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This month I also took the team to Elphick's Plantation Lake, where we enjoyed a fantastic session and some excellent fishing. You can read all about our trip on pages 32, 33 and 34. It was a brilliant few days with plenty of laughs, and I was fortunate enough to enjoy one of my most successful sessions for a very long time.

We've also been busy giving away some fantastic prizes. One of this month's winners, Cody, has already put his prize to good use. Living in Scotland, where carp fishing is less common and many venues can prove more challenging due to the cooler climate, he has done incredibly well. A massive congratulations to Cody, whose catch is featured on page 12.

As always, a huge thank you to every one of you who reads, shares, and supports The Freshwater Informer. Your continued support means everything to us and helps the magazine continue to grow month after month. We hope you enjoy this month's edition, and as always, tight lines!



I'm working hard behind the scenes to bring you even more great content throughout 2026. If there's a fishery you think we should visit, an event you'd like us to cover, or a fishing story you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Until next time, tight lines, stay safe on the bank, and enjoy the August edition of The Freshwater Informer!.

Have a great Month tight lines to you all

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The horizon was painted from a palette of purples and mauves. Mist lingered in swirls as the morning dew hung heavy in a lattice work of cobwebs. A group of steers on the far bank briefly paused to watch me go by before dropping their heads and continuing to graze. The steady rhythm of their jaws keeping pace with my footsteps. A pair of cygnets unfurled their necks and fixed me with beady eyes, whilst coots and moorhens scampered across the weedbeds, announcing my presence to the world as they went.

I was back on the Pevensy Levels for the first time since the winter. Across the colder months it can be a rugged and unforgiving place to fish, but at dawn in July, with the exception of the warning trills of the moorhens, it envelops you in a blanket of peace and solitude. I had no particular place in mind to fish, and no particular species in mind to catch. Happy to keep walking until I saw something of interest or grew tired of the strap of my fishing bag cutting into my shoulder.

The sun rose steadily on the far bank, silhouetting grey heron as my laboured breathing, and jangling rod tips, disturbed their morning hunt, causing them to rise up before ghosting deeper into the marsh.

Even by summer standards the water looked low. Weed broke the surface in great humps and the normally soft banks were hard and unforgiving. I scanned the stretch for signs of fish, but save for a shoal of small roach dimpling the surface, there were none. No feeding bubbles, no tail swirls, nothing much to go on. I could have carried on walking, maybe I should have carried on walking. Despite the earliness of the hour, the temperature was already starting to rise and enthusiasm starting to wane. Better to pick a swim that offered a variety of options and hope that the fish would come to me.

I settled on the back of a corner where the water widened. A bank of reeds to my left, with a





reasonable area of open water in front of me that ended in a tangle of weed and lilies to my right.

Although I had no particular species in mind, secretly I was hoping for a tench. It might just be me, but I find them to be the most elusive of fish on the Wallers. I've found that the best way to trip them up is by pretending that you're not targeting them at all. They almost become easier to catch when you are trying not to. The other challenge that I'm facing in my angling at the moment is my inability to drop my fascination for perch. Far from only being a winter target, the species seems to have permeated all aspects, and seasons, of my fishing. To that end I had brought two rods. The left hand rod was baited with prawn and swung along the reed line, my thinking been that it could lure a perch, but it might lure a tench, with my right-hand rod going straight out into the open water. This rod was baited with sweetcorn that might tempt a tench, but could tempt a bream. Both were fished on the float with only difference being the size of hook, size 6 for the prawn, size 12 for the corn, and the amount over depth that they were fished. The prawn rig had around 6 inches of line on the bottom, whilst the corn rig was only an inch or so, and effectively being fish lift style. A couple of balls of groundbait, bulked out with corn and pellet, were deposited in the general vicinity of each float.

Almost immediately, the float with corn on started to knock and dip as small roach rushed in to grab a free meal. This is one of the reasons that I prefer to use an over-shot lift style arrangement as it helps cut down on false bites from small silvers. If something is big enough to register a proper bite, then it is probably big enough to hook. The other reason is that when fishing the marshes you can be sure that the wind is going to play a part, and by keeping the

bulk of the shot near the hook it helps keep everything anchored to the bottom. Obviously, using a feeder would negate this problem, but it's not quite the same as watching a float bob about.

A couple of hand sized roach that were big enough, and greedy enough, to fit two grains of corn in their mouths, came splashing to the bank. For every one landed, there was at least two bumped off, and I was getting to the point of considering increasing the hook size when I suddenly received a proper bite. The float lifted slightly before sliding away. A firm strike was met with an equally firm resistance. For the briefest of moments I thought it might be a tench, but fifteen seconds into the fight it decided it had had enough and revealed itself to be a bream. A particularly handsome example of the species, with burnished bronze flanks, and dark coloured fins. Some vindication for the open-ended style of my bait selection. The prawn rod had done nothing, and so I repositioned it further along the reed line before casting out the open water rod again and feeding a handful of corn. I was careful not to put too much out, as normally I would expect to see trails of feeding bubbles when the bream arrive, but save for the gentle ripple on the surface, there was very little movement in the water. Maybe the one I had caught was at the head of the shoal, and the rest were on their way? maybe he was at the tail end and I'd missed the chance? Maybe he lived as a giant amongst the roach? The only thing I could be sure of was that there wasn't much happening.

As time stood still for my float, so the rising sun marked its passage for all else in view. First by minutes, and then in hours. I began the silent internal dialogue that I've no doubt we've all experienced as anglers. Should I stay where I was or move? If I moved then I might find fish. If I stayed where I was then they might find me. If I baited a swim further down the stretch would that help or hinder my chances?





As it turned out, indecisiveness was the perfect substitute for patience. As I continued to weigh up the pros and cons of moving, the waggler on the corn rod began to rise, and rise, and rise, before tipping over flat on the surface. Snapped back to reality, I grabbed the rod and struck. A heavy thump, followed by a dogged surge, told me that this was no bream. The unseen force kited toward the lilies on my right. I got it back. To the far bank. I got it back. Into the reeds on the near margin, everything went solid. What followed was a couple of minutes of seesaw action, accompanied by that horrible grating sensation on the line as the fish pulled in one direction, me in the other, with the reeds between us. Options for both of us were fairly limited, the

narrow nature of the swim making it difficult for me to get a better rod angle with little option but to hold on. It felt as if the fish had buried itself and couldn't do much else other than hold station.

The one disadvantage to using a centrepin reel is that with no anti reverse you have to keep a thumb on the spool to maintain tension in the line. This was preventing me from pushing the rod tip out beyond the reeds. In desperation, I got as close to the waters edge as I dare, turned my back on the fish, and thrust my right arm out as far as I could, adding just enough length to clear the reeds and gain some leverage. With the rod under full compression, everything went solid and I thought that maybe I'd overcooked it. Just at the point that I expected the line to fall slack, something gave, and with the line singing in the wind a big tangle of weed and roots appeared from the depths. But that wasn't all. In the centre of this mass I could make out a dorsal fin and a patch of scales. The colour was unmistakable, emerald green. It was a tench. Without hesitation, I kept everything moving, sweeping the rod up in a single motion whilst plunging the net on an equal and opposite arc.

I've caught bigger tench, I've probably caught better looking tench, but this was a Wallers Haven tench, which to me makes it far more special than most.

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Alex



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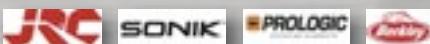
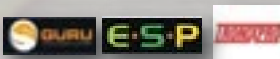
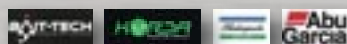
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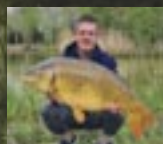
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Thankfully, persistence paid off and I still managed to slip two fish into the net. It also gave me the perfect opportunity to try out the 5kg of **Dynamite Baits** Peppered Fruit boilies I won in The Freshwater Informer prize draw – and they certainly did the job!

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Shadows on the Chalk Stream – Winter Roach on the Hampshire Avon

The ultimate test for any river angler is the pursuit of giant roach in the dead of winter. When January grips the south of England, the legendary Hampshire Avon transforms into a landscape of breathtaking beauty. The water is gin-clear, filtered by the chalk aquifers, and the banks are frozen solid. Waking up at 5:00am on a freezing January morning requires a special kind of dedication. The warmth of the duvet is hard to leave, but the lure of the Avon is intoxicating. Knowing that a two-pound "redfin"—the holy grail of specimen angling—might be waiting in the next glide is enough to banish any desire for sleep.

Loading the car in the pitch black, the thermometer reads minus three. Everything is frozen stiff, from the grass on the verge to the car door seals. Preparing for a day on the winter Avon means packing for survival. Thermal layers, heavy-duty boots, a hand warmer and a flask filled with steaming coffee are all essential. The drive through the sleeping Hampshire countryside is quiet, the headlights cutting through patches of freezing fog hanging over the water meadows. This is one of only a few trips into the deep freeze this year, driven by the timeless magic of the river.

The Frost-Bound Avon Valley

Arriving at the riverbank just as a pale dawn breaks is an awe-inspiring experience. The Hampshire Avon in winter is a place of quiet majesty. The vast reed beds are bleached white with frost, standing like skeletal sentinels against a bruised winter sky. The water is mesmerisingly clear, running cold and steady with winter energy. You can see every pebble on the riverbed, every trailing strand of dying weed and, occasionally, the dark shapes of fish holding in the deeper runs.

There is a meditative silence to a winter riverbank. The frantic life of summer is long gone, replaced by a stillness where every sound carries. A lone buzzard calls from a distant willow and the crisp air bites at your cheeks. This is the true magic of winter fishing. It strips away the distractions of everyday life, leaving you focused on the rhythm of the river and the behaviour of the fish. In these freezing conditions, the roach pack tightly into specific winter lies, demanding perfection in both tackle and presentation.

The Perfection of the Long Rod and Centrepin

For this delicate style of fishing, my tackle choice is a traditionalist's dream. I assemble a 13ft Drennan Acolyte Ultra float rod, a masterpiece of modern carbon technology that is incredibly light in the hand, yet possesses a forgiving tip-to-middle action that prevents small hooks from pulling free from the soft mouths of big roach. Paired with

this is a beautifully engineered JW Young Purist centrepin reel. There is no mechanical drag or gears here; the drum spins freely on a pinpoint spindle, controlled solely by the pressure of my thumb. The line is finished with a classic 4BB Avon



float. The shotting pattern is a neat shirt-button style, with small No.6 and No.8 split shot spaced evenly to ensure the bait falls naturally through the water. My bait strategy revolves entirely around white bread. In crystal-clear winter water, highly visible baits are king. Fresh, soft white bread is kept sealed to prevent it drying out, alongside a bag of liquidised bread for loose feed. I pinch a piece of fluffy bread flake around a size 16 hook, leaving the large white flake to expand naturally while keeping the hook point exposed.

Trotting the Perfect Glide

The swim I have chosen is a textbook Avon roach glide. It is a long, steady run around five feet deep, bordered by winter-worn rushes on the far bank. The current is smooth and unhurried—exactly the sort of water big roach favour during the colder months. Standing in the frosty margins, I introduce a small ball of liquidised bread just upstream, watching it explode into a milky cloud of attractive particles that drifts down the swim. I lower the hookbait into the water, release my

thumb from the Purist centrepin and let the current take the float. The reel spins effortlessly, feeding line at exactly the speed of the river.

The float trots steadily down the glide, its bright red tip riding perfectly in the surface film. I concentrate entirely on that tiny dot of colour, occasionally checking the float with my thumb to make the bread flake flutter naturally just off the bottom.

On the third trot, a flash of electric blue catches my eye. A kingfisher darts low across the river before settling on a frosted fence post downstream. It pauses for a moment before diving into a slack eddy. Encounters like this are one of the many reasons I love river fishing.

A Drop-Key Bite in the Mist

For two hours I continue to run the float through the glide, feeding tiny pinches of liquidised bread every few casts. The cold creeps into my boots, my fingers begin to stiffen, but my concentration never wavers. Winter roach fishing is a game of fine margins.

Then, halfway down the run, it happens.

The red tip of the Avon float does not simply dip; it vanishes with a smooth, decisive draw.

I lift the 13ft Acolyte and the tip folds into a steady, heavy resistance. There is no frantic charging like a chub or the jagged shaking of a perch. Instead, the rod registers the deep, rhythmic thumping of a heavy roach. The Purist centrepin gives an inch of line beneath my thumb as the fish holds deep in the current.

The length of the rod gives me complete control, allowing me to guide the fish away from the rushes without placing too much pressure on the light hooklength.

Every heartbeat feels amplified in the winter silence.

Slowly, I bring the fish into the slack water in front of me. Through the crystal-clear water the broad silver flank of a magnificent roach appears. Sliding the landing net beneath her, the prize is finally mine.

Lying on the unhooking mat, she is an absolute dream.

Her back glows with a deep blue-green sheen, her flanks shine bright silver and her fins are a vivid crimson. Broad, thickset and immaculate, she pulls the scales around to a magnificent 2lb 2oz—a true Hampshire Avon two-pounder. The excitement and relief instantly erase the biting cold.

Redfins in the Winter Sun

After celebrating with a hot cup of stew, I bait up with another fresh piece of fluffy bread flake. By now the weak winter sun has cleared the trees, casting a golden light across the frosted valley and making the riverbank

sparkle.

Within thirty minutes the float slides away again in exactly the same spot. This fish is slightly livelier, making a determined run towards the far-bank rushes, but the Acolyte cushions every lunge. Soon another stunning roach rests in the landing net, weighing 1lb 11oz.

The magic of the Avon continues as the afternoon unfolds. Just before the shadows begin to lengthen and the temperature starts to fall once more, the float buries for a third time. This fish uses the current to its advantage, hugging the bottom before finally gliding into the waiting net.

Another pristine redfin, weighing 1lb 14oz.

Three spectacular winter roach on the float—a red-letter day by any angler's standards.

The Frost Reclaims the River

As the sun dips behind the distant hills, freezing fog



begins rolling back across the water meadows and ice forms once again in the rings of my 13ft rod. I pack away the gear, securing the Purist centrepin in its pouch, my hands numb but my mind filled with absolute satisfaction.

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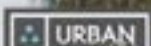
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Fishing Tips with Theia

With the summer holidays well underway, it is the perfect opportunity to get outside and try new things. Fishing can be a great way for families to spend time together, enjoy the great outdoors, indulge in some friendly competition, as well as experience nature in a way that is so often overlooked in the fast paced world that we live in. In this new series, 10yr old, and fishing mad, **Theia Ayles** demonstrates the tackle and bait, as well as offering a few tips, that will get you started in this great sport.



1) Getting Started

Looking at magazines, or on social media, it is easy to think that in order to go fishing you will need lots and lots of tackle and expensive bait. This can be true for specialist anglers, but by far the easiest way to get started is by using what is referred to as a whip.

The whip is basically the modern equivalent of a stick and string. Lightweight and telescopic, they are most commonly available in either 3m or 4m sizes. A 4m whip will give you more reach, but also increase the chance of getting caught up in any overhanging trees. A 3m version is generally easier to handle for young, inexperienced hands. Most tackle shops will have a selection of entry level whips for between £10-£20.

2) The Rig

The majority of Whip Kits will come complete with a rig. This consists of four parts and is the bit used to catch fish. **1) Line** - A whip doesn't need a fishing reel, instead you attach the loop of line at the end of the rig to the crook at the tip of the whip. The line should be the same length as the whip on which it is being used. **2) The Float** - The float acts as both a way of setting the depth that you want to fish at, and also to indicate when you have a bite. Attached to the line by a couple of silicone bands, you can slide it down the line towards the hook for shallower waters, or away from the hook if the fish are feeding on the bottom or in deeper water. Bites can vary, but in most cases the float will twitch before disappearing underwater. **3) Split Shot** - printed on the side of the float will be a shot-loading. This is the amount of weight required to cock the float. Too little and the float will lay on its side. Too much and the float will sink. Non toxic split shot are used to both cock the float and help the bait reach the required depth. Pre-tied rigs will already have the correct amount of weight on them, although you can move them by gently prising them open along the split, moving them to the new position, and squeezing them closed again. **4) The Hook** - Hooks come in many different sizes. Anglers refer to

them by number. The higher the number, the smaller the hook. Hooks between size 2-6 are used for big fish or baits. 8-12 for medium sized fish, and 14-18 for smaller fish. Most pre-tied rigs will have a hook between 12-16, which is ideal to get started. There is nothing to prevent you from tying your own rigs, but as a beginner it is generally easier, and more cost effective, to buy a selection of rigs from your local tackle shop.

3) Bait

Maggots have got to be the number one choice of bait for this type of fishing, although not everyone is easy to handle for them. There are plenty of household baits that will work just as well. Bread, sweetcorn, flour paste, or luncheon meat will all catch fish.



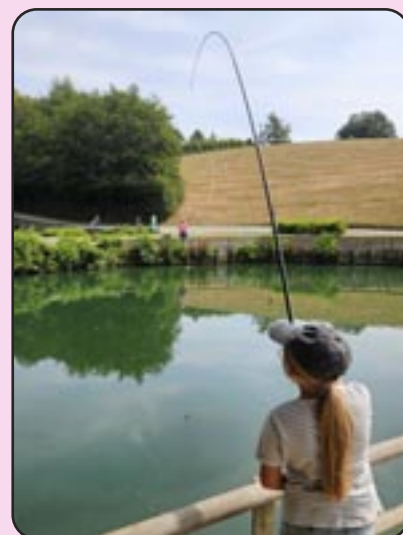
4) Extras

Although a whip is all that you need to catch fish, there are other pieces of equipment that will help to land and look after your fish. When starting out you will generally be targeting smaller fish. In this instance a disgorger is invaluable. Once you get to the point of targeting larger fish then a landing net and an unhooking mat become essential. Many fisheries will insist on these items as a minimum requirement. Once again, your local tackle shop will be able to advise you on what you need, although some fisheries will provide these items of tackle.

5) Get Fishing

Nearly all of the fisheries listed in the Freshwater Informer will have lakes suitable for beginners. Some, such as Hawkhurst Fish Farm, have dedicated Junior Lakes with bailiffs on hand to guide you. Crowborough & District Angling Association, along with a number of other local clubs, have open days across the summer holidays, and of course there are always more experienced anglers happy to help. So get out there and give it a go. Good Luck.

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Leo Neal has been catching a lot of carp recently on the pellet waggler, a method he was introduced to by his mentor Andy Lush. Leo joined Andy for another new challenge, fly-fishing for carp. Leo's a quick learner and once his casting was sorted the catching began. Catching upwards of a dozen fish, mostly doubles, saw Leo tired and elated at the end of the day, and he had learnt another way of catching carp. 🐟 🎣

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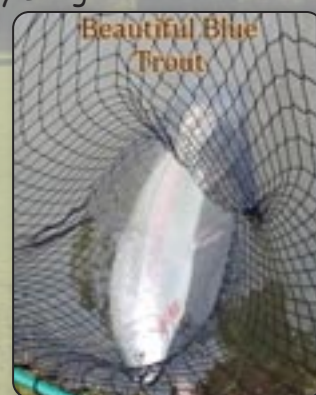
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Part 2 The Spanish adventure.

I mentioned in last month's article that almost all of my carp and barbel were caught using the "drag and drop" technique. This is a method I've learnt in recent years, when I've struggled to find barbel but carp have been present in good numbers. Carp rarely feed off the surface in Spain; so nymphing has become the go-to method. For most UK anglers the "drag and drop" technique is unfamiliar, so I thought I'd give a brief description of what it is.

Drag and drop.

Aerialising your fly line over carp in the crystal-clear water, spooks the fish. Casting a weighted fly close to a carp also spooks them. So you have to cast your fly past the carp, then drag it towards them; once overhead, you let the fly drop into position. It sounds easy, but it takes a lot of practice to get all the moving parts to align.



When it all comes together

I eventually realised that "roll casting" was the way forward. Using this cast the line lands gently, and pitches the fly forward, away from the carp. I also found that using a 'hot head' fly, which I could easily see, increased my success rate. Being able to see the fly and the carp at the same time was a game changer. An added benefit of using 'hot heads' is that you can see the fly when it's resting on the bottom, waiting for the carp to approach. You rarely feel a take; rather, you see them, and strike when you observe the carp's mouth opening and closing as it chews on your fly! By the way, barbel can be caught using this method too; they are far less spooky than carp, and sometimes will take the fly "on the drop", as well as "on the deck".

Orellana Reservoir.

A short two-day trip to the mighty Orellana was something I had wanted to do for some time. I plan to fish here in the future, so I thought this was a good opportunity to get a

feel for the water and hopefully identify some fish-holding features.

My plan was to hire a boat, and using my well-practised method of stalking the banks, I would scope out as much water as possible. I picked up the boat at Orellana la Vieja, a small town near the dam. I would have preferred to explore the top end of the reservoir, where I expected to find lots of shallow bays and creeks. However, looking at the maps provided by Jose, the boat owner, I could see plenty of interesting bays nearby.

Orellana is a very long, feature-packed water. It would take weeks of searching to cover it all, so my two days were only going to scratch the surface. Gleaning useful information on a new venue, when reading reports on angling websites is all part of the fun, when planning a trip from afar. I knew the reservoir contained barbel, carp, channel catfish, black bass, pike and zander. In recent years Orellana has become known for its big carp, with most visiting anglers using bait-and-wait methods. I had to filter through the information carefully, as most of what I read would not be applicable to my mobile fly-fishing approach.

I was told by Jose that my stalking method wouldn't work. He explained that the barbel were huge and in deep water, and that the carp were large and also in deep water. Although this news wasn't what I wanted to hear, I understood his advice was well-meant, but I still wanted to explore the bays, as this was why I had come.



A small bay on the mighty Orellana

Entering the first bay, I noticed immediately that the water was ultra-clear. Despite the water's clarity, spotting fish was proving difficult. The sunlight, coupled with the ripple, was creating a lot of light refraction. However, it didn't take long to spot the first carp. I couldn't see it clearly, but by its colour and size, it was a big common carp. How big? I estimated it at least 20lbs [9Kg]. I cast my mayfly nymph in its direction but quickly realised the fly was way too light

for the depth of water. I quickly changed to a weighted 'gold-headed' daddy longlegs. Change completed, but the fish had gone! I continued further into the bay and spotted another, even bigger carp. I estimated this at mid-20lb. I concentrated on exploring the bays off the main body of the reservoir; these offered some shelter from the wind and less ripple, which helped in spotting fish. As I entered yet another large bay it divided into two very fishy-looking creeks. I slowly walked into the first creek, as it narrowed I noticed a fence barring my progress. I was about to turn back, intending to return to the boat, when I spotted a carp slowly swimming towards me. Occasionally it stopped, before gently upending to feed. The water's surface here was mirror-smooth. I could clearly see it was another common, an upper double at least. It was a shame it wasn't one of the big fish I'd seen earlier, I watched as it continued to swim towards me, all the while holding my breath. I made a cast, well ahead of its intended path. I drew the weighted daddy longlegs into position, letting it fall and settle on the bottom.

The carp slowly swam along the bank, when it was maybe six inches [15cm] from my fly, I twitched the fly line, imparting a slight movement into the fly; immediately the carp tensed, it had seen it. It got closer, another twitch, and it shot forward, taking the fly without hesitation. I struck and immediately the fish shot past me at high speed, swimming through a patch of streamer weed, heading into open water. I was in shock now; my reel's spool was spinning so fast I daren't touch it for fear of breaking the leader. My fly line shot through the rod rings, followed by forty or fifty yards [35-45m] of backing line. My rod was arched over at an alarming angle. I couldn't apply any pressure at this point as the line was running through weed.

Initial panic over, the carp was now no longer charging off into the distance; it had started to slow down, it now changed direction and was kitting towards the bank. Suddenly, to my relief, my backing line started pinging off the weeds, I was now in direct contact with the fish once more. What to do now? I realised I had a slim chance of landing this carp, if I was careful. Rather than trying to bring it to me, I decided to walk along the bank towards it, while retrieving the line, keeping it under tension. The fish, although calmer, was still taking line, but far slower now, especially as I wasn't bullying it. I was also calmer and a thought struck me: I could actually land this fish. If I did, I'd like to get a proper picture and weigh it. In the boat I had a tripod for my mobile, I also had scales, but no sling; however, I had a large supermarket carrier bag which would suffice. The main problem, though, was that I hadn't got a landing net!

I was getting ahead of myself, but I now had a plan. I needed to land this fish as close as possible to the boat, which was still several hundred yards away. The carp was still happy to stay in open water, which was a relief, as the

shoreline was littered with rocks. I shortened the distance between me and the fish; my fly line, which was thirty yards long [27m] was only a few rod lengths away. I decided not to bring the fish any closer; instead, I walked it along the bank towards the boat, rather like "walking a dog". My boat was beached on a sandy bay between two rock points; this was going to be where I would have to beach it too. I increased the rod pressure; I was now gaining line. Finally, my fly line was back on the reel for a few seconds before exiting the rod again. I was getting very nervous now; any false move and I could easily lose the fish. I tried to stay calm; gradually, the fish came closer and finally it surfaced for the first time. I was shocked; it was far bigger than I'd first thought. Stunned, I continued playing the fish. My 9ft #5 fly rod was bent double. As I eased its head onto the sand, I jumped into the water. Now standing knee-deep in water, I launched my rod onto the bank, and using both arms lifted the carp onto the bank. A wetted boat drogue was thrown over it to keep it calm while I grabbed the tripod, the scales and the carrier bag, which was also wetted, before zeroing the scales. I was shaking with excitement, anxiety and fatigue, so it's not surprising the needle was bouncing around between 30lb and 31lbs [13.6-14Kg]. I decided to settle on 30lbs. What an experience, what a lucky bugger I'd been. The whole sequence of events will live with me for ever.



After the photos and a safe release, I pondered on what had just happened, and then I began to wonder how big those first two carp were. It's a question I asked myself several times since that day. I can only speculate that they were probably between 30lb and 40lb. Orellana has a history of producing carp in excess of 70lb, so it wouldn't be a stretch to believe they were that size. I'm sure it will come as no surprise to know I'm planning a return trip next spring, to see if I can catch some barbel and carp from the mighty Orellana.

Here's to dreaming.
Andy Lush

Junior Competition Winners



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MFC Store Prize Winner – Oliver Bates



New PB and a New Species for Oliver!

Stevie Bates spent the weekend fishing with his 12-year-old son, Oliver, on Nick's Lake at Hartley Lands. It proved to be a tough day's fishing under bright sunshine, with bites at a premium.

But as we all know, it's never over until the final cast... and that's exactly when the magic happened! On the very last cast of the session, Oliver landed this stunning 17lb 4oz leather carp, making it not only a new personal best but also the first leather carp of his angling journey.

The fish fell to a trusted PVA bag packed with crushed 15mm Pacific Tuna boilies and 3mm Pacific Tuna pellets, fished tight to an island. A fantastic result after sticking at it all day. Massive congratulations, Oliver—here's to many more PBs in the future!

Thank you for sharing your catch with The Freshwater Informer and MFC Baits. Enjoy your prize, and we look forward to seeing what you catch next!

Fish With Carl Winner: Ava Rigden

Fish With Carl Winner in The Freshwater Informer

Well done to Ava Rigden, who was absolutely over the moon after landing this lovely mid-double mirror carp from her local club water, Stonar Lake at Sandwich Lakes.

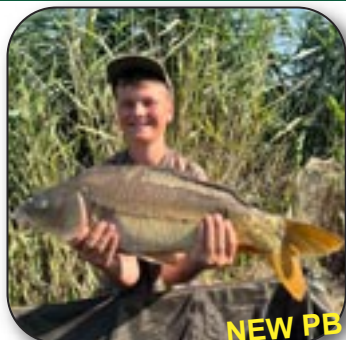


The fish fell to bloodworm boilies, proving once again just how effective they can be. It's a capture that has given Ava a real confidence boost and inspired her to spend even more time on the bank as she continues her angling journey.

Congratulations, Ava—what a fantastic fish, and here's hoping it's the first of many more memorable captures. Tight lines!

A big well done to Ava on a fantastic fishing trip— and congratulations on winning a signed Fish With Carl book!





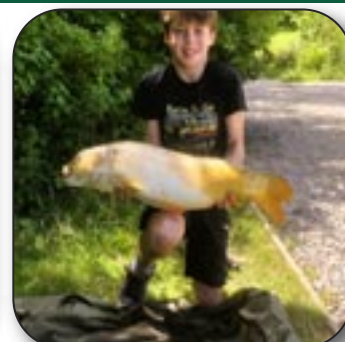
Reuben Donnelly - Mushroom Farm 11lb 12oz New PB



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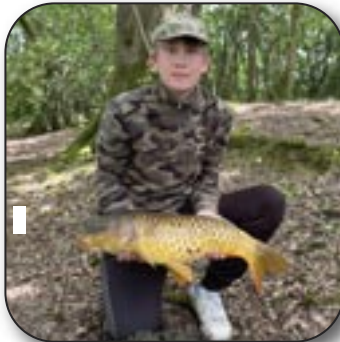
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Jack Taylor - Orchard Place - 17lb 3oz Mirror Carp



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Liam Enderby - River Perch 1lb 8oz



Jagger Gambrell - Trickle Brook - 34lb 10oz



Alfie Davis - Gold Valley - 22lb Common PB



Leyland Casey - 3lb 8oz Tench Lydd Club Water



Henry's Birthday at Sumners Pond S&SAT

THE FRESHWATER TEAM @ ELPHICK'S FISHERY PLANTATION LAKE 17TH - 19TH JUNE

For many anglers, 2nd January is just another day after the New Year celebrations. For those hoping to secure a session at Elphicks Fishery, however, it's one of the most important dates of the year.

Booking opens first thing in the morning and anyone who has tried knows just how frantic it can be. Popular lakes are often fully booked within 15 minutes, so there is no time to hesitate.

Having arrived at work early, both Dean and I sat with laptops and phones at the ready, refreshing the Swim-booker page as the clock ticked down. Our first choice was North Lake, but that disappeared almost instantly. With swims disappearing by the second, we quickly changed plans and eventually secured a three-day session on Plantation Lake, followed by two days on West End later in the year. The hard part was over. Now all we had to do was wait until July.

Finally Bank Side

The 17th July eventually arrived and, after what felt like an eternity, we pulled into Elphick's nice and early, waiting for the gates to open. We had booked the whole of Plantation Lake, giving the four of us—Dean, Jim, Lee and myself—the lake to ourselves.

As always, the first job was a walk around the lake. Even with exclusive access, choosing the right swim is never straightforward, but I'd already made my mind up. The roadside corner peg had shown plenty of fish every time I'd visited previously and, travelling fairly light, it suited me perfectly.

Dean settled into the roadside swim nearest the café, Jim chose a swim between the two of us, while Lee, arriving around midday after being delayed, opted for the middle swim on the opposite bank, giving him plenty of water to explore.

Keeping It Simple

Once everything was set up, I selected three spots and introduced bait using my Bushwhacker pole to reach the island with accuracy. My mix was uncomplicated—hemp, pellet and around ten bottom baits scattered over each area.



Two rods were fished with straight-out-of-the-bag 15mm boilies on simple D-Rigs, while the third carried a washed-out yellow pop-up on a Multi Rig.

I've always believed in keeping things simple. Confidence in your presentation is often more important than constantly changing rigs, and using the baiting pole meant I knew every rig was positioned exactly where I wanted it. My spots were all around 21 sections out—roughly 31.5 metres.

By 8.30am everything was fishing, the swim was tidy and I finally had the chance to sit back, watch the water and settle into the session.

It didn't last long.

A Flying Start

Within half an hour the middle rod absolutely melted off. The fish felt solid from the outset and fought hard before eventually sliding into the net. After a few quick photos it was safely returned, the rod was repositioned and another helping of bait introduced with the pole. Forty-five minutes later the same rod was away again. As I picked it up, the pop-up rod screamed into life as well.

Double hook-ups always seem exciting until you're trying to deal with two determined carp heading in opposite directions. Thankfully Jim was on hand to help



and, between us, we managed to guide both fish safely into separate landing nets. One weighed 24lb 8oz, while the other tipped the scales at 16lb 6oz. Having a spare landing net suddenly seemed like a very wise decision. The action simply continued throughout the day. Every time I thought I'd finally caught up, another alarm sounded.

By dinner time I'd landed eight carp and barely had time to sit down. Dean had also enjoyed a productive first day with around six fish, while Jim and Lee were still searching for their first bites from the middle swims, which appeared to be fishing a little harder.

Bank-Side Banquet

After a busy day in temperatures well into the thirties, we were all ready for some food.

Lee reeled in his rods and wandered over to join us on the roadside for dinner. He'd brought along some excellent steaks, and we kept things wonderfully simple. The barbecue was fired up while red onions were slowly cooked down with a little butter until beautifully soft and sweet. The steaks were cooked medium-rare before being sliced thinly and served in fresh ciabatta baguettes with cheese, jalapeños and chipotle sauce. Sometimes it's the simplest meals that taste the best, especially after a full day on the bank. Washed down with a well-earned cold beer, it made for a perfect summer evening.

Evening Rewards

Not long after the rods were repositioned, Jim's alarms burst into life.

His reward was a lovely 22lb mirror carp, ending any thoughts of a blank.

That left just Lee.

Thankfully, shortly after darkness fell, one of his rods tore off and he soon had a mid-double safely in the net.

Now all four of us had caught.

I then experienced something almost unheard of after such a hectic day... Nothing.

Not a single bleep throughout the night. Normally I'd be frustrated, but sleeping under the stars without even putting the



bivvy up was exactly what I needed. There's something special about drifting off while looking up at a clear summer sky that reminds you why we all love spending time by the water.

Slowing Down

Friday had been frantic, but Saturday proved very different.

Although the weather remained warm, the action slowed considerably.

Dean and I each managed only a couple of fish throughout the day. It became one of those sessions where patience was needed. Rather than constantly recasting, I spent the quieter periods tidying my tackle, tying a few fresh rigs and simply watching the lake.

Sometimes those slower days are every bit as enjoyable.

One fish came during the morning, another after dinner, and that was about it.

During the night I added one final carp of around 22lb before slipping it back and deciding to leave that rod out of the water.

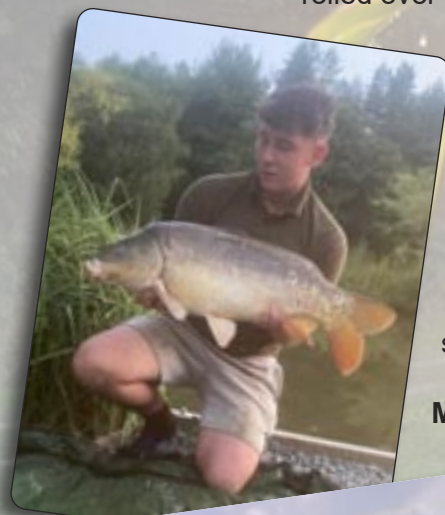
I'd had a fantastic trip and felt no need to chase every last bite.

One Last Surprise

As daylight broke on the final morning, I noticed Lee bent into a fish across the lake.

Walking over to lend a hand turned out to be a good decision.

After a tense battle, a superb 29lb common finally rolled over the net cord.



Even better, it was a new personal best for Lee.

Those are often the moments that make a trip memorable—not just your own captures, but sharing someone else's success.

More Than Just the Fishing

With my own rods packed away, I sat back, enjoyed the last hour beside the lake and reflected on what had been a brilliant few days.



The Kent Carping Legend Dean with one of his captures from the session

Working long hours—leaving home around 6am and often not getting back until 7pm—means time to properly switch off doesn't come around very often. This trip wasn't just about catching carp, although landing eleven fish certainly helped. It was about spending quality time with good friends, enjoying great food, sharing laughs and remembering why we all fell in love with fishing in the first place.

Plantation Lake certainly lived up to expectations. Some days it tested us, other days it rewarded us handsomely, but throughout the session it reminded us that no two days in angling are ever the same.

We'll certainly be back and now can't wait until we head to West End Lake on the 5th and 6th August where Si Fishes joins us to see if we can capture one of the big girls that live in the lake, fingers crossed until then, tight lines from:

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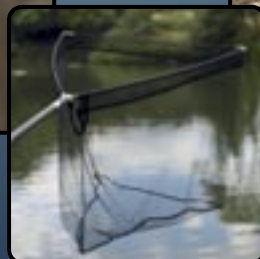
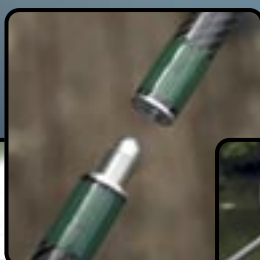
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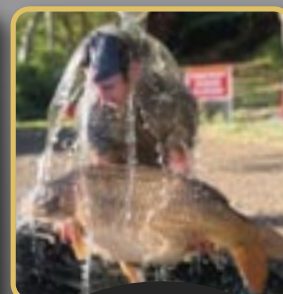
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The Medway Man

Bob Morris

Here is the question: can you have too much of a good thing?

Answer: Mmmm - possibly. This reminds me of a conversation that I once had with Jim Gibbinson. We were both into our tench fishing big time and had been having a good season with hardly any blanks and a load of action. We were not fishing the same waters, but our tactics were similar and we had been comparing notes on a regular basis.

Jim eventually used the phrase 'I am all Tenched out' and his solution to this was to give it a rest and go Mullet fishing for a while. My solution was to change to another venue which as it happened turned out to be a lot harder to get to grips with and I suffered a series of blank sessions before getting back into some form of regular action. This move reinvigorated my efforts and halted the slide into complacency. It also brought about my initiation into the world of Mullet fishing after an invite from Jim who was doing well with some decent ones on his local tidal Medway. I did not give up on my Tench campaign but really enjoyed having a chance to have few totally new experiences fishing alongside Jim on his home patch. My conclusion was that the Mullet were harder to tempt than the Tench, but I did get one on my maiden voyage which prompted Jim to declare me an honorary member

of the Medway Mullet club. The reason for this story is that I seem to be getting quite close to Jim's 'all tenched out level' and I am considering a change of water,

species, or outlook on the whole situation. Yes, I'm still enjoying what I am doing but am now feeling like I need a new challenge. I have never been a fan of mid-summer river fishing particularly during the sort of conditions (extremely hot and dry) that have prevailed re-

cently, so don't fancy a move in that direction at present. Something that has interested me lately is the number of other species invading my tench patch and avoiding capture by virtue of the relatively heavy tactics that I have been using.

These appear to be Roach, Rudd, Perch and even possibly Crucians.

The problem is that I hate losing fish and the ever-present possibility of hooking a big carp combined with the thick mid-summer growth of Pads and various water weed make fishing lighter a bit of a no no. I have a few ideas about this, and I will be trying to put them into practice over the next few sessions. I won't go into details now until I have a bit more experience of how they might work out in practice but suffice to say that very short thin hook links are involved and a no-quarter attitude when playing and netting fish will be required. Although much of my recent action has been on feeders of various types, I have had a lot of fish particularly Tench on the float at close range which is my favourite way of fishing. As mentioned before, the trouble with this is that you really do have to concentrate to avoid missing bites and I find that the environment and wildlife is the main distraction for me. I sometimes just resort to a small leger or feeder in the margin swim to get around this problem. No shortage of wildlife sightings of late either with a family of Hobby's keeping me interested during my last couple of trips while Sparrowhawks, Kestrels, Buzzards and Kites have been around and provided some spectacular views.

At the time of writing we are experiencing heat-wave conditions and even though this does not seem to have affected my action yet, water levels are starting to drop and with apparently, little chance of rain we could be heading for drought conditions once again. I am really hop-



ing that this recurring problem will now see the government concentrating efforts to address this urgently with new reservoirs desperately needed and possibly an investigation into the viability of desalination. The issue of water shortage particularly in the southeast, is only going to get worse and the need for thousands of new homes will only exacerbate the problem as it is obvious that various water companies are already struggling to keep up with demand. Conservation of water is surely a big part of our ongoing efforts to address this recurring drought situation, with hosepipe bans and restrictions on domestic use likely to become the norm. It is crazy to have a situation where we have floods on a regular basis but are unable to hold enough water back to get us through these dry spells, which we are told will become more common. At the same time we have an issue globally with sea levels rising and temperatures increasing. Maybe drinking the sea will eventually be the only option 😊.

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Bob Morris



Piscatorial Politics

Regular readers of my stuff will be aware that one of my pet hates is 'too many rules' and although many of these relate to fish care and are aimed at reducing the possibility harm being caused it often seems like a slippery slope toward an unenforceable situation with the 'definition' of a dodgy or banned rig etc, being left to individual officials and bailiffs to Interoperate.

Having said this, I have recently been sent two pictures of undoubtedly dangerous end tackles that were retrieved from the lake and riverbed during working parties. The first, as usual incorporated the use of a fixed lead weight and a length of lead core. Any form of fixed weight allows the possibility of a fish ending up towing it about, if a break occurs on the line above it.

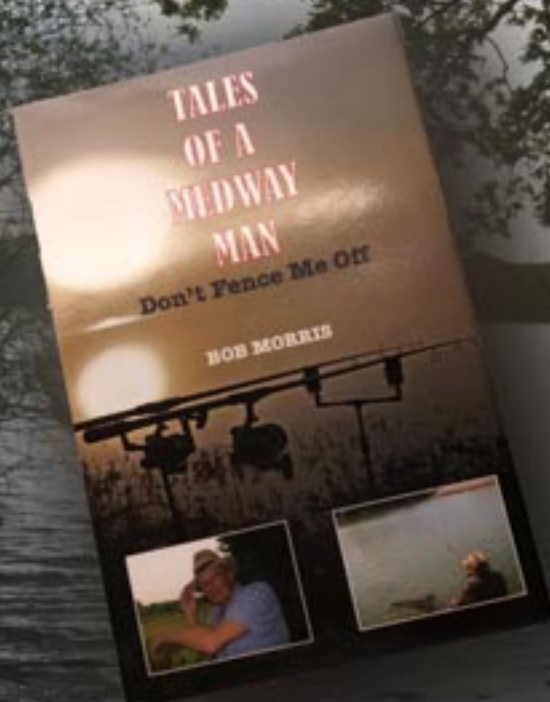
The second picture shows a long length of coiled fine steel wire which had been exposed after the plastic tube had been stripped away in a snag. Presumably this product is aimed at replacing Lead Core tubing – possibly where this has been banned! The potential damage to fish or indeed waterfowl and other wildlife is considerable, and I find it hard to believe that this is on sale.

As previously stated in this column I am not a fan of rig checks and believe that Angling clubs should avoid going down this 'dangerous path'. I would however just say to any angler who is considering using end tackles of this type.

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