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Welcome to the May edition of The Freshwater Informer

With the weather finally turning a corner, the banks are becoming more and more inviting, and anglers across the country are making the most of it. We've had a flood of catch reports sent in from our featured fisheries – so many, in fact, that this issue is packed to the gills with your photos and stories. It's brilliant to see the season kicking off in such style.

This month, we're pleased to feature a guest article from Harvey Williams, who shares his Easter holiday angling adventures. His energy and enthusiasm are a reminder of how the next generation is taking to the water with real passion.

Jim has been on the road again – this time to Hawkhurst Fish Farm, where he took on the lovely Dove Lake. As always, his write-up is full of character and charm, and not without its surprises.

We've also got Andy Lush visiting the scenic Chalk Springs in Arundel, where he shares his experience and tips for tackling those clear waters. Russ Evens continues to impress, having been out and about catching a wide variety of species – if you're after inspiration for mixing things up, his section is the one to read. And Bob Morris brings us something truly heartwarming this month, sharing a special day on the bank with his



granddaughter – proof that fishing isn't just about the catches, but the memories made along the way. Also the angler that needs no introduction **Alex Coutts** with this months Fishing in the Edge.

As the days grow longer and the water warms up, it's the perfect time to grab your gear and get out there. Whether you're chasing big carp, stalking wild trout, or simply enjoying the peace and quiet, we hope this issue has something to inspire every angler.

Have a great month, The FWI Team.

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Ollie Tottle 24-04 PB Majors Lake



Reggie Kenny 22-00 Daughters



Zac Swift 12-06 Majors



John Pelham 19-10 daughters



lan York 26-09 Snipe

Beaver Farm Fishery Update

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Catch Report

Despite chilly mornings, the lakes are slowly waking up:

- Snipe Lake: Mirrors to 28-05 and commons to 31-12.
- Westlake: Catfish now showing up to 69-08 landed.
- Jeff's Lake: Bream to 6lb+, F1s to 5lb, mirrors to 9lb, and commons over 10lb.
- Daughters Lake: Commons to 19-10, mirrors to 22lb, fully scaled to 16-08, and grass carp to 28-14.
- Eden Pond: Mixed species waking up, tench to 5lb.
- Maze Lake: Limited angling due to maintenance, but carp to 10lb showing.
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Russ Evans

Tench and Crucians Spring to Mind...

Another river season has passed us by but I am sure June 16th will soon be upon us as time certainly seems to fly by these days. However I did manage to finish the river season on a high with a decent sized Chub of 4lbs 4oz caught on a big piece of bread flake whilst fishing the tip on a small local river section that holds many memories for me. The chub came on my second cast of the day which turned out to be my only bite during my morning session. The first part of the morning had a chill to the air probably due to the fact it was slightly misty so with a forecast of a sunny day to come I knew I had to make the most of the early part of the morning session and thankfully I did that with nice plump chub. As soon as the Sun burnt off the mist it was game over and I packed up and headed off home happy with my mornings work by the riverside, dreaming and plotting a return when the new season gets underway again.



With Bury Hill Fishery now closed as well the lakes at Nutfield Priory which closed it lakes to fishing two seasons back I will need to venture further away from home to target the Crucian but there is Marsh Farm in Godalming which I have not fished for a few seasons, but in the past I have had some fantastic fishing there, plus Harris Lake which is on a day ticket from the excellent on site tackle shop Apollo



Angling, holds a great head of hard fighting Tench. So I think a visit to Marsh Farm is in order plus I will bring my cameras along to make a film for my YouTube channel as it is also a scenic place to fish and spend quality time. In the past I have some lovely Crucian well over the 3lbs mark and to me any of these bars of gold over 2lbs is a quality fish to enjoy.



A New Tench Water to Explore

I have recently managed to secure a syndicate ticket for one of the Medway Valley Fisheries lakes which holds Tench to over double figures so I hall be heading off down there soon with excitement in the hope of landing a big tinca tinca so keep your fingers crossed for me. A couple of my fishing buddies Eddie and Hugh have both caught double figure tench from the water in recent seasons so I am hoping one of the doubles is waiting to meet me. In early May I will be attending a Tench Fishers 'Fish In' on the same venue plus another one of the adjacent waters and of course I am really looking to that as well as the waters also hold enormous Bream which is another species I like to fish for on my travels.

Reeling Back The Years

Around Christmas time I filmed in my Anglers Den a couple of videos talking about some old fishing

tackle from my youth days which is mostly still in working order.
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tackle boxes etc etc and I am pleased to say they were well received by those that watched and commented under the videos. A few suggested that I should make a series on the subject so I did and I have called it 'Reeling Back The Years' and at the time of writing this article I have filmed 7 episodes so far of which are all uploaded to the Fishing Tail Films channel with more to come. As well as chat about the tackle I used way back when I recall some great sessions I had back in the 60s, 70s and 80s fishing in and around East London where I was born, plus I speak about some schoolboy holidays I had with my Dad fishing for eels and rudd on the dykes at Reculver. With some film footage and old photos to coincide with the episodes I also chat about a ghostly Monk I saw right in front of my eyes as I night fished for tench on Kennington lakes in Essex during the early 1980s, an account that still sends shivers down my spine. So if you like fishing chat and stories of the good old days of fishing then please check out the series on the channel and please give them a Like and Subscribe as there will be plenty of fishing related videos being added to the channel this coming year.

Not A Care in the World

Whilst working on the Reeling Back the Years series I have been busy looking at many old fishing photos that I found in a box in the loft and when flicking through the photographs, some in black and white, I sat there for a couple of hours reflecting on those days and how much fishing has changed over the years. When I first started fishing back in the sixties commercials did not exist not how when know them today. Fishing an old estate lake was as near as I got to fishing a well stocked up commercial water and fishing the rivers and canals accounted for 80% of my fishing trips and I loved every minute of it. Fishing for perch and roach on the boating lake at Wanstead Park was where I fished most and a good majority of my six weeks school holidays was spent fishing there. I thought nothing of walking four miles plus from where I lived in Forest Gate to the boating lake, cutting across the flats and down the side roads to get some fishing in. I would spend the whole day there enjoying every minute of it and when heading off home would plan the next trip a couple of days after. They were just great days, sitting there without a care in the World, fishing and catching lots of stripeys and redfins. It was not until I left school, started working, saved up some money and started taking driving lessons which I passed first time on Friday 13th November in Barking. Bought my first car that I started to venture further out to waters in Essex and Hertfordshire plus trips to the Norfolk Broads to learn about fishing different venues. I joined a couple of clubs and started to get more into club match fishing which was right up my street as I was very competitive and the more success I got in the matches the more I wanted to fish. So I did

Lack of Carp was very noticeable

One thing that was very noticeable reflecting back on my early fishing days was the lack of carp that I caught purely because many waters did not have many carp stocked in them, how that has all changed now. I used to love fishing light scratching around for bites and silvers with an 8 ounce roach or skimmer being the bonus fish especially on the canal stretches. Bagging up on 6lbs of roach or catching 10lbs of bream and skimmers was very much the norm then and I just loved that way of fishing. The real bonus fish back then in matches was catching a tench or landing a 5lbs bream with a few bits and pieces to go with it. Winkling out dozens of gudgeon at Waltham Abbey on the River Lea fishing with a short whip and pinkie brought me lots of satisfaction. Catching a Ruffe was a treat as

it looked so prehistoric looking and still does if you are lucky enough to catch one.

Anyway I must now look to the

future and find those double figure tench this Spring so I will leave you in peace and hope your next fishing trip brings much success and joy.

"Tight Lines" Russ Evans Fishing Tail Films

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Speci 1 Carp are active and being caught over baited areas of sweetcorn and pellet, or with PVA bags near islands and margins. Perch fishing has been productive, with fish close to 4lb taken on float tactics using worm or maggot and regular maggot feed to draw in rudd and roach, attracting the bigger perch. Small jelly lures have also produced bites.

Speci 2 Carp are coming from margin spots using solid or mesh PVA bags with sweet boilies like Cell or Pineapple. Catfish dominate here, often pushing carp out. To target them, use high-attract boilies or marine halibut pellets over a big bed of fishy-soaked pellet. The biggest cat so far is 30lb.

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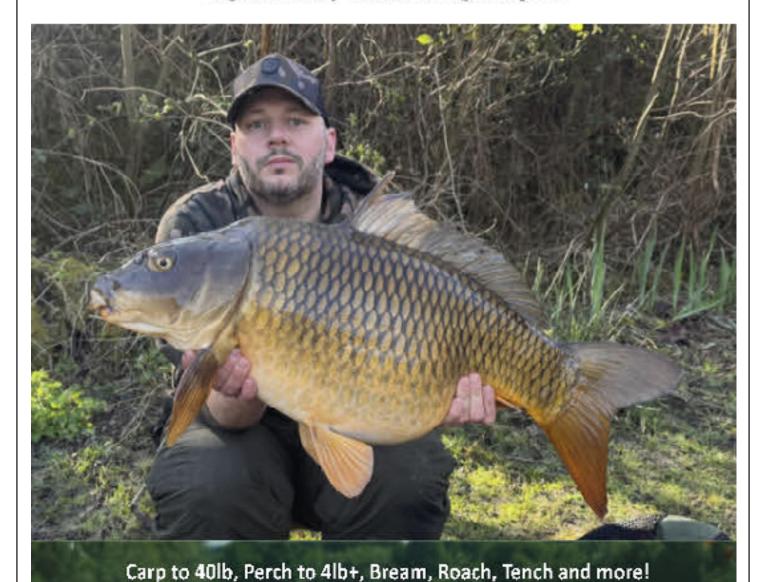


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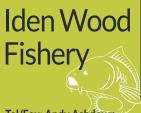
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In The Edge With Alex

It's almost as if the old wooden gate was a portal into my past. Despite never even having seen the lake, let alone fished it, the whole place felt instantly familiar to me, and echo of my past. I could almost hear the childish chatter of me and my friends as we embarked on another adventure, before it was carried away on the breeze and replaced with birdsong.

As I slowly made my way along the narrow path alongside the lake, a shoal of miniature rudd, out on dawn manoeuvres, honed into view, as a woodpecker beat a rhythmic tattoo on the bough of a nearby tree. From the small amount of information that I had gleaned about the stock I was aware that alongside the silver fish there was a reasonable head of tench, an outside chance of a perch, as well as rumours and myths of the occasional unstoppable monster.

Two thirds along the bank, a gap in some trees offered access to a knot of emerging lillies on my left, and a tangle of dead reeds to my right. Both looked prime areas for either tench or perch, and with two rods at my disposal, and little else to go on, it seemed the perfect area in which to concentrate my efforts. Before tackling up I introduced a couple of hefty balls of groundbait, laced with a liberal amount of 4mm pellets and sweetcorn, onto each spot. Hoardes of roach and rudd peppered the surface, the early morning light reflecting off of their

silvery flanks as the twisted and turned in the groundbait cloud, with the sort of voraciousness normally reserved only for mackerel as they plunder the shoals of whitebait along the surf line.

With my mindset still locked firmly in the past, it seemed appropriate to tackle up with a pair of old porcupine quill floats, once commonplace they now fall very much into the vintage category. I baited both with sweetcorn and cast

them to their respective spots. Orange to the left, and yellow to the right. Instantly they both started to dance as the hungry silvers descended upon them. I reeled both in and moved the bulk of the shot within a couple of inches of the hooks, in an attempt to get the bait down to the bottom unscathed, before casting out again.

All remained still for around twenty minutes as I scanned the water for any signs of meaningful activity. Just as I poured myself a cup of tea from my flask, I noticed the reeds to my right start to twitch. A few seconds later, a steady stream of pin prick bubbles appeared on the edge of where I had put the groundbait. Fishing is often about being in the right place at the right time, and in this instance my float was in exactly the right place to intercept the feeding fish. Surely it would only be a matter of time as the bubbles inched ever closer. My hand hovered over the rod until eventually the float lifted slightly before sliding away. A brisk strike, and the tip hooped over, the familiar thump of a tench pulsing up the line. One nil to the yellow float.

As I bent down to return the fish a shower of silvers exploded over the left hand spot. A sure fire sign that a perch was on the prowl. I quickly batted in the orange tipped float, replaced the sweetcorn with a prawn, and sent it back out to the edge of the lillies. I barely had time to set the rod down before the line



scythed across the surface at a frightening rate. Another firm strike, and this time rather than the steady thump of a tench, it was the frenzied head shakes of a perch that made the rod tip jangle as the predator realised its mistake.

In the clear water I could plainly see the bold stripes, spikey dorsal, and flared gill cover of a decent sized perch, as the fish did its best to shake free from my trap. Thankfully, for me at least, everything held firm and before long I was looking down in the landing net at a stunning fish that looked comfortably on the better side of a pound and a half.

One one on the float front.

Perch often hunt in small groups, fittingly known as a swagger, and so I wasted no time in hooking on another prawn to see if I could tempt another. Alas, all remained quiet, and save for the occasional twitch caused by overly ambitious rudd, the float remained motionless. The present slowly dissolved to become the past, as the sun trod it's familiar path across the early morning sky. The lull in the action had given the right hand spot time to settle. Reed stems trembled as unseen forces moved beneath, and once again tiny bubbles broke the surface. Turning my attention back to that side of the swim saw me fall into a steady rhythm. Feed, wait, bubbles, fish, as time and time again curious tench nosed their way through the reeds towards my baited spot.

Almost identical in size, colour and weight, each gave a tremendous tussle as they came splashing to the net. With their emerald green flanks, it was the very definition of catching peas in a pod.

Three or four tench in, and a snub nosed, golden scaled rudd interrupted proceedings. No specimen, but bigger than any that I could still see massing on the surface in front of me. A little while later, and a hand sized roach grabbed the bait on the drop. The sunlight picking out every detail of its magnificent colouration as I led it to the net. Green gave way to metallic blue, with silver flanks and a white belly, all framed with blood red fins. It had been quite some time since I caught such a fine looking example, and served as a reminder that I really should spend more time in their pursuit.

With all of the action coming to the yellow tipped float, I had all but forgotten it's partner. It lay lifeless on its side in the margin where I had dragged it out of the way of a particularly enthusiastic tench that I was playing on the other rod.

Without warning, the otherwise limp line drew taught and cut up through the surface tension, and the reel handles turned to a blur as they tried to keep up with whatever was fast heading out into the lake. I lunged for the rod, hoping that it might be another good roach or rudd, but I should have known from the speed it was moving that it would inevitably be another glorious tench.

What was surprising though was just how far up the marginal shelf the fish had come to feed. I'm sure that the bait was sitting in little more than six inches of water. Another case of right place, right time, with a fair chunk of luck!

By now the sun had reached its zenith, and with the action slowing, this final, unexpected, tinca seemed the right time to draw a close to my trip. The yellow tipped quill had outperformed the orange at a rate of about five to one. Whilst I prefer to watch the orange tip, due to my superstitious nature, especially it comes to fishing, I'm positive that it will be the yellow float that I reach for first. It has shown itself to be a champion within the kingdom of tackle that I own.

I packed away, loaded up, and made my way back along the path. As I did so, an unseen tail sent up a huge vortex, followed by a massive sheet of bubbles as a slumbering giant spooked out of the reeds.

Maybe there is some truth to the rumours. Maybe I will venture back through the old wooden gate. Maybe the orange tipped quill will have a chance to redeem itself...





Although our Urban Baits competition is open to fish of all species and sizes, it is difficult to ignore such an impressive catch of large carp. Especially when the catch photographs are so well balanced and show the fish off to their best.



Ian Le Beau - Common Carp 28.2lb

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What a great session Ian had with a 28.2 common and

a back up 22lb Mirror during back to back sessions lan had preservered in the cold temperatures to bank both these cracking carp and to beat his PB so early in the season both fish were caught using 12mm boilies with a .small scattering of pellet and particle over the area.



Well done lan great angling.



Ricky Pratt 47.2 oz Common From Elphicks Fishery



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Mark Day - Sandwich Lakes 17lb 7oz



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The next morning, the angler next to me packed down early, giving me the chance to jump into his swim on the dam wall. I placed three D-rigs using the baiting

were slow—nothing to report.

UK Carp Angler: Trickle Brook Social Session

I headed down to Trickle Brook for a Hitit Bait social, but things didn't start off too promising.

I drew a peg I wasn't feeling confident with, but I put a bit of bait out and hoped for the best. The first 24 hours

bite, but



spoon, getting them as tight as I could to the snags. It didn't take long for the first



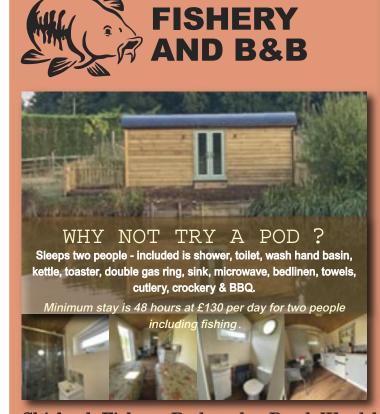
unfortunately, I lost it. After that, though, the action picked up.

I ended the session with six fish, losing three. Landed carp included a 24lb, 21lb, 19lb 12oz, and 17lb. Just before packing down, I managed to top off the session with a cracking 26lb 6oz.

The winning mix? 2.3mm pellets blended with 2kg of sweet pineapple chopped and whole boilies, finished

off with a sweet pineapple wafter right in the middle. A great result to end the trip!

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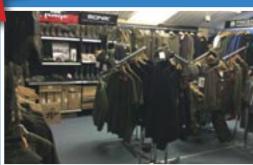
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JIM'S JOURNEY. TARGETING POVE LAKE AT HAWKHURST FISH FARM.

This month's adventure took us into Kent, to the well-known Hawkhurst Fishery. Our focus for the session was Dove Lake—one of the more challenging waters on the complex. With its reputation for being a tricky water, we knew we had our work cut out, but that's all part of the fun. Hawkhurst caters to anglers of all experience levels, from complete novices to the seasoned specimen hunters, and Dove sits firmly at the top end of that scale.

We set off on Sunday evening, ready to fish through Monday and Tuesday. The timing was tight earlier in the day, I'd completed my CBT motorcycle training (which I'm happy to report I passed!). With the certificate in hand and gear in the car, we were on the road straight after.

We arrived at the fishery just before dusk, and to our surprise, we had the lake entirely to ourselves. That rare opportunity gave us time for a good walk around the lake to scout out the best swims. It didn't take long to spot some activity—two shows in open water between the islands caught my eye straight away near Peg 3. That was all the convincing I needed. We quickly unloaded the gear from the car and set up camp. I settled into Peg 3, and Dad pitched up next to me on Peg 4, giving us both a good bit of water to go at and a perfect vantage across the middle of the lake.

With the lake quiet, the conditions promising, and a few signs of fish already showing, we were hopeful the effort would pay off...

It didn't take long before I had some action—around 8:00 PM, one of the rods ripped off, and after a short but lively scrap, I slipped the net under a small Grass Carp, weighing in around 8lb. More on him later...

With that little bit of excitement out of the way, it was time to get dinner sorted. We kept it simple for the evening—just a couple of burgers on the go while Dad sorted the brews. After a long day, including my CBT training earlier (still buzzing from passing that!), a good feed and a proper cup of tea hit the spot. I was ready to get my head down and rest up for the morning.

At first light, my alarm screamed into life again—this time from the rod I'd recast the evening before, baited with Urban Baits Nutcracker. It's a new one for me, but it's quickly becoming a favourite. It had already proven itself on a recent session at Shirkoak Fishery, and now it was doing the business at Hawkhurst too.

After a spirited fight and a few powerful runs, I slipped the net under a stunning 18lb Ghost Carp. Absolutely mint condition. We got a few quick photos and watched her glide off into the depths—always a buzz, especially on a tricky water like Dove.

The morning and early afternoon went quiet after that, and it wasn't until after 1 PM that I had





another take. This time, there was no real fight at all—it was like reeling in a carrier bag. As I opened the net, I couldn't help but laugh: the same small Grass Carp from the night before was looking back at me. Clearly a fan of the Nutcracker!

I must also mention that Dad avoided the dreaded blank—just about! During the night, his rod ticked off and after a brief tussle, he landed a small Catfish, roughly around 3lb. Nothing to write home about in size, but still a bite on a tough lake like Dove. He quietly slipped it back into the darkness and retreated to the comfort of his bivvy, hoping for something a bit bigger as the session went on.

About the Venue – Hawkhurst Fishery

Hawkhurst Fishery, located in the beautiful Kent countryside, is a well-established and popular desti-

nation for anglers of all levels. The complex is made up of several lakes, each offering something a little different depending on what you're after.

- **Dove Lake**, where we spent this session, is one of the more challenging waters on site. It's known for its wily, hard-fighting fish and is often targeted by more experienced anglers looking for a proper test.
- Quarry Lake It is a natural lake with a 12 ft deep hole in the middle with a gravel bed, with depths of 8ft around the hole and then through to 1 to 2 ft by the edges. The bank is a combination of silt and stony areas. It has a reed surround and is home to 12 spacious jetties. You can park right next to some of these jetties which makes it easy to get your equipment out, and perfect for any of our disabled anglers.
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- Main Lake is a solid all-rounder, with Carp and Cat Fish up to 110lb
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Oliver Carr - 26lb Cat Fish Hawkhurst

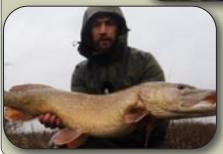


Harvey Cassidy - Catfish - PB 40lb 7oz Cackle Hill



Ethan Pope. just a few of his Pike Captures Pevensey levels this winter pike season







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TENTERDEN TROUT WATERS - May 2025

Spring fishing is off to a strong start with plenty of quality Rainbows caught. The biggest so far—a 12lb beauty from Lake 3—was landed by Alan on a green damsel and safely returned, so the challenge is still on!

Cooler nights have kept the trout feeding well and fighting hard. Top patterns include Daddies, Blue Flash Damsels, Montanas, and Buzzers. All three lakes have recently been stocked with fish from 3lbs to 14lbs.

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Easter Competition at Brick Farm Lakes



Several anglers arrived bright and early at Brick Farm Lakes on a sunny April morning for our annual Easter competition. With bacon rolls served alongside the peg draw, the friendly atmosphere was set for a fun day's fishing.

Fished on a 3-fish ticket, this light-hearted event always draws a great crowd, with Easter eggs and trophies up for grabs. Brick Lake was a popular choice, though fish were being caught across all waters. A variety of flies were working, but black lures stood out—no surprise with the number of tadpoles around!

Regular Simon Kiley kicked things off with a quick catch on Spring Lake, and several others who bagged up early enjoyed extra fish for fun. A hearty Ploughman's lunch was served, followed by Easter treats kindly made by Samantha.



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Len Taylor took 1st place with a 3-fish bag weighing exactly 9lb, keeping his total quiet until the final reveal. Mick Moody, new to fly fishing and entering his first comp, came a close 2nd with 8lb 10oz—an impressive debut! Rob Barden won the Skittles Easter egg for the smallest bag (6lb 12oz), and the customary Cream Egg went to Alex Lagdon, who has a knack for catching the smallest fish on comp days!

Fishing's in great shape right now—Buzzers and Diawl Bachs are doing well on bright days, and there's been lovely dry fly action under cloud cover with Daddies and Emergers.

We're open daily 8am-5:30pm, with some coaching slots still available—call the Lodge for more info.



FRESHWATER May 2025



Spring finally felt like it had arrived as I drove to Lakedown. The lakes were bathed in sunlight with hardly a breath of wind ruffling the surface. It felt good to be alive, and I was going fishing! In fact I wouldn't be fishing today. I would be accompanying two newbies in their quest to learn how to catch trout on the fly.

I met Jack Carrick and Nathan Baker in Lakedown's 'Tap Room'. By coincidence the 'Tunbridge Wells Fly Fishing Society' [TWFFS] were having a club day too. The buzz of excited chatter from all those assembled set the scene for a very enjoyable day. Several club members offered advice to them both, which made them feel very welcome. Fishery manager, Ted Cocklin was on hand as usual to "meet and greet" everyone in his own inimitable way, before sending us off to find some fish!

Tactics

The first thing I did was discuss where they should expect the trout to be? The answer was obvious, where the food is! Location is key to success, whatever you're fishing for. Secondly, at what depth should they expect the fish to be looking for their food? And finally, at what speed should they retrieve their flies?

Being cold-blooded, fish activity is controlled by the water's temperature. Being less than 6° 'C' the trout wouldn't be keen to chase a fast moving fly. With such a low temperature, the fly life would still be in the larvae stage, and close to the bottom. So "slow and low" would be the best option. The bright light also needed to be factored in, this again meant the fish would most likely be staying deep. Flies generally don't hatch in direct daylight! Hence the best fishing conditions are first and last light. Hence the term, "morning and evening

rise". Despite what non-anglers think, it doesn't have to rain to catch fish! It's just overcast cloudy days, with diminished light levels that will always produce more fish than bright days.

Casting

I had advised Jack and Nathan to have a casting lesson before attempting to fish. This they had done, being taught by my good friend Rob Barden at Brick Farm fishery where he teaches. I've seen it many times before, where an angler tries to fish while learning to cast. It's painful to watch, and very frustrating for the angler. It's also a wasted opportunity trying to catch fish, when you can't cast properly!

The fishing

We avoided the top lake as it was still quite coloured from recent rain. Lake two was very busy, so we headed to lake three, where we found two adjacent swims. This would allow me to keep a watchful eye on proceedings and offer tactical advice, as and when necessary.

As we arrived I noticed several anglers playing fish, which was very encouraging in such bright light. I wondered how deep the fish were, and what fly lines were producing? Floating, Intermediate or faster sinking? Making the right choice would control the flies depth. My guys eased their way into things nicely, gradually working through the depths. I'd given them a briefing earlier about what the fish were likely to be feeding on. I'd also told them how to search through the water column by counting down before commencing each retrieve. This is a vital tactic to help identify the "taking depth" where the fish were feeding.

I got them both using similar tactics, but with different lines. Jack was using a full floater with

a weighted "blue flash" damsel. Nathen was using an intermediate line, which sinks very slowly at less than two inches a second. Using this "two-pronged approach" would hopefully speed up the process of finding the right "depth and speed" to catch fish. I'm always looking to identify patterns of depth and speed, once you've worked this out you can vary your choice of flies, as long as it has a similar construction, i.e. weighted, unweighted or buoyant, so it fishes through the same depth range.

Jack was casting across the narrow channel, in the arm off the main body of the lake. His fly was landing perfectly, just short of some overhanging bushes, which looked very fishy. As the morning progressed and with no takes forthcoming, it looked like he needed to search deeper? By increasing the "count down" Jack started to snag reeds, as his fly entered the shallower margins. I suggested that rather than casting directly across the channel he should try casting along it, this would see his fly staying in the deepest water throughout the retrieve. First cast in this new direction, and like magic it worked, "fish on"!



The fish fought very hard, which was hardly surprising as it was stuffed full of food, which obviously gave it plenty of energy. When "spooned" to examine its stomach contents, I was surprised to see it full of daphnia. Daphnia is a very nutritious and plentiful food source, not usually so abundant this early in the year! It's also worth noting that daphnia is "light sensitive". In bright light it goes deep, in overcast conditions it rises towards the surface. Now you can see why getting the depth right is so vital for success.



Several anglers had caught their limits by lunch time so there was now more room to move around. Rotating spots meant it was possible to avoid over fishing one spot, takes often come quickly after moving into a rested area. Using this tactic resulted in Jack catching another fish, this time on a 'sinking tip line'. This change allowed him to vary the retrieve a lot more while still maintaining depth, using the floater had restricted him to using a very slow retrieve. Nathan had quietly gone about his business trying different flies, retrieves and rotating fishing spots. An unexpected tactic resulted in his first fish? He stopped retrieving his fly, as he chatted to another angler. That pause triggered an instant response from a following fish! With the "monkey off his back" he could now relax and enjoy the rest of the day. With that perfect timing, we headed off to the 'Tap Room' for lunch!

The afternoon was more of the same, but both Jack and Nathan showed their determination to succeed, which was very impressive. Jack added another to his tally, which completed his limit. Natham made sure the trout didn't get the better of him either. He worked his "sock off", moving swims, changing flies, changing depths, until he finally caught another rainbow, which turned out to be our biggest at 3lbs.

It's worth noting that I spooned every fish. Those caught in the morning were full of daphnia, while those caught in the afternoon had a lot less food in them. This indicated they'd stopped feeding around midday and had resumed feeding as the light diminished, late in the afternoon.

Until next month, tight lines.

Andy Lush

Junior Informer











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Using a clever setup with a Mulberry pink popup and a solid bag, Nathan tempted this chunky Common into slipping up.

A proper result for a newcomer and proof that confidence and the right presentation can pay off big time!

Top angling, Nathan – enjoy your prize and keep those rods bent!Think you can beat it? Get your catches in for next month's MFC!



Junior Book Winner – Morgan Kirby-Gray (Age 11)

b A big congratulations to Morgan Kirby-Gray, our Freshwater Informer Junior Bait Winner! At just 11 vears old. Morgan showed real skill landing a fantastic catch on a club lake.

A clever combo of particle bait and a PVA bag filled with mixed boilies.









Keep an eye out for more junior angling achievements in upcoming issues, and don't forget to send in your own catches for a chance to be featured!



Oliver Carr - Mousehole lakes - 21lb's



Jacob - 13lb Common Carp - Sandwich Lakes



Finnegan Kelly (12) 20lb Pike Ashdown Fly Fishery, on a fire tiger lure



Freddie - 3lb 2oz Perch -Cottington Lakes Fishery



Archie Kitchen - Martello Lakes - 35lb 2oz



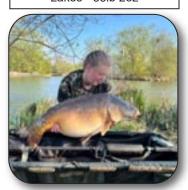
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Zach Gibbins (12) 24lb Mirror Claygate

The Diary of an Match Angler Pitlands Fishery Written By Freddy Joe Beany

Hi everyone, you're joining me at the beautiful Pittlands Lakes Fishery. I've chosen to fish Lake A mainly because I'm targeting the skimmers, which average around 2lb in here, and there's usually a few bites to be had. That said, if the odd carp decides to crash the party, I certainly won't be complaining!

I've set up on the left bank beside the tree, partly for cover, but mainly because of the wind — and after a bit of faffing, I had a couple of rigs out and the bait tray sorted.

Today's Baits:

- So Simple Baits Pure Crushed Expander groundbait
- So Simple Baits Baninion 2mm Ready Micro **Pellets**
- Red & white maggots
- **Pinkies**
- Worms
- Bread
- Mainline 2mm and 4mm expanders

Rigs for the Day:

The lake's only around two feet deep, but due to the wind I opted for a 0.4g slimline float, tied to 0.14 Matrix Micron mainline, with a simple bulk of five no.9s and two droppers just under the float. Hooklength was a 6" piece of 0.10 fluorocarbon, finished off with a maggot-style hook.

(My second rig was identical — always good to have a spare ready in case of a snap-off.)

The Game Plan:

I kicked things off by feeding two lines at 12.8m:

- One with a small ball of fluffy groundbait and a few pinkies/maggots.
- The other with a slightly wetter mix, again with pinkies and maggots.

Both lines plumbed up the same, meaning I could fish the same rig across them. On my short line (top kit plus three), I fed a slightly bigger ball of groundbait, pinkies, maggots, micros, and topped it with a bit of loose feed.

The Action:

Long story short — the wind got the better of me on the long lines. Presentation was a nightmare, and after one failed hook-up, I decided to sack them off and focus on the short line.

After a bit of patience, I started getting a few little dinks on the float... then it buried — a small roach to start, followed shortly after by exactly what I was after: a lovely 2lb skimmer.

I clipped on a Guru Cad Pot, fed a few pinkies and maggots topped with a pinch of loose groundbait, and went back over with a red maggot topped with a pinkie. Float buried again — another skimmer! Same process, same result — I was into a rhythm and the bites kept coming... until Mr. Carp rocked

A lovely bite, no.8 elastic stretching out, and after a long, hard scrap, I slipped the net under a 7-8lb common — one of the better ones from the lake.

After that, I carried on working the short line and nicked a few more skimmers before being interrupted again by another carp. The session flowed like that for the rest of the day, with a final tally of 18 skimmers and 4 carp — much better than I expected, especially after the bitter weather we've had lately, which has really slowed the fishing down.

All in all, it was a great day out with plenty of bites, a good bend in the rod, and a mix of species to keep things interesting.

Until next time — tight lines! Regards,

Fearless Freddy







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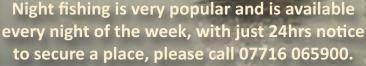
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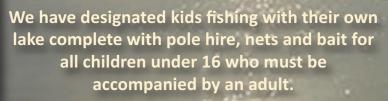
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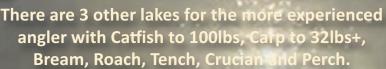
Even if you're not fishing please come and sample our Sunday roasts and enjoy the beautiful lakeside views



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Night fishing booking from £30 per night and Day sessions from £10.

Maximum 2 rods









May 2025

Elphicks Fishery



Archie, North Lake 43lb



Dave, North Lake 45lb



Dave, North Lake 45lb



J.White on North lake.



James , North lake 49.13



John White on North lake in March



Jude, North Lake 42lb



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Denise New PB 10lb 5oz -Mousehole Fishery



Shaun New PB 30lb -Mousehole Fishery



Kevin 20lb - Mousehole Fishery



Jimmy 25lb -Mousehole Fishery



Ollie New PB 39lb 8oz - Mousehole Fishery



Kestrel lake peg 6



Steve 25lb - Mousehole Fishery



Kevin 26lb - Mousehole Fishery



Jason 23.10 - Mousehole Fishery

Gabriels Fishery has woken up and started the season with some great catches across all five lakes!



Admiral Lake has been surveyed end of winter with some great results, we have good number of fish in late 30ties and the lake is overall looking healthy. We have added some beautiful mirrors to grow on also. Several great specimens were banked over the last couple of weeks.



Oak, Silver and Swallow lake are all thriving with plenty of carp as well as other species. All are suitable for the amateur and professional fisherman alike. We have seen plenty of good healthy fish out of the water from all three lakes during last month.



Hare Lake is also busy with always challenging Pike residing in this water. Good selection of the predatory fish has been seen, I would like to remind our fisherman to take care with our Pike and all fish when handling please.

The fishery is now open 24/7 for day tickets, Admiral lake can be booked on line.

Our Tackle shop is now open 7 till 7.

Mousehole Lakes NINE ACRES - THREE LAKES









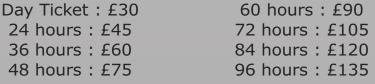


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BROWNES AND BUNDE BANGS FT: Harley Williams

Easter Half term saw plenty of anglers hitting the banks, but few with the same determination and results as Harley Williams, who's been quietly making a name for himself at Brookland's Lake in Dartford.

Known to locals as a tricky venue, Brookland's can be moody at the best of times, but Harley has been putting together a tidy string of sessions targeting the carp that live in these waters. His persistence and watercraft have paid off, with several good captures gracing the mat over the school break. True to form, Harley's kept his cards close to his chest, but it's clear that his tactics are dialled in and he's tuned into the habits of the lake's residents.

Unfortunately, not every story from the bank is a fairy-tale. During one of his sessions, Harley was the victim of theft. Some low-life helped themselves to his power

pack and a few other bits while he was in his bivvy. It's a gutting moment for any angler but in classic style, Harley

didn't let it break his stride. He shrugged it off, dusted himself down, and got back to doing what he loves.

That kind of resilience is what sets true anglers apart. Brookland's is a popular spot with a strong community, and while the incident left a sour taste, Harley's continued presence on the bank is

a reminder that passion for the sport can't be stolen.

And it's not just during the school break that Harley's been in form. On a warm day just recently, he headed back to Dartford around 10AM and spotted carp up in the layers. Reading the situation perfectly, he cast out an 8ft zig and spodded a cloud of attraction using a mix of cloudy Munga Mix particles, Nash boilies, and pellet. It wasn't long before his bobbin crept to-

ward the alarm, and after a brief scrap, a lively little mirror was on the mat.



Sticking to the same

method, Harley was soon in again—this time with a solid 20.3lb common that gave him a proper scrap before giving up the game.

"I was buzzing," Harley told The Freshwater Informer. "It's always a good feeling when a plan comes together."

Whether it's bouncing back from setbacks or making the most of a short session, Harley's proving that with the right mindset and a bit of watercraft, Brookland's has plenty to offer.



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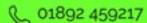


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Medway Man Bob Morris

Medway Man - May 2025

What tremendous months of March/April on the weather front, with much of the country experiencing wall to wall sunshine for most of the time. The flip side of this spell has been the persistent and extremely cool east wind and very low night-time temperatures.

My response to these conditions is normally to concentrate on afternoon/early evening fishing and this is what I do for most of the time anyway these days as I find early starts are just too much effort unless I have good reason to believe that being on the water at dawn well worth it. Having said this, I am now considering doing the

odd night session as the conditions improve and this is something that I frequently do during the spring months as I believe that it often gives me the best overall coverage of potential feeding times and the chance to observe the mood of the water over a 24 hour period. It allows more time to draw fish in onto a patch of freebies and yes, it has to be said, can be more relaxing and pro-

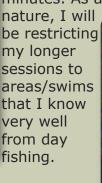


So far this spring I have been doing OK on the Bream, Tench and carp front and have managed to get some sort of action in all of my chosen patches. It is true that I have had no monsters, but I am happy that I



vides more chance to observe the wildlife and environment. It is undoubtedly a great time of year to be out and about on the bankside day or night and I must say that I am looking forward to it again. I will report on my progress next time.

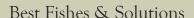
One type of story that I hope to avoid having to tell however is of how I managed to injure myself in one way or another, like last year while doing a night in a relatively unexplored area I slipped over during the early hours and cracked my ribs on the corner of a platform!! Very nasty for a while, as I felt unable to move for a couple of minutes. As a result of one or two incidents of this





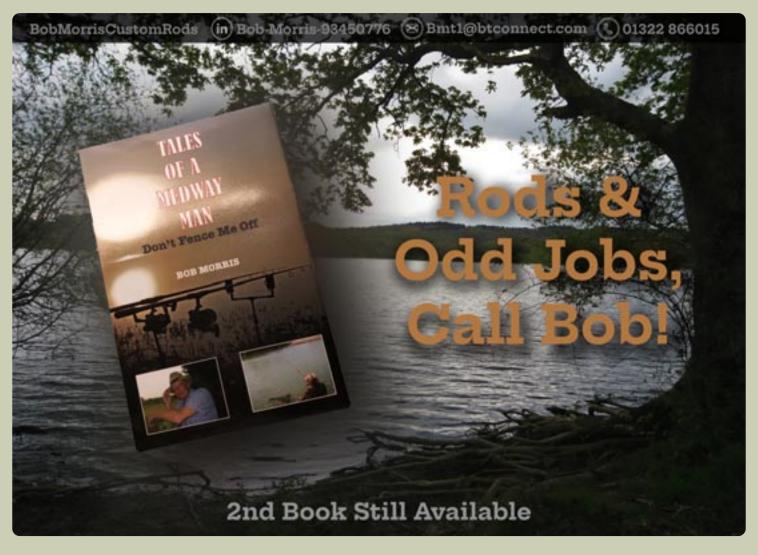
am doing consistently well by the expected yardsticks of the chosen venues. Both float and leger/feeder tactics are now working well, and I have also encountered bonus species such as Roach and Rudd to create a bit of extra interest.

Talking of the weather conditions: the word on the meteorological street is that we have had a very dry spring so far and that some areas, Wales for instance have have had their driest March since the sixties!! It is incredible to see how just a few weeks without rain can get the alarm bells ringing again - with droughts and hosepipe bans being spoken of in place of flood warnings. There must be a few lessons to be learned here. Surely, we should be trying to hold more water back for future use - as you can't drink it once it has been fast-tracked out to sea. Hang on' I can feel another episode of Piscatorial Politics coming on. Fortunately, there are now signs that the authorities are waking up and changing their attitude to these recurring problems. Not before time, as many of us have been saying for years. 😊





Bob M



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Elphicks Fisheries Spelmonden Road, Horsmonden TN12 8EL	01580 212512	Best Buddies 28 Martello Drive, Dymchurch Road, Hythe CT21 6PH	01303 487144
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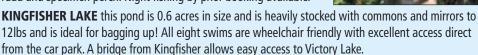
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