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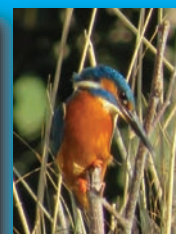
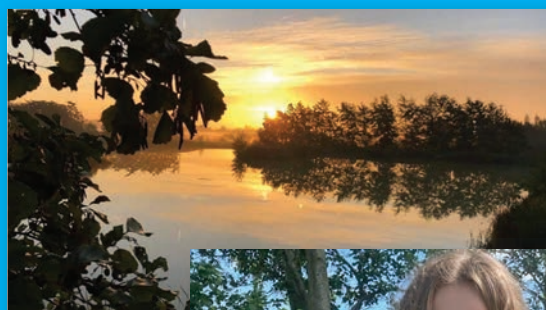


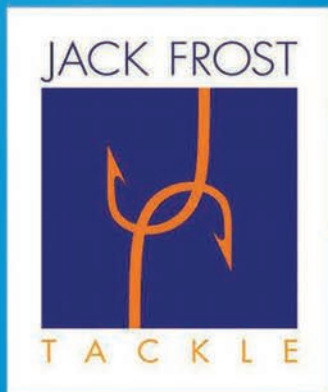
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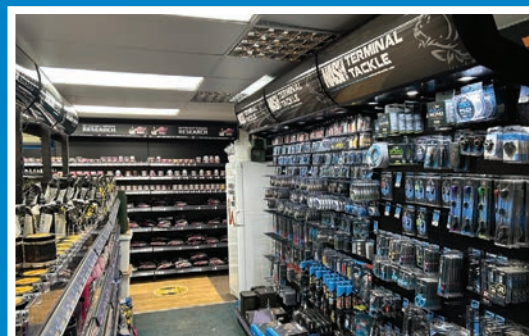
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Hello and welcome to the September edition of the Freshwater Informer

Fishing is full of highs and lows and at the beginning of August the angling community experienced the worst kind of low with the sad news of the passing of Chris Ball.

Author, presenter, public speaker and fishing historian, Chris had a unrivalled passion and knowledge for our sport. Perhaps what set him apart most in this digital age of 'look at me' social media is, despite being a very accomplished angler in his own right, the fact he was far more interested in championing other people's success and captures rather than his own. Not only that, but his breadth of knowledge of the sport frequently saw him referred to as The Oracle or simply Mr Carp. I've often heard it said that if you asked him about the capture of an historic fish by the end of the conversation you would know when and where the fish was stocked, any previous captures, the rod maker and place of purchase and quite possibly what the successful angler had for breakfast before setting out for the day! Such was his enthusiasm for all things fishing. Sadly, I never had the opportunity to meet him in person but both Bob Rolph and Bob Morris knew him well and Bob Rolph has reflected on their friendship in his article this month.



Last months chub article by Russ Evans generated lots of positive feedback and we are delighted to announce that he has agreed to continue in a similar vein. This month Russ gives an insight into some of the tactics he has employed to catch that most enigmatic of fish, the crucian carp.

Andy Lush contends with the elements and demonstrates the potential of perseverance on a recent trip to Iden Wood Fishery.

It's probably fair to say that most anglers find comfort in familiarity. We all have a favourite venue, swim or species and its easy to fall into the trap of 'going through the motions'. In his piece this month Bob Morris looks to buck the trend by taking a stroll off the beaten path in search of pastures new, in search of the unknown and the myths and mysteries that may lay within.



Speaking of pastures new, Charlie Young joins this months F.W.I team, with a look at how he approaches a 24hr session in the pursuit of specimen carp. Certainly an angler to keep an eye on, he is making quite a name for himself on the local scene.

Also new for this issue, we are very pleased to announce that Sussex Bait Developments are kindly sponsoring the Junior Informer 'Catch Of The Month' competition with a great bait package up for grabs. Open to anglers up to the age of sixteen, winners will be decided as much by the story behind the capture, rather than just pounds and ounces. Enter via email or Facebook messenger to be in with a chance of winning.

And, as always, we share your captures from across the region with plenty of new Personal Bests and stories of the 'highs' of angling in the South East. Have a great month.

Tight Lines, Alex Coutts & Lee Nicoll

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Perseverance pays off

After enduring a fishless first 36hrs on Elphicks North lake it all came good for **George Martin** at the tail end of his session as the fish turned on in earnest. Presenting his bug/s7 hookbaits over s bed of hemp, maize and matching boilies, George landed four fish in quick succession. Comprising of a 24lbs mirror, a 32lbs 6ozs mirror, a 40lbs 8ozs mirror and topped by this magnificent 40lbs 10ozs mirror. **Well worth the wait!**



Big water thirty for Robert

At over 40 acres in size, RKB Leisure's Martello Lake can be a daunting prospect but that didn't deter **Robert Kipling**. Fishing to the back of a hard shallow plateau his Hydra K hookbait was picked up by this deep bodied, sparsely scaled mirror carp. At 30lbs 2ozs, not only was it a new **Personal Best** for Robert but also his first, and very well deserved, thirty pound carp.



Tony Baker - 22lbs 4ozs common carp - Syndicate Lake



Jack Holden - common carp - Cotton Farm

Fond memories

Liam Thorpe sent in this great report, reminding us all what fishing is really about.

'Turning up to the lakes was great and very nostalgic, as we had fished it plenty just a few years ago with my late grandad, and had installed a bench in his memory beside the lake. We opted to fish the Stubpond Lake. We were eager for some surface action which can be relentless all around the complex.



The weather was changeable throughout the day but we managed to get some fish feeding on biscuits and between us had some lovely fish up to 16lbs. Fishing tight into overhanging bushes with a chunk of crusty loaf it was a very exciting and challenging way to fish. As we all know carp fishing can get very complicated and sometimes we forget to enjoy the simple styles. A mixture of commons and mirrors smiles all around. The world can be a daunting place and spending time doing what you love with the people you love is precious'



Simon Tume - 31lbs mirror carp - Elphicks



Hayley - PB 20lbs mirror carp - Lakeland Fishery



Chris Birch - 19lbs 11ozs mirror carp - Mousehole Lakes



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Local knowledge pays dividends

Harry Anderson benefitted from local knowledge when his good friend George Johnston invited him for a session in pursuit of chub and barbel on the River Trent and made sure he was set up in the prime area of the swim.



Fishing double 16mm tuns boilies on an eighteen inch hooklink in conjunction with a 6oz running cage feeder, Harry landed 8 barbel to 12lbs 10ozs and four chub with the best scaling 5lbs, both of which are new **PBs**. He reported that all of the fish gave a fantastic account of themselves and really tested his tackle to the limit.



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Keiron told FWI "It was an incredible fight that lasted 25-30 minutes but luckily this cracking common ran out of fight before I did. He would come in close and get me thinking I had him and then take off over and over again. As it came closer to the bank we realised just how big it was and was buzzing to get it into the net after what felt like a lifetime. Once we had him in the cradle we were stunned by it's beauty not a scale out of place and the pictures really don't do it justice. By far the most beautiful carp I have ever had on the bank. A massive thank you to Dave at Claygate and I am looking forward to getting back again very soon."

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The impressive mirror weighed in at 43lb 12oz, Carl commented 'Known as the 'Grey', this fish is said to be around 35yrs old and one of the last remaining originals. It meant more, as it was caught on my mate Stuart's birthday. We grew up fishing together. He was sadly taken from this world way too soon aged 38. But I'm convinced he was looking down and bringing me luck. That one's for you Stu. I need to also say a big thank you to my Mrs Ellie for doing the mega pics of the Grey.'



Keir Johnson - mirror carp - Park Lake



Lee Birch - 20lbs 13ozs common carp - Mousehole Lakes

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LAKE SOPHIE Tench showing all around the lake with corn, worms and prawns working.

LAKE EVA Floating baits in the afternoon working, method feeder in the morning worth a try with small popups or pellets. Well done to Bara with her new PB.

LAKE AMY Nice to see **Matthew Good** back at the lakes and catching again. Thanks to **Keiron** for a beautiful picture he sent of the 30lbs common. Bara's partner **Steve** popped onto the lake and had a nice looking common. Nice to see **'Monday' Ray** still having a few out.

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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 than 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 is fishing really well for a big bag of mixed fish either on the quiver 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 than 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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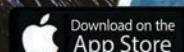
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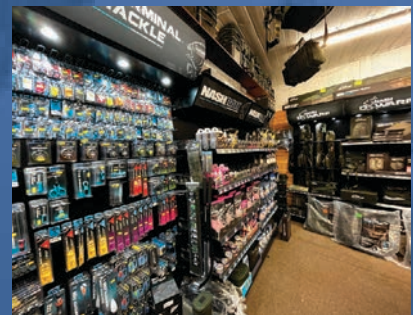
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Well, with September nearly upon us it seems that the clock is slowly ticking away toward the cooler temperatures and the nights will soon be drawing in. Hopefully we will be graced with some fine weather up until then. The fishing here has been relatively lively with some great catches and plenty of first's and personal bests.

Snipe Lake saw **Ed Rayner** back and bank a 24lbs mirror, **Raymond Box** banked a 23lbs 9ozs mirror and his fishing buddy **Steven Gallagher** banked 19lbs mirror and 2 commons at 15lbs 15ozs and 25lbs 2ozs, **Mike Flatt** banked a 22lbs 8ozs on his first visit to us, also banking on his first visit was **Sam Dixon** who had 2 commons at 16lbs and a bigger one at 26lbs 8ozs, **Alan Tipping** banked an 18lbs mirror and 2 commons at 20lbs and 27lbs 3ozs, **Dave Russell** banked a 23lbs 14ozs mirror and a 28lbs common, **Simon Welbourne** landed a mirror of 21lbs 4ozs, **Simon Platts** visited us for the first time and banked Hayley's Mirror at 36lbs 2ozs and his fishing buddy **Wayne Jones** banked a 17lbs 8ozs mirror, **Simon Gore** returned to Snipe Lake and banked a 26lbs mirror, **Sean Hindle** banked a 23lbs 4ozs common, **Phil Clegg** banked 2 mirrors at 19lbs 4ozs and 24lbs and 3 commons weighing 25lbs 2ozs, 26lbs and 29lbs 14ozs and **Ian York** banked 2 mirrors at 16lbs 6ozs and 19lbs 6ozs, a 23lbs 8ozs common and a **PB** grassie at 32lbs 7ozs.



Ian York - 32lbs 7ozs - Snipe



Phil Clegg - 29lbs 14ozs - Snipe



Dave Russell - 28lbs - Snipe



Alan Tipping - 27lbs 3ozs - Snipe



Wayne Jones - 17lbs 8ozs - Snipe



Raymond Box - 23lbs 9ozs - Snipe



Simon Platts - 36lbs 2ozs - Snipe

Westlake has been quite prolific with many anglers having multiple catches on both day and night sessions. **Daniel Strentam** banked 5 cats to 38lbs 8ozs, **Andy Watson** banked 9 to 35lbs while his mate banked 7 cats to 35lbs on his first ever catfishing trip, **Andy Elliott** had 8 to 28lbs while his daughter **Amy** banked 2 to a new **PB** of 33lbs 8ozs, **Colin Stone** had 4 to 28lbs 8ozs while his buddy **Martin Smith** banked 8 to 35lbs, first time visitor **Andre Hills** banked 9 cats to 35lbs, **Dave Osbourne** banked 2 to 38lbs 8ozs and his mate **Dick Smith** banked 3 to 45lbs 6ozs on their day session, **Chris Streeter**



Russell Scrace - 1 of 3

banked 3

20's and a 49lbs, **Will Smith** was back and this time he banked 8 cats to 35lb, **Russell Scrace** had 3 to 42lbs and his mate **Mark Chapman** banked

7 to low 30's, **Dean Aldridge** banked 31 catfish to 65lbs including 2 40's and 3 50's, **Ryan Hickling** banked 30 cats to 53lbs 14ozs including 10 30's and 3 40's while his father in law **Danny Neale** banked cats to 39lbs 5ozs, **Dave** and **Phil Parsons** were back and Dave had 5 to 32lbs while Phil had 3 to 37lbs, **Stuart Pirie** banked 5 to 32lbs 7ozs, **Jay Martinelli** banked 8 cats to 30lbs, **Rex Whittaker** banked a 37lbs and **Steve Deeley** banked 16 cats to 39lbs and then came back and banked 5 more to 56lbs 4ozs.



Mark Chapman - 1 of 7



Dean Aldridge - 65lb'ish - 1 of 31

Jeff's Lake has been a little tricky for some anglers of late, there have been some anglers struggling while watching others catch plenty. The majority of the fish banked have been F1's with a mix of bream and silvers. The best method is using a method feeder and pellet.

Daughters Lake has seen some great catches with some nice fish banked, **Kieron Osbourne** banked a 13lbs 2ozs mirror and a 15lbs grassie while his mate **James Bannister** had a 14lbs common and a 14lbs 6ozs mirror, **Mark Cheeseman** banked a lovely 15lbs 14ozs fully, **Darren Webb** caught his first ever fish in the shape of a 12lbs 8ozs common, **Josh Attree** was back continuing to test his new boilie range and he banked mirrors of 12lbs 8ozs, 14lbs 6ozs, 14lbs 10ozs a 11lbs grassie and a 15lbs 2ozs common while his dad **Vince** banked a 12lbs 8ozs mirror, **Brian Luck** had a 15lbs mirror, **George Payne** banked a 10lbs common, a 16lbs common and an 18lbs mirror while his dad **Darren** banked a 12lbs common, **Lewis Perrin** had a 16lbs mirror, came back and had a double take resulting in a 16lbs 14ozs common and a 15lbs 8ozs mirror, **Toby Collister** banked two carp to 14lbs 1oz, our very own **Ben** has banked 4 carp to a 13lbs 6ozs common, **Terry Edwards** banked a **PB** grassie of 29lbs 9ozs, **Steve Noakes** banked his first ever fish in the shape of a



George Payne - 16lbs - Daughters



Chris Shepherd - 29lbs 8ozs PB - Daughters



Lewis Perrin - Double Take - Daughters



Vince Attree - 12lbs 8ozs - Daughters



Josh Attree - 14lbs 6ozs - Daughters



Andy Codrington - 12lbs 4ozs - Daughters



James Bannister - 14lbs - Daughters



Terry Edwards - 29lbs 9ozs - Daughters



Billy Snape - 16lbs 14ozs - Daughters

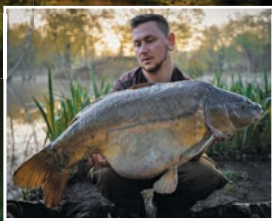
16lbs 8ozs mirror, when **Rick Hopkins** wasn't helping Lewis out with his double take he was banking a 15lbs common, **Paul Owen** had a grassie at 11lbs and two mirrors at 10lbs 8ozs and 13lbs 5ozs, **Billy Snape** banked a 10lbs 12ozs grassie, a 10lbs 10ozs common and a 16lbs 14ozs fully while **Andy Codrington** banked a 10lbs 14ozs common an two mirrors at 12lbs 4ozs and 15lbs 1oz, young **Shay Barwise** banked a 16lbs 8ozs **PB** mirror and **Loius Foreman** banked a 14lbs 6ozs grassie and 2 commons at 13lbs 8ozs and 19lbs 14ozs and **Chris Shepherd** was back and amongst the fish again when he banked a 14lbs 2ozs mirror and a **PB** grassie at 29lbs 8ozs.

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The Golden Years of Coarse Fishing

by Bob Rolph

Chris Ball - A Carp Fishing Legend

On the morning of the 8th August the news broke that, after a short illness, carp fishing legend Chris Ball had sadly passed away.



Chris was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2011

anglers all trying to outdo each other, and bending the rules on night fishing and baits. It was the start of the 'Specimen Group' era, and young lads born just after the war, were starting off on their quests to become fishing experts. Some fell by the wayside, but some like Chris, went on to become legendary figures in the world of fishing at home and abroad. Chris, I believe caught his largest carp of 44 lbs in France, but his hundreds if not thousands of huge carp from English waters were topped quite recently by 36 and 33 lb fish from his Hampshire syndicate waters only 3 years ago both on the same day. He was an advocate of 'floater' fishing for carp with mixer baits, and would stalk fish for hours in the hope of landing one. He caught 30lb fish from numerous lakes, and from the Stour estuary in his native Hampshire, and put away his carp rods in October each year to concentrate on Perch.

He caught his first double figure carp in the 1950s when he was a teenager, and his years of experience came in good stead when he edited books and carp fishing magazines with Kevin Clifford from Lincolnshire. He was an expert on Redmire Pool and Donald Leney, the Haslemere fish farmer, whose carp were first introduced into the pool in 1934. His talks were legendary, as was his enthusiasm and humour. In February of this year we witnessed an evening with Chris Ball at Swanley where over 100 carp angler were enthralled by his knowledge and tales of big carp, and even bigger carp anglers?!

As an author, angling historian, presenter, public speaker and a lifelong angler, his enthusiasm and dedication knew no bounds. Inducted into the Carp Fishing Hall Of Fame in 2011, before going on to serve as President of the Carp Society. He was instrumental in the creation of the Carp Fishing Museum at Horseshoe Lake, as well as an enviable list of captures, most famously 'Olive' from Wraysbury, Chris has played a pivotal role in preserving the past, promoting the present and securing the future of our sport.

If it hadn't been for Chris Ball I wouldn't be writing each month in the Freshwater Informer, as it was he, 5 years ago that prompted me to put down all my fishing memories of the old days in writing, and get them published somewhere for 'The Archive' as he used to say. He was perhaps our greatest historian of carp fishing, and also one of our greatest carp fishermen, with over 60 years of experience in Kent, Surrey and Hampshire. He was almost exactly the same age as me, and grew up near Guildford in Surrey, carp fishing in the 1960s during the Walker era, at Frensham ponds, Cutt Mill and all manner of lakes in the south of England. We first met in our teens at Brooklands or Horton Kirby, trying to catch the elusive carp recently stocked by the old Kent River Board. There were dozens of us budding



Chris with a 30lbs Leney from Frensham Ponds



'it was this big!' - Chris with an audience

He could talk for England, and there was nothing he didn't know about carp fishing, or old carp anglers, he had an encyclopaedic knowledge of all the fish, dates, waters and events that took your breath away! I hadn't seen him for 50 years, when out of the blue I wrote to him 5 years ago, on this new fangled 'I pad' that I had got for Christmas. Where the hell have you been all these years, he said to me. I had been out of fishing and anglers for many years just concentrating on Trout on the southern reservoirs.

That new encounter changed my life, as he got me to start writing again and put down all the information that I had gained from my early years of coarse fishing. We grew up fishing in the same era, albeit, me in Kent and Chris in Surrey, but we had met on the bankside a few times 50 years ago. I sent some copy to the Informer about Walker and Taylor's centenary year, and my articles had continued for over 4 years now. I often sent Chris copy to get his approval on what I was saying, and for him to collaborate that my facts were correct, he supported my humble efforts and read and loved the magazine each month 'on line' as he lived in Hampshire. I used to send him copies of the magazine, for his extensive 'Archives'.

He lived in later years down on the edge of the New Forest, near Lymington, where the carp fishing was great in the pits up the Avon valley near Ringwood, and on Estate waters where he belonged to many syndicates. He was revered in Hampshire, as one of the country's greatest carp anglers. So many of our great anglers live down that way. Chris Yates, Dave Stuart and the late Len Arbery all lived in Hampshire and took advantage of the great fishing on the Avon, Test and numerous carp lakes.

On May 29th 2018, the occasion of Dick Walker's 100th birthday, 12 of us old timers of the 60s era met at Redmire Pool to celebrate the occasion. Chris was master of ceremonies and related tales of old carp fishers and great times at Redmire in his inevitable style. He loved the place, even though he only caught one large carp himself from the water. Wayne Cryer of the Little Egret Press produced a small book about the day, and it remains to this day one of the highlights of my fishing memories, of a great angler taking about the greatest angler who ever lived, and showing us the very spot where Dick Walker caught the record carp of 44 lbs on September 13th 1952.

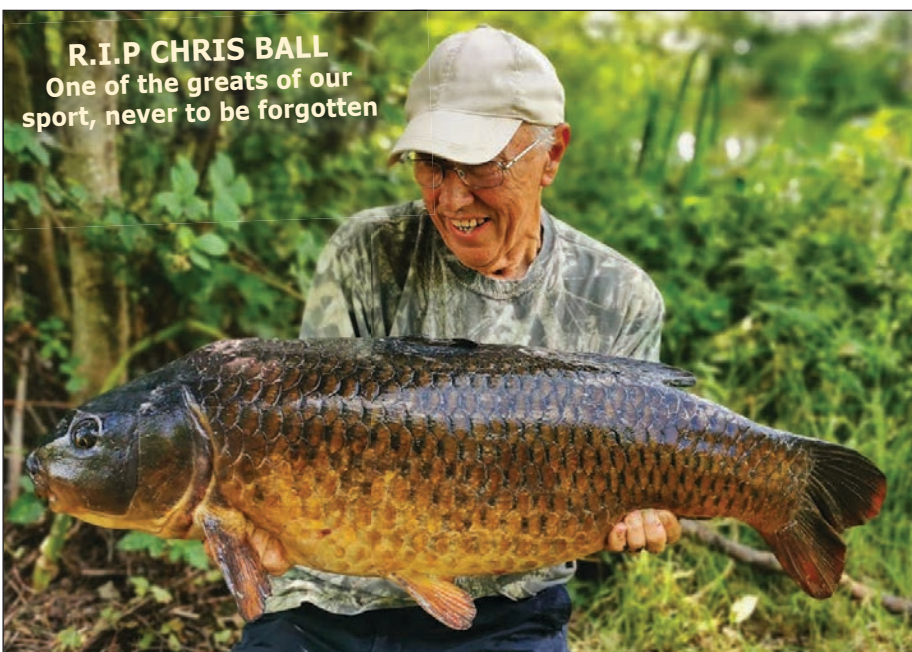
Chris Ball leaves a huge legacy, and a huge number of books and magazines of his wonderful and informative articles which will inspire the future generation of carp anglers to try and emulate. It was a great privilege to have known him, and I regret the 50 years when I missed all his laughter, knowledge and enthusiasm, I might have become a better angler myself had I listened to all his wisdom more. It is only fitting to finish with a few words from the great man himself, a brief account of one last cast...



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sport, never to be forgotten

One Last Hurrah - 24lbs Common Carp

"My wonderful close angling friends at the Somerely syndicate here at Ringwood, arranged the other week for a get together for me one afternoon. They picked a wonderful shady spot and arranged a circle of chairs. The banter for the next two hours made me laugh and lifted my spirits. One friend, John Slader, said, "Now are you going to have a go for those carp in the Back Lagoon?" "Let's do it" I said. He and head man of the estate, John Levell, headed off. I guess I got to the swim around 10 mins after them. They had done the prep so well that it took just one cast and within minutes a gaggle of carp descended on the hookbait and I hooked one. I managed to steer it clear of the weed and before long John Levell scooped up the culprit. The pair of them organised everything on the bank and I briefly managed to lift the 24-pounder for a trophy shot. It was more than I could have ever asked for and though it took me a day to recover it was the end of a great afternoon."

Bob Rolph

Twenty four hours at Tricklebrook Fishery... ...in session with Charlie Young

Established in 1996, Tricklebrook Fishery at Colts Hill, Five Oak Green, consists of three very well stocked fishing lakes. A one acre match lake, along with the 'New' and 'Old' specimen lakes, each around four acres in size, which are home to some very large carp and offer the visiting angler a chance of some spectacular results. We follow Charlie Young as he spends 24hrs on the Old Specimen Lake.

10am After a quick chat with Nigel the Bailiff, I made my way up to the Old Lake. Conditions looked good with a fresh south westerly wind blowing down against the dam end of the lake. The other anglers on the lake were pitched up at the island end of the lake, giving me plenty of water to go at. I watched until I saw a couple of fish top before settling on a swim and when I did it was clear that they were closer to the far bank rather than the car park side. I walked my gear round and settled on swim 15 as this gave me good options for both the dam margin and open water.

10:30am With a number of fish showing and the chance of a quick bite I opted to get my rods out before setting up my bivvy. Both rods were set up in the same fashion with a 3oz flat pear lead on a clip, with an 8inch 15lb IQ fluorocarbon, D rig hooklink, incorporating a size 6 choddy hook and baited with a Sticky Baits Dumbell Wafter along with a pva mesh bag of pellets.

10:45am I cast my right hand rod to a bush half way along the dam where I had seen a fish top, with the left hand rod placed in open water on the line that I imagined the fish were taking as they followed the new wind down the lake. With the traps set I set up home.

11:15am just as I finished putting up my bivvy I received a screaming take on the right hand rod. Grabbing the rod from the pod, I was met with a strong surge as a powerful fish made off along the dam margin. At the end of the first run, the fight became much slower, often a sign of a bigger fish, with just a steady pulsing as the fish bored against the lake bed. Gradually I was able to work the fish back towards me and my suspicions were confirmed when a deep bodied mirror, surfaced at the net. At a shade over 34lbs it was a great start to the session!



The successful rig



A thirty within an hour!

11:45am Landing the first fish had obviously disturbed the swim and spooked any other fish off the spot, so I took the opportunity to bait up the area with a mix of whole 18mm boilies, chops and pellets. I concentrated on the two areas that I wanted to fish my rigs on but also put a light spread between the spots so that the carp would encounter the freebies away from any lines and be led towards

12:30pm The right hand rod was away again and this time the fight was a far more spirited affair with the fish first running back towards me before running into open water and then making another bid for freedom along the dam. Once it had tired, I was able to net another great looking fish. Almost a linear, with large apple slice scales along its lateral line. On the scales she went 20lbs 3ozs.

2pm After eating some lunch, I was watching the water when I received a jittery drop back,

again on the right hand rod, I lifted into it and, so lacklustre was the fight, thought that I had hooked one of the specimen sized roach that dwell in the lake. As I reeled the fish from the depths the culprit was revealed, when a large grass carp surfaced. In true grassie fashion, it went completely ballistic once I netted it. At 21lbs 12ozs, I didn't mind the soaking too much!

After returning the grass carp, I topped up the margin spot with bait as it was clear that fish were still moving into the area. The left hand rod hadn't seen any action but I didn't want to cast it along the dam as I felt that it would put too many lines in the area and affect results on the right hand rod.

6pm After all of the disturbance of the previous few hours the swim had understandably died off a bit. But as evening approached, so I began to see signs of fish again. A Carp poked its head out right over the margin spot and a couple of minutes later the rod was away again.

This time it was a leather carp, nicknamed 'Bullet' in part because of its body shape and in part due to the way it fights, straight and fast! At 19lbs and ounces I certainly wasn't complaining. This signalled the end of the feeding spell on the margin spot and the fish seemed to melt away into open water.

2:30am The left hand rod finally burst into life, waking me up in the process. A strong fight in open water resulting in another lovely looking 20lb Mirror. As I had suspected, the fish had moved into open water and I quickly put a fresh bait on and got the rod out again. I'd barely had a chance to sit down before it was away again. This time a scaley upper double was the culprit. Night time feeding sessions can be short and intense and that proved to be the last of the overnight action.



Almost A Linear
20lb



21.12lb

This grassie saved its fight for the bank!



6am Getting up soon after sunrise, coffee in hand, I was watching the water as fish started to make their way back towards the dam end and my margin spot. I catapulted out a few pellets and chops but left the rod in ad I was confident that it was OK and I was hopeful for another quick bite.

9:30am The early morning bite didn't happen but in a similar pattern to the previous day the fish seemed to get their heads down once the sun was up and two double figure commons in the last 30 minutes was a great way to round off the session.

And what a session it was with four doubles, three twenties and a thirty. I will certainly be returning to Tricklebrook.



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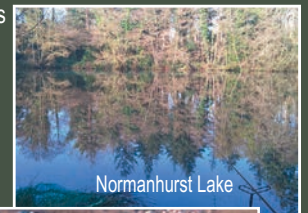
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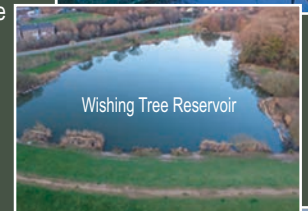
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Are you fascinated by the Crucian?

For as long as I can remember, and that stretches back to when I was a young boy learning how to fish, the Crucian has always been a species high on my list to target and catch each season. However with that said finding venues with true Crucians seem to be getting thin on the ground especially in specimen size. One well known venue in the South East that holds monster Crucians is Marsh Farm under the Godalming Angling Society membership ticket where their member's only lake, Johnsons currently holds the British Record of 4lbs 12ozs caught by Julian Barnes back in 3rd May 2021. However another one of their lakes on the same complex can be fished on a day ticket purchased in the superbly run and very well stocked Apollo Angling which is one of the finest tackle shops I have seen. Full of advice as well the staff in the shop will put you right on baits and pegs to fish from on *Harris Lake* which holds many Crucians over the 3lbs mark and in some cases pushing 4lbs. I have had many a good day in the past on Harris Lake where I like to fish the more traditional close in float tactics with baits such as corn and soft hooker pellets. Many anglers and I have done so myself, target the Crucians with method feeders and plastic baits such as fake casters which has accounted for many big Crucians.

Crucian memories of a young angler

In my early Crucian fishing days even before I was a teenager I would watch my Dad and Uncle catch these beautiful bars of gold from a couple of lakes in Essex. The float would lift up a fraction, drop back down, lift, drop, lift before finally very slowly slide away. In those days most of the Crucians they both caught seemed to average the pound mark with 1lb 12ozs being a sight for sore eyes. I would love to see the rod bend over as they struck into the fish and then watch the line and float go round and round in a circle as the fish made its way to the surface into the landing net. These were my childhood memories of catching Crucians and whenever now when my float starts to lift, drop, lift and then slide away, I am living that childhood memory all over again.

The tactic, tackles and baits

For the purposes of this feature I am going to write about my favourite way of catching Crucians with float tactics and leave the method style approach for a future article. Another venue that offers excellent Crucian action is *Milton Lake* at Bury Hill fishery near Dorking and day tickets as Harris Lake are available for the visiting angler. I mention both as I target both venues in the same way. For many years, especially in my match days I used the pole and its finesse caught me lots of fish as indeed it does many pole anglers. But I also love to use rod and reel, it's how I first started fishing so for targeting the sometimes very shy biting Crucians, using a pole float on a running line gives me excellent presentation for those shy biters. The float would be as light as I could get away with and conditions would dictate that, if there was no wind or drift on the lake then I could use a 0.2g pole float quite comfortably which is then attached to the line top and bottom. If the weather was very bad then I would use a sensitive waggler style float like a Drennan Visi waggler which is pre-loaded (all sizes) but you would then need 8 No 8 shots to dot the tip down. Line would be 3-4lbs on a size 2500-4000 model reels in case you were fishing near lily pads so a decent breaking strain would help guide the fish away from snags and a nice soft tipped action float rod would be perfect as to not bump the fish off on the strike. Hook size I prefer to use would be a wide gape size 16 so I can use baits such as sweetcorn or 4mm to 6mm sweet hook pellets, Crucians have a real sweet taste. I use a sweet groundbait like F1 Swimstim by Dynamite Baits mixed with some micro pellets but feed very minimal as the last thing you want to happen is for the Crucians to become fixated with the feed mix rather than the hookbait. If I start to get lots of fizzing in my swim over my feed then I stop feeding as it could be they are pre occupied with the groundbait. I would feed more at the start of the session to attract them into the swim and then when they arrive and you start to catch really ease off of the loose feed and let them concentrate on your hookbaits.

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Tip I can offer when float fishing for Crucians or any other species, is to know what is going on under the water depth and the only way to do that is to plumb the depth good and proper. I like to fish the first ledge as it is a feature that fish like to travel along when searching for food. I plumb close in and then work my way out to see if there are any drop offs left and right and if there are any flat spots on the bottom which is ideal to feed and then fish over. The Crucian is a moody fish at the best of times but when they are on the feed sport can be fantastic and I have had over 30-60 in a single session of all varying sizes on many occasions. After plumbing the depth accurately I either fish dead depth or 1 or 2 inches over depth with a No 8 dropper shot resting on the bottom so as soon as a fish intercepts my bait my float will register instantly and then I wait for the float to bury before I strike, even counting to two before I do so. In my youth I would strike instantly missing bites or bumping fish off which would spook the shoal, I learned the hard way and I think because they were hard to catch as a beginner I became obsessed with them. To me the Crucian taught me how to fish because they were hard to catch, frustratingly hard to catch and although they would drive me mad at times to the point of wanting to give up with them I came back for more until I learned eventually what patience, tackle and bait presentation was all about. I am sure many of you that fish for this small member of the Carp family have similar frustrating experiences of missed bites and bumped fish and hair pulling.

Follow your dreams

My PB Crucian to date is 3lbs 14oz caught on the Old Lake at Bury Hill during a match a few seasons back, what an old warrior that was. I have been blessed with many in the 3lbs bracket and to me any Crucian over 2lbs is a special fish. My dream, we all have dreams, is to catch a 4lbs fish and believe it or not I have witnessed, weighed, filmed and photographed two Crucians each weighing 5lbs 7ozs and 5lbs 8ozs on a trip to Sweden back in 2017 on a lake called Ursjon. What

amazing fish from an amazing place with Crucians of well over 6lbs being caught from the 10,000 years old natural lake. On my *Fishing Tail Films* You Tube channel I recently uploaded a short video called *The Crucian* and both of those fish and film footage I took from Ursjon are featured.

I am sure Crucian lovers will enjoy watching these amazing fish caught by Swedish anglers Fredric and Percy. For Fredric it was the first Crucian he had ever caught (Yes, I know what you are thinking) and Percy it was his only bite of a frustrating week. I managed 3 Crucians on my four day visit with the biggest going 3lbs 6oz plus a lovely and rare Tench from the lake. A magical trip!!

I am very pleased to announce after speaking to Lee and Alex that I will be writing for the *Freshwater Informer* again on a regular basis with a different species to discuss in following editions. I am very much looking forward to doing so as I have some great trips planned this year for a variety of species.

May your next fishing trip be a special one and remember there is a 'possibility in every cast'

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Fishing has been good on all of our waters recently.

The Old Ballast Pit is producing all species and carp to just over 30lbs.

Barden Lake was fishing well until we had an outbreak of KHV.

Barden Lake will now be closed until CEFAS have given us the OK to re-open.

Fortunately we did not lose all of our stock and there is still a good head of carp present.

Haysden Lake has been producing good mixed bags to 20lbs+.

Longfield Lake still producing the odd tench and bream.

The New Lagoon is fishing really well with various species being caught and all to good sizes. Some of our younger members really enjoying the fishing.



MATCH RESULTS

MATCH RECORDER SHIELD - SWANMEAD

1st	Tony Hyland	8lbs 10ozs
2nd	Martyn Hill	7lbs 2ozs
3rd	Colin Fowler	6lbs 3ozs

ACA CUP - HAYSDEN LAKE

1st	Colin Fowler	27lbs 3ozs
2nd	Mick Orum	17lbs 12ozs
3rd	Andrew Goldthorpe	17lbs 8ozs

HOUGHTON CUP 1 - FLOOD BARRIER DOWN

1st	Steve Parker	12lbs 8ozs
	Andrew Goldthorpe	
3rd	Steve Edwards	10lbs 12ozs

BOB CHAPMAN POLE CUP - SIX ARCHES

1st	Andrew Goldthorpe	6lbs 13ozs
2nd	Pete Riddy	4lbs 13ozs
3rd	Mick Smith	4lbs 8ozs



Beaver Fishery Lingfield, Surrey...continued from page 17

Eden Pond has seen the tench slow down a bit due to the sunnier and warmer days but there have been a few nice fish banked. **Mark Grampson** and his mate **Alan Box** banked some bream to just under 5lbs and 5 tench to 5lbs, **Tony Slater** had 2 bream and 4 tench to 5lbs, **Andy Perks** had 3 tench, 3 F1's and 3 bream and **Martin** and **Karen Davies** continue their good form banking 13 bream, 3 F1's to 4lbs, 12 tench to 4lbs and a mirror and common to 8lbs over a couple of day sessions.

Maze Lake has performed much the same as Jeff's Lake with some anglers finding the fish and some not. One angler fished at the end of one of the fingers and banked half a dozen nice carp and some decent bream while a few anglers in the car park swims struggled a bit only catching a few bream, perch and silvers.

Majors Lake continues to fish well for most with all species being banked, **Sam Hopkins** had a 15lbs fully and a 14lbs ghost mirror, **Stuart Hopkins** banked bream, tench and a low double mirror, **Steve Newgent** banked a 5lbs bream and a **PB** 16lbs mirror, **Alan Baldwin** banked a 5lbs 8ozs tench, **Matthew Notchev** had a **PB** 4lbs 5ozs tench, a **PB** pike of 10lbs 6ozs which took his bottom bait while his dad **Jordan** banked a 16lbs 3ozs fully, **Eric Stammoms** had one bream and 2 low double carp, **Mark Rehm** had a 12lbs common and mirrors at 10lbs and 12lbs, **Bob Luton** had a 4lbs 8ozs bream and an 18lbs common, **Terry Edwards** had over 20 bream to 7lbs 1oz, a 9lbs ghostie and a 8lbs 2ozs common, **John Howe** banked a **PB** 4lbs 13ozs tench, 9 bream to 6lbs, **Paul Kelly** had a nice low double linear mirror, young **Harvy Cimelli** had a low double mirror, **Jordan Phillips** had 3 low double carp, **Chris Pinnell** banked a 15lbs 4ozs ghostie, **Jamaine Cassar** had 3 small commons on his first visit to us, **Dionne Hogan** also banked her



Jordan Notchev - 16lbs 3ozs - Majors



Tom Hashmi - Majors



Dionne Hogan - 10lbs - Majors



Matthew Notchev - 4lbs 5ozs PB - Majors

first Beaver carp in the shape of a 10lbs mirror, **Jack Kirby** also banked his first Beaver carp in the shape of a 16lbs 2ozs mirror, **Sarah Hasmi** banked a **PB** 13lbs ghostie and a nice bream while her son **Tom** banked a nice low double mirror, **Trevor Burgess** had a good 48-hour session when he banked 2 ghostie at 13lbs 4ozs and 14lbs 12ozs, mirrors at 8lbs

6ozs, 9lbs 8ozs, 10lbs 12ozs, 11lbs and 2 low 20's and 3 commons to 15lbs 10ozs while his wife **Maggs** banked bream to 6lbs 10ozs, an 8lbs common and a 9lbs mirror and **Charlie Cox** banked some good bream and 2 mirrors at 9lbs 8ozs and 9lbs 14ozs.



Springbok Fishery & Campsite

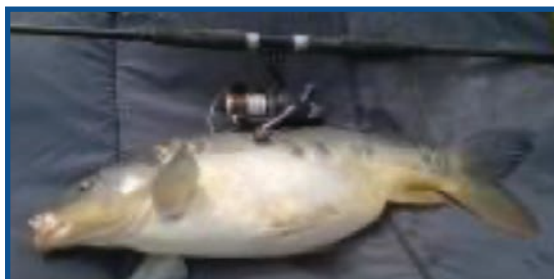
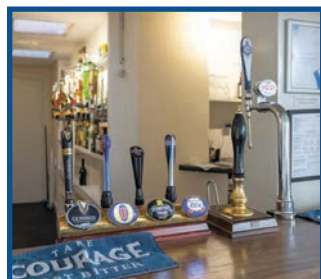
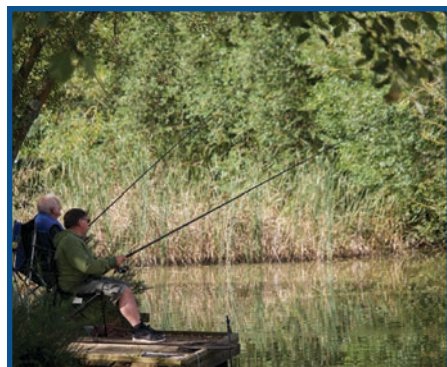


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Shore Prospects with Prime Angling

Evening tides are seeing some Codling show throughout the region with fish mostly in the 4lb range caught. Fish have been taken at venues such as Hove, Shoreham, Pagham and Selsey. Beaches at Widewater often see a brief run of Codling and its possible fish could show during darkness over the next month or two.

Smoothounds continued to show at the start of last week in good numbers from Worthing Pier on the evening tides as well as from local beaches from Ferring to Rustington. Plenty of fish caught to almost mid doubles in weight. Although crab is the favoured bait, squid, and king rag will also catch. Worth remembering again if you plan to fish Worthing Pier or other structures specifically for Smoothounds or other big species use appropriate tackle and bring your own landing net and not rely on others. Pagham, Selsey and Bracklesham are also seeing the occasional decent catches of Hounds mostly during darkness. Selsey and Bracklesham will also offer the chance of a bonus Tope and some fish to 45lb have been caught lately.

Undulate Rays have returned in reasonable numbers with fish of various sizes from Hove, Shoreham Harbour, and nearby beaches and Pagham. Thornbacks have also been appearing from Hove and Eastbourne beaches. The weather next week could see a few small Stingrays caught with fish liable to be present at spots from Climping to Goring beach.

Some venues have produced large numbers of small straps, but they do seem localised with other spots not seeing any show at all. Pagham and Selsey have seen plenty caught in darkness and they will attempt to eat baits of all sizes. No sign of the bigger Congers yet although they usually appear September through to November.

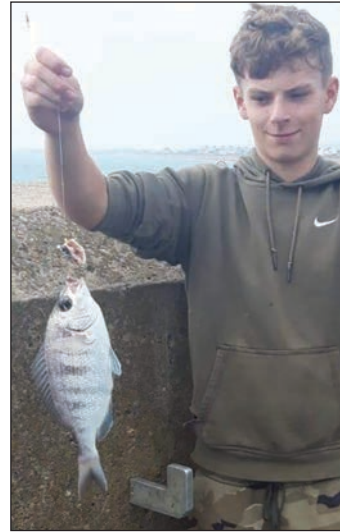
Other fish which show when the water was choppy and coloured recently included Whiting, Dogfish, Silver Eels, and a few Pouting. As the water cleared earlier last week especially from venues such as Brighton Marina and Shoreham Harbour this meant a return of the most regular summer species expected this time of the year.

Mackerel have been caught again mainly from the Harbour and Marina in the deeper clearer water and next week could see reasonable catches when high tides are early morning and evenings. Scad have also shown from the usual venues in darkness and the Garfish catches are also on the increase.

Golden Grey Mullet are regularly being caught to anglers using red rag as bait from the Shoreham area during settled weather and catches should increase with the right conditions through the next few weeks with venues from Lancing through to the Burrells worth targeting them from the beach and Shoreham Harbour has seen good catches within the last week or two. Mullet can still be found in the local rivers and the Marina.



Some good-sized Black Bream have been caught from Brighton Marina and Shoreham Harbour last week and as the water clears most of the usual beaches such as Shoreham, Pagham and Selsey should see fish regularly show. A few Tub Gurnards and odd Red Mullet have reappeared along with Wrasse and anglers scaling down find smaller species such as Smelt, Blennies, Corkwing Wrasse and Bullheads which can be caught fishing from structures in clear water.



There are plenty of Flatfish being caught when the sea is settled

with lots of small Plaice along with a few bigger fish amongst them, reasonable catches of

Flounders plus some Sole. Shoreham through to Brighton tends to see the better Flattie catches during the summer months. Most worm baits should catch flatties especially once the sea calms and starts to clear. Sizable Bass are still

being reported and currently they are mostly being caught to bait anglers although once the sea clarity improves inshore the beaches should see Bass caught at dawn and dusk to lure anglers. Schoolies tend to be caught on worm baits whereas sizable fish are usually to baits such as crab, squid etc. Larger Bass could be caught to live baits such as Mackerel, Scad, Whiting within the next few months especially from Shoreham Harbour and Brighton Marina. The rivers are fishing slow for Bass with the occasional fish reported.



Near record shore caught Skate for Kevin

Kevin Morgan, from well known Pevensy Bay tackle shop, Angler's Den, made the long trip to Scotland with Luke Ripley for some truly wild shore fishing and very nearly ended up catching a record breaker! As Kevin told the F.W.I

"The first mark we tried was unproductive so we upped sticks and moved to Lochaline to fish opposite the Isle of Mull. I had taken my Okuma Surf-8K, originally as a back up to my bigger reels and was using it to cast a Joey mackerel loaded with 45lb braid hoping for Spurdogs or possibly a Tope on this rod. Early afternoon on the Friday, I had a slow bite on the Joey mackerel and as I lifted into it I thought at first I was snagged on the bottom as I was unable to gain even the smallest amount of line. Then it began to move!"

What followed can only be described as a monumental battle and after an incredibly tough fight lasting 1 hour 30 mins, with the reel holding up absolutely superbly, I, along with the help of Luke, managed to land this female common Skate of gigantic proportions. Physically weighing the fish was out of the question so we measured the fish and the relevant conversion chart gave us a weight of 196lbs. By far my biggest ever shore caught fish and approaching the shore caught record for the species!' After a few photographs the magnificent fish was returned alive to fight another day.

I just can't praise the Okuma Surf-8K reel enough as it handled a fish of that size superbly well and will still cast a bait a good distance because of the coned spool and capacity! I will definitely be getting a second one before I go again and will definitely stock more in the shop."



Luke Ripley (left) and captor Kevin Morgan

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TROUT INFORMER

Tenterden Trout Waters

Tenterden, Kent

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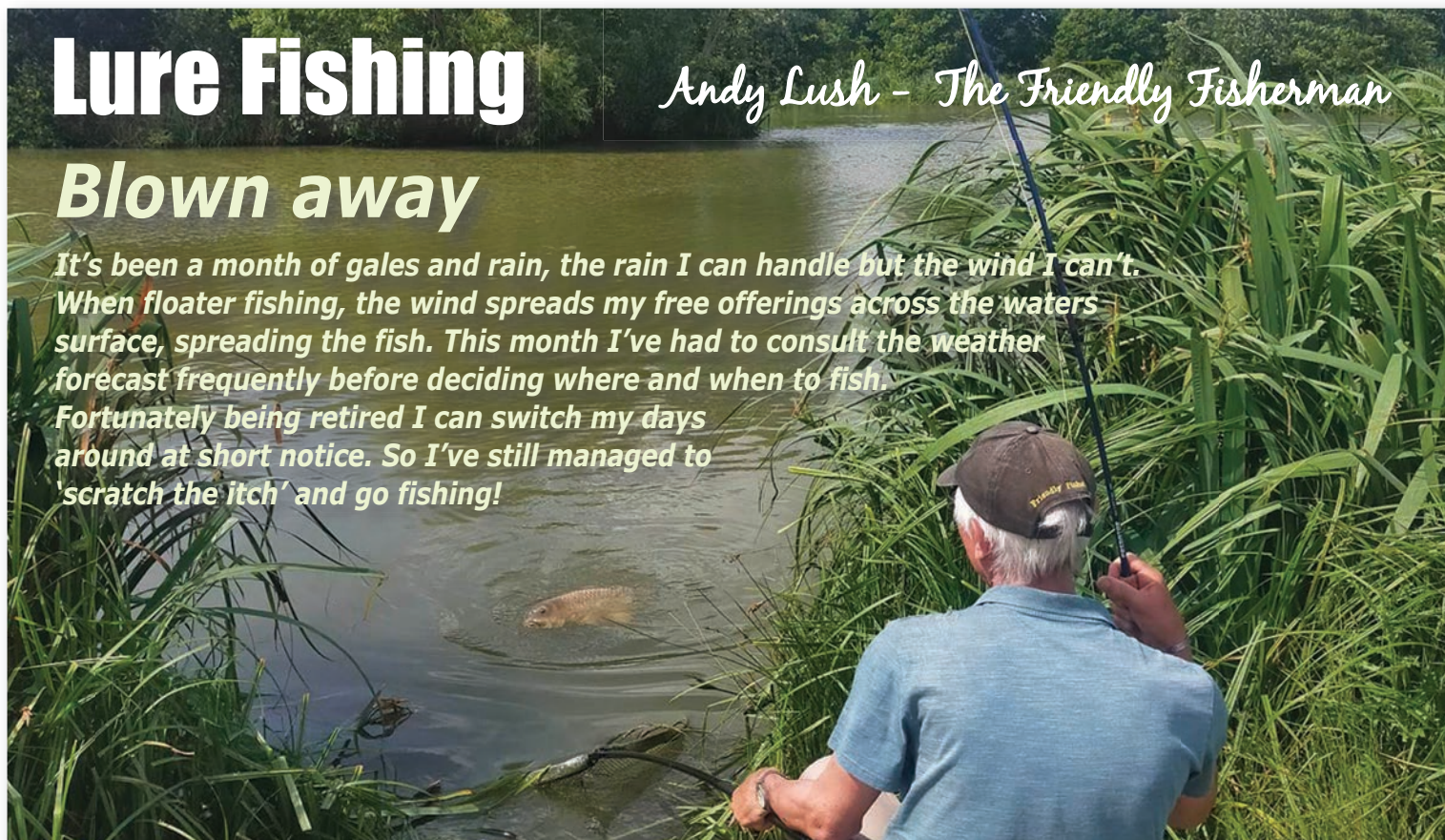


Lure Fishing

Blown away

Andy Lush - The Friendly Fisherman

It's been a month of gales and rain, the rain I can handle but the wind I can't. When floater fishing, the wind spreads my free offerings across the waters surface, spreading the fish. This month I've had to consult the weather forecast frequently before deciding where and when to fish. Fortunately being retired I can switch my days around at short notice. So I've still managed to 'scratch the itch' and go fishing!



Over the past few seasons I've visited many day ticket carp lakes in Kent and Sussex. I've really enjoyed visiting waters I've not fished before, it adds that extra bit of excitement to my fishing. Not knowing what to expect is challenging, knowing I could blank makes me try harder, and is so much more satisfying if I succeed. I've gained a lot of knowledge about how carp differ in their behaviour and feeding times from one water to another. I've found a few waters that offer far more shelter than others, and this has been a huge advantage recently. One water in particular, Iden Wood has seen me more often than usual for this very reason. So when an unexpected break in the weather appeared I hastily rearranged things which saw me arrive at the fishery around lunchtime. As I drove past the 'Match' lake I could see several anglers spread around the lake, so I continued down the track to the 'Specimen' lake which is more sheltered, and has the largest fish!

My starting ritual is to grab my bait pouch, catapult, polarised glasses and baseball cap. I quickly started to check out which swims were occupied, two either side of the island at the car park end were taken, so I wandered quietly down to the narrow end where the wind was being funnelled.

In my experience this lake is moody, so I wasn't surprised when I struggled to find any carp in open water. I eventually found one sheltering under an overhanging bush. I pulted three pellets in its direction, just then a gust of wind caught them and they sailed closer than I'd intended, one almost landing on its head! So it was no surprise when it submerge immediately. Doh!

I decided to take a look at the 'Orchard' lake which is hidden at the bottom of the complex, behind the 'Specimen' lake. You have to look hard to find the narrow path that leads through the woods to this lake. As I arrived I immediately spotted several carp basking in the sheltered water. Being rarely fished these fish were out in open water, heads tilted up towards the surface. I pulted a few floaters out and watched to see their reactions. Quite quickly they became aware there was some free food about and slowly started drifting between the two pools of open water. I had no intention of fishing for these fish, but it's one of my "happy places" where I like to spend some time just watching fish behaving in an unpressurised manner.

After another lap of the 'Specimen' lake, with still no signs of fish, I headed to the 'Match' lake. By now some anglers had left, which gave me more room to mooch around looking for feeding fish. This unusual lake has two halves, a narrow channel links the two sections. I started feeding a few floaters just up-wind of the island. The wind was swirling, sometimes my bait would drift down one side before a strong gust would send them sliding down the other. After a long wait I started seeing fish gingerly taking the odd pellet before disappearing. Eventually I decided to start fishing, it looked unlikely that I could draw enough fish to create a competitive feeding situation. A small common took my Fulling Mill Disco, saving a blank and my blushes. As the wind strengthened it became obvious I was "flogging a dead horse", it was time to look elsewhere.

I now moved to the larger half where the woods provided more shelter.



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I hadn't fished the far bank before as the tree line had been too close which restricted my back-cast. Last winter the tree line had been cut back, making more room for overnight anglers and their bivvies. With the extra space I could now fish this sheltered area, I just needed some fish to be here too. As I walked the bank my attention was drawn towards a bed of lilies. I noticed leaves twitching, a sure sign that carp were underneath. It was easy to move swims quickly, everything was packed into my Nash sling/mat and I was on the move. Arriving at the swim I pinged a few pellets towards the lilies and immediately three large carp pounced on them, one actually launched itself through the surface like a Polaris missile! Trying to keep calm I sat down and ate my lunch. I fed a few more baits and the fish gobbled them down as if they hadn't eaten in weeks! I cast my fly to the edge of the lilies and fed some pellets over it. Instantly a pair of rubbery lips appeared and engulfed my fly, as I set the hook the surface erupted. A large mirror tried to get into the pads, I applied as much side strain as my tackle would allow and turned it into open water. After that it was an uneventful fight, I had to be patient and wait for it to tire before shuffling it into my net. I was shocked at its



Lilly pads are a fish magnet



Match lake mirror

size, at a little over twenty pounds I was elated. I fed some more floaters and continued eating my lunch. The pellets were now being attacked by silver fish, most likely roach. As the baits were pushed away from the swim I began to notice swirls that were far too large for roach, so the carp were edging their way back cautiously.

It took maybe thirty minutes before I had some carp feeding in my swim again. My next cast was again towards the pads, followed by some more freebies. It was like 'ground hog day' as another pair of big, rubbery lips sucked it down and the water erupted as I set the hook. The fight was more hectic but I was prepared for its every move and its sheer length made me think this was even bigger than the first mirror. In the net it was clearly longer but it didn't have a big gut, so I wasn't surprised when the scales only just pasted the twenty pound mark and stopped! Wow. I've caught twenties from the 'Match' lake before but only one a season and here I was now with two from a swim I'd not fished before! I was elated, surely it was too much to expect any more fish to feed, I was sure they would be on high alert now.

As the afternoon slipped into evening, I was reluctant to leave. I fed small amounts of bait hoping for "just one more fish". Food consumed, I sat back and watched the water hoping against hope that I would get another chance, and to my surprise I saw the occasional floater being mouthed on the edge of the lily pads. Gradually more baits were disappearing, I knew I needed to cast much closer to the pads now if I was going to get another take. I made a few casts, extending my fly line each time until I had the correct amount pulled off the reel. I could now confidently cast towards the pads without fear of landing in them. More floaters were pulted out and my cast was close enough to the pads and my loose fed. A carp appeared in open water, maybe two feet away from the pads. It confidently swam towards my fly, which it took without hesitation. Instantly I applied heavy side strain to pull it away from the immediate danger. As I played it, it was obviously a smaller fish but I couldn't have been happier. A chance afternoon session had turned into a red letter day!



Like buses, my second match lake twenty

Til' next month, tight lines, Andy Lush

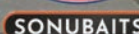
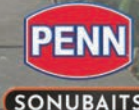
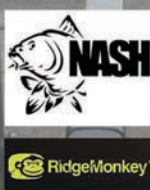


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WINNER

Red, Gold and Green

Junior all-rounder **Corey Church** is building an enviable list of specimen fish that many a seasoned angler would be proud of. The young Hastings based angler has already caught a number of specimen sized species, including carp and perch, as well as turning his hand to both match and beach fishing, where he has also enjoyed considerable success. His latest fishing trip to a Hastings and Bexhill District Freshwater Angling Association water proved to be a particular red letter day. Fishing a method feeder with a fishmeal/glm groundbait, Corey cast his 8mm white chocolate



hookbait to an island margin in just 2 feet of water. Building his swim by regularly re-casting, he amassed a total of 15 fish, topped by two new Personal Bests, this immaculate dark green tench of 4lbs 7ozs and most impressive of all, a fabulous golden crucian carp of 2lbs 13ozs that can be seen on this months front cover.

Riley catches a beauty

10 year old **Riley Smith**, showed great love for catching this absolute beauty of a Old English Common Carp at Wylands Angling Centre when he visited the complexes Field Lake. Armed with his 6ft Dwarf Rod, a handful of floating dog biscuits and a small amount of bread, Riley took his time to walk around the lake in search of bigger fish before free-lining his hookbait for this upper double common.



Aria - PB 8lbs mirror carp - Pittlands Lakes



George Jarrett - PB 26lbs common carp



Harry Smith - aged 7 - mirror carp - Tricklebrook



Jack Wallis - 15lbs 3ozs catfish - Orchard Lakes

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Charlie Carter - PB 17lbs 2ozs common carp - Pittlands



Mollie Gunn - PB 11lbs mirror carp - Pittlands



Fayth Turner - mixed bag - Orchard Lakes



Leo - 12yrs old - 7lbs common carp - Gedges Lake



Jasper Kennard - 4yrs old - PB 20lbs mirror carp



Ivie Fuller - aged 10 - PB 1lb 7ozs rudd - river



Rory Fuller - PB dace - river



JJ Williams - 5yrs old - PB 4lbs common carp



Felix Hardie - 15lbs catfish - Hawkhurst Quarry Lake



Jack Wallis - PB 18lbs 2ozs common carp - Orchard Lake



Devon Castleman - PB common carp - Hawkhurst Quarry

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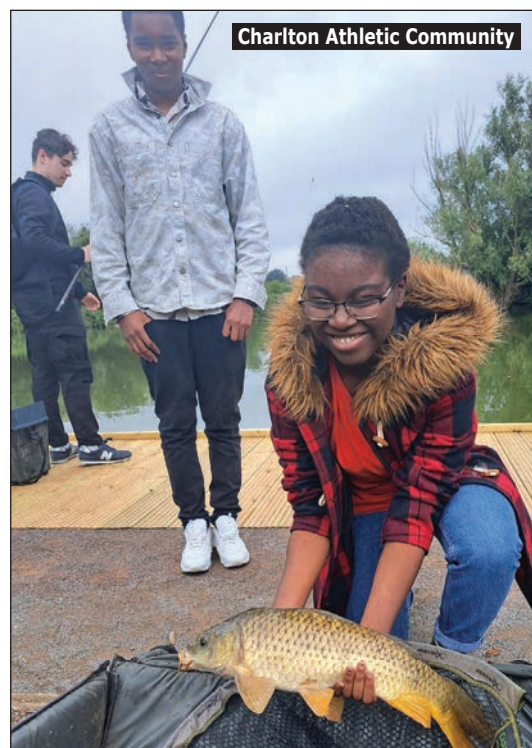
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Fishing for School's Mental health and disability groups

It is that time of year when our schools go on their summer break and this opens our work with our mental health and disability groups.

One thing that I have always been passionate about is that fishing should be for everyone.



Charlton Athletic Community

Over a decade ago I started working with local mental health and disability groups and soon realized how beneficial fishing is to these groups.

People might say why do people with mental health issues benefit so much from fishing. I would say fishing is great therapy for everyone, but in the case of the mental health groups fishing creates a calm and welcoming environment which helps to reduce stress and anxiety. At our sessions we like to talk and get to know our groups so they trust us and you can't beat a laugh and a bit of banter along the way. In most cases it is not only about fishing, but more about having a good day out.

Our work with these groups get more popular each year and because of the help of sponsors, The Cobtree charity trust, we have managed to add a new group to the Kent programme and add to the normal sessions for all groups.

This year as well as working with our three mental health groups; The

Trevor Gibben's Unit, Charlton Athletic Community and Choice Support (Footscray), we have also taken on a new charity, Choice Support, Peppercorns, Dartford, such is the demand to go fishing.

Thanks to The Cobtree Charity Trust for their support in sponsoring our mental health and disability groups and The Tackle Box at Dartford who supply the clothing, quality tackle and bait that really helps with these courses. Thanks, also to the Coaches for their patience and dedication for working with these groups.



Former Charlton Goalkeeper, Bob Boulder



Choice Support, Conrad Carp & Footscray



TGT Group mixing groundbait



Mick from
Trevor Gibbens Trust



Winning
artwork

by Choice Support, Dartford



ART COMPETITION 2023 – Mental health and disability groups

Something that I look forward to each year is our Annual Art competition, originally this was for our schools but a few years ago I looked at trying it with our Mental health and disability groups and the response from our groups was amazing. This years subject was 'Fish' and



Choice Support, Dartford

I was truly taken aback by the quality and amount of entries that were handed in.

The judging for the competition is always a special day as I normally ask Charles Jardine, head of Fishing for schools, to do the judging as he is an artist himself and I know that he like me and the other coaches all get a lot out of the day. This year on the judging day at Hadlow, which was a coaching session for Choice Support, Footscray we also invited along the Chair of the Cobtree Charity Trust, Sandra Knatchbull who funds a lot of the work we do with our Mental health and disability groups.

This year the overall first prize went to Choice Support, Dartford, which was a wonderful picture of a Perch with a pike waiting in the margins.

There was other prizes for some stunning water colour and decoupage and finger paint work, from the Trevor Gibben's Trust and Choice Support, Footscray.

Gravesham Council Junior Angling Course

This event is funded by Gravesham council who fund two daily sessions throughout the summer school break at Shorne Country Park. This course seems to get more popular each year and is always oversubscribed. It just goes to show, that in a time when Junior fishing seems to be on the decline, if juniors are given the opportunity, they love to want to try fishing. The course has been running for over a decade by Fishing for school's coach, David Evans with the help of other Fishing For Schools coaches Steve Scrivener, Phil Wilkinson and Bob Goble. Over the two days 64 juniors took part and although the fishing was tough, all the participants caught fish and seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.



Gravesham Junior Fishing Event 2023



Everyone managed to catch



Ryan - Albino grass carp - Oakley Lake



Sammy Dunn - 19lbs mirror carp - Frost Lake



Connor Baker - common carp - Coghurst Hall



Karen Pattison - PB 9lbs common carp - Sandwich Lakes



Alex Underdown - PB 26lbs 9ozs mirror - Tricklebrook



Anthony Stanton - 22lbs common carp - Mousehole Lakes



Rob Paine - 31lbs 12ozs mirror carp - RKB Leisure



Mark Day - ghost carp - Sandwich Lakes

Ben and Casey Hogben
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Joe Bonner - Common Carp, Tricklebrook New Lake



Paul Wallis - mirror carp - Beachborough Lakes

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Victory Lake



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Medway Man

Bob Morris

We were all wondering what has happened to our summer and whether we would get another warm spell and suddenly it seems to have arrived. Personally, I am pleased that we did not suffer the excess heat wave of last year and that the jet stream appears to have protected us from the southern European heat.

Quite apart from the potential pressure on our waters from oxygen depletion, algal growth etc, our indigenous wildlife and environment in general all take a huge hit during those extreme conditions! I suppose the return of summer is perhaps, a strange time to start up my river fishing activities after more suitable previous wet conditions but there are always other factors involved and sometimes you must 'go with the flow' if you will excuse the pun.

I have been continuing my tench season and enjoying it very much but felt that I just had to make time for a few afternoon/evening trips on the Medway – after all I am supposed to be 'Medway Man'. One of the issues that I always have is where to start. It is always tempting to go back on to the old stretches and favourite swims that you know will produce some action and sometimes I admit that I do resort to this but I find that these days the lure of trying a different stretch of river or just different swims is more attractive and I tend to regard the areas that I have previously done well on as a sort of fall back 'banker' type of option. I guess that this is not just a river fishing dilemma as I often face similar indecisions when considering which still waters to concentrate on in the spring. For some reason however it seems more important to me when a potential new stretch of river is being considered. This may be because with rivers it appears to me that less is known about a certain stretch, and they are often seldom fished. It is difficult these days to find lakes or ponds that offer this. Usually, within a few hours of turning up on your first visit, someone will tell you the whole history of the place often including (perish the thought) the names of all the bigger fish!! In fairness this is mainly applying to carp waters, although even when tench/bream fishing you do run into it to some extent. On a new water however you never really know what might turn up in front of you. I have lost count of the surprises that I have encountered when fishing on a new bit of river. Not all these encounters are from the fish either. Many a wonderful wildlife sighting of a rare species or unusual behaviour have been observed and these events often make a session magic for me, despite there being little action on the rods. Recently a noise on the path close to where I was fishing well after dark had me quite alarmed. Although various creatures can make rustling noises in the bushes, those that cause crunching sounds on a stone path are substantially bigger. I was expecting the only potential



A fine rudd



New swim - New challenge



A nice tench



Chub

problem creature (Homo Sapiens) to appear out of the darkness, but it was just a deer - albeit a big one. It bolted back into the woods when it saw me, possibly sharing my own suspicions of some of the activities of my own species. But what of the fishing, I hear you ask? Well, although I can't claim to have set the world on fire as, yet. I have found some interesting new swims and landed a few good Chub at the time of writing. On a new bit of the river, the first bite in every swim is full of promise and it can be quite exciting as you could just end up attached to a previously uncaught fish and, of course, it might as well be a monster. The chance of this is happening is probably quite slim but on these stretches you can at least dream. I am hoping to be able to report a bit more on my progress in future episodes.

Best Fishes & Explorations - Bob Morris



Piscatorial Politics

A switch to local club problems this time and for this I will wear my committee man's hat.

I am sure that all angling club officials and anyone involved with waterside management of any type will agree with me that one of the most common problems that crop up is that of incorrect use of access gates and locks. There seems to be an epidemic of these issues recently and four of the clubs to which I belong have flagged up problems. I myself found myself locked into a venue, late at night a short while ago when someone who left before me managed to wrap the chain several times around the gate post - with the padlock

on the outside, effectively preventing me getting at it! It took me a while to find a way round to get out. This was extremely inconvenient and to say that I was peeved would be an understatement! I am sure that this was not a deliberate act and I suppose that at least it was locked and not left open - something that I have also witnessed on several occasions.

The current problems however mainly revolve around the 'incorrect' use of Padlocks/Combination locks etc. I know that locks can be a pain in the arse for a whole variety of reasons, but they are a necessity on many of our waters and the maintenance of them is one of the constant jobs for anyone involved.

Could I please make a plea to all club members (angling and otherwise) to be careful and use the correct locking procedures when visiting club waters. When confronted with a chain system with two or more Pad/combination locks, fitted in tandem, please make sure that you leave them with these locked to each other and not 'bypassed' by clamping one to the chain above the others. This of course means that other users such as farmers, landowners and water authorities are locked out and this causes much grief - on occasions possibly even jeopardizing your club's arrangement/leases etc.

Best Locking's **Bob M**



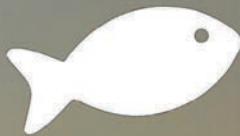
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