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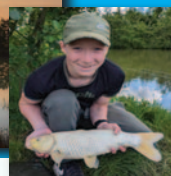
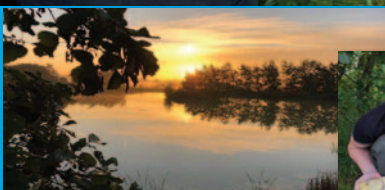


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## Welcome to the June edition of The Freshwater Informer

As we ease into the warmer months, this May has treated us to some beautiful weather—bright skies and longer evenings—although the wind has had a bite to it on certain days! Still, it's been an incredible time for fishing, and the inbox has been full to the brim with brilliant stories and photos from you, our readers.

I've thoroughly enjoyed putting this issue together—thank you to everyone who contributed. This month, we're delighted to welcome Si Fishes as our guest contributor. Si and his mates had a cracking session over at Elphicks North Lake, and the write-up really captures the buzz of a successful trip. Meanwhile, Jim has also been down at Elphicks, this time on Kettles Lake, where we enjoyed a fantastic 24 hours—one of those sessions you don't forget in a hurry.

Andy Lush headed to Hartley Lands and, true to form, made the most of his time on the bank with another great session. It's always inspiring to see what he pulls off with skill and patience.

Russ Evens has been at it again too, enjoying a fruitful coarse fishing trip with a lovely mixed bag that showcases the joy of variety in freshwater fishing. One of the real highlights this month has been the number of juniors sending in their catches. It's brilliant to see the next generation so passionate about the sport. These are the moments that will stay with them for life, and it's a privilege to share them with our readers.



As for me? I'll be honest—I've not been out as much as I'd like lately! That's something I'm planning to change in June. My goal is to squeeze in as many day sessions as the weekends will allow, and I'm hoping to find a local venue where I can sneak in a few evening sessions during the week as well. If you've got any recommendations, I'd love to hear them. Until next time—tight lines, and enjoy every moment on the bank.

*Have a great month, The FWI Team.*

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# Russ Evans

**Variety is the Spice  
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**by Russ Evans – Fishing Tail Films**

Sadly a nasty sickness bug put paid to my intended trip out with the Tench Fishers 'Fish In' on a Med-way Valley Fisheries event, I was not best pleased to miss out as I was really looking forward to it however the only crumb of comfort is I have managed to obtain syndicate ticket on one of their small waters that hold a very good head of big tench so I will be heading off soon to test the water for myself.

Although I am out on the bankside fishing mainly for tench I have one eye on the fast approaching new river season and I just can't wait for the 16th June to come round again. Early morning starts with the mist hovering over the countryside, lifting gradually off a moving river are certainly sights for very sore eyes. Some tender loving care will be needed of course to tidy up the swims to make them fishable again but it adds to the freshness of a new season, a new set of hopes for a great season ahead in which, for me anyway, new PB targets will be set and hopefully met.



## **I Think of the Less Fortunate**

As I get older each season my enthusiasm for this great sport grows evermore, probably because I am getting older and I know the clock is ticking. On my YouTube channel Fishing Tail Films, I get many

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comments from subscribers who say that watching my videos gives them their fishing fix as they are no longer able to fish as much or at all any more due to poor health. So I know from comments like that I should never take for granted that I can go fishing anytime I want, it can or could all change in a blink of an eye. So making the most of it and fishing for all types of species is very much to the front of my thought patterns and in filming a good majority of my fishing trips, allows others less fortunate to still enjoy their fishing as well in some small way.



There was a time when blanking, thankfully it did not happen that much, bothered the hell out of me and I would beat myself up analysing what when wrong, I should of did this or I should of done that would go through my head until I put it right on my next trip out. But over time you learn to accept that sometimes these things happen and poor fishing conditions is the main key factor for fish not wanting to feed as opposed to something you have done wrong not to force a bite. Okay you may well be reading this and laughing thinking well my mate never catches whilst everyone else around him does, even in the summer months. Yes there are some anglers who just don't seem to get it and in that I mean the ability to present a bait to a fish in the shape of terminal tackle and bait to hook size.

During my time running the tackle shop at Bury Hill and taking anglers for fishing lessons I could dissect what was going wrong with their fish catches. I would have many club match anglers book me for a lesson and the most common reason why they



wanted a lesson was "I struggle to catch enough fish and always finish near the bottom of the weights" So I would go through their tackle box, float collection and terminal tackle first before looking at what poles, rods and reels they had etc. etc. In most cases they were pretty much there in tackle choice but lacked that little bit of finesse and experience in how to use it all for maximum results. I got so much satisfaction helping others improve their catch rates and the best thing of all was they caught on their own tackle as I always thought that was the main confidence booster to the lessons was that their tackle did and can work with a some little tweaks here and there. The biggest part of the lesson was showing how to prepare the baits and feeding patterns and what to do when the fish reacted to the feed going in.

It was great to have them ring me up a few days later or pop in to the shop and say how well they had done in their next match or pleasure session after our lesson. Happy and rewarding days they were.

### A Busy Day on the Roach

Every now and then I leave my filming gear behind so I can just concentrate on my fishing without any distractions and since my column I fished a nice little water that holds plenty of roach to all sizes and when I say all sizes, to date a redfin up to a pound is a big fish, so nothing huge which is why I left my filming stuff behind. I



fished a 13ft Drennan Acolyte rod with a very old Daiwa match reel loaded with 3lbs mainline and a 2lbs hook link tied to a size 18s barbless hook. A small Black Bottom Floats waggler with most of the 4BB weight around the float and a string of No 8 droppers down the line shirt button style so the double maggot can fall through the layers slowly for the competing fish to intercept. A very simple way of fishing and presenting the bait and by flicking out a few maggots (6-8) every thirty seconds I soon had the roach on the feed after about twenty minutes or so. I had nothing big with 12 ounces being the best stamp but I had a few of them with the odd gate crashing perch turning up and a few skimmers that had decided to compete with the roach mid depth. I fished for about six hours and with the use of my clicker had 106 fish which was very enjoyable and had it been a match would estimate a weight of 15-18lbs all on the waggler using maggot over maggots, I shall look forward to a return in the Autumn in the hope of trying



to find some bigger stamp roach with pieces of corn and breadflake with the cameras rolling in case I find some.



### PB Perch and Huge Crucian Woke me up

A couple of days ago before writing this column I awoke in a panic over a dream that felt so real. In my dream I was fishing two float rods on a water I did not recognise, one of the floats went under and I was playing a huge fish that turned out to be a massive Perch well over the 4lbs mark, I slipped the net under it and knew straight away it was a PB, I could feel my heart banging. As I rested the perch my net pan in the water so I could reach for my camera and filming gear. I noticed my other float had disappeared so I lifted up the rod and I was into another good fish, was it another big Perch? No it was not, it was a huge Crucian, so big it looked like it could nudge the British Record if not beat it. So I had two definite new Pbs resting up in my net pan and my heart was racing and then I started to panic because as I searched in my rucksack I could not find my Go Pro cameras before it finally dawned on me that I had left them behind charging in my Anglers Den back at home. I was so distraught I woke up at 4am in the morning with the hump only to realise it was just a dream or should I correct that to a full blown nightmare.

So as you can see when I am not fishing I am dreaming about fishing, a bit obsessed you can say but then again most of us anglers are.

Until we meet again in the FWI.

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Adam Bernd 38lb  
Plantation lake



Frazier Hookins 4.6  
Tench Kettles lake

## Fishery Report Round-Up

### Speci 1

The carp have well and truly woken up! They're being caught regularly over baited areas of sweetcorn and pellet, or by casting PVA bags tight to the islands or inner margins. Successful anglers are topping up their baited spots with a couple of Spombs after each fish to keep them feeding. Perch fishing has also been rewarding for those putting in the effort, with fish nudging the 4lb mark. Float fishing with worm or maggot, and feeding little and often with a catapult, has been the key. This constant feeding keeps the rudd and roach active, drawing in those bigger perch. Some have also been tempted by small jelly lures.

### Speci 2

Carp are showing by fishing tight to the margins with solid PVA bags or small mesh bags, using fruity boilies such as Cell or Pineapple. Catfish, however, dominate this lake and will often move in on your bait, pushing out the carp. If you're targeting the cats, go in heavy with high-attract boilies or pellets—krill or marine halibut are working well—over a generous bed of fishy, attractant-soaked pellets. The cats are waking up now, with the biggest reported so far hitting 30lb.

### Heron

Anglers have been enjoying big mixed bags of silvers and carp using both float and method feeder tactics. Maggots, casters, and worms fished over groundbait are doing the damage on the float, while banded 10mm pellets are the go-to on the feeder. Surface fishing is now coming into play with the warmer weather, so don't forget your floating baits!

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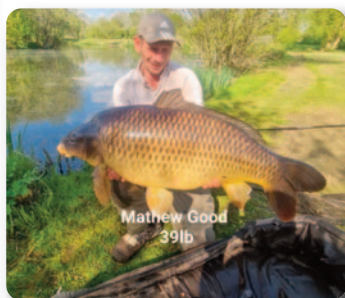
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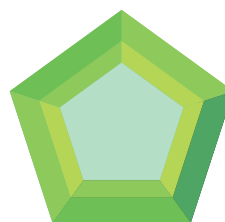
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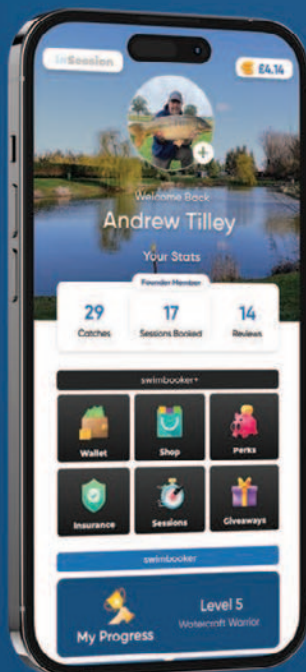




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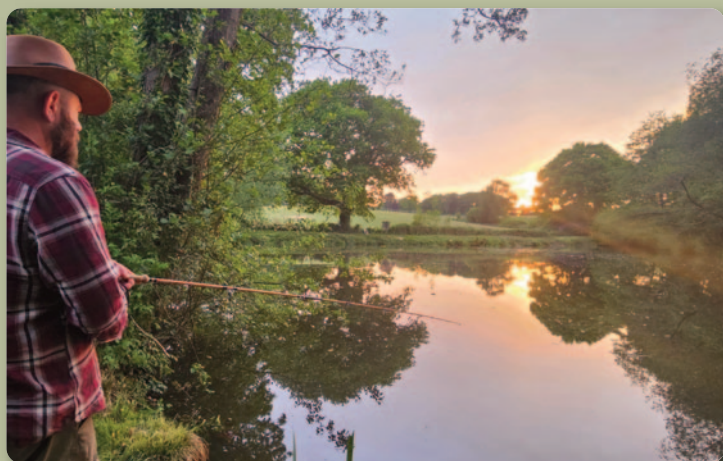


# In The Edge With Alex



Bubbles erupted like a myriad of stars against the surface of the inky water. A kaleidoscope of colours, as they burst against the purple hue of the early morning dawn. The float tip bobbed nervously, pulled left and right by as yet unseen forces.

The float hesitated, lifted slightly, then slid from view. I struck. The reel groaned, the rod creaked, and the line sung, as the surface of the lake exploded in a shower of spray and foam as my first tench of the season realised their mistake.



Tench are among my favourite species, and the venue I was fishing has a reputation for producing a better than average stamp of fish. This first tinca, however, was not one of them. After a short and splashy fight, a sinewy male came to the net. Probably no more than a couple of pounds, but none the less appreciated. It is always cause for celebration when you succeed with the target species.

For reasons no more complicated than it is what I happened to have in my bait bucket, I was fishing with pellets. Loose feed consisted of a mix of 2, 4, and 6mm pellets in equal measures of coarse and trout. With one or two 6mm Dynamite soft hook pellets on a size 12 hook. 6lb line, a bunch of bb shot, and a porcupine quill float, completed the set up.

Arriving on first light, I had chosen a swim near

the lakes outlet. The large central lily pad looked more 'tenchy' but it also looked far more challenging to land fish from. Instead, I had headed for a sheltered corner. Although, not without its challenges, gnarled roots extended out from the right-hand side of the swim, with an overhanging oak to the left. I felt as long as I could keep any fish that I hooked in the relatively clear area in front of me, then I should be OK.

It was probably a blessing that my first tench was on the smaller side, as it gave me a chance to get my bearings. Having been successful to my right, I introduced another handful of pellets and turned my attention to the left. Here too, I had seen a steady stream of pinprick bubbles. I didn't have long to wait before the process was repeated. This time it was a pretty female that couldn't resist the hook bait.

Bigger than the first, I was a little surprised that she was relatively lean. I was expecting to see hen fish with some signs of the classic early season bellies. Maybe I was a little ahead of myself, or maybe they had already spawned, along with so many of the regions carp fisheries that had gone into a breeding frenzy at the first sign of warmer weather?

Either way, both fish had looked in fine fettle, the now rising sun, reflecting off of their olive green flanks as I gently returned them to their watery home.

I've got into the habit of taking a small flask of tea with me on these early morning sorties, and with a brace already landed it seemed the perfect time to pause, rest the swim, and watch the mist burn off of the water as the sun began its steady ascent across the horizon. With both my thirst, and my eyes, sated, it was time to rebait the hook and cast once again. It looked as though the right-hand spot had benefited the most from the rest. Occasional vortices on the surface suggested opportunities below, and so it was to there that the float was delivered.



Barely had I had time to gently draw it into position, before the peace was disturbed as another fish tried to make good its escape. Clashing and crashing around the swim, it was clear that this was no tench. I muttered under my breath. I am under the impression that there are not that many carp present in this pool, certainly my previous attempts to catch one have gone largely unrewarded, and yet now that I didn't want one, I was forced to hang on as one ploughed all around the swim, throwing up great clouds of silt as it bored its way into the lake bed.

After a battle of around 10 minutes, I was able to net a muscular, sparsely scaled, double figure mirror carp. My mood softened, despite the carnage, I'm not against carp. They just seem to turn up when I least want them to. I took a few moments to appreciate the massive tail, buttery yellow flanks, and scales etched with gold, before slipping her back.

Surprisingly, it seemed that the tench had gathered their composer quicker than me, and in a matter of minutes there was activity over the right-hand spot. Maybe the carp had done me a favour in raking the swim. A seemingly long forgotten technique for tench and bream.

A bigger female fish, probably the better side of 4lbs, soon put a smile back on my face. I was still baiting both spots, but it seemed that the action, save for one fish, was concentrated on the right side of the swim.

I concentrated keenly on the orange tip of the float until my gaze was drawn to a nuthatch that was looking for its breakfast in a bough above my head. It was fascinating to watch the little bird as it effortlessly transitioned from one axis to another, pounding at the tree bark, in search of insects, as it went. Eventually it moved on, and I watched as it flitted across to the other side of the lake. As I did so, my eyes came to rest on my other spot. A great sheet of bubbles appeared, as something made an enthusiastic meal of the pellets I had introduced.

I hurriedly moved into position. The water was shallower on this side of the swim. To avoid spooking the feeding fish, I flicked the float out past the bubbles, trapping the line and lifting the rod tip to allow everything to swing gently back into position. As I did so, I felt a sharp pull on the rod tip, no doubt due to one of the many small rudd or roach that frequent the lake. I wasn't too concerned as I knew that the

hook pellets were quite durable, but after a couple of minutes of inactivity it started to play on my mind.

A fish should have picked up the bait by now. Catch 22 – did I risk fishing with a baitless hook, or did I reel in and potentially spook the swim? Damned if I did, damned if I didn't!

Impatience got the better of me, and I hooked my fingers through the line either side of the butt ring and gingerly lifted the rod. As I did so, the water erupted and the lake bed turned upside down. A deep 'V' opened up in the water as a heavy fish set off along the lake margin. Great! I'd obviously foul hooked a carp. I heaved the rod over on its side, and held on, waiting for the inevitable crack of the line parting company with the fish. But it didn't happen. Instead, the fish kited into open water, rising to the surface as it did so. Instead of the expected serrated dorsal fin of a carp, it was the large rounded fin of a tench that cut through the surface. Moreover, my line was heading to the mouth. With absolutely zero skill on my part, I'd executed the perfect strike. But the battle was far from won. The fish continued to kite to my right, towards the roots that extended into the water on that side of the swim, forcing me to clamp down hard on the reel. I could feel every beat of the fish's tail as it did its best to reach sanctuary. Once again my luck held, and having turned the fish, we settled on a dogged stalemate, trading a few inches of line back and forth as the tench plodded around in front of me. After what seemed like an eternity, the fish was gulping air and ready for the net.

I gingerly parted the mesh and looked upon my prize. Not only was it clearly of bigger proportions than the previous fish, but the large scallop shaped pelvic fins gave it away as a male. A true specimen indeed. I gazed down at the mat with a mixture of excitement and disbelief. A magnificent fish. Of its weight, I'm not sure, but of its impact on me, there is no doubt. A fish that will live long in my memory, for both its beauty, and the flukey nature of its capture.







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This competition is open to all species. To be in with a chance of winning, send your catches to: [info@freshwaterinformer.com](mailto:info@freshwaterinformer.com) or our Facebook

This month, we've mixed things up a bit — the prize on offer was the fantastic Atomic Bundle, and we're thrilled to announce that Liam Baker is our lucky winner! 🏆

A massive well done to Liam, and a huge thank you to both Atomic and MFC Supplies for providing this brilliant prize.

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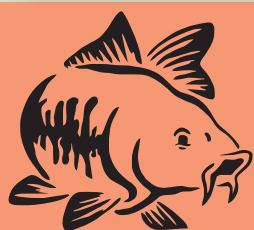
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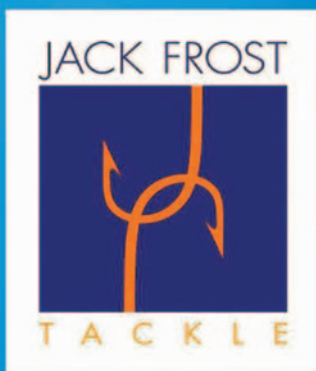
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# JIM'S JOURNEY.

## A DAY SESSION ON KETTLES @ ELPHICKS.

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This month we decided to take a slightly different approach with our fishing trip. Instead of our usual routine, the plan was to head down to the well-known Elphicks Fishery in Kent to fish the popular Kettles Lake. With warmer weather starting to show and a few longer days on the cards, it felt like the perfect time to enjoy a bit of social fishing and hopefully get a few runs under our belts.

Dad was going straight to the lake from work on the Friday with his workmate Dean. They'd planned to make the most of the afternoon and have a bit of a social evening on the bank. I was set to join them early on Saturday morning, giving them a head start on the fishing—and on the relaxing too! They arrived around midday on the Friday and wasted no time getting the rods out. I'd barely finished work myself when I got a call from Dad. He told me things were already off to a cracking start, with a few fish on the bank and the best going around 15lb. That news only made me more eager to get there. By the sounds of it, the pair had settled in nicely, sorted their dinner, cracked open a couple of drinks, and reeled in for the night so they could get some rest. Well... Dad did anyway.

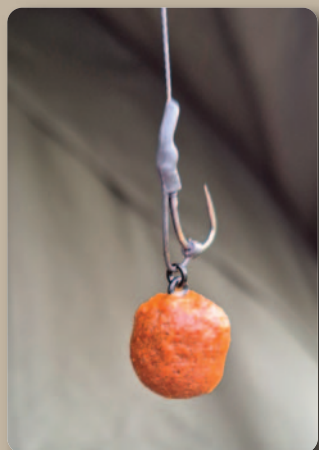


Dean, keen as ever, left his rods in and was rewarded with a couple of decent fish in the small hours—though he had to manage them solo, as apparently Dad was out like a light and wasn't waking up for anything!

I pulled into the car park just after sunrise on the Saturday. Even at that time, you could tell it was going to be a warm one—one of the first truly bright and summery days of the season. Kettles Lake is a busy day-ticket venue, and popular for good reason, so I was lucky Dad had reserved a swim for me. It was directly opposite the island, and he reckoned it looked a good spot, with the island reeds just in reach—around 16 pole sections across.

I quickly set up and got the bait sorted. My rigs were already tied and ready to go, both using my faithful D-Rig setup, which I've come to rely on for consistent hook holds and solid presentation. The rigs were built using components from Atomic Tackle, and some of the bits I used were part of a prize we gave away in this very magazine. It's a setup I've really grown with and come to trust over time, and there's something very satisfying about catching on gear that's not only top quality, but also part of your journey through the mag.

For bait, I'd gone with an Urban Baits Nutcracker pop-up on one rod, and a Red Spicy Fish wafter on the other. I mounted each on bait screws for ease and added a generous helping of free offerings around each spot to get things going. I positioned the first bait tight up against the reeds on the island.



As I turned to sort the second rod, the first one absolutely ripped off. That unmistakable sound of a screaming take filled the air, and just like that, I was into my first fish of the session.

It was a solid start—a 14lb 2oz mirror that gave a proper scrap. I let it rest in the net while I got the second rod out to another likely margin of the island.







With both rods finally out and everything settled, I got the camera ready and took a quick snap of the mirror before slipping it back. There's nothing quite like that first bite to get you in the rhythm.

The rest of the day carried on in a similar fashion. We were all into fish fairly regularly, and the bites came steadily throughout the day. Dad was on absolute fire, ending the session with 14 fish. Dean had 8 to his name, and I managed to finish up with 7. There wasn't anything massive among them, but they were all in lovely condition and up for a scrap. It was one of those sessions where the pressure was off, the rods were bending, and the vibe was spot-on.

Kettles Lake is one of those waters that makes you want to come back. It's got a nice layout, features to fish to, and it gives you a great chance of some action. For us, it was exactly what we needed—a proper social, with the added bonus of fish on the bank and a bit of sunshine to go with it.

One of the highlights of the day actually came from speaking to other anglers on the lake.

As we were setting up and chatting, we bumped into one of our readers, Keith Nicholson, who was doing something a bit different. Keith was fly fishing for carp—something you don't often see on busy venues like this—and he was doing really well with it. Watching him stalk fish with the fly rod, it was clear he knew what he was doing. It was great to see such a different approach working so well, and it really got Dad thinking.

So much so, in fact, that on the way home he mentioned dusting off his old fly rods and giving it a go himself next time out. It just goes to show how inspiring it can be to see other anglers doing things differently—and doing it successfully.

All in all, it was one of those memorable sessions that ticks all the boxes, good company, good weather, a few decent fish, and a few stories to take home. We'll definitely be heading back to Kettles again soon, and who knows—next time Jim's Journey might be reporting in from the fly-fishing side of the lake!



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# Andy Lush - The Friendly Fisherman

## Hartley Lands Reservoir TN17 3PS

I was keen to return to the reservoir, the lake has a large stock of eager, hungry carp. The perfect place to practise my zig-rigging. As I've mentioned previously, it's a method I still need to work on. I hoped to catch enough fish to gain a vital ingredient, confidence.

Being a bank holiday, I knew I'd be sharing the water with more anglers than I'm accustomed to. I rarely fish at weekends, being retired I avoid crowds by fishing mid-week. I arrived early to find the swim I fancied, occupied! Fortunately the angler in the swim was in the process of packing up having completed a twenty-four hour session. I patiently waited for him to vacate the swim before "jumping in his grave", Lol.

First thing I needed to do was find any features and check the depth. So I set to work with the marker rod. There was a narrow channel that was slightly deeper than the surrounding area, that bottomed out at 13ft [4m], so I clipped up at that distance. Using marker sticks I clipped my spomb rod up to the same distance, minus the depth so my cloud bait would fall directly over my zig-rig. I'm starting to get the hang of this technique, zig fishing has developed while I've been away from bait fishing. I set my bait at 1ft below the surface. I cast out hitting the clip, once in position I proceeded to spomb some cloudbait over the zig.

Time to tackled up my second rod with a pellet waggler. I carry my rods in sleeves ready for action, so it was a simple matter of clipping a float on and casting out, simples! I hardly had time to start pinging 11mm pellets out into the swim before the zig rod was away! In my panic I struck in the conventional manner, upwards.

This was a big mistake as all I achieved was to lift the 4oz lead [120g] off the bottom, which didn't set the hook! I repeated this sequence of events twice more, before the penny finally dropped. Fortunately the method was working, all I needed to do now was work out how to set the hook? I eventually found the solution. Keeping the rod tip close to the water's surface, winding down to the lead and drawing the rod to one side, pulled the hook home.

Playing fish with a fixed 12ft [3.6m] hook length is not a pleasant experience, especially with a 4oz [120g] lead dangling from the rod tip. I eventually landed four fish on this fixed zig-rig, before I switched to an adjustable zig. I landed another carp on this method which was so much nicer, and far less complicated than I first thought.

The spombing was having the desired effect, drawing fish to the surface just downwind of the zig. I imagined the pellet waggler would now be successful, especially if I cast it close enough to where I was spombing. I have great confidence in this methods catching ability, when the carp are up and hunting for food. To my surprise the pellet waggler wasn't as effective as the zig, I did however nick a couple on it plus another couple on the floating feeder.

I hate packing up time on commercial waters, it seems as if the fish know it's time to leave and start feeding! One last cast with the pellet waggler produced my biggest fish of the session. A lively common that tipped the scales at 20lb 8oz, what a result. A quick picture and a hurried pack up still saw me locked in. Fortunately the bailiff was still on site and let me out!





Last gasp common, worth getting locked in for?

## Hartley Lands Reservoir, part 2.

Originally I'd planned to go lure fishing with a friend. However he suddenly remembered he'd got an important sales meeting which he couldn't swerve, so cancelled. Fancy blowing out a days fishing for work! He must be looking for promotion, or a pay rise, Lol. Having cancelled the boat, I decided to return to the reservoir.

The weather forecast for once was accurate. Wet, cold and very windy, my boat trip would have been very unpleasant. I arrived at the reservoir to find I had the whole lake to myself! For once I had the good sense to bring an umbrella, I hate using them but sometimes needs must. With the brolly up I took my time tackling up and getting everything sorted.

With my previous session having been only two days earlier, and fishing the same swim I was confident the adjustable zig was going to be effective. Knowing the depth meant I could quickly get my rod in position. I set the hookbait 3ft [1m] under the surface. The pellet waggler was set at 2ft [60cm] so slightly shallower than the zig. I wanted to optimise my chances so started spombing a sloppy cloud mix regularly over the zig. I was also feeding 11mm pellets regularly around the pellet waggler, knowing the noise is key to its success at attracting carp.

Within the first hour I'd caught three mirrors on the pellet waggler. No bites on the zig saw me alter its depth, moving it 1ft shallower [30cm]. The wind was now strengthening, swirling and changing direction constantly. The waggler method was no longer working, pinging 11mm pellets accurately was beyond my ability. Gusts of wind sent the pellets everywhere but their intended destination. What's more, the strong wind had created a strong undertow, which saw

my float drifting up-wind, requiring me to regularly recast.

As I could no longer feed accurately, I switched to a floating feeder. I reasoned that the sloppy cloud bait I loaded in it would provide some attraction close to my pellet hookbait, at least for a short while. Two quick fish after this change made me feel I'd cracked it, only to go biteless for the next three hours! Well, that's if you don't count two 3lb bream that took my hookbait 6" [15cm] under the surface, on the pellet waggler!

Under the prevailing conditions I was shocked the zig wasn't producing, despite changing the depth, switching bait colours and spombing frequently. As the afternoon progressed the wind eventually eased. Now I could settle into a more relaxed rhythm of feeding, casting and topping up while waiting for a bite on the pellet waggler. The action came thick and fast, as long as I kept up spombing close to the float. That's a new tactic for me and it had an immediate effect. I finished with a flurry of activity, catching another 10 carp, oh and another bream! What a day!



The early 19lb mirror on the pellet waggler

Until next month, tight lines.

*Andy Lush*



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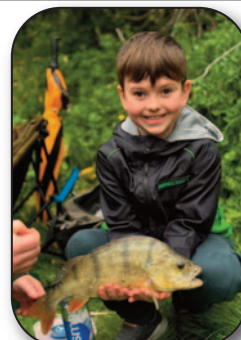
Cameron My New Carp PB 26lb 7oz



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Zacs been busy again. Nice Scaley Banger



# *The Diary of an Match Angler*

## *A New Syndicate Water*

*Written By Freddy Joe Beany*

Hi all. Hope your all well

You join me at a new syndicate water of mine targeting the roach.

This venue holds roach to a remarkable weight of 3lb+.

My attack was going to be starting off by fishing 11m, loose feeding hemp and casters. Iv made up some Dynamite (silvers X roach) ground bait but due to there being small roach present I didn't introduce any to begin with.

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### **How the day went:**

So, I started on a single red maggot and loose feeding hemp and caster at 11m like I say and had a roach first put in. (I shall mention that I had constant wind in my face all day with gusts up to 30mph which I believe helped).

After catching a few small roach I chose to fish double caster and straight away the stamp changed into better fish, but I was catching them as quick as I was the smaller ones. It was brilliant, I was getting one a chuck. Every so often I was going one or two sections past my feed and I was catching some real nice roach, not as many but got the quality. As the fishing got better the heavier, I began to loose feed and the better result I was getting.

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After an absolute blinding first session at a new water I had managed a weight of 20lb of pure roach and one pesky jack pike. It was a really great day, and I learnt a lot from rig presentation, feeding ect. Unfortunately, I didn't get amongst the specimen roach, but I'll be back!!!



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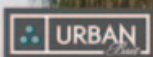
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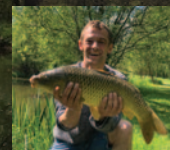


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# Battle of the Rods – Elphicks North Lake

By Si Fishes

Elphicks Fishery is one of the UK's top big-carp venues, home to fish over 60lb. We were lucky enough to get booked on North Lake for our annual trip – a friendly competition between eight of us called Battle of the Rods. Biggest fish wins the trophy, simple as that. North Lake can be tricky depending on weather, pressure, and how it's fished beforehand. Last year, four of us blanked over five days.



So what would this year bring? After drawing pegs and settling into our swims, Scott

kicked things off with a 39lb 8oz ghostly mirror on a Mainline Cell bottom bait. He'd won the past three years and was off to a flying start again. After helping him with photos and filming, I returned to my swim with two rods out on a spodded area between the islands and one zig rod out after spotting some cruising carp. It wasn't long before I was in. Two years ago, I caught my PB of 34lb 10oz here, but this fish felt bigger. From the way it was coming up in the water, I thought I'd hooked a grass carp – but to my delight, it was a huge common. I smashed my PB with a 43lb 3oz beauty on a Munch Baits Nutty boilie on an old-school hair rig.



The weather stayed perfect and the fish kept feeding – every one of us landed carp over the next five days. Scott had a brilliant idea: every time someone caught the biggest fish, the trophy would move to their swim. It started with him, then came to me after my 43, and stayed with me until day three when Dan, fishing roadside between the islands, landed a 44lb mirror – another PB. PBs were falling all around.



Bazza smashed his old best (26lb) with a 41lb common. Sung beat his previous 23lb PB with a 39lb 1oz common. Al, who started slow down the deep end, finished with six fish to 40lb 10oz. Then there was Paul – an old friend I've known since school. He fished the first swim at the deep end, sticking to a solid plan from day one: heavy spodding with hemp, particle,

and Cell boilies. Paul had learned from Scott's previous wins that the carp here love Cell. He caught steadily all week and finished with nine carp, topped off by a stunning 48lb mirror – a new PB and the trophy winner. It was a special session – not just for the fish but the memories. I've known some of these lads since I was four.



We caught it all on film for the YouTube channel too, so it's a trip I'll treasure for a long time. But by day four, I'd only had the one fish. I was drained from filming, helping out at night, and trying to capture great footage.



Everyone else was catching, and I knew I had to make a change. With Bazza and Scott's help, I moved to a swim between them at the deep end. I spodded out a mix of Nutty boilies, sweetcorn, and Cell pellets – the same combo my first fish fell to. At exactly midnight – the same time Bazza had caught the last two nights – my middle rod tore off.

After a tense battle in the dark, weaving around my other lines, I landed a 33lb 11oz common. The move had paid off. I only caught two fish this session, but with a 43 and a 33, I couldn't be happier. In total, we had 36 carp between the eight of us over five days: 9 twenties, 20 thirties, and 7 forties. What stood out was how we all used different rigs and tactics – bottom baits, pop-ups, hair rigs, snowman, slip-Ds, zigs. Some baited light with a scattering of boilies, others went in heavy. And everything worked.

The key? Confidence in your own approach. If you're heading to Elphicks North Lake, don't over think it. Stick with what you believe in, fish it well, and you'll do just fine. And yes – booking these lakes is no easy task. On January 2nd I was on Swim-booker with my trigger finger ready. I missed out on Pullens and Westend, but managed to grab Plantation and Prairie for later in the year. And I was lucky enough to get invited back to North Lake. If you see me bankside down at Elphicks, come say hello. Wishing you all the best in your fishing adventures.

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

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# Medway Man

## Bob Morris

### Medway Man - June 2025

One of the problems with June and summer fishing generally, I find, is how much time to spend continuing with the stillwater campaign once the river season is up and running again. I say problem but, of course, it isn't really because as I really enjoy both it is just a win win situation and sometimes, I even find a way to combine the two.



Although I love my barbel fishing at the start of the season it is probably the sight of my first Chub in the net that gets my river juices flowing – if that's the right way to put it. Even that is not quite true as just being out and about on the flowing water and witnessing the bankside activity again is probably the best feeling

these days for me. I like to start my river season somewhere that is relatively quiet, and this often means targeting a new stretch. This can be risky as far as catching goes, but generally there is enough action to keep me interested and the lure of the unknown is always a strong pull for me as it seems to embody the pure essence of angling – something that the usual old venues can't do as easily.

We like to call ourselves 'specimen hunters' but I am not sure that this tag really fits me these days as it is frequently the venue itself that is the specimen I am trying to crack, and the size of the fish themselves is often secondary. Sometimes the start of the new river season coincides with a slackening off in the results on the Stillwater front and provides a handy excuse for giving it a rest for a week or two which gives the opportunity to give your chosen stretch a bit of serious attention. All good stuff anyway, and I am looking forward to doing it again this month. I don't normally like to predict the likely outcome of a fishing session, but it has become almost a tradition amongst my angling pals on the first trip of the year on flowing waters - which preferably happens on the 16th of June or as close as we can make it. There have been some wild estimations and inaccuracies in our

predictions which, of course, never includes blanking – even though this has occurred, especially on new, uncharted stretches.

Over the years we have had some spectacular opening sessions on various rivers across the country and although various factors can disrupt the action, including river levels, water temps and the spawning cycle, I usually find that within a week or so I have got to grips with it and regular success is forthcoming. I will report on my opening sessions in the next issue. As I write this the prospect of low river levels is looming – courtesy of the lack of rain over the last few months.

Back on the Stillwater front, I am still pleased with the way it has been going, and I have only experienced one blank session. This was my first night trip of the spring and I did try a different area for the tench. I was amazed that nothing occurred, particularly as a few fish had rolled in the baited swim. I convinced myself that the early morning spell would produce action, but I was wrong and packed at about 9am having learned little about the reason for the lack of bites – or even liners! To make matters worse I had somehow managed to forget to put my bed chair in the car and spent an uncomfortable session on a small camping chair!!

Next session was a short afternoon evening on another venue which produced several nice Tench of about 5 lb with a mid-double figure common carp thrown in for good measure. I have not been back to the scene of my failure yet but hope to do so later this week. I can't wait. 😊







## Piscatorial Politics .....

### Rig Checks !!! 😞

There seems to be an increasing tendency amongst angling clubs recently to introduce 'rig checks' by bailiffs or at least to threaten them. This seems to be particularly prevalent on carp orientated waters.

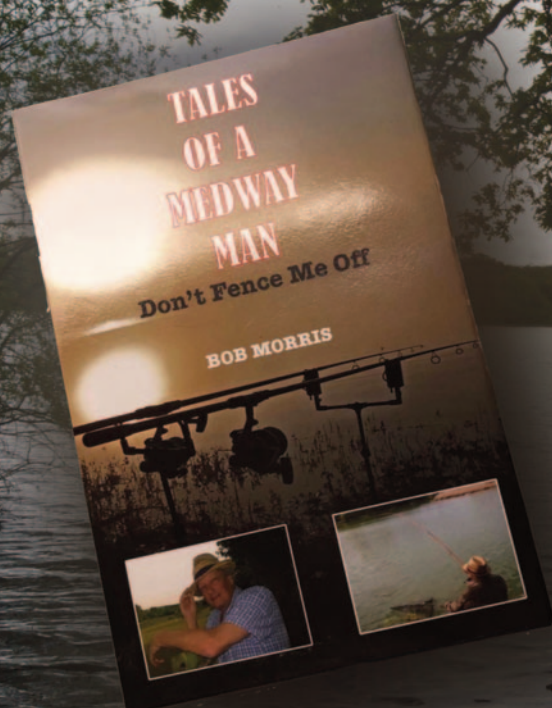
Correct me if I am wrong on this but I believe that this is the road to bankside 'aggro' or worse. As a long-standing committee member, and acting bailiff over many years I am convinced that this is a sure way of upsetting your members and risking an aggressive response.

Surely the correct procedure if you suspect someone of breaking the club rules is to tackle the individual/s concerned directly. Introducing draconian measures like this just gives the impression that most of the general membership are not to be trusted. I believe that this is not a good basis for for a club to operate on.

If you agree with me about this 'Guilty until proved innocent approach' - please contact your club secretary.

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<b>Chequertree Trout and Coarse Fishery</b> Bethersden, Near Ashford TN26 3JR	01233 820078	<b>A.R. Tackle</b> 8 Castle Street, Hastings TN34 3DY	01424 422094
<b>Coombewood Fishery</b> Redbrook Street, High Halden, Near Ashford TN26 3JH	07895 679569	<b>Bait Bucket Tackle Warehouse</b> Unit T Rich Industrial Estate, Avis Way, Newhaven BN9 0DU	01273 933050
<b>Elphicks Fisheries</b> Spelmonden Road, Horsmonden TN12 8EL	01580 212512	<b>Best Buddies</b> 28 Martello Drive, Dymchurch Road, Hythe CT21 6PH	01303 487144
<b>Eureka Fishery</b> Nicholas Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent TN25 4AG	07597 879621	<b>Bodle Angling</b> Cuckfield Road, Burgess Hill RH15 8RE	01444 247757
<b>Furnace Brook Fishery and Fish Farm</b> Trolliloes, Cowbeech, near Hailsham BN27 4QR	01435 830835	<b>Camos Carp Cabin</b> 11 Turner Street, Ramsgate CT11 8NJ	01843 581784
<b>Gabriels Fishery</b> Marsh Green Road, Edenbridge TN8 5PP	07730 066088	<b>Chris Brown Products</b> email: chrisofoaks@gmail.com www.cbproducts.co.uk	01892 723670
<b>Gabriels Fishery</b> Marsh Green Road, Edenbridge TN8 5PP	07730 066088	<b>Dens Tackle</b> 73 Dymchurch Road, Hythe CT21 6JN	01303 267053
<b>Greenacres Farm Fishery</b> Sissinghurst Road, Biddenden TN27 8EH	07933 934942	<b>Edenbridge Angling</b> 132 High Street, Edenbridge, TN8 5AY	01732 247702
<b>Hawkhurst Fish Farm</b> Hastings Road, Hawkhurst TN18 4RT	01580 753813	<b>Eastbourne Aquarium &amp; Reptile Centre</b> 19-21 Seaside, Eastbourne BN21 3PP	01323 730635
<b>Horam Manor Fishery</b> Horam Manor Farm, Horam TN21 0JB	01323 840889 / 07707 759364	<b>Henfold Bait &amp; Tackle Henfold Lakes</b> Henfold Lane, Newdigate, Dorking RH5 4RW	07956 043922
<b>Horsmonden Lakes</b> Grovehurst Road, Horsmonden TN12 8BQ	01892 838576	<b>Jack Frost</b> Reynolds Place, West Green, Crawley RH11 7HB	01293 521186
<b>Iden Wood Fishery</b> Coldharbour Lane, Iden, Rye TN31 7UT	01797 280180 / 07906 232225	<b>Gabriels Fishery Tackle Shop</b> Marsh Green Road, Edenbridge TN8 5PP	07730 066088
<b>Knightingales Fishery</b> Stone-In-Oxney, Near Tenterden TN30 7HA	07941 176205	<b>Medway Tackle Supplies</b> 11 Twydall Green, Gillingham ME8 6JY	01634 475260
<b>Mousehole Lakes</b> , Maidstone Road Nettlestead, Near Paddock Wood ME18 5HR	07725 783405	<b>MFC Outdoor Store</b> 9 Station Road, Hailsham BN27 2BE	01323 846883
<b>Orchard Place Farm Fishery</b> Pearsons Green Road, Paddock Wood TN12 6NY	01892 838576	<b>Orchard Tackle</b> 58 High Brooms Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9DB	07494 670328
<b>Pittlands Lakes</b> Churn Lane, Horsmonden, Paddock Wood TN12 8HL	07716 065900	<b>Pinions Baits</b> 431 London Road, Ditton, Aylesford ME20 6DB	01622 718580
<b>Sandwich Lakes Coarse Fishery</b> Sandwich Ash Road (A257), Near Canterbury CT3 2DA	07936 409912	<b>Polegate Angling Centre</b> Unit 7, Birch Industrial Estate, Eastbourne BN23 6PH	01323 486379
<b>Shirkoak Fishery</b> Bethersden Road, Woodchurch, Ashford TN26 3PZ	07973 410973	<b>Romney Angling</b> 59, High Street, New Romney TN28 8AH	01797 362889
<b>The Lakes at Beachborough</b> Beachborough Park Newington, Near Folkestone CT18 8BW	07469 809877	<b>Sheppey Angling</b> , Unit 5, Regis Business Park New Road, Sheerness, Kent ME12 1HA	01795 661089
<b>Tricklebrook Fishery</b> Colts Hill, Five Oak Green TN12 6SH	07743 955812	<b>South London Angling Centre</b> 286 Lee High Road, London SE13 5PJ	0208 852 4451
<b>Willows Angling Centre</b> Bax Farm, Lower Road, Teynham ME9 9BU	01795 520887	<b>Sussex Bait Developments</b> Falkenvil Fishery, Saltmarsh Lane, Hailsham BN27 2RJ	07971 303949
<b>Wylands Farm</b> Wylands Farm, Powdermill Lane, Battle TN33 0SU	01424 893394	<b>The Tackle Box</b> 251 Watling Street, Dartford DA2 6EG	01322 292400
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<b>Cinder Hill Fly Fishing</b> Membership available from: Email: r.nathan@btinternet.com	01892 770903	Chris Pagan 07429 655237 / Steve Potter 07935 268174	
<b>Coltsford Mill Trout Fishery &amp; Fly Tackle Shop</b> Mill Lane, Oxted, Surrey RH8 9DG	01883 715666 / 07798 605867	<b>Tonbridge &amp; District A &amp; FPS</b> For all enquiries please email: info@tonbridge-angling.co.uk	
<b>Spring Hill Trout Waters</b> Albans Farm, Romford Road, Pembury TN2 4BB	07951 304515	<b>Bromley (Kent) &amp; District AS</b> PO Box 895, East Grinstead RH19 9ND Email: bdas-kent-enquiry@bdaskent.co.uk	
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		<b>Wantsum Angling Association</b> or contact via website www.wantsumaa.co.uk	07570 505934



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### Our unrivalled facilities include:

- A waterside cafe serving hot and cold food and drinks
- Ladies and gents toilets • Plenty of free parking
- On site tackle shop for bait and tackle • Rod hire

We can offer our visitors six coarse fishing lakes containing a variety of fish from silver fish to specimen carp. Matches and fishing lessons can be arranged by contacting our Fishery Manager Kevin Killeen.

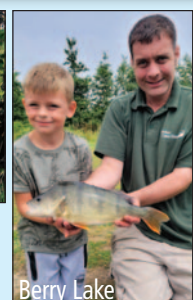
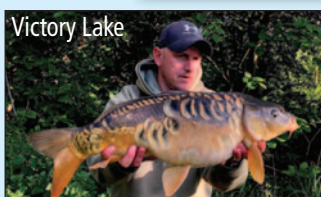
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### The lakes:

**VICTORY LAKE** (1 rod £12.50) a specimen water of two acres with interesting island features and lily pads in the margins. Stocked with commons and mirrors to 35lbs along with ghost carp, tench, roach, rudd and specimen perch. Night fishing by prior booking available.

**KINGFISHER LAKE** this pond is 0.6 acres in size and is heavily stocked with commons and mirrors to 12lbs and is ideal for bagging up! All eight swims are wheelchair friendly with excellent access direct from the car park. A bridge from Kingfisher allows easy access to Victory Lake.



**MATCH LAKES - DAMSON AND VICTORIA** one acre in size, each of these lakes are designed for the match angler having shallow margins with reeds for summer fishing and a deep drop off for light feeder work and winter fishing. They are stocked with a great variety of fish including carp to 16lbs and we believe these are the most uniquely designed match lakes in Kent!

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**BERRY LAKE** is one acre in size and stocked with 3000 F1s, commons, mirrors, roach, rudd, perch and some large bream. Float and pellet tactics work well on this lake. IN the summer months, surface sport with mixers produces huge bags of fish.

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