

specialist anglers out there of the Drennan Super Specialist Wide Gape pattern in either a size 6 to 10 depending on what bait I am using as I do also like to carry a few lobworms along with me as well and I have not found many hungry fish willing to let a juicy worm go begging. I was very much a 5 turn water knot angler for the majority of my hook tying and it is still a great knot to use but I have found myself more and more using the knotless knot style especially if I want to leave a hair or big loop on the end for my baits. I always secure my hooks these days with the Drennan Supplex Fluorocarbon which is superb and super strong plus gives invisible qualities to your terminal tackle and let's face it if the fish can't see the line then you are half way there to fooling them. Now for the rod and reel which I believe determines if you stop the Chub running into a snag or not with hopefully the not being the important option. My rods for this type of fishing are the Greys Twin Specialist 12ft 1.25 to 1.75 test curve models with either the 2oz or



A Medway Chub

3oz tips, if I fish big and wider rivers like the Thames then I use something like the Korum Big Water 12ft rods with the Avon style tips, they come in various test curves and in 13ft blanks but I fish with the 2.25 test curves which do for me. As for the reel well I look no further than Shimano for the majority of my reel choices and connected to my rod is my Shimano 4000 twin power XTR with its 14 ball bearings, what a reel despite it now being at least 12/13 years old.

ARE THE CHUB FEEDING?

I arrive at my swim along the Upper Medway in Kent at first light just after 4am to get the best part of the day on my side as the forecast is for bright sunshine around mid-morning and bright sunshine makes Chub fishing very hard on my club section as I have found in the past. My target today is to catch a Chub of 5lbs which is a decent fish on any river but a very good one for the section I am fishing plus there is also a chance of a big barbel. I have about four favourite swims along this wild looking section of the Medway to try and for most the river is unfishable with its steep high banks and dense vegetation and stinging nettles and as I lower my way down to the first swim I try to be as quiet as I am as I am just a small chuck away from where I want to cast my large piece of flake and small bread filled cage feeder. The middle of the river is pushing through despite the river suffering from lack of rainfall so I raise the angle of rod up slightly to keep the line from being pulled and hence moving my feeder out of position. The first cast results in no signs of life and after 10 minutes I retrieve refill the cage and place another big piece of flake on and cast right tight to a small cut back in the far bank next to a very bushy tree. I lower my rod on the rest and almost instantly the tip pulls right round and I lift into a hard fighting thumping fish that moves out into the flow and powers off to my right towards some snags, I pull back hard as my trusty old Shimano reel clutch clicks away keeping the fish under control. It all happened so quickly that I did not at first appreciate what size Chub was sitting in my net pan until I lifted it up and thought this feels a lump. The scales settled at just a fraction under 5lbs 2ozs, my target was reached on just my second cast of the session, if only fishing was always that easy, sadly not as well all only know too well.



Russ - 5-1-8 Chub - target achieved

After that champagne and cigar moment I settled down and made a couple more casts before deciding to move further upstream to the next swim where I caught two more chub on similar tactics, not as big but just fantastic all the same. As forecast the bright conditions materialised around 10am and the action melted away just as other anglers decided to turn up. I walked back to the car park very pleased with my mornings work as the photos show.

If you enjoy watch relaxing fishing videos then you might be interested to take a look at my You Tube channel called Fishing Tail Films it has some of my old videos from my Bury Hill Fishery days to my recent trips where I target a variety of species from various venues in Surrey, Kent, Norfolk, Suffolk, Wales and the Cotswolds.

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A brace of PB's for Adrian



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Hawkhurst Four Trees Lake

A big well done to Lee Todd who landed 3 catfish during a day session on Four Trees Lake, including a new lake record of 48lbs 6ozs! And also a big thank you to his son Alfie who helped out so brilliantly with holding the catfish for the photos!





















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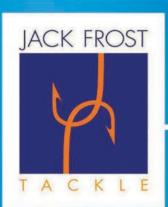
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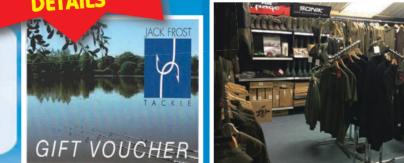


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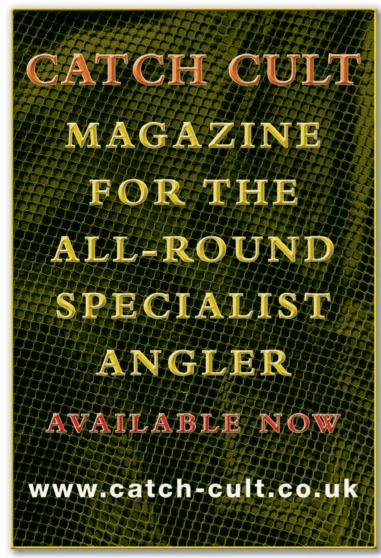








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Claygate Lakes Claygate, Marden, Kent

Lake Sophie Tench are still showing up all over the lake at the moment. Corn, worms and also prawns are all working well.

Lake Eva Off the top on the afternoon has been really working well and is great fun. Well done Ronnie Carter aged 9 showing dad and grandparents how it's done.

Lake Amy Fish have started to show more after finishing spawning. Well done **Sharni** a young angler who we'll be seeing a lot more of in future fishing magazines.

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Speci 2 Catfish are showing up on whatever bait you put in the water at the minute now that they have woken up. The catfish are coming out during the day, with the majority of them showing at night. Carp are being caught on small baited areas from the margins rather then

open water as the catfish are picking up the baits before the carp. Stick to fruity baits or imitation corn for the carp as this seems to keep the catfish at bay for a longer period of time.

Heron This lake is fishing really well for a big bag of mixed fish either on the guiver or float fishing (don't ignore the margins) if you want the bigger carp. Smaller baits work best in here for all species of fish including the carp rather then the 15mm boilies that tend to get used. This lake can also be booked up for matches if you give us a call on: 07933 934942

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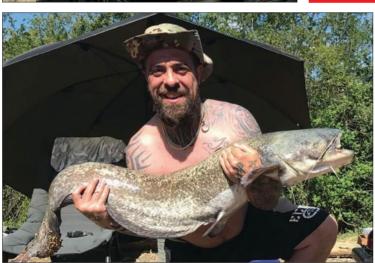
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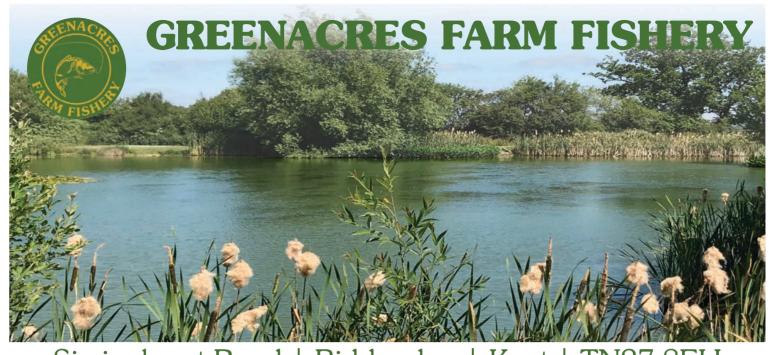












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Fishery Reports

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Well, where has the time gone, it only seems like yesterday I was writing the last report As per usual, we have had some great catch reports with lots of firsts and personal bests. As usual we cannot list all catches as there has been quite a few. Here are some:

Snipe Lake Brian Doran banked a common of 18lbs 8ozs, Rob Ellis banked the small grassie at 19lbs 4ozs and a 24lbs 2ozs common, Michael Bundy had a 23lbs 4ozs mirror, Jeff Firth had 2 commons at 24lb and 27lbs 3ozs, Josh Miles caught his first Snipe carp in the shape of a 24lbs common, Alfie Hawkins was back and banked a mirror at 24lbs 2ozs, Liam Hall banked a 31lbs common and buddy Matt Jones had a small mirror and a 21lbs 4ozs common, Luke Pickett banked a 18lbs 8ozs mirror, George Whitworth had a 31lbs 6ozs common,



Nick Driver banked his first Snipe carp which was a common of 24lbs 4ozs, **Alan Tipping** had a double take and banked a 17lbs common and an 18lbs mirror, **Phil Clegg** banked the big grassie at 33lbs 14ozs which was also a **PB**, **Paul Mitchell** banked a 29lbs 6ozs **PB** mirror, **Charlie Poulton** banked his 1st carp from Snipe and a **PB** at 29lbs 2ozs, **Kenny Kettle** also banked his first Snipe carp in the shape of a 19lbs common, **Steven Gallagher** banked a mirror of 18lbs 8ozs while his friend **Raymond Box** had a very good session banking mirrors at 18lbs, 25lbs, a 31lbs 8ozs common and Hayley's Mirror at 35lbs 6ozs.



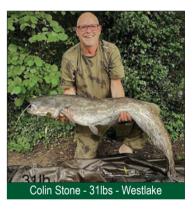












Westlake has seen lots of anglers catching multiple cats in a session just like last month, **Steve**Deeley banked 9 cats to 32lbs 14ozs, **Phil Parsons** has banked several on his visits up to 32lbs while

his brother **Dave** has banked a few to 26lbs, **Jordan Middle** has banked numerous cats to a new **PB** of 38lbs, **Dave Osbourne** has banked well on each session he's done this month up to 42lbs, **Becky Skinner** banked cats to 35lbs while partner **Ross McDaniel** banked four to 27lbs, **Martin Smith** has lots of cats this month including 2 60's to 62lbs and friend **Colin Stone** has banked cats to 31lbs, **Andy Watson** banked 8 cats to 35lbs 8ozs, Brothers **Gary** and **Martin Young** had 9 cats to 60lbs, **Dean Aldridge** had 12 cats to low 40's on an overnighter, **Will Smith** banked 8 to 31lbs 8ozs, **Alan Teakle** kept his run going banking four to 47lbs 12ozs and **Chris Baco**n had one at 50lbs.

Jeff's Lake has seen lots of fish banked again, a few example are young **Ellis Thorne** who banked 16 F1's in an afternoon, **Jason Hills** and son **Grayson** banked 10 F1's in a few hours after school and **Matt White** banked 32 F1's 1 mirror and 7 bream.

Daughters Lake has done well for the grassies this month, Josh Attree banked two at 11lbs 8ozs and 23lbs 12ozs, Kyle Elliott banked 2 grassies at 15lbs and 22lbs 12ozs, Robert Billinghurst banked 2 grassies at 26lbs 8ozs and a PB 29lbs 5ozs, Billy Snape banked commons at 11lbs and 16lbs, mirrors at 13lbs, 16lbs and 20lbs 2ozs and grassies at 17lbs 3ozs, 22lbs 6ozs and a PB was 30lbs, Jeff Neale had a 13lbs common, a 14lbs 8ozs mirror and a 20lbs grassie, Danny Neale banked 2 commons at 14lbs 3ozs and 15lbs 4ozs and a 16lbs 4ozs mirror, Ryan Hitching banked 3 low double commons and a PB grassie of 22lbs 4ozs, Ricky B had a couple of carp to 13lbs 12ozs and a new PB grassie at 21lbs 10ozs, Chris Shepherd was back and banked a 9lbs 12ozs common, mirrors at 12lbs 8ozs and



14lbs 2ozs and grassies at 15lbs 7ozs and 15lbs 9ozs, **Maggs Burgess** banked a 12lbs 8ozs common, a 14lbs 2ozs mirror and grassies at 19lbs 8ozs and a **PB** of 29lbs 8ozs while **Trevor Burgess** banked his first English grassies up to 15lbs, **Lottie Hammond** caught her first ever carp at 12lbs 8ozs, Young **Louis Scholfield** banked a mirror of 14lbs, **Lewis Strudwick** banked his first Beaver carp in the form of a 15lbs common, **Tom Fedczuk** banked 2 mirrors to 14lbs 2ozs and young **Max Rodgers** caught a **PB** mirror at 10lbs 3ozs.

Eden Pond has been quite productive again, venue regulars **Martin** and **Karen Davies** continuing their great form each time they visit. Over the 3 trips this month Martin has banked 13 tench, 6 bream, a few F1's and a mirror of 5lbs 5ozs while Karen has banked 7 tench to 4lb, F1's and bream, John Howe banked 7 tench to 3lbs 4ozs.

Maze Lake has seen lots of day anglers getting amongst the carp to 6lbs, F1's and some decent bream to 6lbs too.



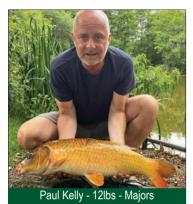






Majors Lake has been great again this month with all species being banked. Matt Sayer had 6 carp to 18lbs 8ozs, Dean Bennett had a PB mirror of 16lbs, Dennis Wheeler banked tench to over 4lbs, bream to 5lbs, commons to 9lbs, a 10lbs mirror and a ghostie of 8lbs, over a couple of visits Paul Owen and wife Claire have banked 13 bream to 7lbs, tench and 5 carp to low doubles, Paul Kelly banked mirrors at 8lbs 8ozs, 9lbs 8ozs and 11lbs 12ozs, commons at 6lbs 8ozs, 9lbs 8ozs and 9lbs 12ozs, 9 tench to 3lbs 8ozs and a 12lbs ghostie, Billy Snape banked 4 carp to 15lbs 3ozs and his mum had a 13lbs 5ozs fully scaled mirror, Phil Clegg banked 2 mirrors to 21lbs 14ozs and Dylan Foster banked a common of 8lbs 8ozs and a mirror of 12lbs 8ozs, both PB's, Sabi Kovacs banked a load of bream and some nice carp, Stuart and Allison Porte banked bream to 5lbs, 1 tench and an 11lbs mirror, Chris Campion banked bream, commons of 14lbs 8ozs and 15lbs and a 22lbs 4ozs mirror, John Smith banked 1 tench, 2 low doubles, a 17lbs 4ozs common, a 17lbs ghostie and a mirror of 18lbs, Simon Weir banked a 17lbs 3ozs common and Ben banked 3 bream to 7lbs 4ozs and a 16lbs 2ozs fully

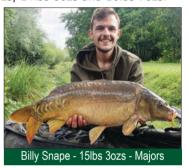




scaled mirror on an overnighter and **Terry Edwards** continued to show how it's done, over a few day sessions he's banked quite a few bream, tench, 5 small commons, mirrors at 8lbs, 11lbs 3ozs, 12lbs 2ozs, 14lbs 2ozs, 17lbs 3ozs and 19lbs 2ozs and qhost carp at 14lbs 6ozs, 14lbs 8ozs and 16lbs 7ozs.









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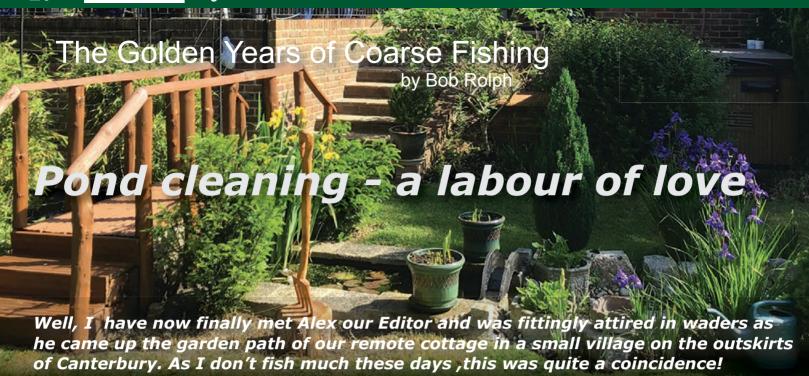
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The time had come to address my very overgrown and weedy series of fish ponds, and I was nearing the end of this backbreaking 3 week long project. Our modern cottage lies on the site of an old Victorian wooden cottage next to the local chapel and the garden goes back to 1864. When built, the Methodist chapel was in constant use next door and the vicar lived in on site where our house now stands. In the huge garden are 3 large round brick-lined 'wells' or holding tanks where now over 4000 gallons of rain water can be held ready to water the garden or top up the ponds. These were the original source of drinking water 150 years ago, before mains water came to our village, and it is a godsend nowadays in these days of drought, expensive water and hosepipe bans. Our mains water is now on a meter, so having 3 ponds of 6000 gallons and a hot tub, the wells get a lot of use, freely pumped out with cool crystal clear chalk stream quality water, it's drinkable as well!

So on June 14th I started this monumental job of clearing all 3 ponds in turn, and handled 175 fish, netted from my ponds, Koi, goldfish, carp, tench and Orfe. The ponds were cleaned in turn so as to have fresh clean water available to house all these fish, together with 3 large size 50 gallon holding tanks, air pumps were also there if needed.

Yellow flag iris roots are a challenge!

In the March and April Editions in 2021 of the Freshwater Informer I related all about my love of garden ponds and how I built them with a flowing stream between, and even did ponds commercially for a while as Kent Garden Pond Services.

The Yellow water Flag iris pseudacorus is prolific, and grows like wildfire, their root system resembling a mangrove swamp if left for years without dividing. The poor fish had very little space to swim and together with the vast beds of elodea densa, oxygenating weed, milfoil and hornwort, the fish gasped for breath in among the weed, looking for the little open water that remained. I had already lost many of my prize Koi during the winter due to lack of regular maintenance and the fact that I am away a lot for long periods during the winter months. Ponds need constant attention and

weeding, and the fish need space to swim as well as cover, regular feeding and oxygen. Aquatic water plants grow at such an alarming rate during the summer months, and will totally take over a pond if not maintained well with net and rake. On the rivers in June the Ranunculus steamer weed with the white

flower used to be cut by water bailiffs on a regular basis in the old days or the river would just clog up. The Stour at Chartham near me is a case in point, and the weed is a picture this time of year, but sadly the water quality is poor and the river choked with weed. This former pure chalk stream with trout, chub and barbel is now a shadow of its former self, as are all the rivers in this country , with a constant brown sludge over the stone and gravel runs where once the gravel beds sparkled in the sun. Agricultural runs off, chicken farms and sewage now pollute the water, and phosphates and fertilisers are the main problem. The river Wye is now practically devoid of fish in places, and I now never see any fish at all when look of the parapet of the Stour at Shalmsford bridge or Chilham.



The top pond with original koi



The plant life was getting out of control

My short piece of stream at home with pebbles has no such problems as the pumped water circulates around my 3 small man made ponds, and sparkles in the mid day sun!

One problem that had to be addressed a few years ago was the family of Herons who live in the old dead tree at Chartham Lake just down the road from me. They had so many of my fish before I put up a 4 inch mesh fruit cage and netted all my other ponds. My main pond of 4000 gallons is now housed inside a walk in cage of black netting 4 mtrs cube like a fruit cage, and it has done the trick. Four inch mesh is not too intrusive, and is quite fine, but not since I carefully extricated Mr Heron from this netting 4 years ago when he got stuck in it after forgetting that his body was not the same size as his long slender neck! I could have rung his neck there are then, but I did not do so. I put him in a box and took him from whence he came, he never ever came back to land in my garden again. I do see him fly over some times and

looking down at my netted ponds, giving me 2 fingers with his long claws. I could have earned a fortune from his grey feathers, highly prized by fly tiers at £2 per feather, but I don't tie my own flies any more, they were great for nymph bodies. Herons are a protected species, but that wasn't why I didn't kill him, he looked me in the eye as if to say, "sorry mate" I won't try that again, and he didn't!

So my ponds are now pristine again and all the fish are back in and happy. I've repotted all of the plants and flag iris, water mint, oxygenating weed and introduced some colourful water lilies, under which the fish love to bask on hot sunny days. I feed them once a day in the evenings and leave them in peace to bask among the elodea breathing in the oxygen during the day. They are a joy, just mongrels now, no expensive Japanese Koi now which I would worry about when I am away during the winter. I will introduce a small shoal of baby golden orfe and watch them grow, but they do need running water and plenty of oxygen, and beware the thunderstorms which killed all my previous orfe before. Very sensitive are the orfe family, - terrified of low pressure storm systems like the one I sat through in a boat at Bewl on October 15 th 1987, the eve of the great storm, the trout went mad, but that's another story!

I finally dug out 100 buckets full of sludge, the pond had never been cleaned out since I built them 10 years



Great for the garden - if not the back

ago, lined with 1mm Firestone rubber liner from World of Water at Rolvenden it came up, like new. Koi Carp can poo for England so I now have fish Guano for the garden by the bucket load! It was backbreaking work but well worth while poring it all into a one tonne Jewsons bag, what great bags these are, but mine was not porous at all, I thought all the water would drain out just leaving solids in the bag to shovel out onto the garden!



Room to swim again!

The goldfish, mirror carp and koi love a newly cleaned out pond, and explore every corner in convoy. I wonder if they remember how it was? I won't leave it so long next time. Ponds should be cleared and cleaned every 3 years or so, whether I will be up to it in 3 years time I don't know, I will be 80! I do feel fitter after all this, so it must be good for you!

I love my fish, I've kept them since I was 7 years old and have had 8 different ponds over the years , the most famous of course were the 20 Redmire Leney mirrors that I brought back from Redmire as fry in 1966. I raised them to 8 inches at my pond in Hayes, and released them into Keston in 1968. The legendary Leney strain of carp imported from Holland in 1934 by fish farmer Donald Leney of Haslemere, revolutionised carp fishing in this country, read up all about it in the carp fishing history books by legends like Chris Ball, Chris Yates and Kevin Clifford. History is paramount, and my series of articles about the old days of fishing keep me going when I am not so able to get out on the river bank so much as I used to.

Established in 1895, Hastings and Bexhill District Freshwater Angling Association provides its members and day ticket anglers with seven lakes, as well as rivers and a ticket exchange program, to fish throughout Hastings, Bexhill and the surrounding area. The association provides waters to suit all ages, abilities and interests so there's something for everyone.

The rising sun broke free of its nocturnal shackles just as I reached the entrance to Broomham Ponds, casting shafts of light across this hidden oasis, illuminating the early morning mist as it rose and twisted, as if pulled by hands unseen, from the dark, still waters. Once inside the gate, I paused by the lower pond to take in the timeless scene. With only the occasional birdsong breaking the silence, I looked on with quiet expectation and briefly pondered how many anglers had done the same over the lakes century long history. A heavy shouldered carp pulled my attention sharply back to the present, as it muscled its way through the large lily pad that dominates the middle of the horse pond, sending ripples in all directions. For the briefest of moments I was tempted to pursue it but I reminded myself that it was the top pool that I had come to fish. Smaller and more intimate, the stock consists of mainly tench, roach, rudd, perch and some elusive crucian carp and offered the perfect opportunity for me to use some of my less capable tackle without being run ragged by king carp, which are confined to the lower lake.

My rod for this short session, was an early fibretube example from Dawsons of Bromley. My guess is that it was supposed to incorporate the best elements of its highly thought of cane forerunners, namely the avocet and kennet perfection but ultimately it was

combined to create something not quite as good as either of them. It's one saving grace is that the blank has aged to a lovely dark honey colour, which glowed warmly in the early morning sun. Due to its somewhat erratic action I refer to it as 'Incapability Brown'. I had paired it with an old and crotchety Carter & Co 3.5 inch reel that grumbles with every turn of the handle, but at around twice my age, you can hardly blame it. Originally made as a fly reel, it has a very deep spool that without backing line gives a retrieve ratio of about a half inch of line for every turn of the handle. Of course, I'd had no backing to hand when I'd wound on 50mtrs of new 3lb line the previous evening...

Creeping into position on the top pool, I baited two spots with a few handfuls of sweetcorn. With a good depth in the margins, and limitations of time and tackle, the plan was to keep everything as close to the rod tip as possible, concentrate on the water directly in front of me and act as soon as I saw signs of feeding fish. Tench have a habit of sending up sheets of tiny bubbles, giving away their presence as they sift through the silt.



A stunning Broomham Tench

Two exploratory drops of the float, to find the depth, resulted in two small rudd grabbing the hookbait in quick succession. On the third drop the float had barely settled before it quivered and sunk below the surface. I idly flicked the rod tip but instead of the expected splish splash of another rudd, the rod buckled and the reel let out a rusty chatter as something actually pulled back. Incapability Brown bent like a piece of wet spaghetti as it took on its full fighting curve and I was led on a merry dance as an enthusiastic tench took a tour of the pond. Eventually everything settled down and I was able to draw the fish to the net, the bright morning sun lighting up the fish's emerald flanks. I admired the fish for a moment before slipping her back from whence she came. Surprised that I'd had seen no evidence of bubbles from this first fish, I doubled down and paid much closer attention to where I'd introduced the other corn. Sure enough there was the odd disturbance as tiny bubbles came up from the bottom but a thin film of accumulated pollen, common on these woodland pools, prevented them from breaking the surface. Better prepared, I gently lowered the float into position as the bubbles got ever closer. Finally the float twitched, lifted slightly then lazily slid out of sight. Again the rod capitulated on the strike, the reel complained and with the spool spinning at a furious rate, an unseen adversary made a bid for freedom. An almost identical fight resulted in an almost identical sized tench laying in the bottom of my landing net.

I rebaited the spots and stepped back to let the swim settle down. With the sun now above the trees, I was able to look down into the clear shallows of the lake below. I flicked out a few grains of corn from my vantage point and it wasn't long before three double figure carp ghosted into the area and started feeding. Fishing for them would have been a fools errand as I would have had no chance of

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landing any one of them with my under gunned antique tackle but it was fascinating to watch. Once they had cleared the sweetcorn they drifted back to the main body of the lake and I returned to my swim.

Now there were some very obvious bubbles and it was clear that a number of fish had moved onto the spots. Even better, at the edges of a reed line an occasional single pin prick bubble would break the surface. I hoped that this meant that at least one crucian was on the move as this is typical of these very timid feeding, and often infuriating, fish.

Once again I tweaked the float into position and once again a bite was forthcoming. This time however, the insipid backbone of Incapability Brown let me down and I failed to connect on the strike, a great trail of bubbles and silt exploding to the surface as the fish bolted out of the swim.



A swarm of angry perch moved in with menace

A change of hookbait to maggots bought the attention of a swarm of hungry perch that eagerly grabbed them as soon as the hit the water. I'm very fond of perch of any size and the disappointment of the missed fish soon faded as I bagged up on angry sergeants, with their attitude and spikey, bristling fins.

Unexpectedly, the float buried with purpose and my strike was met with a heavy resistance. This fish set off across the pool with intent. Slow and unwavering, it was clear it was a much better specimen. Unable to exert any real control, I elected to play the fish on a long line in the hope it would tire. Back and forth it trapezed the length of the pool. Slowly I began to gain back line and as it surfaced in the middle of the pond I could indeed see that it was a tench of significant proportions. Just as I thought that I had swung the fight in my favour the fish found a new lease of life and swum towards me at speed. The folly of not bulking out the spool with backing came back to haunt me and despite my best efforts I had no chance of keeping a tight line.

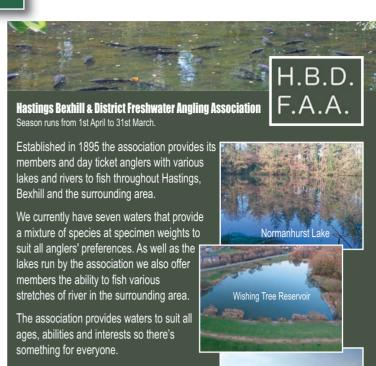


Incapability Brown in action



By the time I had wound up the slack the fish was long gone, depositing the hook in some reeds barely two feet in front of me and I was left to wonder whether it was the rod or me that was really the Incapable

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a simple guide to catching barbel

A long, muscular, torpedo shaped body, underslung mouth adorned with four barbules. The Barbel is unmistakable. A river fish, although occasionally found in stillwaters, they are perfectly adapted to living in fast flowing, well oxygenated water.

Although the current British Record of 21lb 2oz was caught from a Sussex River, the South East is rarely mentioned in the same breath as the 'historic' Barbel rivers such as the Trent, Wye, Severn and Avon. Not because they don't exist, nor grow big, but rather because most of our rivers have a fairly sparse population of the species. locations are closely guarded by those in know and a passionate Barbel angler will make even the most secretive Carper appear loose-lipped. But they are out there and they are catchable, to anyone willing to put in the groundwork in tracking them down.

Here is the F.W.I. Simple Approach To Catching Barbel on the Pellet Feeder.



FRESHWATER

TACKLE Pound for pound, the Barbel is one of the UK's hardest fighting fish. The large surface area of their pectoral fins act in a similar way to a wing on a race car, creating downforce in the current and helping them stay 'pinned' to the riverbed with the minimum of effort. A rod of no less than 1.5lb t.c is a good starting point and rods of 1.75 - 2.25lb are common place. Reels should be equally up to the task. For Feeder fishing, a mainline of 12lb b.s should be OK but be prepared to go heavier in weedy or snaggy conditions.

BAIT A bag of pellets, some groundbait and a tub of boilie dumbell hookbaits are all you need to get started. Thread one or two dumbells onto the hair. Use a small amount of stiff groundbait to plug one end of the Feeder, then fill with pellets, before plugging the remaining end with more groundbait. After casting out the groundbait will wash out of the Feeder, allowing the pellets to spill out and be deposited near the hookbait. The dissolving groundbait puts a food signal into water, drawing the fish upstream and hopefully towards your bait. On slower flowing swims a sharp tug with the rod will help knock the groundbait plug out of the Feeder, whilst on fast or deep runs you may have to use more groundbait to keep the pellets in the Feeder until it hits the bottom. Time between recasts is very much venue/population/conditions specific. If you are confident that you are on fish then patience should be observed.

> THE BITE Few anglers encounter Barbel and come away thinking that they may have had a bite. Be prepared for a series of small knocks on the line followed by the rod tip wrenching around as if attached to a passing submarine. Unless heavily pressured, Barbel are not known for their subtlety. Stay very close to your rod and use a high sided rod rest, or snag ears if using an alarm, making sure that your banksticks are well planted.

LANDING THE FISH There are so many variables when fishing rivers that is almost impossible to predict every scenario. Controlling the factors that you are able to will give you the best chance of success. Before fishing, make sure that there is an obvious and safe place to land a fish should you hook one. A specimen pan net with an extending handle is far more suitable than a 42" triangular head on anything other than the flattest of banks. Be sure of your footing. Barbel favour fast flowing water and inappropriate footwear on steep or greasy banks may see you join them.

Stay calm and take your time and you will get your reward.

FISH CARE In keeping with all species, fish care is paramount. Use an unhooking mat, treat hookholds with antiseptic and any other areas that need it and minimise the time the fish is out of the water. In the summer months, in particular, support barbel in your landing net, facing upstream and give them plenty of time to recover before releasing them. Good Luck!

Tonbridge & District Angling & FP Society

All of our Stillwater's have been fishing well recently with good sized Carp coming out regularly.

Barden Lake some big bream and tench being caught.

The New Lagoon is producing the usual good mixed bags with some quality roach and rudd to over 1lb.

The Old Ballast Pit has produced some good fish even though the lake is currently heavily covered with lilies.

The river has been fishing very well for bags of roach and a few bream plus the odd barbel.













CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE CUP Six Arches 25/6/23

1stColin Fowler7lbs 13ozs2ndDitch Howard5lbs 3ozs3rdPat Galpin2lbs 7ozs

FLOAT ONLY MATCH Hartlake Up 9/7/23

1st Tom Fowler2nd Steve Parker3rd Pat Galpi

22lbs 10ozs 14lbs 4ozs 12lbs 2ozs

RESTOCKING CUP
Hartlake Down 16/7/23

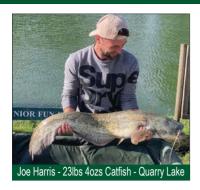
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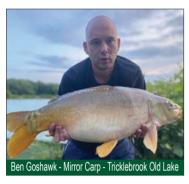








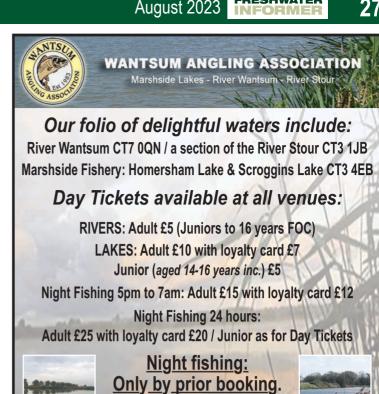












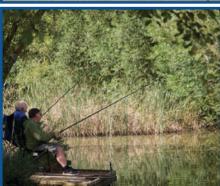
















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ough seas and seaweed could hamper certain venues and beaches for a short while so worth checking it out before you fish.

One species which hasn't seemed to mind the conditions were Smoothounds, with fish to 12lb caught locally. Worthing Pier produced some reasonable fishing on the evening high tides with fish caught to crab, squid and king rag baits. Always worth remembering to bring a net when fishing from Worthing Pier or Shoreham Harbour when targeting Hounds. Once the sea state eases some beaches could offer some good Hound fishing with venues such as East Preston, Selsey, Bracklesham all liable to produce a few fish dependant on weed conditions.

Some good-sized Undulate Rays have been caught from Shoreham Harbour west arm and the odd fish from Worthing Pier and they do not seem to mind the coloured water and rougher seas. Beaches at Lancing, Shoreham, and Hove, if fishable should produce Undulates with Selsey also liable to produce a few fish.

Coloured water and rough seas meant occasional Dogfish, Bull Huss, small Congers, Silver Eels, and odd Pouting featured in catches. As we get into August it would not be surprising to see a Codling caught locally.

Mackerel appeared from most venues at the start of last week until the water coloured up and they should reappear once the sea flattens off and the clarity improves. Brighton Marina, Shoreham Harbour, and Worthing Pier should see fish make an appearance towards the end of the week. Anglers targeting Mackerel at dawn and dusk are also catching Scad and occasional Shad. A few Garfish are present and caught to lures or float fishing small mackerel strips as bait.

As usual with summer fishing, venues such as Brighton Marina and Shoreham Harbour do seem to offer greater variety in terms of species on offer and the nearby beaches can also see some similar good fishing, usually when the water is clear and calm. Brighton Marina tends to close in bad weather with strong winds whereas Shoreham Harbour and Worthing Pier can still fish well but even these venues can be forced to close if it is considered too dangerous.

It shouldn't be long till a return of the summer species featuring regularly again in local catches. Most will appear with improved water clarity and calmer seas. Black Bream of varying sizes have been widespread through out the region with some better sized fish from Brighton, Shoreham and Selsey both during the day and in darkness. Tub Gurnards and a few

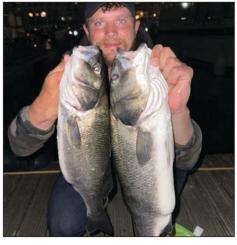


























Red Mullet are also figuring in catches from the beaches whilst Wrasse and Pollock could show from the Marina. Mullet catches are still poor with Kingston beach seeing a few Golden Greys caught and the fish can sometimes be seen in shallow water both from the shore and local rivers.

It has not been ideal conditions for flatfish, but some Plaice, Flounders and Sole have shown from Shoreham, Hove, and Brighton lately. Some decent sized Sole could be caught from Marina east arm to worm baits when the water is coloured during the day. Worm baits account for majority of the flatties caught locally from the shore.

Again, sizable Bass are showing locally with numerous fish to 5lb with the occasional bigger fish landed. Low tide fishing in the surf has and will see some good fish caught especially from Brighton and Hove beaches. Brighton Marina can produce very good catches of Bass in all conditions as can the nearby reef and caught at various states of tides depending on conditions. Expect Shoreham west arm to see some fish caught with it fishing well recently. Schoolies tend to be caught on



Joe Taylor with his Specimen Smoothhound

worm baits whereas sizable fish are usually to baits such as crab, squid etc. Live baiting works well using Smelt, Mackerel, Squid, Prawns etc and usually accounts for the bigger fish. Lure fishing will be worthwhile when conditions and clarity improves.

Big Sussex Smoothhound

A mile and half walk to a secluded spot on the outskirts of East Sussex paid off for **Joe Taylor** when he landed this specimen smoothhound. Getting to the location on the first low tide, he chose to just chill out and observe the water and take in the beautiful surroundings. After 16 hours, whilst recasting his right hand rod, his left hand rod absolutely ripped off. After chasing the rod way down the beach Joe had a 15 minute battle on his hands before beaching this beautiful smoothhound weighing in at a very impressive 15.4lb.

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LUIC FISHING Andy Lush - The Friendly Fisherman A fishy tale

I fish to a small club lake where I target carp on the fly. Floater fishing is a popular method used here by many of the regulars. As night fishing is not allowed the lake attracts mainly pleasure anglers like myself. Although boilies are used, heavy baiting is not a tactic that's often employed. As a consequence I regard the club lake as a 'hungry water', where carp readily feed off the surface. When the lake is busy the fish are very wary, keeping their heads down, if they stay in the margins. However, they usually head out into open water, often staying near the surface.

A cunning plan

I've been relatively successful on the club lake, but I've noticed my "red letter days" have occurred when its less busy. If I've been lucky enough to have the water to myself, or shared it with another angler, I can catch more than one fish. Obviously the fish know when they're being fished for. When there are less anglers about, there are less lines in the water, less noise on the bank and less baited areas. So I try to arrive when the day anglers are going home, typically I'll turn up late afternoon and fish til' kicking off time. If it's busy, I can usually catch a fish quite quickly, but then struggle to catch another. I've tried changing flies, scaling down my tackle, reducing the size of my floaters, moving swims, but none of these things have worked!

The lake was closed during May, re-opening on June 16th.



This allowed the fish time to spawn, unmolested by anglers. The new season opened on a Friday, so I planned to avoid the first few days until the rush was over. That all changed when I saw the weather forecast! The predicted heavy rain was due to arrive around two o'clock on the Sunday afternoon. I've noticed how reluctant anglers are to fish in the rain, despite what non-anglers may think! So my cunning plan was to arrive at two o'clock. I wasn't surprised to see the lake almost empty, two anglers were hastily packing up as I arrived. Leaving all my tackle in the car I grabbed my baiting pouch, filled will floaters, and a catapult. I took a quick look to see which swims were occupied, if any. The lake was almost empty by now, just one angler huddled under his umbrella opposite my chosen swim, result!

Scanning the water I could see several carp on the surface, out in open water. My chosen swim allowed me to cast without too much difficulty. I feed a few pouches of pellets, far more than my usual "softly softly" approach. I was confident the fish would be up for a feed without the "angling pressure" and they were! Almost immediately I had two maybe three carp feeding on my freebies. I almost ran back to the car, I was so excited at what I'd seen. By the time I returned, the swim was alive with carp. With the fish competing for the remaining pellets, I was confident I was

going to catch a fish or two. Furthermore they were within easy casting distance, "game on"! By now it had started raining heavily, I was prepared for this and quickly changed into my waterproofs. I was now ready for the action to begin. More pellets were added to the diminishing few. I had to calm myself down and avoid chasing the fish I could see. Casting directly at fish is a sure fire way of spooking them.

The flies

My first choice flies were Fulling Mill's Bonio and Disco patterns, these have been very successful for me over the past



few seasons. It's important to be able to see your flies, especially in poor light. It's worth mentioning that the deer hair Bonio pattern sits up high on the surface, so it's easy to spot amongst the freebies. The Disco sits much lower in the water, and is often more successful for this reason, but is harder to see. I've found by super-glueing a small disc of coloured foam on top, makes it more visible.

The first few fish took the Bonio without hesitation, but it didn't take long before they started avoiding it. I switched to a Disco next, and a few more fish succumbed before again becoming wary. I was now getting too many refusals, so another change was necessary. I tried smaller foam pellet imitations, including my Cluster pattern, but these all failed. A radical change was



needed so I switched to Paul Canning's 'X-rig', this proved decisive and saw me converting the final few offers into fish in the net. In my short session I'd hooked ten carp and landed seven, the best being a 23lb common. I finished tried, but very, very happy and very, very wet, as my waterproofs, weren't!

Another visit to the club lake

Conditions couldn't have been more different on my next trip, bright blue skies and brilliant sunshine. Again I arrived at two o'clock and took a slow walk around, scoping out the water while chatting with the other anglers. Nothing much had been caught during the day, the high barometric pressure had the effect of lifting the carp towards the surface. They could be seen mooching around in their favourite open water area. The light breeze made my swim choice easy, I elected to fish with the wind off my back. This would see my loose feed drifting slowly out from the margins and hopefully attract the carp towards me. And so the waiting game began. I pulted a dozen floaters out and started assembling the tackle, landing net first, then rod and line, before finally tying on a FM Disco fly. I now got into the rhythm of feeding half a dozen floaters every few



minutes. I was trying to create a "chum line", hoping the carp would home in on it and follow up-wind to where I was waiting. Two hours later and I'd only seen a couple of fish briefly appear in my swim, before hastily departing. I wasn't overly concerned at this point as no one was catching on the assorted methods being used. I've learnt from experience that "patience" is vital if you're going to succeed at surface fishing.

As the afternoon drifted into evening and anglers started leaving, the lake took on a tranquil atmosphere. Carp could be seen radiating out from their safe zone. I spotted fish fifty yards closer now. I was on "tenterhooks" expecting fish to arrive in my swim at any moment. It didn't take long but they didn't hang around, they just mopped up a few freebies and departed. They were still unsettled, I topped up my feed more regularly now. I wanted to stop and hold the carp in the swim before starting to fish. By now everyone had gone, finally the carp were staying longer and each time I scattered a few more baits they instantly re-appeared. "Game on". I cast out and fed a few pellets around my fly in an effort to draw them to it. Casting towards the fish is rarely successful, drawing the carp to your fly is far more effective, but takes a lot of willpower!

I now had a frustrating half an hour, fish were inspecting my fly but were stopping short of it, shying off in alarm at the last moment! I downsized to a black foam pellet fly. Silver fish, rudd were dimpling all over the surface in the swim, after I'd feed some 8mm floaters. Sometimes they would drown the pellets, and my fly, which made it difficult to keep track of its whereabouts. As I scanned the surface I suddenly felt my line tighten, I resisted striking as I'd not seen a take. The line was slowly being taken out into open water. I suspected a carp had swum into my leader. This can happen when several fish are circulating in the baited area. It's not unusual for the leader to catch under one of their fins. If you strike, it usually results in a foul hooked fish, which you don't want. So I just let the fish swim off before steadily increasing the pressure, hoping the hook would pull out. Unfortunately it didn't, so I applied as much side strain as possible to coax the fish away from my swim. I "gave it the butt" and the fight continued. I then noticed that the fish was responding as if it was hooked properly in the mouth. Maybe it wasn't foul hooked after-all! As it approached the net I could clearly see my fly nicked in its lip. What the f---? I could only image my fly had been drowned by a rudd, and before it could re-surface the carp had taken it, this would explain why I hadn't seen the take. I peered into the net and decided it was worth

weighing, I couldn't believe my luck as the needle hovered on twenty pounds, what a nice surprise!



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It took another twenty minutes feeding before the fish began to re-visit my swim. After a while I noticed every time I introduced more pellets, carp would instantly re-appear. I suspected they were staying in the swim, but holding just deep enough that I couldn't see them. To see if this was in fact happening, I made several casts without feeding, making my fly plop on the surface. Suddenly, a plump mid-double figure mirror shot up and snaffled my fly! The disturbance put an end to any further action, so I reluctantly packed up, with a huge smile on my face.



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John Ripley with a bonus tench



Colin Sutton with a good-sized bream caught on feeder tactics

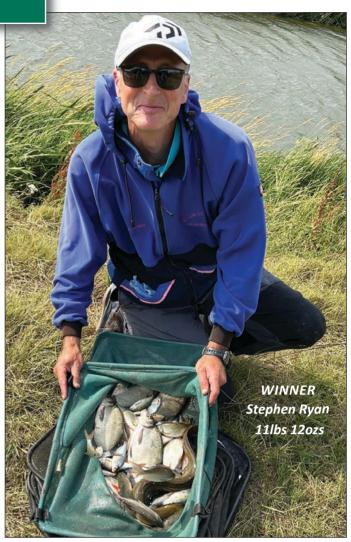
Also great that we're able to support the very worthy cause Pilgrims Hospices.

Thanks to Invicta Tackle, Wickes, Waitrose and Tesco for adding to the Raffle Prizes.

Winner on the day - Stephen Ryan with 11lbs 12ozs



Glyn Swift's family pictured with Tenterden Angling Committee Member Steve Pugh who has worked hard to champion this event and raise over £2,000 so far for Pilgrims Hospices.





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A very tough day with conditions challenging to say the least. Lots of cracking fish caught and a very close contest in the end.

We raised over £1,100 for the PICKERING CANCER DROP-IN-CENTRE, Tunbridge Wells.



WINNER

1 st	Rod Craft/Chris Green	136 points
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2 nd	Austin Battell/Graham Fisk	134 points
3 rd	Jamie Theobald/Chris Stokes	121 points
4 th	Dave Roberts/Kev Hickey	114 points
5 th	Melissa Fordham/Martyn Hill	111 points
6 th	Russell Battell/Tony Balcombe	106 points
7 th	Jon Smith/Russell Scott	93 points
8 th	Gareth Stokes/Neal Rogers	92 points
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11^{th}	Jason Craven/Mark Roe	70 points







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SECTION 1	Tony Balcombe	57 pts
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SECTION 4	Russell Scott	63 pts

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Austin Battell 54lbs 10ozs

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Rod Craft 17lbs 8ozs

INDIVIDUAL CARP BULKWEIGHT

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99lbs 8ozs





HYTHE JUNIOR OPEN MATCH

The Junior Open Competition recently took place on the Ladies Walk section of the Hythe Canal, held by Cinque Ports Angling Club.

This competition is held every year and all competitors go home with prizes. On a warm windless day the ten anglers all caught fish and the winner was **Debbie Davis** (pictured left with her trophy) with a tench and silvers for 3lbs 12ozs, second spot was Ollie Kendall with silvers for 3lbs 9ozs and third spot was Alfie Jones with 1lb 7ozs.

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would wish for: Professionalism, knowledge, care – not just for the students, but the sport and the surroundings; these wonderful people have driven the initiative with such enthusiasm, that it has been humbling; ably aided by the amazing generosity and support of the Tackle Box; Kent – indeed the South East has been our stand out star performer taking our brand of Angling education to places and people that were once only in our imagination.

But we need more... More coaches... So we are recruiting... And here we go... if you think you would like to join us and...

We are interested to hear from coaches from all aspects of angling and all geographical areas, and are particularly interested in Kent and the South East. If you fall outside of these geographical areas **please** do still get in touch.

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Applications close on Friday 15th September 2023. To apply for this position, please contact us with your details at fishing@ca-foundation.org



August update

by instructor Warren White



D.D.A.P.S Youth Fishing Day

On the 9th of July at Horton Kirby lakes, D.D.A.P.S (Dartford and District Angling and Preservation society) had their annual Youth

fishing fun day. This event is always popular with local families and as normal had a massive turnout with over 300 juniors. I was part of the coaching team who worked with the young people. The main aim is teaching the basics, using a whip and maggot, which is a good way to teach young people. The Whip is a great way to start, a type of telescopic pole that cuts out the tangles that you can get with rods and reels when you first start fishing. I normally also stick out a feeder rod along the margins, for the more experienced youngsters, which is normally quite successful.

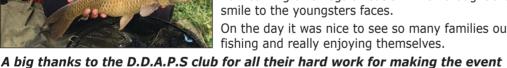
When I arrived at my swim early in the morning I had a guick fish with the whip and caught on the bottom and up in the water, but this year, once the coaching got underway and as the session went on, the whip fishing was not easy and I had not had a touch on the feeder. In the lunch break I spoke to

Harley - carp

another coach who was experiencing the same as me. Sometimes at these big events with all the

people walking around the lakes, and the added vibration on the ground, the fish can move away from the bank. After the break I decided to try something different, the waggler came out of my holdall, thinking that we would stand more chance of catching further out in the lake, although it would mean using a rod and reel which would be harder for the juniors to use. We also went out further with the feeder rod towards the edge of some Lily pads that I guessed would be a good attraction for fish. The plan seemed to work, because in the afternoon session the fishing got better on the waggler with the juniors catching some nice silver fish, and on the feeder the Carp were now coming on a regular basis. Which brought a big smile to the youngsters faces.

On the day it was nice to see so many families out



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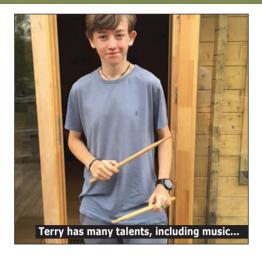
event, and also the support of the Kent Police.















Rowhill School

I have been working at Rowhill school, Longfield, Special educational school for over 14 years, on Mondays and Thursdays throughout Term time. We have two groups of students that do an angling qualification, this is a mixture of Fishing education and practical fishing. On the course, fishing on lakes and rivers throughout the year, we have some interesting sessions.

Recently one of my students, Johnie who is a real keen angler, to the extent that I have given him the nickname of The Heron. As when he fishes for carp, surface fishing, he will stand up in the same spot for up to 3 hours, in pursuit of a fish. A few weeks ago he was fishing his normal swim at grove Farm, Hadlow college, and the fishing was tough, not only was the resident geese, playing up by eating all his free offerings meant for the fish, but also he had a few hook pulls when eventually hooking a fish.

Its unusual to see him move from his normal spot, but in this instance it was time for him to try something different, he went to my car picked up a light spinning rod, went into the next swim where a couple of my other students were whip fishing for silver fish. It wasn't long before a shout went up for, "fish on", and a more excited shout then normal, as John realized it was a big perch on. Although you want to take your time and play the fish, when you have a specimen on and you get a sight of it, there is always an extra haste to get the fish on the bank because you don't want to lose it. But today the luck was on John's side because not only did he land the fish, which went 3lb 4 oz, on the scales, but on the next cast he hooked and landed another good Perch that must of been getting on to three pounds (we never weighed this one). A special fishing achievement for John and one he wont forget.

It is getting to that time of the year with the school summer holidays approaching, where some of my fishing students at Rowhill school, have finished their exams and will be leaving school. This is always a sad time for me because we have known these students over a number of years, for most of them have come through the Fishing for schools programme which is where the students get to try fishing and get their interest for fishing. Then as time goes on they get the option to do a two year Angling qualification, which is always very popular at the school.

On a positive note when our fishing students leave school we have a record number of new students who want to take their place on the fishing course. We have students who come on our Fishing courses for different reasons, for some they want to become better anglers. We have one lad who came on the course because he wants to be a gardener when he leaves school and the fishing course was the nearest thing to gardening as we do plant control and planting at a fishery as part of the fishery course. We also get students that love Fishing and want to work in the fishing industry when they leave school. It is handy that we have a strong link to Hadlow college, and get to use the college fishery, Grove Farm. Then when the students leave school there is an opportunity for them to go onto the college to do a fisheries course.

Terry has been with us for two years on the fishing course where he has gained angling qualifications in BTEC and AQA. He has finished his exams and officially left school, but has chosen to come back to the last few sessions of term because he really enjoys the fishing sessions. As a leaving present we presented Terry with a pair of drum sticks as he is a keen musician, who plays the guitar and drums, and after the summer break he is going on to college to study music. Terry is from Dartford, you never know we might have another future Mick Jagger. Terry like all our other students leaving school, will be missed.

In whatever field our students go when they leave school we like to think that our fishing courses have been something of enjoyment and have kept the students grounded throughout their schooling which will stand them in good stead for the future. Hopefully they will continue with fishing as a hobby.

FISHING FOR SCHOOLS - MARATHON CASTING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Charles Jardine and Peter Cockwill who completed the Marathon casting challenge, casting the equivalent distance of a London marathon.



Charles Jardine (green vest top), Peter Cockwill (pale yellow shirt) and their supporting Team.

Words from Charles Jardine

Ten hours, 1989, 24c-26c, 26.2 ...might not mean much to you. To Pete Cockwill and I, the stark figures represent our exhausting feat at Syon Park a few weeks ago; and of blisters, sunburn, aching muscles, and vows of never doing anything so flippin' daft ever again... But we did it. Pete and I cast with fly rods the equivalent distance of a London Marathon.

Thanks to your phenomenal support, we raised a healthy £3.5K in the process to assist in the delivery of our wonderful Fishing for Schools programme. I still maintain it was Pete's idea but both of us have vowed never to do it again... ever! Of course this will not be the end of my fundraising bouts of madness; next year I plan to finish on an absolute high. I think at the age of 71 I have probably done my bit but there is sufficient fuel for one last push and there will be an event at the end which you can actually share with me... if you are VERY quick. Details on this to follow soon.

For now, I am going to rest my weary bones a little and celebrate by going fishing. Which brings me to the depth of genius and expertise we have in Fishing for Schools.

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Many hands make light work

Big catfish are renowned for fighting hard, so when **Jake Hesmer** and his friend **George** visited Cackle Hill Fishery they hit on the idea of team fishing to improve their chances of landing a monster. On their first night the tactic paid off with a fish of 55lbs gracing the mat but it was the following day that it really proved its worth when the pair landed this leviathan of 72lbs.











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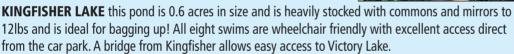
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Medway Man Bob Morris

Ithough I do very little actual carp fishing these days, I still catch plenty of them when after other species and often look back fondly on past times when I used to spend a substantial amount (possibly too much) of my angling time in pursuit of them, both here and abroad. I also remember the early days of the Carp society and how we spent much time meeting with like minded anglers up and down the country in order to start this organisation off on its way to initial birth.

I would certainly not qualify as a Carp man these days and would not profess to be one, but I hold those old days with great affection and still support the main principles/guidelines that were discussed and laid down at these meetings - along with respect for those most involved.



Another nice Tench

For this reason, I was extremely happy to once again attend the Carp Society's main event of the year, the open day up at the CS HQ - Horseshoe Lake at Lechlade in the Cotswolds. I went up with my good friend Paul Jones, another long-standing friend and carp fishing pal of old. After an arduous dive we eventually checked in at about 3pm on Friday afternoon. We stayed for two nights over the weekend at a nice pub/hotel in the village along with CS chairman Derek Stritton, Carp Society CEO and 'Originator' Tim Paisley and several other members of the CS team. A great time was had by all, and I really enjoyed many of the old stories about fish and folk from the past and tales of the ongoing saga of running the society and keeping it on track. The do itself on the Saturday was a success with probably at least 300 anglers attending despite the initial rain that persisted for a couple of hours. Various

celebrities were fishing around the lake and as well

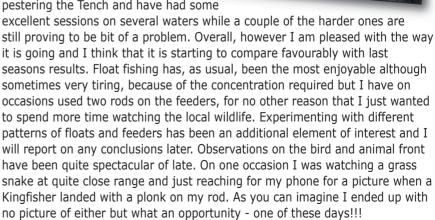
as tackle stands and casting tuition the large marque outside the main lodge hosted talks by well known Carp anglers such as Terry Hearn and Richie Macdonald. Yet again I failed to get to walk around the lake but from what I see of it I really like it and may well get onto having a session up there soon. I suppose that it being the Car Society Lake, I might have to fish for Carp? Having said that I understand that it is also a very good tench water, so this may be a bit of a dilemma. During the day we spent most time on the Carp Society stand and I managed to sell some books as well as signing many others and it was also great to see Pete Curtiss in action doing his marvellous illustrations to order on the stand. I think that it is fair to say that we will



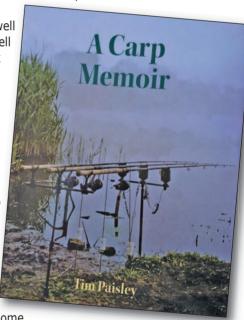
Two feeder rods on the go

be booking in for next years event as soon as we are able. Talking of books, we were also able to pick up a couple of copies of Tim's latest book 'A Carp Memoir' and I am really looking forward to getting stuck into this substantial tome for a read.

On the fishing front, I am still pestering the Tench and have had some



Best Fishes + Events - Bob Morris



Piscatorial Politics



I am sure that you will all have noticed the national outrage about the disgraceful activities of our privately owned water companies. I recently heard that the foreign owners of Southern Water are in fact the same former owners of Thames Water. Apparently, it was sold off a few years back amid debts and criticism but somehow the same mob were then allowed to purchase SW and I think that we can all see the result. While foreign investors and CEO's get fat and rich by what basically amounts to asset stripping, 'we' must put up with the ongoing pollution of our rivers and coastal waters from millions of gallons of untreated sewage. It seems that the powers that be are unable to do anything concrete about this - for a variety of reasons. Why we would

ever let companies from abroad get control of our crucial utilities is totally beyond my comprehension. It is probably now even 'way

beyond' the unacceptable face of capitalism.

As I have said before, our local RTWAS club committee (of which I am a member) have been doing our bit in the war on pollution. Amongst other initiatives recently we have met with



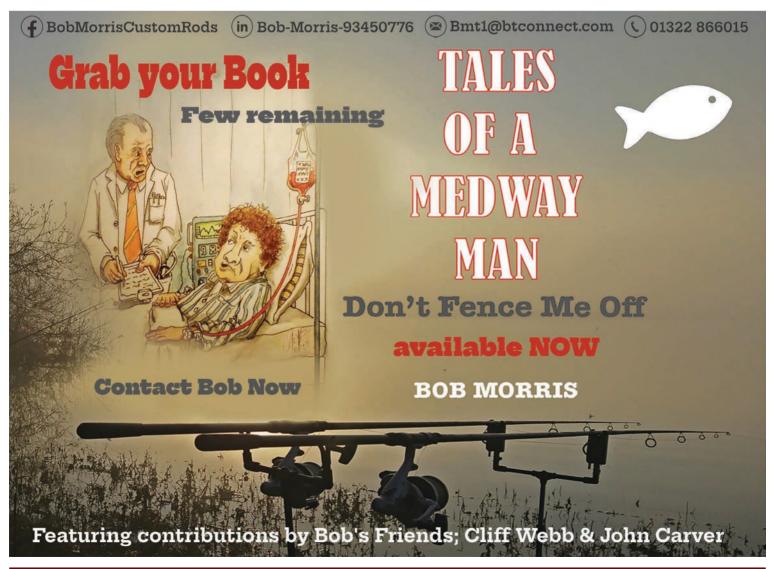
Greg Clarke MP and RTWAS's Ian Tucker on the Medway testing site

Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clarke to explain the situation regarding the pollution emanating from the south TW water treatment works on the Medway tributary the river Grom. Samples were taken at this meeting on site and found to be in excess of the permitted levels of various pollutants. I won't go into specific details here but suffice to say we have experienced people working on this and have amassed plenty of

Fishery Scientist Bernice Brewster with Grea Clarke Mi and RTWAS Officials on the Medway

evidence and I am sure that Mr Clarke will be on side with us from now on.

There is so much more to say on this issue about bad practice both locally and nationally but without taking up more of the mag I will have to restrict it. Just on a final note about environmental issues. I must just tell you about a recent comment from someone who said that I was always moaning about something. I said yes, it is most enjoyable. He then replied, "there's more to the world than you and your bloody wildlife you know"!!! He would probably say the same thing to David Attenborough. Bob M





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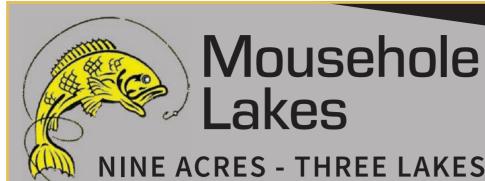
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