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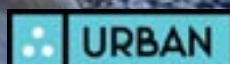
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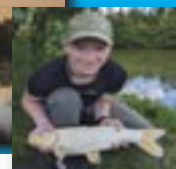


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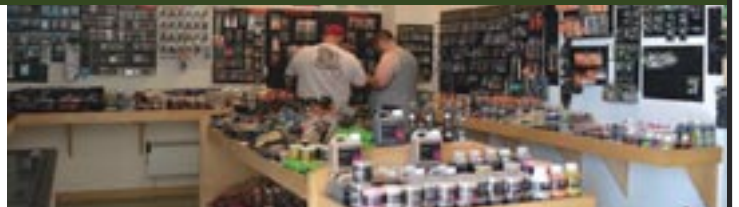
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With the dry spell continuing and scorching summer days making fishing tricky, I think most of us are quietly hoping for a good downpour to clear the air and top up the ponds! Despite the conditions, the fishing community has been as busy as ever, and this month is shaping up to be another exciting one for The Freshwater Informer.

We're proud to bring you another packed issue full of top-tier content. As always, our brilliant regular columnists have delivered—but we've also got something extra special for you: Julian Cundiff starts with Part 1 of his exclusive series, sharing how he got started in the angling industry. It's a fascinating read, and you'll find it on page 6. I'm already looking forward to the next instalment!

The catch reports have been flying in—and what a month it's been for PBs! The juniors especially have been absolutely smashing it on the bank. It's great to see the next generation of anglers getting so involved and reaping the rewards.

One of my favourite moments this month was receiving a lovely photo from a reader—how could I not publish it? They both very involved in the magazine, it's little moments like that which remind us what fishing is all about. Keep those photos coming!

And yes—Jim's Journey continues, this time to Gabriel's, where I have to say (for once!) I managed to out-fish Jim. That rare win is covered on page 22—well worth a read if only to see me holding a fish!

As always, a massive thank you to every single one of you who reads, shares, and supports The Freshwater Informer. I'm working hard behind the scenes to grow the magazine and bring you even more great content in the months ahead.

If you'd like to get involved—whether it's through writing an article or placing an advert—please don't hesitate to get in touch. This magazine only works because of your support.

If you've got a venue you think we should visit, or a story to share, don't hesitate to get in touch. Until next time—tight lines and enjoy every second on the bank.



Glen



"Gramps and Freya looking at all the fishing photos together. Happy Birthday Gramps!"

Have a great month, The FWI Team.

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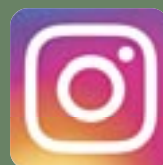
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Julian Cundiff

'The more things change...

The more they stay the same!

Part 1



'You probably think of me as a carp angler'

Those of you who use social media and read the carp-oriented magazines of today will no doubt think that I'm a carp angler and probably always have been. The truth is that although I was bitten by the carp bug in 1984 (you can blame 'Carp Fever,' 'The Carp Strikes Back,' and catching my first double for that), from 1976 to late 1983, I followed the path that many anglers did back then. I discovered fishing via friends or family, got some basic (in my case Woolworths) tackle, caught small coarse fish, and built it up from there. Some of my friends gave up fishing quite quickly as it was just a 'phase' they were going through, like skateboarding, stamp collecting, etc.

Others kept it low-key as and when they felt the urge, while others chose one of two disciplines: match fishing or specialist angling. Note I said specialist angling, NOT carp fishing. Back in the late seventies, carp were 'just another' bigger fish to target and no more important than tench, eels, bream, pike, etc.

Believe me, there were a LOT more specialist anglers than standalone carp anglers.

Most of us targeted tench, bream, and eels in the warmer months and pike in the colder ones. So that's the path I followed until that fateful year when Kevin Maddocks, Rod Hutchinson, and my first double-figure carp changed things forever. So what has that got to do with 2025 and the modern angling scene, which, like it or not, is heavily geared towards and reliant on carp fishing? Well (again, like it or not), a big percentage of those fishing for carp, particularly youngsters, want to be stars, to be sponsored, and the like. While some of you may tut-tut, carp fishing means different things to different people, and if it makes them happy and doesn't affect others, then go for it.

Believe me, it's the same in many pursuits/hobbies and sports, be it Moto-X, football, golf, or whatever. And me, of all people, how can I complain? In the seventies, I wanted to make a name for myself as a specimen hunter, and once the carp bug bit, I wanted to be a known carp angler and maybe get sponsored a bit. If you think that is wrong, then have a look at your own angling icons before you shake your head at youngsters on social media. Be it John Wilson, Dick Walker, Ivan Marks, Bob Nudd, Terry Hearn, or Alan Blair, they may well love their angling, but they wrote, talked, and benefitted (quite rightly) commercially from it.

Things are not so different now, I promise, but through the advent of social media, YouTube, and the like, anyone has an outlet for their output. Let's step back to when I was trying to 'make it' in the eighties, and then in Part 2 in the next issue, how to do it in the more modern era.

The Eighties and attempting to break in ...

Back then, the magazine was king, and if you wanted to make a name for yourself, you had to be in print, or, I guess, catch a one-off record fish out of the blue. To start with, sending your pictures to Angling Times or Anglers Mail was the key. Believe it or not, a twenty-pound carp almost certainly got you in print, and a bigger one could get you a tackle prize or even a small monetary reward. Back then, unless it was a REALLY momentous carp, only one publication would run it. I would send pictures to both the Mail and the Times, but never the same fish, so that way I could ensure a bigger percentage of ALL readers would see me. I'd submit pictures to my local paper (Selby Times/Selby Post/Yorkshire Press, etc.) to raise my profile locally, which often went down like a fart in church with local anglers, I can tell you. No one likes a local boy made good (or trying to make good), and there were difficult times, I can assure you. That said, working for the magistrates' court does make you thick-skinned.

I also bought every magazine that had carp content in it and acquainted myself with the 'scene' and its focus. I did notice (then) that it was mainly dominated by older anglers, fishing down south, with story-type features making up the bulk of the magazines. "This is me, and this is what I have caught," rather than how to catch carp. I was already a member of the National Association of Specialist Anglers and the Pike Anglers Club, but I also joined the Carp Society and Carp Anglers Association (CAA). I bought any book that had carp content (Top Ten/Big Fish From Famous Waters, etc.) and back issues of any magazines I'd missed out on. I went to any carp slide shows that the Carp Society/CAA put on, which meant dragging my poor dad along or finding a girlfriend who could drive and was... patient. I was always a motorbike guy and didn't pass my car test until I was 23... but more on that in part 2.

Not only were these shows a chance to meet my heroes (Paisley/Hutchinson/Maddocks/McDonald, etc.), but it got my face known. In modern terms, networking, I guess. I'd be polite, lap up every bit of knowledge, ask questions, and so on. I always made an effort to be different from others, be it by my keenness or appearance. If you want to stand out and be remembered, you need to be different from others. While everyone wore bland army/fishing gear to events, I cultivated the black rocker look... which my girlfriend liked too. I attended the big conferences such as Dunstable (Carp Society) and Wembley (CAA). Having an attractive girlfriend with a short skirt (but not tarty) worked too! I didn't mind being the second focus of attention! I started to write the odd article for Carp Fisher, Carp Catcher, Coarse Fisherman, and I volunteered to help out at shows Specialist Angler.



My first double figure carp in 1984 changed everything



An eighties carp photographed on one of dad's cameras



A March personal best - being visual all year round was vital

prizes, and assisting (for free) with magazine work for the Carp Society. Most importantly, I kept everything from passes to permits, letters to invites, magazines to tackle items that I wasn't using anymore.

I photographed everything, even when photography was truly primitive, using 110 cameras, dad's hand-me-downs, disposables, the lot. Not just trophy shots, but scenics, other anglers, playing fish, my transport, gear, bait, the lot. Photo albums to slide albums... way, way

pre-digital, of course. No matter how it stuck in my throat at times, I didn't burn bridges with people and put my reputation before my progress. I'd seen anglers flip-flop between brands, publications, friends, etc., often rubbishing the past in an attempt to create the future (forgetting that the trade and those who matter have long memories).



' Attended angling shows was a must - promoting the Carp Society with Tim Paisley 1988 at the Tommy Pickering event

So once I found brands I was happy with (and back in those days paid for), I stuck with them: Nutrabaits, Daiwa, Nash, Kryston, Angling Publications, etc. Colours nailed to masts and head down.

More importantly—heck, MOST importantly—I loved carp fishing, and no matter how busy work was (I worked full-time as a Court Clerk, 9 to 5), I fished all year round. Be it midweek after work overnights or Sunday afternoons, I fished, caught, and generated material, exposure, experience, and presence. Whether work was tough, I was blanking, my girlfriend dumped me, or fishing industry commitments were increasing, I never stopped. Not because it was a job, paid well, or anything like that, but because I loved carp fishing, its history, and characters, and felt I could play a part in it too.

There was an opportunity for a different northern-based working angler who wrote understandable, real-world pieces that a big percentage of people could relate to. Nothing contrived, fake, or manufactured, but me. And one who'd write back to everyone who wrote to him, never said no to any writing jobs, and saw the big picture, which was so far out of sight that I never even thought there was a picture!

Join me in the next issue for part 2, where I briefly explain how plans came together and, more importantly for many of you, WHY 2025 is no different for YOU to make your mark.

Jules

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' Don't tutt tutt anyone's drive to be involved - my two friends Colin Davidson and Alan Blair make a living from it '



Martin, Jim and Julian and inspiration to Jim who met them both at one of the shows.



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Lake

Speci 1: The carp have woken up and are being caught over baited areas of sweetcorn and pellet, or fishing PVA bags close to the islands or inner margins. With every fish caught, they're topping up the baited area with a couple more spombs. Perch fishing has rewarded anglers willing to target them, with some just shy of 4lb. These fish have been caught on float tactics using worm or maggot and consistently feeding maggots with a catapult to keep rudd and roach in the swim, attracting big perch. Some have also been caught on small jelly lures.

Speci 2: The carp have been coming out by fishing to margins with solid PVA bags or mesh bags and fruity/sweet boilies like Cell and Pineapple. Catfish dominate this lake and often push carp out as they eat anything. To target catfish, use high-attract boilies or pellets like krill or marine halibut over a large bed of

fishy-soaked pellet. The catfish are waking up, with the biggest at 30lb so far.

Heron: Anglers have had a cracking time catching large mixed bags of silvers and carp on float and method tactics. Baits working include maggots, castors, and worms over a ball of ground-bait for float fishing, while feeder fishing suits banded 10mm pellets. baits-fish are now feeding off the top with the warmer weather.

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Bluebell: Tench are showing in numbers with the warmer weather. The key is to bait little and often with a pole pot or catapult, adding a ball of groundbait now and then to keep them feeding. Good-size carp up to 10lb have also come out, with the odd 1lb rudd and roach showing.

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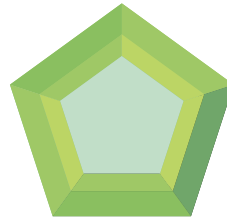


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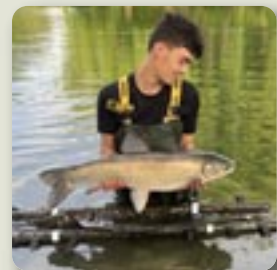
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All our Lakes have been fishing well. Barden has produced Tench to 12lb recently, with several others making the double figure mark. Carp have been spawning but fish to nearly 40lb have made an appearance. The Old Ballast Pit has produced some nice Carp, Alan Silk landing one of the known fish 'The Glass' which weighed in at 27lb 8oz.

Matthew Hennessey has had some nice fish from the river on short sessions.

Cristian Pupazan has enjoyed some nice lure fishing on the river, catching Perch, Pike and Chub.

The Society matches have produced some good weights considering the hot, dry spell we are having. Mixed bags to 30lb being recorded with other good backup weights.

Tonbridge & District Angling are celebrating their 150th anniversary this year and to help celebrate it, we held an Open Day for members and their families.

Lots of youngsters enjoyed the fishing and activities laid on, which included maggot racing, casting, Tombola, ball in a bucket, fish identifying and a lovely barbecue.

Young Ernie Cornell had the fish of the day, landing a nice Carp on a whip which was provided by the EA.

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A great time was had by all.

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Despite an enforced three month lay off, and the conviction that this year, above all others, that I would definitely focus my attention on the rivers, it has to be said that my season started with more of a 'splish' than a 'splash'..

A lack of rain, leading to low flow rates, combined with not wanting to miss out on some of the best tench fishing I've enjoyed for many a year, made tearing myself away from the lakes and ponds a rather unattractive prospect.

The 'Glorious Sixteenth' came and went, followed by 'maybe Monday', 'why not Wednesday' before July rolled around and I was faced with 'suck it and see Sunday'.

Although my expectations were low, my enthusiasm to get back to flowing water remained high, as I made my way to the river at first light, armed with a rod, net, unhooking mat, and a couple of tins of luncheon meat.

The upper Rother, fishable on an R.F.A ticket, is my preferred stomping ground. Intimate, wild feeling pools, lend themselves to short stalking sessions. Chub are the main quarry, with the occasional perch, or pike, to keep you on your toes. Although there is the occasional specimen sized fish present, the main challenge is the challenge itself. High, un-kept banks, shadowed, in many places, by a canopy of trees that span the river, make for both frustrating, and exhilarating fishing.

Making my way off of the public footpath and onto the club section of the river, it was immediately clear that there had been very little in the way of angling activity in the first few weeks of the season. I wasn't sure whether this was a good or bad thing...

The reason soon became clear, when I drew level with the spot I had in mind to make my first cast, a normally deep, slow moving, corner pool, accessed by a narrow, sheer sided peninsula.

Overgrown can be considered a challenge. Impenetrable is just foolish. The undergrowth was head height. I could see neither the water, the peninsula, or the sheer drop between them. I made one very half hearted attempt to back myself into position, before common sense kicked in and I gave it up as a bad job. And I'm glad that I did. A slightly more accessible spot a little further down, revealed the river to be at least a foot down on normal levels for the time of year. On the plus side, I did get to make some notes on features that would normally be underwater, but the residents that would normally inhabit them were nowhere to be seen.



With access so compromised, and having fought your way through the brambles, no guarantees of finding fishable water, it was time to leave this stretch until there has been some meaningful rain, and turn my attention elsewhere.

The stretch upstream is slightly more accessible, and whilst levels were still painfully low, I could at least see whether a pool looked fishable or

not, and weigh up how many scratches and nettle stings it was worth in trying to fish it.

I ended up moving quite a long way upstream, looking for likely looking spots, and introducing cubes of meat as I went.

Eventually, I came across a couple of chub ghosting across a shallow glide, which gave way to a deeper hole, almost completely encased by a tangle of roots and overhanging branches. The challenge would be to get them feeding confidently enough that they would stay in open water long enough to cast a bait in their direction. Maggots would have been perfect for this, but maggots I did not have. Instead, I halved some cubes of meat and flattened them between my fingers, so that they would catch what little flow there was and hopefully trundle down towards the fish. The first couple of pieces sunk too quickly and stuck at the head of the pool, but some subtle adjustments had the desired effect, and both fish were soon jostling each other out of the way in order to intercept them first. I couldn't fish from where I was feeding, so the next task was to get down to the river unseen by my quarry. Easier said than done when the field level was comfortably ten feet above the water. A conveniently placed drainage ditch, now completely dry, offered a solution. I got into it further up the field, made my way along it, and as quietly as possible, lowered myself the last couple of feet to the waters edge.

Painfully aware that one wrong move would spook the chub and that all my efforts to this point would be wasted in an instant. Having got into position, I gingerly hooked on a cube of meat and scanned the pool to see where the fish were. Nothing! Just as I thought that my chance was gone, I noticed a subtle swirl barely two feet in front of me. I froze. One of the chub was hunting out the first few bits of meat that I had thrown in, the ones that had fallen short of their mark. So engrossed in feeding that it hadn't noticed me. I waited for the opportune moment, then dropped, rather than cast, my bait into the river. The chub zeroed in on it immediately, cutting across the shallow water and engulfing it without hesitation.

Two weeks of waiting, two hours of walking, and now within two seconds of actually fishing, I'd hooked my first chub of the season.

The fight was quite a splashy affair, and after some short lived resistance, I easily drew my prize to the net. This is something that I've come to notice with chub. The closer they are to a snag, the harder they will fight. Hook them in open water, and after the initial run they give

up quite easily. Not that I was complaining. Too many times short fishing trips like these are filled with ifs, buts, and maybes. When success comes along, I'm more than happy to grab it with both hands.

Despite the low levels, the chub looked in fine fettle, and was surprisingly plump. I guess one advantage of the reduced flow rate is that the fish expend less energy on fighting the current, and that a narrower river means that their food is confined to narrow channels, making feeding more efficient. Only a theory, but I think it makes sense...

The second chub in the pool was not as foolish as the first, and had obviously taken refuge in the tangle of roots at the end of the pool. Even if I had managed to get a take, the chances of extracting it would be slim, so there was no real advantage to be gained from trying. Instead, I clambered back into the drainage ditch and, in a rather undignified manner, hauled myself up into the field. The journey back the car yielded a further five fish between the 1.5lb mark and maybe a little over three, at a ratio of roughly four spots tried per fish.

As I mentioned earlier, the challenge is in the challenge itself, but I think that maybe I will wait until after some rain before challenging myself again.





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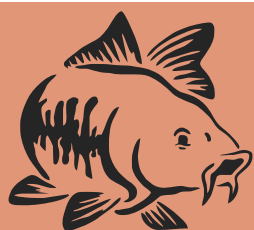
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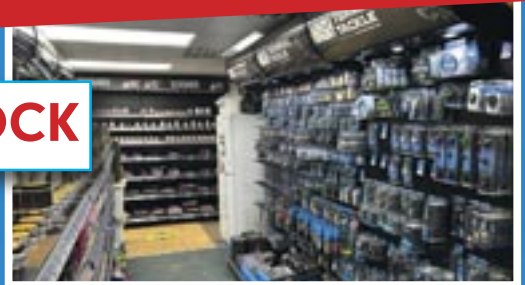


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We opted for a Thursday-to-Friday 24-hour session, avoiding the weekend rush. As we arrived, the heat was already climbing—one of those sweltering summer days that makes you question your sanity for sitting out by a lake. Still, spirits were high as we checked in and made our way to the venue.

Our choice for the session was Admirals Lake, well-known for its impressive stock of carp, including fish over 40lb and plenty in the 20lb–30lb bracket. A quick walk around revealed that this wasn't your standard open-water

setup—far from it. Admirals is full of character, with numerous bays, fingers, islands, and hidden corners, offering a rich variety of features and depths.

We were soon greeted by Darren and Chris, two of the venue's helpful bailiffs, who gave us an overview of the lake, the fish stocks, and tips for the session. A photo collage on the cabin wall showing recent catches added a bit of extra motivation—if that doesn't get you buzzing, nothing will!

We settled on pegs 11 and 13—unlucky for some, perhaps, but that was yet to be seen. With the sun blazing down, I set up two rods: one to a small patch of lily pads, and the other to the edge of an island shelf. Both spots were baited with a mix of pellets and boilies, while Dad placed one rod in the margin and another about seven wraps out to a reed line where he'd spotted some movement.



My baiting approach was simple but effective: a mix of pellets in various sizes and some chopped boilies soaked in glug to create a sticky mess. I packed the mix into mesh bags, dusted them with crumb, and pinged them out onto my spots.

Being such a warm day, the fish were clearly up in the water. It was the perfect opportunity to watch the lake's residents cruising just

under the surface—some stunning fish, and definitely a few I'd love to see on the bank.

At around 5pm, Dad's right-hand rod gave a few tentative beeps before the bobbin pulled tight and held. One more beep was enough for him to lift into it—fish on! It came in quickly at first, charging toward the bank, but then gave a spirited fight in the margins. Before long, it was safely in the net: a beautiful 17lb 4oz grass carp. After a couple of quick photos, the fish was given time to recover in the margin before being released.



Not long after, we noticed that a large number of carp were moving through the lake in tightly grouped shoals.

A quick recce around the lake confirmed it—they were spawning. It was fascinating to watch and gave us a great chance to observe the stock up close. It also explained the slow bite—we were probably lucky to bank anything at all during such conditions.

As the evening cooled, we settled down with some food and a couple of cold drinks, chatting about the day and watching the last light fade over the water. No more bites came, but that didn't matter. The place had left its mark. We managed to sort out our kit really well during the evening making a note of anything we would need to stock up on for our next angling adventure



Final Thoughts

Gabriels Fishery is an absolutely cracking venue—beautifully kept, well-run, and offering a variety of waters and species to suit all anglers. We'll definitely be back. I've got my eyes on a few of the lake's bigger residents, and Dad's already planning a trip to Oak Lake with his feeder rods for a bit of float-and-feeder action.

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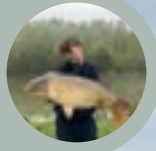
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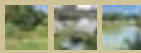
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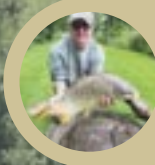
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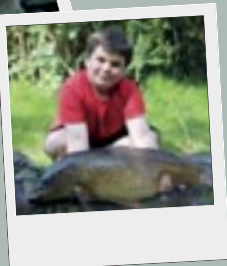
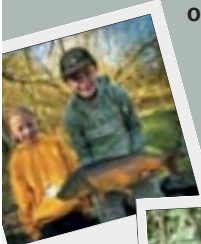
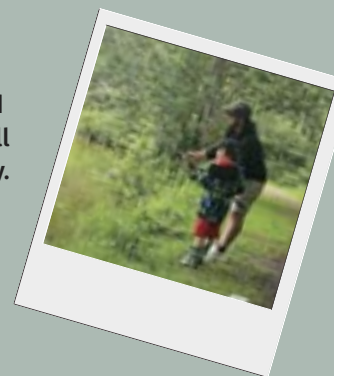
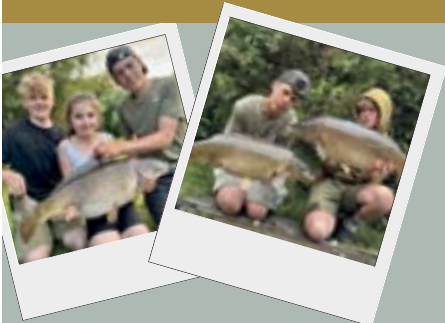
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Andy Lush - The Friendly Fisherman

Part 2 of 2

A return to the Iberian peninsula was long overdue.

Part 2 – Marco's Plan B

I finished my article last month at the point where my barbel session had petered out.

My fishing guide, Marco de São Vicente, suggested it was time to make a decision. We could continue fishing further downstream, where the stream widened and we might encounter black bass and carp, or we could head to the coast and fish the incoming tide for bass.

I was flagging, so a change of location gave me time to recover. I can't say too much about the location, other than it was a lagoon behind a barrier island. We waded through knee-deep water to a spot Marco assured me held bass. The wind was brisk, making casting my #6 rod and Di3 sinking line difficult. I chose a small fry pattern, as the bass would be hunting prey among the weed clumps. Soon Marco indicated he'd seen a bass and told me where to cast. I was instructed to begin a fast strip retrieve. I had no idea exactly where to cast but did my best—which wasn't good enough! Finally, I saw a black back appear among the weed. To my inexperienced eye, it looked like another weed patch—until it almost surfaced, doh! This happened twice more as the tide increased.

A couple of local lure anglers appeared shortly after and clearly knew the spot. They quickly started catching schoolie bass on shallow-diving plugs and surface lures. The disturbance of repeated casting and catching soon pushed the patrolling bass beyond my casting range. Marco tried with his heavier setup, but after several unsuccessful casts, we both decided to call it a day. The lagoon looked amazing, and with more time, I'm sure I might have caught one of the larger bass that frequent the area.

Leaving the Algarve

I then headed inland to Mertola to meet Russell Hoad. We planned to fish the river for shad. Russell said the tide was rising, so we had to move fast. Our time was limited as we needed to wade a shallow stretch to reach the island we'd fish from. We gathered a few essentials and headed off. I'd never seen, let alone fished for, a shad. Russell recommended small white flies on a sinking line if I wanted to fly fish. For lures, he suggested 5cm soft plastic shads on 2–5g jig heads, and some small spinners.

As we descended the hillside, I caught my first glimpse of the river. To my left, upstream, was a large weir divided by an island. The flow was immense and the roar as it cascaded over the

weir, deafening. Downstream, the river split into three. One flow cut across the front of the weir before rejoining the main river, where the currents met and formed a large back eddy, with deeper water followed by a fast, shallow gravel run. The river was home to allis and twait shad, carp, comizo and gypsy barbel, black bass, zander, mullet and sea bass.



Wild lure fishing for migrating shad

I started with a Di3 sinking line but found it unsuitable for the shallows, despite the strong current. A slower-sinking intermediate would have been better—but it was in the back of the car! So I quickly switched to lures. Casting upstream saw my soft plastic swept down and across the pool. A fast retrieve was needed to stay in contact with the lure. After a few casts, I started feeling more confident. I got the occasional bump—suggesting hungry shad were about. By counting down before retrieving, I worked deeper into the water column. Reducing the countdown let me vary the retrieve. On one pause, I hooked my first shad! After that, I hooked and lost several more.

I switched to a lightweight spoon with a single hook instead of a treble. Shad are delicate, so to reduce handling, I chose singles. The spoon worked well, especially when paused in the current. But I kept losing fish. Later I learned I should've attached another hook to the front—shad often hit the head end.



Another first, a two-tone gypsy barbel

Alqueva Bound

Finally, I was heading to the reservoir I'd wanted to fish for years—Alqueva. On the Guadiana, the same river system as many of the waters I'd fished in Spain, I hoped it would provide exciting barbel fishing.

My base was the village of Estrela, midway up the east side. I planned to explore the upper half, especially bays and creeks near the inflowing river. I hoped post-spawn barbel would drop back into the reservoir and hold in these areas.

After our long journey, Neil Perry and I went for a closer look. I took a rod—just in case. We found a good launch site for the boat, which was a bonus. In a large bay, we spotted a boat jetty—always a good predator hotspot. As we approached, a large swirl got our attention. The water was ultra-clear. To my amazement, it was a carp! In fact, several were milling around the jetty. Our presence didn't bother them. I watched intently as they continued feeding just below the surface, mouths constantly opening and closing. Clearly they were eating something tiny, possibly daphnia.

Now how to catch one? I started with weighted woolly buggers, casting beyond them, letting the fly sink slightly before dragging it into position. I'd then let it drop as close as I dared. This "drag and drop" technique was new to me. I watched their reaction closely and changed flies often. My



The best part of a memorable capture

first few choices were ignored, but their hunger kept them preoccupied. Eventually, I tried a slim mayfly nymph—Fulling Mill Proctor's pattern—which sank slowly enough to hover just above the

carp. One finally showed interest, giving it a second look before swimming on. That was enough to stick with it.

Several casts later, watching the fly sink, a carp appeared, filtering water through its gills. It moved toward the fly and, without warning, sucked it in! I set the hook and sprinted off the jetty to the shore, running up the bank away from the mooring ropes. With the carp clear of hazards, I relaxed. What a buzz! Neil took some trophy shots—moments I'll never forget. Then they vanished.

I changed tactics, stalking banks mile after mile in search of barbel. I saw a few carp—all extremely spooky. I had to stay at least 20 yards back from the water. When I spotted one, I'd crawl through tall grass to get close enough to cast—if it hadn't already disappeared. Often, they had. Most mid-water cruisers faded away after a cast. Those in the margins were more catchable if I could get the fly close. That was tough—many were in weed or shallows. Casting beyond them often snagged the fly, and breaking it free sent the fish fleeing.

In a newly flooded grassy bay, I spotted three carp with their backs out of the water. The matted grass gave me cover to get close. One fish headed toward me. I cast just a foot from the bank. It nosed through the weed, spotted the woolly bugger, and I gave it a twitch. The carp shot forward and sucked it in. I played it carefully—after so much effort, I didn't want to lose it.

My search for barbel continued—bridges, islands, anywhere we hadn't explored. But in the whole week, I didn't see a single barbel.

Conclusion

The shortage of fish was a real surprise. Apparently, netting and long-lining are common in Portugal. In Spain, this is illegal and well-policed—unlike here. Another factor could be the recent rise in water level. After years of drought, the reservoir's size has increased dramatically. With the added space, fish densities may have dropped. Hopefully, spawning will now improve and fish numbers rebound. It's easy to speculate with hindsight, but only time will tell.

Until next month—tight lines.

Andy Lush

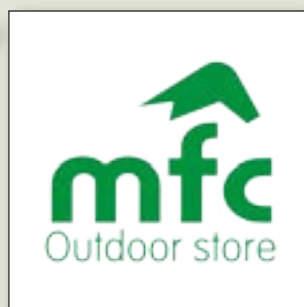


Wild carp from an awesome water

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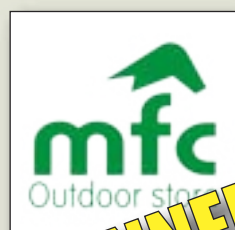
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We wish James all the continued success in his angling adventures... not that he needs any luck judging by these catches! 🐟👏 Keep it up, James – the future's bright! 🌟



Fish With Carl Winner: Marshall Latter

🐟 Fish With Carl Book Winner Update 🐟 Marshall Latter, our Fish With Carl book competition winner, recently enjoyed two nights at Greenacres Fishery – and made every moment count! He landed a lovely 6lb common carp and went on to bag two 12lb commons, setting a new personal best! 🐟 Great angling, Marshall – keep up the brilliant work on the bank! 🐟👏



WINNER

**NEW PB**

Olivia Owen - New PB 12lb
Common

**NEW PB**

Theia Ayles (8) PB Tench -
Normanshurst

**NEW PB**

Theo Watling - Orchard
place farm - 24lb Cat PB



Lewis Goodwin -
Hawkhurst Fish Farm



Albert Holmes - Local Club
Lake - 32lb 5oz



Harry Austin 9 -
Beachborough - Carp



Gabi Marten Age 5 10lb
Common Carp

**NEW PB**

Lucy Ford Age 8 12lb PB
Common Carp



Stanley Ethereington (9) Tench
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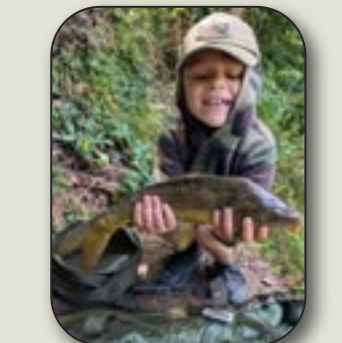
Jacob - Private Water -
Mirror Carp

**NEW PB**

Max Fox - Cottington Lakes -
19lb 3oz common



George Bean - Cottington
lakes - Tench 5lb 9oz



Hudson Scott - Grove Hurst
lake - 4 lbs Mirror Carp

**NEW PB**

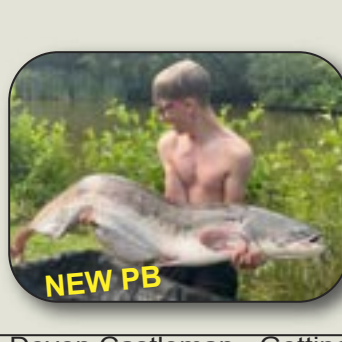
George Bartholomew - Monk
Lakes PB Tench 6lb 2oz



Damon Lee Scott - Grove
Hurst lake - Koi carp



Kingsley Mossie - Cottington
lakes - 18lb Common

**NEW PB**

Devon Castleman - Getting
a Soaking - PB Cat 31lb 4oz



Jae vicary - Cottington lakes -
15lb Common

**NEW PB**

Spike Wilkinson - Moorhall
lakes - 1lb 1oz Roach

An enjoyable Start To The River Season.

by Russ Evans

I was quick off the mark when June 16th arrived and up before first light with an early alarm call and before I knew it was walking along the banks of the river in keen anticipation of a brand new season. A new season always brings fresh hopes, a new beginning and a hope that this will be the best season ever, well we can dream and without dreams life can be dull. I was eager to try a new tip rod that I had purchased a couple of months earlier that being the Drennan Specialist 10ft Quiver rod that comes with two tips in 2oz and 3oz. On this occasion I was opting for the 2oz tip and paired it up with my trusty old Shimano Twin Power 4000 XTR feeder reel in double handle mode for extra smooth balance. I would say this is the best feeder reel I have had the pleasure to own as it is packed with ball bearings, comes with two spare spools and all the Shimano patents that make their reels simply the best, in my opinion of course. Sadly this reel has been replaced by later models in the twin power range but again and in my opinion are no better than it's older more original version. I wish I had purchased another one before they changed all the cosmetics but at over 13 years plus and regularly serviced it performs as brand new. Spooled with 8lbs Drennan Supplex mainline which is extra supple and very strong I set up a run rig kit and attached a medium cage feeder loaded with breadcrumb as a piece of flake on a Korum size 8 all rounder hook tied to supplex 5lbs fluorocarbon completed my simple but effective set up.

The river as expected was low after weeks of very little rain and the flow was at it's bare minimum but I was confident of getting some Chub action. It did not take very long until the tip was being tapped about and a small chublet took my flake and that was followed by two more before the swim settled down. I was filming the session for my 'Fishing Tail Films' YouTube channel for a new river series called 'Tails from the Riverbank' and part one is called Back On The River in case you would like to watch footage of the session. The Sun was out very early and shining into my face and with the forecast bright I knew I had to make the first couple of hours of the session count as it would get much harder to tempt a bite when the Sun was at it fullest point of the day. I normally only fish short sessions in the Summer months especially if conditions are going to be bright and hot and with an hour or so gone and no sign of a chub I decided to switch bait and hair rigged on via a quickstop a piece of meat. I had the usual tip taps on the tip from small fish and as I was having a bite to eat and drink I

saw the tip in the corner of my eye shake about before a small pull round so I lifted into the bite and the top section powered round into the direction of some over hanging tree branches. With the tip in the water I managed to turn it's head and guide it in to the middle of the swim where I

let it thump about before it got tired, expecting a chub to surface I was very surprised to slip the next under a little but very fat common carp. I think in the 25 on and off years that I have fished this section of river I have only caught a little carp out of it and that was at least 20 years ago. With the swim completely going dead not long after the carp I decided a move was on the cards and I managed to find a sheltered swim that had some promise. Back on the bread flake I had the usual chublet start and this set the pattern for the next hour or so. As I was slowly packing up my tip danced round and I had a chub on which tried to snag me in the margin as it was a very shallow



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swim but I quickly stopped him before slipping it in the net. It was no monster but it was a chub and I settled for that before heading off home content with the mornings session.

A Quick Return... With Different Tactics

With adrenalin still pumping and excited that it was the start of the river season I was back down the river again some two days later but armed with a different plan of attack. Expecting to move about after what I had experienced on the opening day I travelled extra light but brought along the comfort of my chair as my knees can't take the bending down so much these days, old age catches up with us all sadly. This time I was going to fish my favourite method, the stick float and a closed faced reel. It has been ages since I last fished a closed faced reel and with an Abu 506 MkII loaded with 4.4lbs Drennan floatfish line in conjunction with my 13ft Acolyte rod I was really looking forward to it. I dropped in the swim that I had caught my carp from earlier in the week and I could see that the river had dropped at least another six inches and the flow decreased by half. It was far from ideal and not roach catching conditions but I was hoping the chub would be in a feeding mood. Baits wise, I brought along casters, hemp to feed over the top with a few maggots and some small to medium size dendra worms. Chublets greeted me at the start, plus an odd roach, small perch but nothing of size that got me excited so after an hour or so and 30 odd fish in total. I went for a walk up the bank to search swims with flow to get the best out of my Dave Harrell speci sticks. A few swims down I spotted a big bream cruising about followed by a couple of small ones which immediately got my attention as the bream don't normally give themselves away and are hard to fin on small rivers.

I Spotted a Big Fish

I returned with all my tackle, turned the camera on said a piece to camera about why I had moved swims and lowered a worm with a red maggot into the nearside margin. Some thirty seconds later the flow slowly disappeared and I



struck into a good fish, was it that big bream I had spotted? It turned out to be a chub of over 3lbs, not massive but very welcome and certainly worth the move especially as it came on my first cast. This session is also on my YouTube channel as episode two titled 'Roving The Rivers' which I hope you enjoy as I go into a lot of detail about the tackle I was using which some anglers find interesting to know based on the questions I get asked on previous videos. I have since returned for part three in the series which is on the FTF channel and what a great session that was despite the conditions getting even harder. I will be moving on to much bigger, deeper and wider rivers for my next couple of sessions until we start getting some decent rainfall. I have to admit I am more of an autumn, winter and spring session angler as I feel summer fishing does not give the best of fishing conditions especially on the rivers but it is what it is and you have to try and adapt to what is presented in front of you.

Next time I hope to have some big fish news for you and with autumn fast approaching my thoughts will head to some perch fishing and you all know I love my perch fishing.



Good luck on your next fishing travels and if you are a subscriber to my fishing channel please drop me a line under one of my videos giving 'The Freshwater Informer' a shout out.

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Confidence at the Water's Edge: How Trail Blazers Education is Reeling in Young Potential

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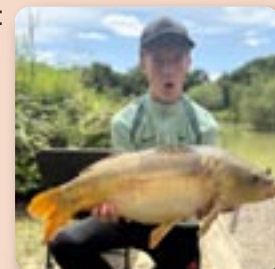
Over the past few years, angling has become a key part of Trail Blazers' alternative provision. With a strong emphasis on emotional wellbeing, resilience, and hands-on learning, fishing sessions at Cottington Lakes and



Coombeewood Fishery are making a real difference. At Cottington Lakes, sessions are led by co-founder Gavin, a seasoned angling coach with over 15 years' experience supporting children with SEND. He's joined by Simon Bater, a

renowned big carp angler whose deep knowledge and natural rapport with young people bring the sessions to life.

At Coombeewood Fishery, co-founder Ben Lewis runs the programme with a passion for inclusive education and a drive to help every learner feel seen, heard, and supported. Whether it's tying rigs or talking through challenges, the goal remains the same: rebuild trust and self-belief through outdoor experiences. What makes these sessions unique isn't just the fishing—it's the learning that happens along the way.



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Stuart Loder - Family, Friends & PB's at Cackle Hill

Stuart Loder

Long-time supporter of The Freshwater Informer Stuart Loder of Worth Tool Hire, recently took a well-earned break with family and friends for a full lake booking at the ever-popular Cackle Hill Fishery.

What followed was an unforgettable weekend packed with laughs, sunshine, and personal bests all round. Young George stole the show early on with a stunning 24lb grass carp – his biggest to date – before going on to smash another PB with a chunky 31lb catfish.

It was great to see the next generation getting stuck in and reaping the rewards of time on the bank. As for myself, I had an incredible run on the cats, landing over twenty in total, with the largest tipping the scales at an impressive 73lb.

It was one of those sessions where everything just came together. The lake, the company, and the sport made for a perfect few days, reminding us all exactly why we love fishing.

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Medway Man

Bob Morris

Medway Man – Aug 2025.

With drought conditions now facing many areas and following a couple of poor results I have shelved my river ambitions until conditions improve. Its not that I can't catch fish in these conditions, with a bit of persistence, but I would rather leave it and avoid stress to both the fish and me.

Fortunately, my tench fishing efforts are still producing the goods, and this is enough to keep me satisfied on the fishing front now. Amazingly some of my better sessions have occurred during the heat of the day, when you would expect most self-respecting tench to be hiding from the sun.

Fishing can be the most baffling pastime and often when you think that you have got it sussed, it all turns on its head again and keeps you guessing. Frequently when I have been expecting success early or late in my margin float swim the only action has come from a feeder rod at 30/40 yards at around midday.



It is not just the fishing that can surprise me, the same can occur with the wildlife. Dragonflies of various shapes and sizes are about now and sitting still with camera in hand the other day I felt what I thought was a large one land on my big toe. I slowly looked down only to find that a big grass snake was lying across my foot. Unfortunately, before I could get a shot it realised its mistake and disappeared at a rate of knots. Another amazing sighting happened shortly after this.

I am very keen on birds of prey and regularly spot all the main culprits during my angling activities and I am good at identifying them and their calls. Imagine my surprise to hear and the identify three Goshawks at relatively close range about a week ago. Although I have very occasionally seen them in the Welsh border areas, I am pretty certain that this is a rare sighting in the southeast and even though I was having a really good afternoon on the tench front, it was these three 'apex predators', almost certainly a family group, that I will remember from this session.



Absolutely great. 😊

Piscatorial Politics

Well, here we are again, drought time. This has been expected for a while and has prompted me to postpone my river activities until the situation improves on the stretches that I was going to target this summer. I am of course hoping that by the time you read this we will have received a long overdue spell of persistent rain. With water levels low, even on some still waters now, there is always the problem of oxygen content, as warm water can hold less and fish may get stressed if caught during these conditions. Algal blooms can occur because of high water temps and sunlight – particularly where discharge and agricultural run offs are also a problem.

We are told to expect more of these extreme weather events due to climate change and obviously conserving water is one thing that we can all do. One regular procedure that I adopt during these spells is to run bath/shower water out of the bathroom window and onto the garden. This is easily arranged by using a siphon. Mine is a fishtank bulb type connected to a hose pipe – as can be seen in the picture.

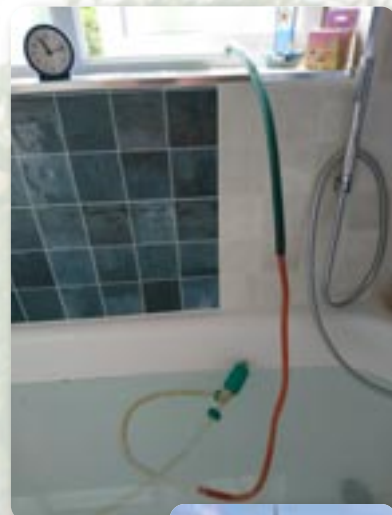
I am convinced that if all the water that we use for washing was re-directed back into the ground in this way it would make a real difference and help water tables to replenish. It also takes water away from the drains and sewers which would greatly reduce the volume of water going through our treatment plants and this may, hopefully, even help to prevent overloads and raw sewage being discharged during times of heavy rain. Rainwater from roofs, gutters etc, should also be diverted away from sewers and back into the ground for similar reasons. There are now plans for more reservoirs, but it is likely that we won't see their completion for at least a decade!!!

Having said that I'm sure that there are no quick solutions to these issues, but I like to believe that even small gestures like using bathwater on the garden can help if enough people do it. ☺

On the plus side it does now seem that the general thinking on 'flood prevention' these days is finally moving towards holding water back rather than fast tracking it away to sea.

Best Fishes & Climate Conditions

Bob Morris



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Coarse Fisheries		Tackle & Bait Supplies	
Beaver Farm Fishery Eastbourne Road Newchapel, Lingfield RH7 6HL 01342 324006 / 07710 656041		Absolute Tackle 12 Wealden Forest Park Herne Common, Kent CT6 7LQ 01227 636724 / 07809 330854	
Charles Lakes Steeds Lane, Kingsnorth, Ashford TN26 1NH 07857 539785		Anglers Den 6 North Road, Pevensey Bay BN24 6AY 01323 460441	
Chart Hill Lakes Chart Hill Road, Chart Sutton ME17 3EZ 07398 571337		Angling Specialist (ASH) 29 Queen Street, Horsham RH13 5AA 01403 264644	
Chequertree Trout and Coarse Fishery Bethersden, Near Ashford TN26 3JR 01233 820078		A.R. Tackle 8 Castle Street, Hastings TN34 3DY 01424 422094	
Coombewood Fishery Redbrook Street, High Halden, Near Ashford TN26 3JH 07895 679569		Bait Bucket Tackle Warehouse Unit T Rich Industrial Estate, Avis Way, Newhaven BN9 0DU 01273 933050	
Elphicks Fisheries Spelmonden Road, Horsmonden TN12 8EL 01580 854702		Best Buddies 28 Martello Drive, Dymchurch Road, Hythe CT21 6PH 01303 487144	
Eureka Fishery Nicholas Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent TN25 4AG 07597 879621		Bodle Angling Cuckfield Road, Burgess Hill RH15 8RE 01444 247757	
Furnace Brook Fishery and Fish Farm Trolliloes, Cowbeech, near Hailsham BN27 4QR 01435 830835		Camos Carp Cabin 11 Turner Street, Ramsgate CT11 8NJ 01843 581784	
Gabriels Fishery Marsh Green Road, Edenbridge TN8 5PP 07730 066088		Chris Brown Products email: chrisfoaks@gmail.com www.cbproducts.co.uk 01892 723670	
Gabriels Fishery Marsh Green Road, Edenbridge TN8 5PP 07730 066088		Edenbridge Angling 132 High Street, Edenbridge, TN8 5AY 01732 247702	
Greenacres Farm Fishery Sissinghurst Road, Biddenden TN27 8EH 07933 934942		Eastbourne Aquarium & Reptile Centre 19-21 Seaside, Eastbourne BN21 3PP 01323 730635	
Hawkhurst Fish Farm Hastings Road, Hawkhurst TN18 4RT 01580 753813		Henfold Bait & Tackle Henfold Lakes Henfold Lane, Newdigate, Dorking RH5 4RW 07956 043922	
Horam Manor Fishery Horam Manor Farm, Horam TN21 0JB 01323 840889 / 07707 759364		Jack Frost Reynolds Place, West Green, Crawley RH11 7HB 01293 521186	
Horsmonden Lakes Grovehurst Road, Horsmonden TN12 8BQ 01892 838576		Gabriels Fishery Tackle Shop Marsh Green Road, Edenbridge TN8 5PP 07730 066088	
Iden Wood Fishery Coldharbour Lane, Iden, Rye TN31 7UT 01797 280180 / 07906 232225		Medway Tackle Supplies 11 Twydall Green, Gillingham ME8 6JY 01634 475260	
Knightingales Fishery Stone-In-Oxney, Near Tenterden TN30 7HA 07941 176205		MFC Outdoor Store 9 Station Road, Hailsham BN27 2BE 01323 846883	
Mousehole Lakes , Maidstone Road Nettlestead, Near Paddock Wood ME18 5HR 07725 783405		Orchard Tackle 58 High Brooms Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9DB 07494 670328	
Orchard Place Farm Fishery Pearsons Green Road, Paddock Wood TN12 6NY 01892 838576		Pinions Baits 431 London Road, Ditton, Aylesford ME20 6DB 01622 718580	
Pittlands Lakes Churn Lane, Horsmonden, Paddock Wood TN12 8HL 07716 065900		Polegate Angling Centre Unit 7, Birch Industrial Estate, Eastbourne BN23 6PH 01323 486379	
Sandwich Lakes Coarse Fishery Sandwich Ash Road (A257), Near Canterbury CT3 2DA 07936 409912		Romney Angling 59, High Street, New Romney TN28 8AH 01797 362889	
Shirkoak Fishery Bethersden Road, Woodchurch, Ashford TN26 3PZ 07973 410973		Scotties Fishing Tackle 25 Southwick Square, Southwick, Brighton BN42 4FP 01273 592903	
The Lakes at Beachborough Beachborough Park Newington, Near Folkestone CT18 8BW 07469 809877		South London Angling Centre 286 Lee High Road, London SE13 5PJ 0208 852 4451	
Tricklebrook Fishery Colts Hill, Five Oak Green TN12 6SH 07743 955812		Sussex Bait Developments Falkenvil Fishery, Saltmarsh Lane, Hailsham BN27 2RJ 07971 303949	
Willows Angling Centre Bax Farm, Lower Road, Teynham ME9 9BU 01795 520887		The Tackle Box 251 Watling Street, Dartford DA2 6EG 01322 292400	
Wylands Farm Wylands Farm, Powdermill Lane, Battle TN33 0SU 01424 893394		Mud Pigs Unit 1, Browns Lane, Uckfield, T22 1UN 07494 785273	
Trout Fisheries		Angling Clubs & Societies	
Brick Farm Lakes Windmill Hill, Herstmonceux BN27 4RS 01323 832615		Hastings Bexhill & District Postal enquiries to S.Corke, 2, The Sidings, Bexhill On Sea TN40 1RF Chris Pagan 07429 655237 / Steve Potter 07935 268174	
Cinder Hill Fly Fishing Membership available from: Email: r.nathan@btinternet.com 01892 770903		Tonbridge & District A & FPS For all enquiries please email: info@tonbridge-angling.co.uk	
Coltsford Mill Trout Fishery & Fly Tackle Shop Mill Lane, Oxted, Surrey RH8 9DG 01883 715666 / 07798 605867		Bromley (Kent) & District AS PO Box 895, East Grinstead RH19 9ND Email: bdas-kent-enquiry@bdaskent.co.uk	
Spring Hill Trout Waters Albans Farm, Romford Road, Pembury TN2 4BB 07951 304515		Linton Angling Society Jason Tuckey on 07983 56922 or email lassecretary@lintonangling.co.uk	
Tenterden Trout Waters Coombe Farm, Chennell Park Road, Tenterden TN30 6XA www.tenterden-trout-waters.co.uk 07880 722868		Wantsum Angling Association 07570 505934 or contact via website www.wantsumaa.co.uk	
Lakedown Trout Fishery email lakedowntroutfishery@gmail.com 01435 883449			

SANDWICH LAKES Sandwich Ash Road (A257), Near Canterbury CT3 2DA
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Visit Sandwich Lakes in 2024

Sandwich
Coarse Fishery

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Sandwich Lakes is a delightful day ticket fishery in East Kent situated near to the Royal Cinque Port town of Sandwich. Set in a beautiful countryside location, the venue caters for all anglers from the specialist carp angler to beginners.

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.

NOW OPEN TRAFALGAR LAKE

Our new specimen water - a two acre lake designed to accommodate the angler who prefers fishing a more open, weedier water. Trafalgar has it's own dedicated car park and is bookable by ringing the fishery. Stocked with 60 carp ranging from 16lbs to 31lbs.

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.

Victory Lake



Berry Lake



Damson Match Lake



Meadow 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!

MEADOW LAKE one acre in size with eight marked pegs and traditional grass bank fishing, Meadow is stocked with scaley mirrors and commons to 14 lbs. This lake also holds large perch and roach so you will be sure to catch!

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.

Day Ticket Prices:

1 rod - £8 2 rods - £10 Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children) - £25 Under 16s - £7 Sundowner (3pm to 7pm) - £7
Rod hire (includes seat hire & landing net) - £6 Night fishing (by prior arrangement) 24 hours - £25 48 hours - £50

Holidays at Sandwich Lakes

All bookings

30 touring pitches with 16 amp EHU, toilet and shower block with disabled wetroom.

Caravans and Motorhome pitches

Caravan Club Site - £24

Main site PITCHUP from £28

Pitch fees include EHU & showers!



on Sandwich Lakes



CARAVAN AND
MOTORHOME CLUB

We also have a CL site for Caravan & Motorhome Club members

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FRESHWATER INFORMER



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