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Hello and welcome to the November issue of the Freshwater Informer!

Yet another month has flown by and here we are hurtling our way towards the end of the year and all that it brings!!! A visit to a Home Bargains store at Aylesford in early October saw a whole aisle devoted to Christmas decorations! I only went in for a bar of soap and wasn't expecting to be confronted with rows of tinsel and glitter! I guess that I am not the only one who has to plan well in advance, but I have yet to start to pen the December edition, although that will soon arrive!

This edition of the magazine is quite a special issue. The publication is celebrating its official 23rd Birthday with issue number 276. In this day and age that is some achievement! We have witnessed the demise of many of our much loved angling press over the years, but the Informer has gone from strength to strength and continues to grow and build popularity with its expanding readership. The development of the magazine's Facebook page has done a lot to increase awareness of the publication and the social media audience has increased demand for the paper copy throughout, not only our region, but the whole country. The Facebook page also gives me the ability to 'talk' and communicate with readers and anglers in general on a daily basis and this adds what I feel is the 'personal touch'. I would like to believe that readers feel that the Informer is 'their magazine' and I do my utmost to ensure that all anglers are embraced and welcomed to its magazine pages and Facebook page. Many of the reports that I receive have a personal story behind them and I am very touched by the fact that people feel that they can tell me about the human story behind the report.

The November edition also marks my first year at the helm of the magazine! I cannot believe it is a year since 'my first issue' was published! It has been a remarkable year, one of immense hard work and development of the publication. Over the last 12 months, I have built the content of the magazine to expand its appeal, interest and enjoyment. I am delighted to have so many quality contributors who produce such great articles each month. The feedback that I receive suggests that readers enjoy the variety of articles that is published each month. Occasionally, I receive a comment that the magazine is only about carp! Yes, there are items that are carp related as this reflects not only the popularity of this side of our sport, but, the reports that are sent to me. Not enough silver fish reports? I started the River Informer section to embrace the running water side of angling and hope to grow this section further. However, I cannot publish silver fish catches and articles unless I receive them! If you don't send them, I can't print them! The silver fish reports and catch news on the Facebook page are always well received and many anglers take the time to post a comment.

The magazine continues to be a FREE to pick up publication from the many stockists throughout the region. The fact that, not only is it FREE, but the content is local and relevant to the reader means that anglers generally read the magazine from cover to cover, even if they do not participate in a particular branch of fishing. I would like to thank our advertisers for their continued support. It is the advertising revenue that makes the magazine possible each month and the improved content of the magazine and subsequent enjoyment by readers makes the Freshwater Informer a very attractive platform to advertise a business from. I am always happy to chat to potential advertisers who would like to join our 'family' and discover the benefits of working with us!

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Enjoy your fishing, Barry Reed

Letter to the Editor

Robin Piper kindly put pen to paper and sent in this letter about his latest fishing trip to Claygate Lakes:

"Dear Barry, A small letter and photo to put you in the picture, so to speak! First things first! In my last letter to you (published in the September issue), I stated that I was fishing on Lake Amy. Well, I made a slight 'boo boo' as we were actually fishing on Lake Eva! Dave (owner of Claygate Lakes) saw my letter today and suggested I needed to go to Specsavers!!!

Anyhow, this photo shows a nice common of 5lbs 11ozs, the best of the bag that went 43lbs. Although they don't look very big Barry, they are very broad across the back! I was fishing Lake Sophie out in the middle and after plumbing the bottom, I decided to fish the waggler rod for a change, so I put out some corn to get the fish on the feed. There are times when there is not a lot of action to start off with and this was the story for me the whole morning! I went back to the trusty old 10 footer, 8lbs Maxima line, 1/2 oz Stonze and size 12 Gripz hook with a running link. On this trip, I had taken a variety of baits for a change and they included luncheon meat, prawns, peas and I also used some pellet. Just half a dozen F1s later and I changed to the far bank with sliced bread on a pop up rig. This resulted in my bag for the day. It was slow to start but a much better end to my session."

Regards, Robin Piper



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Fishery Reports

Beaver Fishery Lingfield, Surrey

SNIPES LAKE Jake Warrington's first session on here resulted in a PB common of 26-03, **Steve White** continued his good form when he banked commons at 16-12, 20lb, and 28-02, **Simon Farlow** had a 27lb mirror, **Kel Stevens** returned to us after a bit of a break and banked a common of 27-15 and mirrors at 24-08 and 35-03 while his brother banked a mirror of 17-04, **Dave Thornton** finally got hold of a fish on his 10th session banking a 20lb mirror and **Scott Harvey** continued his run of success when he banked mirrors at 19lb, 29-14 and a new **PB** of 35-04.



Steve White 28-02 Snipe



Kel Stevens 27-15 Snipe



Jake Warrington 26-03 PB Snipe



Scott Harvey 29-04 Snipe

TUSCANY LAKE Les Franklin had a 53lb cat on his first morning then one at 50-06, **Shane Heffer** banked cats at 31lb and 51lb, **Peter Ellis** had a 30 and a 55, **Vic Collier** banked 2 cats at 26-02 and a **PB** of 54lb, **Antony Gunn** continued to catch when he had a 36, **Ryan O'Grady** banked a 17, a 23-08 and then one that bottomed his scales at over 50lb while his dad **Mick** had one at 23-08, **Dan Astrella** had a bonkers session when he banked 8 cats to 28lb, **Steven Eastman** has banked 7 cats to 39-08 on a couple of sessions, **Gaz Lemon** had a **PB** 49-08, **Terry Pook** has banked a couple of 20's and a 36-02 and **Jeff Betts** banked over half a dozen cats to 34lb just doing afternoon sessions.



Gaz Lemon 49-08

JEFF'S LAKE Has been a little tougher than usual of late but we are still witnessing day anglers catching plenty of F1's. The Jeff's Open was hard fishing with the top 3 being **Clive Mills** with 23-12, **Sam Beckinsale** with 23lb and **Barry Horsnell** with 20-12. Not many F1's were caught during the match but the next day we saw **Chris Bacon** on the method feeder tactics and he banked 9 decent F1's in a short morning session.



Les Franklin 53lb



Vic Collier 54-00 Tuscany PB



Peter Ellis 55lb Tuscany



Steve Eastman Tuscany

MOAT POND has been good fishing this month with small carp, crucians and silvers being caught, a typical example is when **Tyler Walsh** had a morning's fishing and banked 8 carp to 11lb and **Chris Bacon** took his method feeding tactics onto Moat pond and continued to catch carp too.

DAUGHTERS LAKE has been tough going this month but there have been some nice carp caught. **George Kenealey** had a lovely mirror of 11-02 while his girlfriend **Lauren** banked a mirror of 12-01 and **Martin Butcher** had a low double mirror and **Nick Webb** banked a stockie of 8-05.



Tyler Walsh 11lb Moat Pond



Nick Webb 8-05 Daughters Stockie



Lauren 12-01 Daughters Stockie



George Kenealey Daughters Stockie 11-02

EDEN POND has been great fishing recently and the tench have been on the feed, **John** and **Roger** were back for their weekly get together and **John** had 3 tench and 2 commons while **Roger** had 5 tench, **Chris Bacon** was back with his son **Jacob** and **Chris** had a tougher day banking 1 carp and 1 bream while **Jacob** had 4 tench and 2 carp.

MAZE LAKE has been producing lots of the new F1's we stocked in the winter, with day anglers banking plenty on day sessions as well as other carp and silvers.



Len Humphrys 8-02

MAJORS LAKE saw the start of our pike season and we have seen plenty of pike coming out to low doubles so far, **Len Humphries** had the 1st one of the season at 8-12 then a couple more, **Steven Nicholas** had 5 pike to 14lb. The carp as usual are hard to find once the pike anglers start luring but we have seen a few banked with the biggest falling to **Charlie Killick** when he banked a 21lb mirror.

We apologise that we cannot report every catch on every lake especially if we are not informed of the fish banked. Well done to all and please don't forget to send in or tell us about your catches or you can send pictures via Whatsapp.

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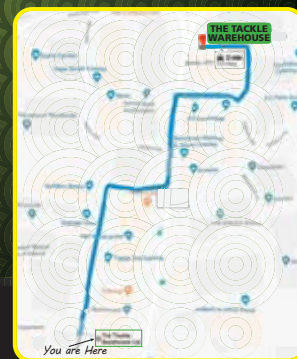
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Fishery Reports

Hawkhurst Fish Farm Hawkhurst, Kent

Last month's FOM Competition winner was a very well deserving member who fishes regularly on Specimen Lake. This particular session stood out to us as he fished during challenging conditions but was pleasantly surprised with this awesome mix of carp. With that in mind, a big well done to **Ricky Young** for winning yourself 24 hours free fishing!

MAIN LAKE: Rob Pizzy sent in a catch report saying "What a weekend at HFF on main lake. Four friends fishing a pairs competition in torrential rain along with 26 fish banked and 13 lost... What a fabulous place to fish along with great staff as always nothing is ever a problem, thanks Rob. A session that will never be forgotten by us indeed." Between them, they banked a 64lb catfish, Mirrors up to 28lb and lots of Commons as well! **Mark, Rob and Paul** had "another great session", with all 3 of them catching a 20lb+ carp. Mike caught 5 fish up to 22lb on a day ticket. **Jake Beaney** fished a 36 hour session and lost 5 carp but managed to land an impressive 68lb 4oz Catfish! A big well done to **Chris** who fished 72 hours on Main Lake (it was his first time at the fishery). He blanked for the first 24 hours and felt like he was missing bites, so changed his tactics and was well rewarded with 14 carp and a baby cat! **Morgan and Lee** had a quality 36 hour session on Main Lake, with a 24lb Common and 42lb Catfish for Morgan, and a 20lb Common. A big well done to **Sam** for landing a new PB; an awesome 50lb 4oz Catfish caught using Atlantic heat boilers. **Mike** caught a lovely 25lb Mirror, and a stunning 23lb zip linear. Well done to **Anthony** for landing a 30lb Catfish and 21lb Common from Main Lake back bank. **Jez Lambert** had a great session on Main Lake, netting 16 carp up to 26lb 6oz. **Tony** had an awesome 36 hour session on Main Lake, banking 7 catfish between 44lb and 61lb 8oz, and 3 carp weighing 11lb, 22lb and 23lb!



Fish of the Month winner - Ricky Young



64lb Catfish - Main Lake - Brandon Pizzy



60lb Catfish - Main Lake - David Brown



23lb Zip Linear - Main Lake - Mike Miller



22lb Common - Main Lake - Mike Miller

DOVE LAKE: A 36 hour session on Dove Lake resulted in a 33lb 1oz Common and a mid double for **Matthew. Kev Game** fished his first ever overnight session and was rewarded with a beautiful Common which also set his new PB. **Harry** caught 2 Commons, weighing in at 23lb and 25lb. **Graham** sent in a photo of a stunning Common- it wasn't the biggest but it was certainly beautiful.



23lb 8oz Common - Dove Lake - Aaron Buckley

Aaron fished a last minute session on Dove Lake landing two commons, this one weighing in at 23lb 8oz. Another good 48 hours on Dove Lake for **Jason Mayne**; 4 commons out, 19lb 6oz, 20lb, 21lb 3oz and a PB of 25lb 3oz. **Simon Evans** bagged himself a mint condition 27lb Common. **Jack** landed himself a new PB - a stunning 25lb Common caught using CCMoore Live System Boilies. A lovely catch report from **Connor Dennis**: "Just finished a week on Dove lake and what can I say! It's been amazing, my Jack



25lb 3oz Common - Dove Lake - Jason Mayne



27lb Common - Dove Lake - Simon Evans

smashed his PB with a 25lb common and caught his first cat and I had a a ghostie of 20lb. We caught 14 fish each! It's a very well maintained venue and the fish are in amazing conduction. The bailiffs are fantastic and a good laugh". An awesome session on Dove Lake resulted in a gorgeous 18lb PB ghostie for **David**; he also managed a nice Common as he was packing up!

SPECIMEN LAKE: An awesome session for **Steve** on Specimen Lake; he started off with a 26lb Common and a 21lb Catfish on his first two casts. He went on to land a 22lb Mirror and 36lb Catfish, and finished with an impressive 30lb Mirror and 61lb PB Catfish! **Lee and Julie Marston** had an awesome day session, with **Julie** managing a new PB in the form of a 30lb 6oz Common.

Tim Porter managed a lovely 32lb Mirror. **Aiden Punter** caught a really nice 25lb koi mirror. **Ricky** (our last FOM competition winner) certainly put his free session to good use, managing to land 3 x 30lb'ers in total! They consisted of a chunky 34lb Mirror, a 32lb 4oz Mirror and the smaller blue carp at 36lb! He also landed a 25lb 12oz Common and a little humpback Mirror weighing 20lb 4oz! A 36 hour session on Specimen Lake resulted in a lovely looking 28lb 6oz Mirror and 18lb Common for **Dave Bembrick**- both caught using 15mm pop up pacific tuna! **Tim Porter** caught a lovely couple of carp- the biggest weighing 29lb 10oz! A big well done to **Tom Marshall** for landing 4 fish in 48 hours on Specimen Lake: 3 commons weighing 32lb, 26lb & 21lb, and a small cat. **Oli Rickson** landed a 21lb Common and 22lb Common using pva bags during a 48 hour session. **Dan Barden** had a good 36 hour session, landing a 22lb Common, 25lb 8oz Common and 26lb 8oz Mirror. **Andy Punter** had a great weekend, bagging himself a 41lb 7oz Catfish.



61lb Catfish - Specimen Lake - Steve Taylor



25lb Koi Mirror - Specimen Lake - Aiden Punter



32lb Mirror - Specimen Lake - Tim Porter



28lb 6oz Mirror - Specimen Lake - Dave

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Maisies Lake



Liam Clarke - Maisies

FIELD LAKE We have been running private club matches on Fridays and they have turned out to be very productive on the fishing front! All the anglers are catching with 50lb bags of carp being a regular occurrence.

HOUSE LAKE has produced a few bites and has been popular with the seniors where we run our reduced ticket rate on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

KELL LAKE has been very popular! Those that have fished it have been rewarded with some lovely specimens.



William - Kell



Brady 21lb - Kell

SNAKE LAKE Despite the weather, large bags of carp are being weighed in regularly. The Snake lake makes for some fantastic pleasure fishing throughout the week.

OLD SPECI The fish in Old Speci seem to be shoaled up in large groups. If you can find these groups then multiple takes are on the cards. Some anglers have had 20 plus fish in a session. The lake is also producing far more double figure fish than ever.

NEW SPECI The fish seem to be growing and growing and the lake holds many twenties and is now producing 30lb plus carp.



Martin Crispe - 31lbs New Speci



Jimmy Crispe - 29lbs New Speci

MIDDLE LAKE The fish are feeding more in open water early evening and at night. This lake is fast becoming very popular with carp anglers who have banked fish to 28lb.

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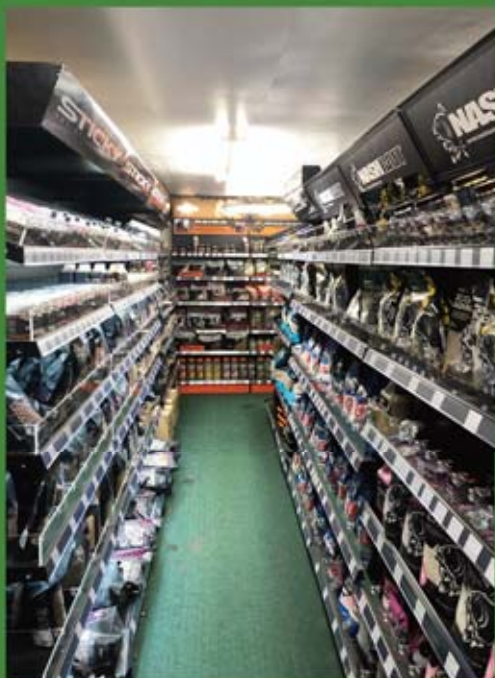


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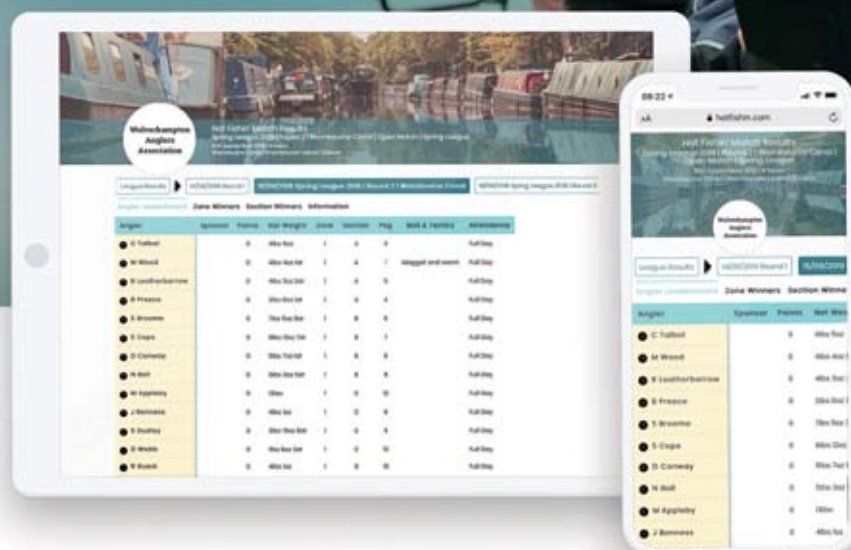
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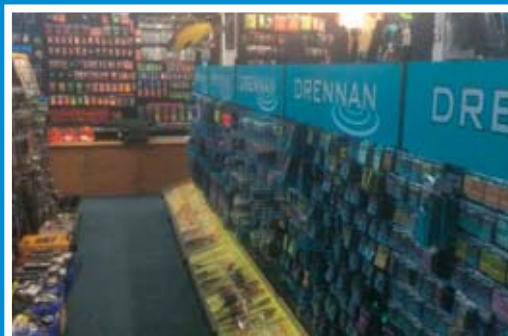
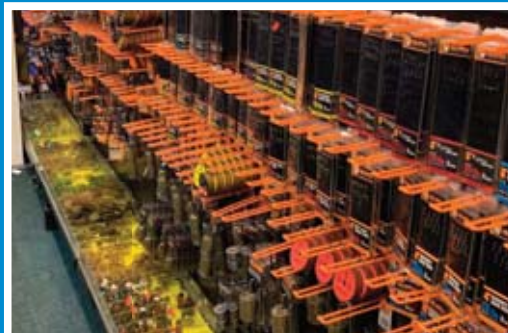
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NORTH LAKE is still producing. **Ken Davis** had 2 commons at 35lb, 37lb, and 2 mirrors at 32lb, 37lb. **Terry Diveney** had commons and mirrors at 29lb, 31lb, 32lb, 33lb, 35lb. **Paul Hampshire** had commons at 23lb, 25lb and mirrors at 32lb, 33lb, **Mike McDonald** had commons at 38lb, 24lb, 31lb, 29lb, 21lb, 19lb, 22lb, 27lb and mirrors at 38lb, 32lb, 28lb, 39lb. **Karl** had commons at 26lb, 38lb, 28lb, 24lb, 36lb, 33lb, 38lb and mirrors at 40lb, 19lb, 28lb, 33lb, 41lb. **Ryan McDonald** had 4 commons at 40lb, 34lb, 21lb, 25lb and mirrors at 35lb, 20lb, 24lb, 22lb. **Paul Hedger** had 3 mirrors at 27lb, 28lb, 33lb. **David Farmer** had commons at 29lb, 32lb and 3 mirrors at 27lb, 28lb, 33lb. **Brendan Bell** had a common at 23lb and a 40lb mirror. **David Barron** had a 37lb mirror. **Ron Fuller** had a 35lb common and a 23lb Grass carp. **Ronnie Ingleby** had a 37lb common and a 45lb mirror, both **PBs**.



Ronnie Ingleby North Lake 10.19

PLANTATION LAKE is fishing well. **John Briggs** had commons at 14lb, 15lb, 31lb, 32lb and mirrors at 19lb, 26lb, 29lb. **Des Valentine** had commons at 17lb, 19lb, 14lb, 27lb and mirrors at 20lb, 29lb and 5 doubles. **Lez Davies** had 2 mirrors at 22lb and 31lb 4oz.



Tom Hughes Prairie Lake. 09.10

PRAIRIE LAKE is producing good numbers of carp. **Kieron West** had mirrors of 22lb, 31lb, 26lb and 18lb also commons of 28lb and 24lb. **Dave Long** had commons of 22lb, 16lb, 15lb and 25lb also a 33lb **PB** mirror. **Jack White** had a 33lb 5oz common and a 27lb 9oz mirror. **Tom Hughes** had 3 mirrors at 24lb, 29lb, 35lb.

SANDWICH LAKE is producing carp to pva bags and a small method feeder. Silvers are coming out on maggots and corn. Carp still coming off the top to bread and floaters. **Craig Swindell** had 8 carp to 9lb

KETTLES LAKE is fishing well. **Scott Nolan** had a 32lb 12 oz common and a 26lb mirror. **Jake Boyd** had a 16lb mirror. **Simon Roberts** using bread and boilies had mirrors of 19lb, 11lb, 8lb, 17lb and 22lb. He also had commons of 9lb, 14lb, 24lb and 11lb. **Tom Littlewood** had an 18lb mirror and 4 other from 10lb to 13lb. Carp still loving the bread and floaters. **Richard Cutts** and **Neil Edwards** had 32 carp between 12lb and 25lb.



Natalie Jackman 18lb 8oz Kettles Lake 09.19

PULLENS LAKE has produced large carp this month. **Nick Miles** had mirrors of 24lb 3oz, 34lb 2oz and 31lb 5oz. **Chris Priest** had 2 x 30s and a new lake record at 53lb 12oz. **Dave Thomas** had mirrors of 48lb 8oz, 49lb 9oz and 51lb 8oz, 36lb and 33lb. **Thomas Farmer** had a common of 30lb and mirrors of 39lb 9oz 44lb 1oz and 40lb 4oz.



Rob O'Neill West End Lake 09.19

WEST END LAKE has picked up a bit now. **Lee Rooke** had 4 mirrors at 43lb, 43lb, 48lb, 50lb. **Scott Maginnis** had a 40lb mirror. **Sean Cole** had 7 mirrors at 30lb, 32lb, 33lb, 40lb, 42lb, 42lb, 43lb. **The Belton group** had 7 x 30lb and 8 x 40lb with 45lb, 48lb, 49lb, being the biggest. **Rob O'Neill** had 3 mirrors at 28lb, 32lb, 39lb. **Gary Harrow** had 2 mirrors at 36lb, 41lb.

Tanyard Fisheries Uckfield, East Sussex

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COARSE LAKE 1 Damien landed a twelve fish mix of Tench, Roach and Common Carp using sweetcorn. **Harry** fishing for the day landed three Roach, four Rudd and two Common Carp.

COARSE LAKE 2 Brandon came for a day session and landed a nice 13lb Catfish using luncheon meat and a Common Carp of 9lb using sweetcorn. **Steve** had a good day's fishing landing three Common Carp and 4 Catfish all under 12lb. **Mike** came for an afternoon and landed two Mirror Carp 8lb 3oz and 12lb. **Joseph** braved the rain and landed three Common Carp 5lb 4oz, 9lb 6oz and 10lb 2oz all using maggots. **Graham**, on a day's session landed two Bream of 6lb and four Common Carp 4lb, 7lb 3oz, 5lb and 12lb 5oz. **Jordan** came to join his friends on a day ticket and landed four Common Carp all under 10lb. **Dave** had a great session landing five Catfish the biggest was 15lb using spam and halibut pellets. **Keith** along with his friend had half a day's fishing landing three Bream of 6lb, 5lb 4oz and 4lb. **Colin** joined Keith and landed three Common Carp all under 8lb and a Catfish of 11lb. **Brenden** landed a very nice Common Carp of 6lb 7oz

COARSE LAKE 3 Max came for a day, armed with his new rods and reels landed a fully scaled Mirror Carp of 14lb 6oz and three Bream of 6lb, 8lb and 9lb all using maggots. **Marian** also had a good day landing a thirteen fish mix of Carp largest of 15lb and smallest of 5lb all using prawns and maggots. **Peter** came for his first visit and landed six Common Carp all around 6lbs all using maggots.

CARP FREE LAKE Robert came on a wet day and landed five Tench all around 3lb and a Perch of 2lb all using worms. **Mike** had a day's fishing landing three Crucian Carp, two Tench and a Koi Carp all using maggots. **Richard** braved the rain and landed two Perch 2lb 10oz. **Nick** came for a day's fishing and landed three Tench all under 2lb using worms.



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If you study the basic biology of fish you will quickly understand that they are incredibly sensitive to their natural surroundings, a place where we are visitors at best. For example, they have chemoreceptors which give them a hugely heightened sense to taste and smell, as well as a linear line through which they acutely sense vibration and even a complex system, in carp, through their swim bladder, allowing them to 'hear'!

So, shouldn't we question why this has changed within the modern scene, and ask whether such a change has ultimately been for the better? Just consider how clunky, obtrusive and cumbersome much of the current terminal set ups that are promoted have become; thick lines



Do fish sense these as a danger

and leaders, lumps of plastic and metals alongside massive leads and feeders. The total opposite of the historically proven, and it seems to have gradually crept up on us and we now all too easily accept. Is it because these set ups are advertised to be 'camouflaged' and the assumed result being that fish cannot 'see' these obtrusive objects and can, therefore, be easily tricked? This mantra has been promoted as a fact, but what if we stand back and question that there is the very real chance that this is far from the truth and there is a plethora of researched facts to prove it to be totally wrong? A huge statement, and very possibly deemed controversial by some, when so many anglers now accept that by painting a lead green a fish can no longer detect it! Just think, if what I am saying has real bearing, we should really be revisiting with fresh eyes and, by accepting the reality of the situation and making changes, it can only improve our catch rates.

Let's take the largest pieces of our terminal tackle: lead weights and method feeders. Manufacturers obviously appreciate the fact there is an issue here because they endeavour to camouflage such tackle items with a coat of 'camo' paint or plastic. But in truth, especially once you appreciate the real sensory ability of fish, this in fact does nothing to change that the object is still man-made and a potential threat to a feeding fish.



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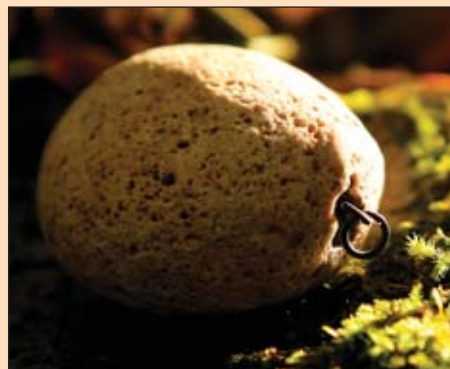
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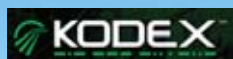
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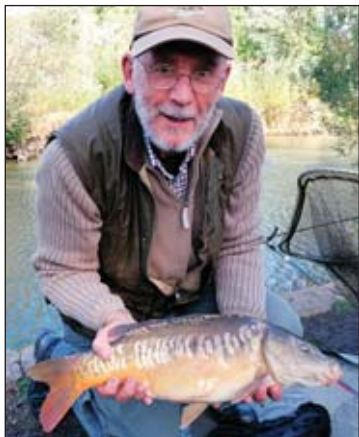
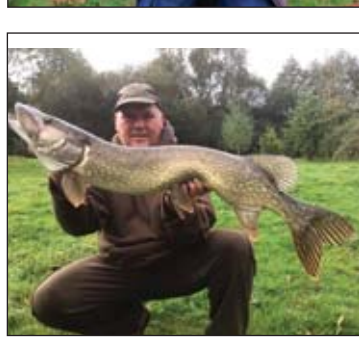


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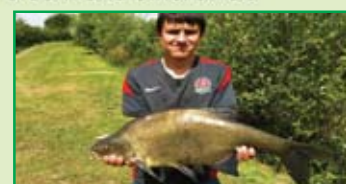
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GROUNDBAIT CLINIC BY ANDY PHELPS

"My plan was to fish on Lake Windsor on the Cottington Complex and have a nice day fishing the pole catching a few skimmers on worm. Easy enough you may think, I mixed up my groundbait which consisted of Van den Eynde Marine green shellfish, expander gold and some bloodmeal and chopped up worms, then plumbed up the depths of my chosen swim.

I cupped in two balls on two lines, one to the left under a tree and the other straight out at 13 meters. Almost immediately there were bubbles everywhere, which was a good sign that the bream and skimmers were feeding. I shipped out my rig which was a 4x14 Middy Carp blue series 1, to the baited area under the trees with a nice head of a worm on the hook. Float went straight under, the result a tiny roach! OK, I thought maybe the roach are intercepting the worm on the way down. Next put in same thing, this carried on for a while, then I decided to use double worm, same result. This was becoming a little frustrating so I stepped up the



hook size to a 14 with double worm and a single dead maggot. I still could not get through the roach; I tried the other swim and it was the same thing. I needed to change my approach, so I set up another rig with a hair-rigged pellet band to see if this would do the trick. I placed a 6mm hard pellet in the band and shipped out,

the float did not move for about a minute, then the float sank under water. A nice little skimmer of around 1 lbs was the culprit. Next put in I used a Middy Grip Flex pot with some groundbait and some added 6mm pellets and tapped them in. The float did not take long to sail away, a slightly bigger fish started pulling out the Reactacore cerise elastic, this was not a skimmer or a bream, a near double figure carp had decided to take the pellet.

I was not really armed for this battle with a relatively light elastic on the top kit, but after adding extension to the pole and slowly playing the fish I managed to get it in. A nice surprise, but not what I wanted on this gear. With a 0.16 main line and an 0.14 hooklength I was asking for trouble, but I continued with this set up. After a few more skimmers and a few nice bream it went a bit quiet, so I changed my approach slightly. I started using the Van den Eynde Dumbbells, as I know the bream and skimmers love the liver flavoured one. I shipped out and not even a minute later the elastic shot out of the pole, another carp I thought.



After a lot of tug of war antics and thinking my gear was going to give in under the pressure, I managed to finally land a near double figure pike! This day was just getting stranger by the minute. A pike on a dumbbell! Just the week prior, I had a big perch on a dumbbell also, the pike was perfectly hooked in the mouth too, so it definitely wanted the bait.



At the end of the session I managed to finally catch my quarry, the bream and skimmers, but had a few more unexpected bonuses along the way!"

Tight lines, Andy.

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Junior Informer



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Hello and welcome to the November edition of the Junior Informer!

I hope you all enjoyed your half term break from school and you managed to get out and do some fishing! Last month saw us receive lots of (much needed!) rain. This Autumn rainfall, although a nuisance when you want to go fishing, is invaluable in topping up the rivers, lakes and underground water reserves. The rain we receive now will be our drinking and bathwater next summer. I wonder if any of you have lessons at school regarding Climate Change? There has been lots of coverage on the news of late with the various protests and action by groups concerned about the way modern life is impacting on the natural environment. There can be no doubt that humankind must change it's ways in order to preserve the fragile natural world that we as anglers love and respect. My wife and I have become very keen about recycling, but, I admit it is only something we have seriously practised in the past couple of years. It was all the media coverage about plastic waste that got us motivated and since our recycling, I have been utterly amazed at the amount of plastic waste that just the two of us produce! Multiply this by the population just of the UK and it is worrying! If any young angler would like to write an article with their views on this subject, I would love to hear from you!

Enjoy your fishing, Barry

Business owners – I am always looking for sponsors for the Junior pages as it is the sponsorship that helps us provide these pages dedicated to young anglers. If you would like to get involved and show the angling community that you care about getting young people fishing, please get in touch with us by phone, email or Facebook message. All our contact details are at the front of the magazine.

REFLECTIONS ANGLING AT HENFOLD LAKES

This report came in from Alison and Dave who run the Reflections Angling project at Henfold Lakes in Surrey:

"Hi Barry. We had three lovely families on the lake today. They were all fishing red maggots and 4 metre whips and all caught many different species. Despite the foul weather, they all arrived excited and left smiling!

George Thornton aged 9 had his largest fish so far with this skimmer bream.

Chris Morse fished with his daughter, Oleia and they very much enjoyed their day. Chris told us: "This fish was caught on the pole that you lent us with an extremely light set up so it took a very long time to land. Naturally, I assumed it was going to come off at any time on the size 16 barbless hook, but it didn't!"

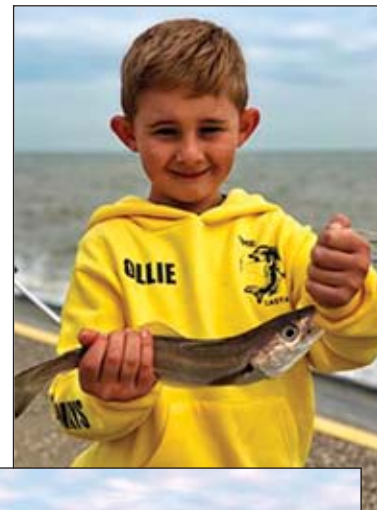
Farley Mctigue had a pretty perch caught from Lake One.

Alison said: "It was such a great day to see all three families coming in on such a wet day. They were all very enthusiastic and enjoyed going out on the lake with kit borrowed from us. It was nothing complicated, just a simple set up and simple maggot bait. I am sure we have made some fishing dreams come true for these anglers! It is just what Reflections Angling sets out to achieve!"

If you require more information about Reflections Angling, call Alison on 07956 043922.



Great session for Ollie and Stevie Bates!



"I hit the beach with my son Ollie to fish an afternoon high tide on the Romney Marsh. We had a great day's fishing with 21 decent sized whiting and a small bass. We fished two local venues which are known to produce rays but unfortunately none showed for us. Thanks to Tim Knight for the fresh bait!"

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"The Annual Fishing 4 Schools Inter-Schools Fishing Match and Art Competition took place at Grove Farm, Hadlow on 24 September.

Fishing for Schools Kent coordinator Warren White was running the event, he said: "The idea is that our students who have completed a F4S angling course this year get to find out how a match works - from drawing their peg number out of the hat at the start of the day, to the experience of fishing, in match conditions, using a keep net and on to the finale of the weigh-in and all the excitement that goes with it.

"The Thamesview School team were the winners of the F4S Match shield this year. The team was made up of two boys and two girls and they showed real skill and teamwork. They proved worthy winners, with a total catch weight of 6lb 4oz. This was helped with a very big perch, which was the first fish caught by the team.

"In second place came Meadowfield School with 3lb 10oz and in third place was the Malling School with 3lb 6oz.

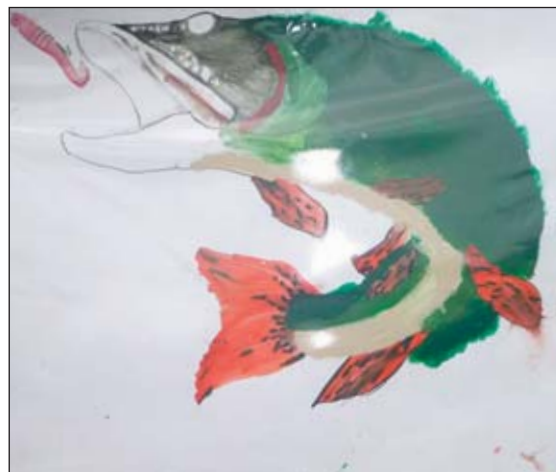


"Both our runners-up were excellent and were unfortunate in that they hooked a number of carp, that were not allowed in the competition as this was a whip and silver fish match only.

"A big thanks to Charlie Rayner for refereeing the match so it went like clockwork and to the schools and coaches who made the effort to get to the fishery after such horrendous weather conditions. Also running on the day was the annual art competition, judged by Brian Bailey fishery manager at the college. This year's subject was Wildlife Scenes from the Riverbank.

Warren said: "The standard and diversity of the artwork was superb and, as I always say about our young people, give them the opportunity and they will show you what they can do. The overall winner was an outstanding painting of a pike about to strike a lure, which would grace any pike fishing advert.

"This combination of fishing, which our students love, and an educational art course, is a shining beacon of what we do at Fishing 4 Schools. I was very proud to be a part of it. Very many thanks to Brian for letting us use his venue"



Fishing 4 Schools – November Tip of the Month from instructor Rob Goble

November is the start of winter proper, with short daylight hours and who knows what the weather will bring! But although it may be cold and frosty, with white stuff crunching underfoot, if you wrap up warmly, it can be a real pleasure to be out in the cold, bright sunlight.

What can beat a very bright blue sky, contrasting with the various species and changing colours of the trees? Most will have lost their leaves and have shut down for winter, but others will remain green, making a very pleasing picture indeed, not forgetting the long shadows created by the sun's low appearance over the horizon.

The rivers and lakes will have had a good flush through with plenty of rain freshening the water and the temperature will be back in single figures with good oxygen levels. This is extremely good for trout, as they are cold-water creatures.

The fish will also be hungry. Insect life will be sparse so the trout's attention will be smaller prey species, like roach, and perch, to get them through the winter.

Flies to use this month include just about anything that looks like something to eat! Flies with lots of movement are particularly good, so try 'mink' and 'marabou' with lots of swaying and pulsing movement. White, green and black are good colour combinations as well as orange. The key thing is to find the feeding depth. Sometimes it is possible to see trout chasing at the surface with smaller fish scattering and being chased by a pack of trout. I have included a picture of some patterns you could use, a good fly to try is the 'humongous', with its gold



Winter fly patterns



Catch and Release tools

tinsel under a plume of marabou, a silvery body and a spiky hackle palmered around. You can use chain at the head and bead eyes or a single gold or silver bead, can be quite deadly. Fish slow and deep but also be open minded as to the way you retrieve, whatever fly you use and the depth. I call this the 'taking zone'.

If you are not taking fish home for the pot, please be careful when handling them. The picture shows catch and release tools. The head of the tool can also be small or larger than pictured. The larger one is useful if you have a bead of some sort on the hook. Much like when using a disgorger, it is a matter of sliding the line down the slot and into the fish's mouth. Push down, keeping a tensioned line and the hook is removed quite easy. It is a very efficient and quick way and can be done with the fish in the net so very little handling is necessary.



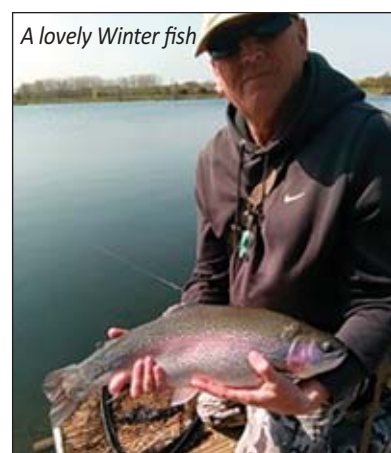
Different sized unhooking tools

Please use barbless or debarbed hooks. You can debarb with a pair of flat nosed pliers by squashing the barb down. There are thousands of barbed fly patterns out there, but manufacturers are seeing the move towards going barbless. I have been using them for many years and they have been the norm in the coarse fishing world as far as I can remember.

By keeping the tension on between you and the fish (controlled tension of course), you will land that fish, even without a barb on your hook.

Please up your leader/tippet strength. Don't play the fish for too long. If possible, keep the fish in the net to unhook it then release, but only once you think its fit enough. You want that fish to swim away strongly to fight another day.

One more important item of tackle is your fly line. They can be very expensive to replace, so looking after them is cost effective in the long run. After your session, clean your line when home. Use a very tepid warm soapy water to clean your line, it will disperse all the mud and grit that has collected on it. Let it dry and use a soft cloth to finish. You can also use a proprietary line cleaner or restorer to revitalise, then you are ready to go again. **That's all for now. Keep warm and safe but most of all have fun, Bob G.**



A lovely Winter fish

Annual Fishing 4 Schools Match at Hadlow's Grove Farm Fisheries *by Philip Orrell*

The Hadlow College Fisheries team welcomed pupils from schools across Kent to our Grove Farm Fisheries to compete in the annual Kent Fishing4Schools (F4S) match.



The day gives pupils who have completed a F4S Angling course this year the opportunity to experience how a match works - from drawing out of a hat for their peg number, to the experience of fishing in match conditions, using a keep net, and the finale of the weigh-in and all the excitement that goes with it.

Despite squally weather conditions earlier in the day, the teams enjoyed four hours of great coarse fishing. The competition was a whip match with teams of four taking part, two pupils fishing at one time, then swapping over with the other members of the team.

At the close of the competition, each team's mixed catch of perch, tench, roach and rudd was weighed. Thamesview School in Gravesend were the winners of the F4S Match shield. Showing real skill and teamwork, they were worthy winners with a total catch weight of 6lb 4oz, helped by the first fish they caught: a king-sized perch.

In second place was the team from Meadowfield School, who netted 3lb 10oz of fish - and third place was the Malling school with 3lb 6oz. Both schools put in an excellent performance, and were at times unfortunate that they hooked carp, which had to be landed and returned, as only silver fish counted towards the final catch weight.

Following its inaugural success last year, the match also featured the Kent F4S art competition. The theme for this year was Wildlife Scenes From The Riverbank, and the standard and diversity of the artwork was high. The overall winner was an outstanding painting of a pike about to strike a lure. Also in the placings was a vibrant ceramic fish, submitted into the mixed-media category. All the artwork is currently being displayed in the clubhouse at Grove Farm.



Warren White of the Kent F4S team said: "Today's event, a combination of match fishing, which our students love, and the creative art element, was a shining beacon of what we do at Fishing4Schools. I was proud to be part of this event today.

"I'd like to thank Brian Bailey, fishery manager at the college, for the use of the venue and for judging the art competition. It's days like this that can give our students the spark to go on to the college when they leave school.

"Thanks also to the schools and coaches who made the effort to get to the fishery after such horrendous weather conditions. And a final thanks to Charlie Rayner for refereeing the match so it ran like clockwork."

F4S is a national initiative run by The Countryside Alliance Foundation. It runs short courses that offer a different way of learning for pupils, many with special educational needs, who may find academic work difficult but respond well to alternative learning. They integrate aspects of angling - for example weights and measures and fish biology - into the National Curriculum and encourage the youngsters to take up a new outdoor activity.



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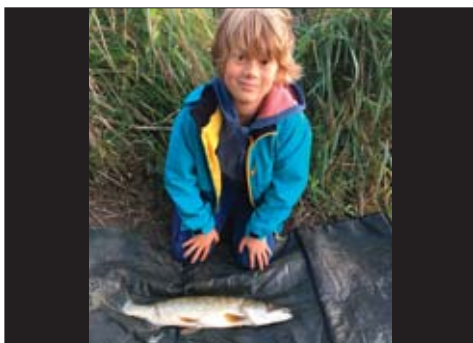
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Welcome to November's River Informer! At long last we have seen some decent rainfall giving some much need water and oxygen to our starved waterways. At the time of writing, despite the rainfall, the rivers are still fairly clear, but no doubt the run off from the surrounding land will soon add colour. Don't forget to send in your River Catch Reports! You can send them by email or via our Facebook page in a message. I look forward to receiving your reports!

YOUR CATCH REPORTS

Colin Etherington 4lbs Ouse barbel

Colin Etherington sent in this catch report:

"Hi Barry, the other evening the Sussex Ouse looked perfect, dropping whilst still coloured. So, I nipped down to the pool for a 3 hour session and had a small barbel of just over 4lb. It fell to a 3FT Twitch Dubby pellet used with a PVA mesh bag - I went home happy!"



Lee has been back out on the Stour!

Lee Prior sent this report in via our Facebook page:

"Nice day on the Canterbury Stour, about 30 dace, loads of chub and gudgeon and a pike scaring my swim so I had to catch it!"



Great day on the Stour for Sam!

Sam Hutchinson sent in this great report and photos after a super session on the Stour:

"I had a 'Red Letter' day on the River Stour today. I started in Sturry and had a 4lb 10oz chub on a bunch of worms on the very first cast. Next cast, I hooked a perch, but the hook pulled so I put on a fresh hook and hooked into it again and landed it! The perch went 2lb exactly, again caught on a couple of worms. I cast further to the back of the weir and the rod tip slammed



round and I was into a beautiful brown trout that fought like a beast and went 100mph! I then hopped on the train to Wye and fished a spot I know and landed some small perch and had an experience with a hungry Jack like trying to take my fish! I went to the Ticked Trout for lunch and spotted some nice chub from the pub garden, a lump of

cheese went on the hook and I caught a nice chub straight away which went about 3lb. I then moved back to my other spot and after a lot of perseverance, I managed to land a River Stour barbel at 6lb 14oz. It fought like a steam train and I was buzzing to say the least. All in all, an action packed day on the river that I won't forget for a while!"



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A Countryman's View

Jim is the Head Bailiff for the Sussex Ouse Angling Society and Field Officer for the Ouse and Adur River Trust.

"Out along the Ouse and Uck valleys, the seasons' have certainly changed from Summer to Autumn reflected in the harvesting and new cultivations in the fields. The trees have lost their verdant green colours and are now displaying their Autumnal 'uniforms'. This season's blackberries have been prolific, but, have been affected by the very dry weather. The ground has been very dry and lots of small ghyls that feed down through the sandstone of the High Weald to the rivers have been dry for months and the flow of the rivers has been at drought level. This has not been helped by the over abstraction of water for the ever increasing housing estates that are eternally growing up everywhere. How can the authorities allow this to happen? Where are they expecting the water to meet their ever increasing demands to come from? The same demands are put upon the sewage works trying to cope with the increase in waste matter. All of this has an effect on the wildlife in the rivers and in the countryside, along with the ever increasing risk of pollution due to less dilution of the final discharge in to our already low rivers. There can be no doubt that global warming is affecting our weather patterns and our seasonal rainfall is so very different now.

Sitting quietly on the river bank, I watch the slow progress of a river that is crying out for rain. However, at the time of writing, we have received some much needed rain and the forecast for more is looking promising. Let's hope we have a steady supply of water throughout the Autumn and Winter months and that it knows when to stop! Whilst sitting there pondering and watching, I notice overhead some unwelcome visitors that I refer to as 'The Black Death' (cormorants). These birds are no doubt on their way to wreak havoc along a section of river or someone's lake or pond. These birds tend to leave the coastal areas at this time of year when the first gales blow along the Channel and they make their way inland to look for fishing sites, roosting overnight in lakeside and riverside trees.

I watch a series of blackberry bushes that are overhanging the river and the actions of a blackbird eating the berries. Every now and again, a ripe fruit falls in to the water and I see a fish rise through the water to take the offering. Through polarised glasses, I spot three decent sized chub which are monitoring the blackbird's actions and intercepting the freely provided lunch! A display of dragonflies can also be seen and a Hobby is also busy picking up the odd fruit. The blackbird is almost 'groundbaiting' for the fish and other wildlife! A fleeting glimpse of a pair of kingfishers always thrills me and overhead a pair of Red Kites are enjoying the thermals. A lone sea trout occasionally makes his presence known!



The Black Death



Blackberries

make the rainfall void. At the lower end of the river, a seal is showing up on a regular basis in a particular area no doubt feeding on the mullet as I find the remains of one. There are numbers of cormorants sitting on the arms of a pylon tower all around the Lower Ouse Valley and the Delfe ditches are a hive of activity with coots and moorhens. Although I wondered if there was any mink activity, I failed to spot any, thankfully! The tide is beginning to run in and I see some large mullet in a small shoal working their way through the water.

Further along the bank, I come across a lone angler catching perch on worm. While chatting, he catches a fine specimen in 'tip top' condition that I reckon to be a pound and a half in weight. Let's hope the rains arrive in due course to replenish the rivers with water and oxygen, however, a good deal is certainly required for good effect and any extra abstraction will

Recently, I had a trip on the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway with a good friend who also shares my passion for railways. It was a fine pleasant Sunday and a joy travelling through the 'sheep country', however, once again, everywhere was looking dry and in need of a 'drink'. Despite the dry conditions, an abundance of interesting plants grow along the areas of vegetated



Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway

shingle at Dungeness. The backdrop of the Power Station and the Point's two lighthouses make this a unique place but the lighthouses are a reminder of the hazardous shingle headland that juts out in to the Channel and the world's busiest shipping lanes. There has been a lighthouse at Dungeness since the 15th century to protect the many ships that use the English Channel.

I noticed that the Environment Agency is to retain the Closed Season on our rivers, which I am in favour of. I believe our rivers need to rest, along with the wildlife that also lives alongside the water. It gives the fish and other animals the opportunity to spawn and breed in relative peace. With my 'River Keeper and Bailiff's hats' on, I feel that the Closed Season must remain in place.

With some recent rainfall occurring, the Automatic Sluices open as soon as the river starts to flow well, but, in my opinion we are back to the old days when water was rushed away seawards taking many fish with it's force. I feel the flow should be slow and steady and not moved in big rushes. The desire these days of getting the water away as quickly as possible is short sighted as I feel the excess should be allowed to flow out on to the flood plains and gradually soak back in to the ground, drain in to the rivers and flow away.

While walking along and despite the dry conditions, I come across some wild mushrooms and pick enough for a breakfast. Overhead some crows are mobbing a pair of buzzards. One of the buzzards is clutching something that he suddenly releases and it falls to the ground. I wandered over to see what it was and found it to be a small rabbit. This buzzard's lunch is now the property of the crows! At long last, more rain has arrived and the river begins to run with dirty water. No doubt much is the run off from cultivation as this is the first heavy rain we have received for some time. With the rain comes the abstraction pumps, bursting in to action pulling water off for purification and public use.



Field Mushroom

It's going to be a long time before the Winterbourne flows well again along with the many other chalk streams.

I am annoyed to find that someone has broken some glass bottles and left them on a riverside footpath along with plastic bag rubbish. It's local so I do the right thing and clear it up. It never ceases to amaze me to find 'dog poo' bags tied to branches! Why on earth do people do this? Luckily, I am able to remove the offending bags and their contents and place them in a rubbish bin.

The Hawthorne bushes are full of berries along with the Rowan and Holly. It won't be long before our Winter visitors in the form of Redwings and Fieldfares arrive to overwinter and eat the berries. On a fine day in the garden, my Buddleia is popular with the butterflies, namely Painted Ladies and Red Admirals all making the most of the pleasant late season sunshine. Every year, the Ivy flowers are popular with the bees and wasps busy hopping between the flower heads. Everyone's garden, despite it's size, can be a little haven for wildlife.

Disturbingly, I saw on the television news an item which will upset many sea anglers and local boat men. A huge 'super trawler' is working it's way along the Channel scooping up everything in it's path. It is a glib statement to say it is operating legally catching and processing hundreds of tons of fish each day.



Buddleia and butterfly



Factory ship in the Channel

You would hope that our fishery protection vessels would intervene, but alas, that is not the case. I saw a similar action some years ago off Loch Broom in Scotland when a fleet of Russian Klondikers filled their holds with tons of mackerel. Our seas will not withstand this rampant destruction!"

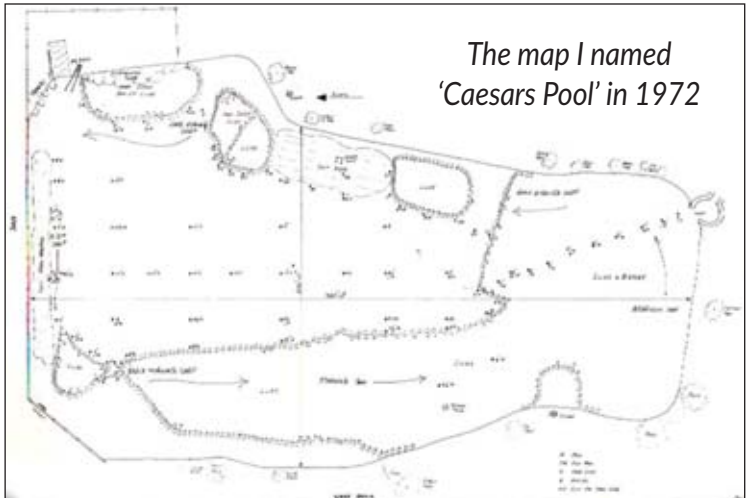
Cheerio for now, Jim Smith

THE GOLDEN YEARS OF COARSE FISHING *by Bob Rolph* *Keston Ponds, Remembered 1956 to 1980 (Part One)*

☞ Keston Ponds, 3 miles south of Bromley, were excavated nearly 250 years ago for gravel in the Georgian period and I first fished the dammed lakes as a boy aged 10 in 1956. That was 63 years ago now, hard to believe how swiftly time flies by! In those days, it was a magical place, deep dark water containing who knew what! Today, we all know roughly what's in there, even all their names, but to a ten years old boy, and hundreds like me, the mysterious waters were "bottomless" and contained untold monsters lurking in the thick water lily beds, or down in the deep water in the middle of the pool.



Subsequent soundings with a pole in the mid 1960s proved this bottomless lake to be a mere 10 ft 6 inches deep and the bottom to be hard gravel with a touch of silt. The Kent Specimen Group did an early morning survey there from a boat one Sunday morning in 1964, and a detailed map was produced showing soundings and bottom type all over the middle lake. My shout to a banksman from the middle of the lake that morning saying "I've found a lovely hard bottom" lives with me to this day! We borrowed the punt from the Rookery Lake just down the road, and the six of us set to work before Sid the ranger came on duty at 8am. It must have been early June and a 4 am start was needed!



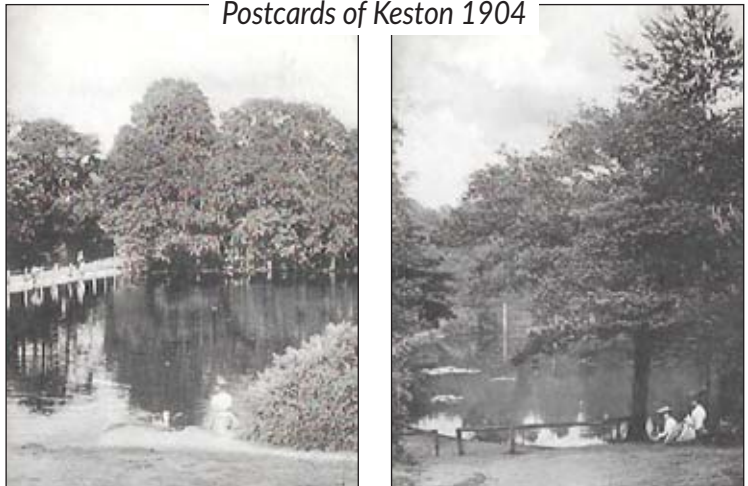
The article and map produced was subsequently published in "Angling" magazine in April 1981 entitled 'Caesar's Pool', a legendary Kentish carp water, and the name has stuck to this present day. I got the name from the well where the crystal water, with a high pH of 7.7, trickle into the top pond from beneath the chalk hillside. There is history here. A Roman encampment was established near here in the grounds of the Holwood estate, and this clear drinkable water was obviously a factor in its siting. The settlement called 'Warbank' is the source of the tiny River Ravensbourne which runs down past Bromley and Catford to join the Thames at Deptford. The ponds weren't there in those days of course, but were dug for gravel around 1760 and the resulting dammed lakes used to create a water garden and reservoir for Holwood House 1 mile up the road, where William Pitt the Younger once lived. Water from the lake was pumped up to the house by the corner of the dam, and when I first fished there the old mechanism could still be seen, near the old boathouse. Quite how water was pumped before the days of electricity, I don't know, but pumped it was somehow! The old boathouse and rangers' hut were both destroyed by fire in the 1970s, but this corner of the dam remained my favourite swim, among the thick water lily beds.



Survey photos from 1964



Postcards of Keston 1904



Carp were present in Keston at least 110 years ago. The eminent writer Henry Williamson (Tarka the Otter), writes of seeing long lean common carp nearly a yard long, with scales as big as pennies, cruising around in open water and on the edge of the lily pads. Fish around the 8 lb mark, probably 'Wildies', were quite prolific here 100 years ago, together with brightly coloured roach, rudd, tench, perch and pike.

Henry Williamson lived in London prior to moving down to Devon's river Torridge in 1921, and presumably visited Keston common in his youth when he spied these fish, together with beautiful red finned roach, which would have given him inspiration for his country books. It is recorded that another very famous name to have wandered the "Keston Bogs" in the mid 1850s looking for botanical specimens, was Charles Darwin, who lived nearby at Downe. He, along with Churchill, Wilberforce and others were frequent visitors to the great Holwood estate, 1 mile from the lakes. It was the "Chequers" of the day. Holwood also has a lake, but that's another story that we boys could tell a tale or two about!

Today, Downe's most famous resident is a Mr Nigel Farrage, - he's a fisherman, but mainly sea I think! Other famous Keston residents during my youth were Annabelle Croft, Derek Underwood, Bill Wyman and the celebrated gardener, John Borthwick!



Ken Rowley's first carp from Keston boathouse swim 10 lbs

An angler of repute fishing at Keston in those days was Alan Baker from Biggin Hill. Alan had four good doubles around 1974, float fishing between the lillies. Fish of 11 lbs, 14 lbs, 17 lbs and 22 lbs graced his net, two on maggot and two on sweet corn. He was the first to use this new bait on the lake, he tells me. I recall talking to him on the bank around this time in the company of Steve Edwards and Fred Wilton. September 21 st 1974 was his red letter day, 13 years after mine, on Aug 25th 1961 when I caught my first of a dozen mirrors from Keston, but only of 8 lbs 14 ozs, a big fish for a 15 year old boy in those early days!



Alan Baker 22lbs mirror on sweetcorn



The late Steve Edwards with his 25 lbs mirror

Dennis Darkin and Charlie Stone were the resident experts there in the late 1950s, with many a fish in the 8-10 lb class, mirrors, leathers and commons. Between the wars the eminent writer Henry Williamson saw wild commons with scales as big as penny coins, cruising in the open water, but there is no written evidence that he actually caught any!

Today, Dennis and I still meet regularly where we live near Canterbury, and talk about those days of 60 years ago, when a double figure carp was a fish to be proud of, and could even feature in the old Angling Times!! (a proper newspaper then!).

The mirrors and leathers that we know today were a more recent introduction, by Dennis Darkin, Trevor Housby, Bill Bellini, Charlie Stone and others during the late 1950s. Many fish from Kent and Surrey lakes, in the 8-13 lb size, were introduced at this time, about 1957. How do I know you might ask, cos I saw them going in! . Summerhill Park lake at Tonbridge was over run with carp, and these five eminent carp anglers of the time, took it upon themselves to distribute carp around Kent in wet hessian sacks, with great success I may add. The old Kent River Board had not at this time started its extensive programme of stocking with 80,000 fingerling carp, at places like Horton Kirby, Dartford, Snodland and Faversham. The Keston stocking proved to be a great success, and supplemented a very small stocking of small Leney carp from the Haslemere trout farm before the war. I also personally put in about 12 Leney strain mirror carp from Redmire Pool in 1969, when thousands of small half inch fry were being lost over the dam outfall during a massive storm in July 1966. Ron Blackmore and I brought back hundreds in a dustbin full of weed and put them in my garden pond, only for 12 of them to outgrow my pond, so I took them up to Keston and released them, 12 beautiful mirrors of about 8 inches long!



First carp from Keston Aug 1961 8 lbs 14 ozs

I caught my first Keston carp on August 25th 1961, a mirror of 8 lbs 14ozs on worm at dawn from the old diving board swim. The following Friday, I was back again for a brace of 4 lb tench and a common of 5 lbs 6 ozs. Great fish in those days, they were even in the Angling Times, would you believe! No one bothers much with fish under 30 lbs in weight these days, such a shame!"

*Bob continues his fascinating glimpse in to Keston next month!
Certainly an article to look forward to!*

Medway Man

Bob Morris

"Warm, sunny and generally mild conditions over the early autumn period this year have largely postponed my planned start to the winter's pike campaign. It is true that I have managed a couple of short blank attempts on local still waters, but, my intention to combine my river sessions with a bit of piking have been hindered by coloured water - courtesy of the recent 'much needed' rain. Muddy water always seems to put the pike off the feed, I find!"



Coloured water is good, but not for pike

Most of my success of late has been on the tench and carp front with the float fished baits outscoring the feeder, in contrast to my early season efforts. Although no monster tench have graced my net, I have had as many as half a dozen in a session with a good many being in the five to six pound bracket and several carp, up to mid twenties, thrown in for good measure.



A nice tench ready for the net

One of the interesting features of float fishing is that there is always the chance of a decent fish of other species - particularly if you are prepared to scale down and adapt your tactics slightly. Obviously with tench and carp around, it is not wise to go too light, but, it is possible to find some pretty thin lines (either braid or nylon) these days without dropping below a breaking strain of about ten pound.

Just such an opportunity presented itself a couple of weeks back during a tench session. The swim seemed to be alive with fish bubbling and moving the float from side to side, but no positive bites were forthcoming, although I had taken a couple of nice tench on the feeder rod at about forty yard range. The movement on the float was almost certainly from fish bumping the line, but, the action was different to previous sessions - less positive somehow. I suspected skimmers or roach and decided to scale down to a size twelve hook of the Gripz variety - mentioned in the last episode. As well as groundbait, I had put in a few handfuls of small boilies and pellets



Recent carp on the float

and I suspected that the cuprits were struggling to pick these up. Changing to a thin braided bottom of about a foot long and moving the shot down to about four inches from the hook altered the sensitivity of the set up and started to produce a few more positive bites on the 12 mm boilies. These were however, still difficult to hit and I decided to swap the half inch hair rigged presentation for a side hooked bait.

The first bite on this set up saw the float twitch a couple of times, lift slightly, then quickly shoot away. I hooked this fish and was in no doubt straight away that it was a decent roach. It put up a spirited scrap, but, was soon ready for the net. It was fine looking fish and I was extremely pleased to have caught it and I weighed it at 1lb 2oz.



A good one on maggots

Not a monster roach but bearing in mind that the water that I was fishing is only ever fished for carp, with tench and bream being normally regarded as nuisance fish, it made me think that I should perhaps spend a few more sessions targetting them a bit more seriously. I missed a couple more bites but then had to leave - vowing to return and have a crack at them within a week or so. The session had also produced five tench and a six pound bream on the feeder rod, so I regarded it as a right result.

By coincidence, I had also been having some roach action on another water using the feeder with maggots and casters as bait although again the target species were tench. The roach were far more numerous however and I found myself again scaling down to catch a few. These roach shoals seemed to be located at a minimum of about thirty yards - so float tactics were put on hold - particularly as a result of the windy weather. Although I did not get anything larger than 1lb, the roach fishing was extremely consistent with catches of thirty fish or more being common. The tench were thin on the ground here but I did get one or two roach/bream hybrids of around three to four pound. This is very interesting fishing and I shall certainly be persisting with it while the conditions allow and the piking is slow.



Just over a pound on the float



Perch on the feeder

On a differint subject: as a memer of the Angling Trust both individually and through affiliated angling clubs, I am always interested to read their magazine 'The Angler' to catch up on the work that they, and their sister organisation 'Fish Legal' are doing on our behalf. Fighting and bringing cases against polluters, helping to tackle the problems associated with predators such as Cormorants and Otters. Standing up for our rights against often ludicrous legislation /pointless beaurocracy and helping to change old fashioned and outdated attidudes (usually from Water authorities of various types, including the EA) toward flood prevention. This is a subject that I feel extremely strongly about as I have witnessed stretches of river being mutilated on a regular basis over the years - all in the mistaken belief that denuding the bankside of vegetation and dredging deep channels will prevent a flood downstream. I can feel another episode of 'Piscatorial Politics' coming on. I was also very pleased to read of the success of a recent volunteer bailliff scheme -working with all of the relevent enforcement agencies to tackle the growing angling and countryside crime, such as poaching of fish and wildlife, theft of tackle etc.

I could write a lot more on this subject but the point that I would like to make here is that we really do need the 'Angling Trust' and I would like to urge all of our readers to Join and Support it!"

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Our Lakeside Fishing Lodge, featured in our photos, is being well used as a cosy, social Hub this Autumn/Winter for our anglers when the weather closes in and they need to warm up with a complimentary tea/coffee. WC facilities provided. It's also a great place to share with family and friends. The Lodge is available to hire for a private function - please contact us for further details.



John Madden and a fine rainbow trout



Four fine Tenterden rainbows

Please check the Home Page on our website and click on the current month under Latest News for an up-to-date fishing report. We also have an Instagram Gallery – so please follow us.

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The Farm/Fishery is now available as a wedding venue whilst the Fishery is closed in the Summer and we are taking bookings for 2020/2021. We are delighted to have received many enquiries since launching this in March. Click on 'Wedding Venue' for further info on our website. We look forward to welcoming you to Tenterden this Autumn/Winter.

Tight Lines – Gaynor

Spring Hill Trout Waters Tenterden, Kent



The fishing at Spring Hill is finally improving and the waters are being stocked regularly. Our stocking ratio is back up to 1:10 over 3lb and those larger fish are averaging about 5lb. By the time this report is published, we will be allowing some catch & release. This will mean our dropper rule will go back to single fly only.

Flies have been so varied, I would say start with what you are confident with and fish between 2-6 feet. Largest fish of the month was 6lb 4oz caught by Luke James from Bromley. **The Spring Hill Challenge Trophy will take place on Saturday 16th November, please ring for details 07951 304515.**



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Brick Farm Lakes Herstmonceux, East Sussex

Brick Farm Lakes is Under New Management and we thought it was a good time, now that we are beginning to find our feet a little, to let everyone know a little about us and our excitement now we are running this fantastic trout fishery.

We are a family unit comprising husband and wife Phil and Danni (together with our children Samantha and Alfie, and Phil's parents, Graham and Linda. We have a long standing background of fishery management and fish keeping having run Horam Manor coarse fishery for over 20 years. We are passionate about fishery management and love the lifestyle running a fishery gives us.

Since taking over the business, we have focused our efforts on repairing the stands around Brick Lake and Stag Lake, general mowing and tidying and filling the potholes on the roadway down to the fishing lodge. Danni has undertaken a food safety course and is planning some exciting home bakes as well as home cooked food which can be enjoyed alongside the roaring log burner in the lodge this Winter. Food will be served all day and there is no need to pre-order unless you are part of a group

booking or have specific dietary requirements. Bacon sandwiches will always be available if she hasn't quite stocked the kitchen fully. She is also in the process of obtaining a Personal Licence so we can get back to stocking and selling alcohol which some of you enjoyed in the past.

Fish stocking is going well and we have maintained Brick Farm Lakes' relationship with the existing trout supplier.



Danielle Adams 3lbs 8ozs albino



Fine bag of fish for Kelvin Hinton



Good bag for a group of friends!

We ran an exciting competition on our opening weekend where we stocked a couple of albino trout which fetched a £150 voucher prize for the anglers who landed them. One was caught within 3 hours and the other was caught the following day! We have since stocked 2 more albinos which can bag you a free 2 fish ticket if you catch one! We will have some more albinos arriving over the coming months and these will again be prize winning catches so watch this space!

We also have a new membership and loyalty scheme on the horizon where anglers will benefit from return visits so keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for more information.

Notable catches since we have taken over include several 4lb plus and a lovely 5 1/2lb rainbow was caught in our second week of opening! There have been some lovely full bags caught including 3 fish weighing in at a total of 10lb 8oz and 4 fish at 12lb. We are stocking a 2lb minimum weight and are quickly learning what we hope to be the right balance of stocking levels.

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Tight Lines, The Axells



Mr Farley 5lbs 8ozs

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Past, present, future and guiding.

Past

This month, I finally announced I would be retiring and closing The Friendly Fisherman in Tunbridge Wells. Running the tackle shop has been a huge part of my working life, it has given me and my family a good living, but it's also given us so much more. All of my friends are anglers and I've met almost all of them through the shop.

Since I made it public that the shop would be closing we've been inundated with messages from customers, some old, some new, all wishing Pat and I well in our future retirement. Many recall their first meetings with us, often when they first took up fishing. It's been touching that we've played such a big part in so many anglers' fishing journey, especially when we've helped them achieve a goal that had previously eluded them.

Present

As the weather changed and Autumn started to take shape, I finally stopped chasing carp with my fly rod. The task of sorting my lure tackle took some time as I readied myself for pike, perch and zander fishing. My first couple of visits to local waters was more to check out water quality and temperatures. So far it's been rather slow, but as the water cools still further, the predator's appetite will sharpen and this year's coarse fry will soon be on the menu. Bewl Water and Rutland Water will be my priorities this season; I really fancy targeting the pike having neglected them over the past few years while I've been obsessed with zander fishing.



First Zander trip produces this 9lb 15oz beauty!

Future

With more time to fish next year, I've been busy planning trips further afield. My good friend Gord Burton, "The Piking Pirate", and I have been talking about fishing Windermere in the Lake District and Loch Ken in Scotland together. 'Gordy' is a legend



More "wild waters" like this to explore

and a master of both these waters so he can show me the ropes for a change as I've had the pleasure of showing how to catch zander from the Midland reservoirs. Another plan is to fish in Holland more often with James Gardner, now our Dutch fishing guide Willem Stolk has completed his new house with its riverside mooring. We will be able to stay with Willem and hire a boat so we can explore lots of new areas. Last, but not least, I intend spending more time exploring several "wild waters" in Spain and Portugal either fly fishing for barbel and carp or lure fishing for bass, pike and zander.

Guiding

Over the last few years, I've drifted into guiding like minded anglers who wish to learn new skills. Whether it's fly fishing for trout, carp or pike or Lure fishing for pike, perch or zander, I'm able to help anglers in their quest. The opportunity to "fast track" their learning and understand how to catch fish more effectively is often what drives anglers my way. I specialise in lure fishing from boats on reservoirs for predators and use the boat as part of my fishing tactic rather than just a form of transport. Understanding and using echo sounders is also a vital tool that I explain in detail as we fish.



Andy enjoys sharing his fishing knowledge while having fun!

My other passion is fly fishing on still waters, not just for trout either, although I do find it hard to resist them in the Spring. During the "dog days" of summer, I focus on carp on several local 'day ticket' carp fisheries of which there are many. Finally, pike on the fly is a fast growing sport and one that, through my experience of trout fishing, I've identified certain tactics that can catch fish while searching vast bodies of water. Again, my knowledge of boat handling and the effects of wind and current on presentations are key to catching more fish.

New website

I aim to have a new website up and running during December, this will focus on my guiding options. The new site will also be home to all of my fishing articles, of which there are many. I will continue writing my monthly column here in 'The Freshwater Informer' so you will be able to see how my planned fishing trips pan out! Anyone who wishes to contact me will still be able to via my Facebook pages, 'Andrew Lush' or 'The Friendly Fisherman'.

So until next month, tight lines. Andy

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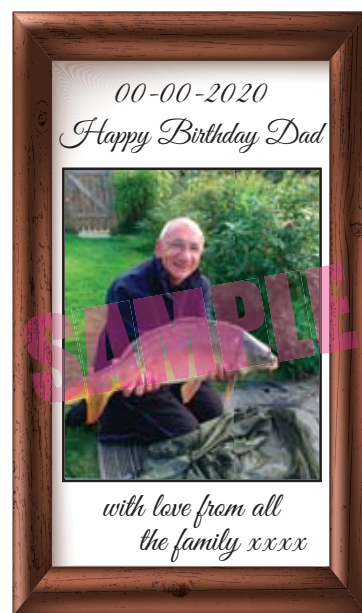
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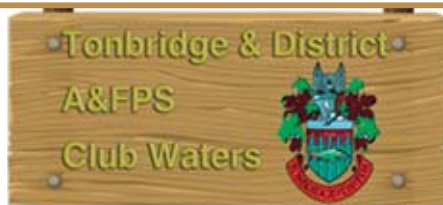
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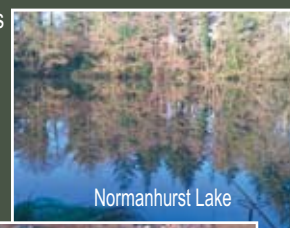
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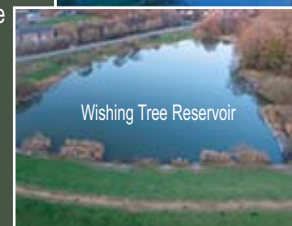
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News from Loei Jungle Fishing Lake in Thailand!



Jez Hibberd at Loei Jungle Fishing Lake in Thailand has been in touch and sent us some more information on the exciting re-stocking taking place. Jez told me: "The new stock includes Black Pacu Tambaqui up to 14lbs, Albino Mekong catfish up to 26lbs, Alligator garfish up to 16lbs. There were 11 each of the different species of fish we received today at Loei jungle fishing lake.

Next week, hopefully, we should be receiving some very large Siamese carp up to about 68lbs!"

See the Loei Jungle Fishing Lake advert in this issue of the magazine for more details!



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The move in to Autumn has seen a change in fishing around the coast. Generally, there has been a marked improvement with many of our winter species putting in an appearance. A number of codling have been caught from both the Sussex and Kent coasts, nothing huge but an encouraging sign! The weather has certainly been more Autumnal with a number of SW blows stirring things up. The sea temperature is averaging around sixteen degrees at the time of writing, but this will drop as we progress through November. With the increase in demand, particularly for worm baits, it will be wise to ensure that you pre order your bait from your local tackle shop! At the end of each report are the contact details for tackle shops in that vicinity. Don't forget that you are welcome to send in your sea catch photos to us for inclusion in this section. This can be done by email or via the Facebook page.

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Thames report courtesy of Wayne May

"Thames estuary fishing is beginning to pick up again, with the winter species starting to show, plenty of whiting and the odd codling being caught, a reasonable amount of thornback are also being caught at the mouth of the estuary, a promising winter could be on the cards! Sadly, the same can't be said further up river, despite all our efforts, we haven't had a fish at all, the amount of rainfall recently may be a partial reason for the lack of fish. A courtesy call to local fishing buddies has revealed the same just an odd school bass here and there. Just before writing this report, I returned from a short session fishing over low water, using a softer 9ft soft tipped rod and braid for better bite indication. I had a few knocks but nothing to write home about. Hopefully next month will see the usual whiting and the return of the flaties. Its a shame the session wasn't a success as the bait supplied by NJ Tackle at Gravesend was top quality." **Call NJ Tackle on 01474 353998 for all your tackle and bait needs.**



Medway report

Fishing has slowed in the river during the last couple of weeks. Still some small bass at Halling, but the recent wet weather has seen a lot of fresh water and debris move along it's length. The Rochester stretch has produced pouting, whiting, eels, bass and a few flaties. The coming weeks will hopefully see more flounders move into the river sections. **Medway Tackle Supplies has a great range of tackle and the best fresh and frozen bait range. Call 01634 475260.**



Sheppey report courtesy of Sheppey Angling

Local beaches providing bass, rays, whiting, eels, dogfish and a few flatfish starting to show. No reports of codling as yet but a few showing a few miles across the estuary and up along the Essex coast. **Call Sheppey Angling on 01795 661089 to order all your bait or visit us at Unit 5, Regis Business Park, New Road, Sheerness ME12 1HA.**



Thanet report courtesy of Fishermans Corner

Lots of bass still around along with dogfish, whiting, flounders and small plaice. School bass taking worm baits but for a chance of a better sized bass try big fish baits like bluey, mackerel or squid on a pennell rig. The promenades along the east and westcliff will hold bigger fish or just off the pier wall about 2 rod lengths out. **For any information, bait or tackle contact Fisherman's Corner 01843 582174.**

Deal Report courtesy of Dave Chamberlain

"Whiting have established themselves throughout the area and there are no excuses for blanking, especially after dark. Dogfish seem to be ever present and there are still hopes of a codling or two after the strong winds and coloured sea conditions. Best baits are lugworm and squid. Deal Pier is still fishing well, although there is some disruption to the lower deck with repairs. November is the month of many major competitions being held at Deal particularly at the week-ends. The beaches can get a bit crowded and it is always worthwhile checking with the tackle shop on the dates and area to be fished. Because of the increased amount of anglers fishing the venues and reduced daylight hours for the diggers, ordering bait is essential to avoid disappointment." **Call Fred at Channel Angling Deal for all your bait and tackle requirements on 01304 373104.**



Dover report

The summer species are now gone and the Autumn and Winter fish are assuming residence. Dogfish, thornbacks, whiting, bass, pouting, dabs and a few codling are filling anglers' bags. **Channel Angling can meet all your tackle and bait requirements. Call Craig on 01304 203742.**



Hythe area report courtesy of Stevie Bates

"The fishing has been very good along the Hythe shoreline in the past few months. The calmer weather has seen many mackerel caught on the morning and evening high tides with a number of good size soles being caught. Sadly, we will start to see these late Summer species retreat to deeper calmer water as the seasons change and we enter Autumn. This will see us start to get some good strong South Westerly blows to really stir things up. This is great news for the bass angler, with whiting and pouting now showing in huge numbers, short casts behind the breakers on a retreating tide into darkness or early morning tide should see you pick out a few of the finer fish patrolling the surf. Expect to still catch thornbacks on squid or fish baits but the main species will be dogfish, whiting, pouting, bass and eels all falling to worm baits tipped with fish, squid or shellfish and the odd sole (on a calm night) on worm. You can look to catch all along the coast from Dymchurch to Sandgate on most tides with the evening tides still producing some of the better fish. Keep an eye out for the stronger SW blows and look for the window of calmer weather that follows quickly behind after a big front to try for an early codling. A few odd codling have been picked out, but we should now start to see a few more of this very sought after species being caught from the shore. This is also the best time to get down on the beach after a big blow to look for and collect any shellfish, crabs, worms that have been pulled up from the sand. It's great fresh free bait to use straight away or freeze down when bait can become more difficult to get in the colder months. Good luck and tight lines." **For all your bait and tackle, call Dens Tackle on 01303 267053**



Eastbourne report courtesy of Tony's Tackle

"This month's beach fishing has been nothing short of spectacular with some quality fish landed from Pevensey and Langney Point beaches. Gary Banfield caught a superb 2 lb 11 oz sole in an over 50 's match at White Horses on black lug and countless bass have been landed in between and during the gales. Ash Littlejohn had one of around 7 lb plus at a mark in the bay at low water on mackerel bait. Plenty of different species other than bass including plaice, dabs, dogfish, eels, flounders, whiting, rays and big soles. Peter Fountain and a few other anglers beached (unicorns) codling up to 4lb. Pete Cornwall also had a great catch from Langney Point. Low tide up is the best time to fish with lug and ragworm best baits but bluey, mackerel and squid for larger specimens. News just in of a conger eel from Pevensey of 12 lbs 2oz. The conger was caught by Damian and the pics are on the Anglers Den website. Local matches saw back to back wins by Ian Hopper. Gerald Sargeant and his brother Colin continue to get results. Bait is available to order from Tony's Tackle, ring Tony Kirrage on 01323 731388 for top quality black lug, ragworm, squid and fish baits. If anyone is interested in continental fishing, we are now running casting tuition by appointment, free of charge, so why not gain a few extra yards? Eastbourne pier is now open for anglers. Prices are £50 to join plus £9 a rod. Please pick up your rubbish after fishing."

Tight lines, Tony Kirrage





MAGAZINE STOCKISTS PLEASE BE AWARE!

As we head in to the Autumn and Winter, I will be carrying less spare magazines when out delivering each month. This is to keep wastage to a minimum. If you would like your magazine delivery increased or decreased, please let me know in good time so I can ensure I order enough from the printers. Thank you for your co-operation.

HASTINGS report courtesy of Hastings Angling Centre

A really wet and very windy few weeks has kept the boats on the beach with hardly anyone going afloat. This is a real shame as we have missed some of the best weeks of the year fishing wise.

On the beach some good soles still coming up along with a few small size congers up to 4lb with a couple of much larger (double figure ones) heard of. This is very unusual but quite a bonus. Very few codling have been reported despite being very good conditions for them. Some good bass have been caught but not in large numbers, quite a few small ones about though. On calmer days the usual horde of whiting appear.

Prospects for November, last call for the summer species with the black bream going soon. If we don't see any codling this month they are not likely to appear much at all. Rays and pollack in the boats.

If the water is very coloured soles during the day, along with dogfish, bass and flaties. Whiting in abundance if it is not too rough. With them seems to be a good few congers so it might be worth a large dead bait in darkness, especially around any rocks. Could also get a big bass this way!

KENT BOAT REPORT courtesy of Jason Parrott



"Fishing has been challenging this month. The wind seems to be never letting up with some severe gales, but, when we do get out, there are good numbers of hounds to be had, not the doubles like the Spring run, but still very good sport on light tackle. It seems most anglers now are going over to very light tackle and fixed spool reels. I am a Zziplex man, but have gone over to Tubertini rods. What amazing action and fight, highly recommended. Bass are starting to get bigger, but can be elusive for days and then you will find a few. Always worth a live bait with a whiting now that the whiting are just showing themselves in numbers. Some anglers curse them, but I find them good fun over the slack water and always good for a fish pie. We try to put back the majority of fish, especially if we know they are the larger FEMALE fish, but I still think its nice to take a feed of fish. The great debate at this time of year is whether the cod are going to turn up? I have had two codling already and that was more than the whole of last year, so who knows, it certainly would do the charter business no harm. Skate are constant and always put a bend in the rod and we are getting more. People are asking to go for them at this time of year as they have been missing in the big numbers earlier this year. Let's hope the herrings will hold off and give us anglers a chance to catch some quality fish. When they do turn up and the water is clear have a go with Sakubi feathers, great fun!"

Tight lines and hope to see some of you aboard Lady Ann of Ramsgate



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WHEN THE COD ROD DON'T NOD!

"Once upon a time, we could almost set our watches by the arrival of the cod in the Southern North Sea. Late September, early October was a great time of year for the Thames Estuary charter fleet as the arrival of the cod and whiting briefly blended with the last of the summer species. An angler never knew what would take his bait next. I have caught bass, smoothounds, thornback rays, nice sized tope and codling all in one day. Not anymore! Now even in November and December it is considered encouraging to catch half a dozen 'micro' codling at the height of what would traditionally have been the best time of the year for cod.

It is quite a feat of human achievement to virtually wipe out a species from an area. We



Sam with a nice codling from the Admiralty Pier

endeavoured to do it with rabbits by inflicting them with the man made disease myxomatosis, however rabbit populations always recover. Cod are victims of two man made diseases, one being climate change and to a greater degree the intense greed of commercial fishermen being the other. Most UK citizens would expect that the cod they eat with their chips is UK caught, why wouldn't they when fish and chips are a quintessentially British dish. This is not the case, a high percentage of cod served up in UK fish and chip shops is sourced from Scandinavian countries!

Cod in the Southern North Sea have fallen by such a staggering amount that recreational sea anglers now refer to them as 'unicorns'. We UK sea anglers are eternal optimists, one photo of a small codling on social media sees anglers flooding to the beaches in the vain hope of being one of the lucky few to land one. We spend money on tackle, fuel and bait in our thousands each winter, taking pilgrimages to once phenomenally good cod beaches like the hallowed stones of Dungeness only to be rewarded with catching pin whiting and dog fish. Most dedicated sea anglers over the age of say 40, will remember the excellent cod fishing that we once had in the Southern North Sea. The charter fleet at Bradwell-on-Sea in Essex, where I grew up, once aimed at an average forty cod a day per boat. Nowadays, anglers get very excited about half a dozen small codling being caught in one day. I have been lucky enough to have had many days of good cod fishing and lots of times have caught over thirty cod in one day. I would hazard a guess that if all the cod caught last winter between the charter boats working in the Thames were counted they would not even equate to one decent day's cod fishing say 20 years ago.



An average day's fishing in the 'old days'!

A quick glance through the pages of Google shows that in 2017 38 thousand tons of cod were landed by the UK fleet, down 52 percent from 1996. I have heard it argued that sea anglers are partly responsible for the decline in cod numbers. I agree that a dead fish is a dead fish, however it is caught, but when compared with the tonnage caught by commercial fishermen the argument just does not stand up. Other statements often spouted by some are "it's not cold enough for the cod to come in!" or "these things go in cycles, next year will be better!" In years gone by we would at times from the boat cast red gill lures across some of the shallow water wrecks that litter the sea bed of the Thames Estuary, we were targeting bass. However, we often caught cod from these shallow wrecks. This was always in the summer and being shallow the water would have been warm. Ok, it could be argued that these cod were non - migratory resident fish that did not move very far, but they were cod all the same. So my point is that although climate change may account for many of the 'bricks in the wall' of cod numbers decline, I am not so sure that it is so much to blame as the commercial impact. If I am wrong and cold weather is all that is needed for a decent cod season, then last year's 'Beast from the East' should have seen cod crawling up our beaches, did you see any? I didn't!

When cod fishing in our area was good, some years would be better than others. Bad years, compared to what we have now, would be an excellent year now. I remember several bad years, I also remember several cod bans. These bad years would always be followed by mass spawning from the remaining cod. This spawning would result in thousands of micro codling of six to eight inches being caught the following year. These would quickly pile on the weight and the following season would be about a pound and half. They would continue putting on weight and in the Spring might be up to two pounds. The following season they would be less in number but bigger in size. This situation would basically just repeat itself year after year. If the decline we are in now is just a cycle then it is a blooming long one!

Cod are a very fast growing species of fish. A cod weighing ten pounds can be as young as five years old, so with that in mind, why on earth is the minimum landing size on these fish only 35cm? To me this is utter madness!

Despite being legal to land, small cod hold little value to commercial fisherman when compared to the price larger cod fetch at market. I have been told that if a commercial fishermen hauls his gear to find it full of small worthless codling they are dumped overboard dead. He then shoots his gear again in the hope of better sized, more valuable cod on the next tow. This processes could in theory kill many codling before they have even had a chance to reproduce. I think that our cod stocks here in the Southern North Sea have hit such a low that it is now almost impossible for the fishery to recover, and we anglers wonder why we have no winter sport! All I can now say is that I really hope you guys enjoy fishing for thornback rays and dogfish, as that is basically all that's available from the beaches, unless pin whiting and dabs count as sport nowadays.

Despite all the doom and gloom in the above lines, there IS sport to be had in the colder months. In next month's article, I shall outlining some species that are still available to anglers through the winter."



Me aged 7 years with a 7 lber!



Me at 7 years old with an 8lber

This is the time of year when the sea feels warmer than the air...and we hope for some bigger cod. We have had plenty of codling about in October and now we hope they get bigger as fish move in to fatten up prior to the spawning season. The weather this Autumn has been our friend with plenty of south westerly winds to encourage the fish inshore for the freebies that have washed in. It looks as if this trend could continue into November...so if you want to get a nice plump cod...you know what to do.

BEACH REPORT

This has been the best October for codling in years considering how few anglers are fishing for them. The brilliant mackerel fishing was cut short by the south westerly winds on the beach. But there are plenty of mackerel offshore.

Here are a couple of the October reports coming into my site...

I bet Colin was by himself...

I had this report in yesterday from Colin Hemsworth...

"Hi Tony, I fished Dengemarsh Friday and Saturday arrived to very windy, borderline fishable conditions. I set up two rods with pulley pennel rigs loaded with lug and pendulum cast as far as I could through the wind. Had to keep my eye on the lines constantly to stop them getting tangled and avoid getting buried. First fish out was a whiting and then next cast a 2.5 lb codling. Totals for the end of the session were 3 bass all around 30-40cm, 6 whiting, 3 dogfish and 4 codling all around the 2-2.5lb range. Looks like the mountain of bait I ordered did the trick, thanks for the lug and will be down soon. Colin"



Look what turned up...

I saw Steve Savage in the shop yesterday morning, we were just chatting and he showed me a photo on his phone that he took of Bert down the beach on the 1st of September...a very nice bass...and... a codling! I'm not sure who caught what...but it is a nice photo.



I'm told they are very good to eat...

I had this report in from Mole...

"Nice herring caught at Dungeness on Saturday the 21st September 39.5 cm"

Right family but it's a shad...I expect an Allis Shad, beautiful fish, but protected!



Eight in two weeks...

I had this exciting report in from Colin Hemsworth this morning...

"Hi Tony, I fished near the station Saturday morning through to Sunday afternoon, set up two rods loaded with lug on pulley rigs. With the gentle winds casting was fairly easy going and could manage to get some large bait out a bit further. Saturday was very quiet, I had a few whiting in the daylight and dogfish as it got dark...after a kip started fishing again Sunday morning and 2nd cast produced a 4lb codling on straight lug, I had three more up to 2lb over the next 2 hours then it all went quiet. Nothing for the rest of the day until the last cast, I felt a bit of weight pulling in and as the fish was in the surf...ping!! And the hook came loose, I swear I saw the outline of a rather plump cod rolling back into the sea but I'm just telling myself it was just a dogfish and trying to make myself feel better! Thanks for the great lug and will be down soon. Colin"



Plenty of bass about...

I had this report in from Mole a couple of days ago...

"Nice bass caught at Dungeness just right of the boat's 43cm"



Just watch your fingers...

I had this report in from Mafia Muziq ...

"Hi I think I must have been one of the crazy ones I went out last night in that horrible weather was the only one on the beach smh ha ha I was fishing two rods blacks on one and whole mackerel on the other I caught several dinner size whittings was hoping for a bass got a dog fish on the mackerel fillet so I decided to try a whole mackerel for a big bass had a slack line so pulled it in felt heavy got excited thought it was a bass but nope it was a eel my first took me a while to build the confidence up just to touch the thing ha ha where I'm from it's snapper and jack all day so eels are a new thing to me, thanks".



Looks like a strap conger to me?

BEACH OUTLOOK FOR NOVEMBER

It's looking good for cod and others...I hate to tempt fate but we have had the best start for years...let's hope we get a few anglers to benefit from the opportunity!

Best Baits

In my opinion cod are not choosey...if it looks like food, smells like food, and taste like...you guessed it! Whiting can be a pain 'shredding' a good cod bait...so use plenty of elasticised cotton to 'truss' your bait up.

BOAT REPORTS

Here are a few of the October reports coming into my site...

A perfect dozen for Jerry... I had this report in from Jerry Oiller of Fairchance fame launching from Dungeness... Fairchance fishing Dungeness 01797 363544.

Fish of all sorts

Glen Carter and friends in the Boat today, Managed to boat 40 Bream, 2 Thornbacks, a couple of plump Turbot, Pollock, Smooth hound, plaice, Gurnard, plenty of Mackerel 12 Species in all. Happy Days"

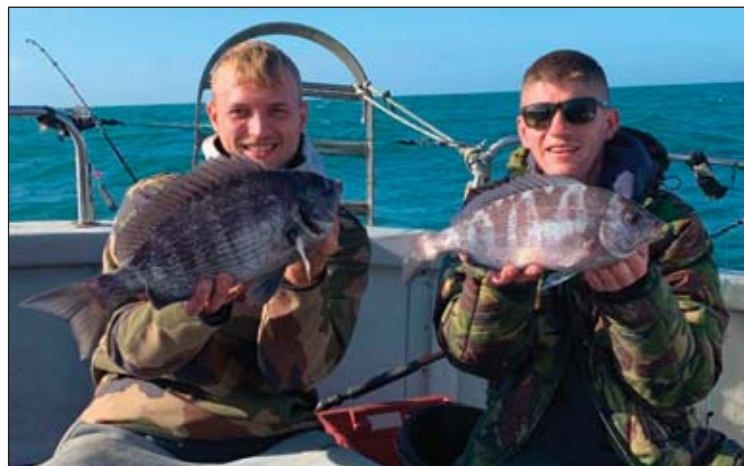


When it's tough going...

I had this report just in from Anthony out on Peganina (07989778361) from Rye...

"Bloody hard work today Because of the short sharp sea the boat was

constantly pitching and rolling, she bounced her anchor out twice, after the third move we finally got a good hold which meant the boys finally got on the fish producing bass, pollock, skate, brown bream and good numbers of stunning black bream!! Great effort all round!!"



Cracking thornback for Fairchance

I had this report in last night from Jerry Oiller of Fairchance Launching from Dungeness...

"Fairchance fishing 01797 363544 Dungeness - Only 2 crew aboard today, the going was a bit slow, not much ebb tide, managed to boat 4 or 5 Thornback Rays, the best going 15lb, dog fish, mackerel and whiting also caught, Damp Days."



Red letter day for Peganina

This report came in this afternoon from Anthony out on Peganina (07989778361) from Rye...

"Amazing bream fishing at the moment - Over 150 bream today between 4 lads, most over 2lb best going just over 3lb!!"



The bream machine rolls on...

I had this report in today from Anthony out on Peganina (079897783361) from Rye...

"Good feed for Terry today!"



Fish with attitude...and teeth...

I had this report in from Trevor Bunny out on Elizabeth Jane launching from Dungeness...

"Hi Tony, Kent angler Gary Greenhill with a 42lb Tope and Essex angler Dave Parkin with a 36lb Tope fishing on board Elizabeth Jane today, Regards Trevor"



BOAT OUTLOOK FOR NOVEMBER

Well as I have said...it's the most promising start for years when it comes to inshore cod...but how many will give it a go? With so many species still about as the sea stays warm from the mighty conger to black bream (yes they will be there to November) pollack and bass on the wrecks and a myriad of other species still about, mackerel & herring mid water...the climate is certainly changing...will we get a winter?

Best Baits

Cuttlefish & Squid are very popular but don't ignore herring and bluey!

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HASTINGS OPEN BEACH MATCH RESULT

The latest open beach match was fished on Saturday in persistent light rain and very heavy overcast. Wind was light and the sea quite coloured after a big blow on the Friday giving a strong swell.

In form Brett Cotter won the day with 18 fish for 7lb 14oz fishing on peg 5, Brett had a bag of mainly whiting and 3 soles. Heaviest fish on the day was Tim Relf with a Bass of 1lb 15oz although there were 2 conger eels caught but only 1 landed. Rex Palmer lost one in the surf, having grabbed a whiting, estimated around 12lb and Mark Rogers landed one around 4 lb but not qualifying size.



MATCH WINNER - Brett Cotter 7lb 14oz

A section	1st	Saul Page	6lb 2.2oz
	2nd	Mark Rogers	5lb 2.4ozs
B Section	1st	Nathan Elliott	7lb 11.5oz
	2nd	Colin Crosby	5lb 4oz
C Section	1st	Luke Mooring	6lb 1oz
	2nd	Tim Relf	5lb 9oz

SUPER POOL Most fish - Nathan Elliott 19 fish

Top club members 1st - Saul Page 2nd - Tim Relf

MATCH WINNER

Brett Cotter

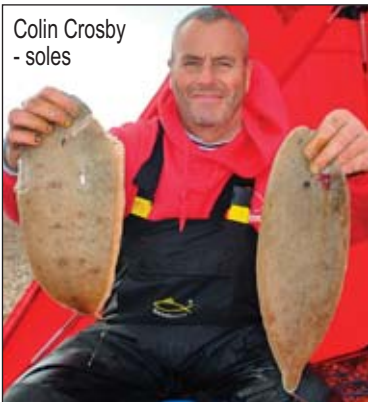


HASTINGS & ST LEONARDS AA OPEN BEACH MATCH

It was good to see some quality fish caught on Saturday at Hastings in the latest Open Beach match. The conditions were very windy with a strong SW near gale blowing. Quite mild though with some very heavy showers driving through. The big sea was very coloured with the wind blowing all week, this turbulence put off the whiting and allowed some better fish to find the bait – if you could get it out into the wind and then hold bottom in the 8m tide. There were some nice soles, dogfish and bass landed along with eels and flounders making up most of the bag. The result ended up very close with Ralph Crosby with 13 fish for 7lb 1.6oz on peg 4 just pipping brother Colin on peg 3 by 5 drams! He also had the heaviest fish an eel of 1lb 15oz.



A Zone	1st Colin Crosby - 7lb 1.1oz	2nd Steve Swan - 4lb 1oz
B Zone	1st Paul Parsons - 4lb 3oz	2nd Steve Arthur - 3lb 13oz
Heaviest fish Ralph Crosby - silver eel 1lb 15oz		



THE FUN4ALL CHARITY SEPTEMBER MATCH REPORT

BY THE FUN4ALL CLUB AND THE CASTAWAYS

On Saturday September 28th 2019, Geoff Burgess and his partner Joanne Messiter from The FUN4ALL Hythe and Shepway disability club teamed up with Facebook group, The Castaways and its 'Admins' Stevie Bates and Richard Smith to host a friendly and fun fishing match which was held on the West Parade at Hythe Kent, to raise money for the FUN4ALL Club.

The FUN4ALL club is a group set up by Geoff and Jo to help and support Children with special needs and learning disabilities but also to help and support parents and carers of the children. The Club has been going for about 3 years now and has been very successful and is growing quickly in the local area. It's a great club where the children can come and enjoy many fun activities but also for the parents and carers to have a well-earned break or hot drinks and chat with the other parents.



Stevie Bates reports on the Big Day:

"Richard and I arrived early on the Parade and we met at the white shelter armed with chalk and set off to mark out the pegs for the match. When we got out from the warmth of our cars, we were greeted by a gentle South Westerly breeze, blue skies and bright early morning sunshine. "This is great" we said! "Nothing like what the weather report had forecast!" As the morning went by, the wind steadily increased and crept up to the forecasted winds we had seen on the report the night before giving the sea a good chop and plenty of surf. As the anglers arrived and we all got booked in, we drew pegs around 9.30 and we all set off to get set up and ready to start fishing the match at 10am.

The conditions were quite challenging with a strong and steady South Westerly wind cutting right across us, bright sunshine, blue skies and a big surf which made for an interesting day's fishing. High Water came and went around 11ish, it was a big tide I think reaching around 7.4 meters. 6oz fixed grip weights and short casts behind the breakers saw us all just about hold the bottom and find plenty of fish as the morning quickly moved into the afternoon. With an hour of the match left and lots of running up and down the beach getting our fished recorded and signed, a very welcome sight in the shape of Joanne and the children came along to greet us all with hot sausage rolls and hot pasties from the local Hythe butchers.



This gave us all the energy boost that we needed to get our heads down and push on for the last hour chasing the top spots. Time was called at 3pm and everybody headed back to the white shelter along the parade for the results and prizes for the winners.

Tim Knight came first place with 7 fish for 285 points, I came second with 6 fish for 126 points followed by Damon Williams with 4 fish for 124 points. Everybody else did catch but unfortunately just didn't quite meet the measure. Damon was looking to grab the prize for biggest fish with a nice 49cm silver eel but our youngest angler on of the day sneaked in with a lovely 50cm bass which saw him pick up the prize for biggest fish!"



There were some great prizes given out for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Tim Knight received the very nice Bass trophy which was kindly donated by the FUN4ALL Club and he also received a cash prize for coming in first spot. Stevie Bates with a prize and cash prize for 2nd spot followed by Damon Williams with a prize and cash prize for 3rd spot. Our youngest angler Pen De-Frayne also received a prize and box stickers for biggest fish.

FUN4ALL and The Castaways would like to say a big thank you to the anglers who showed up to fish the match and support the club. Nearly £80 was raised among the several anglers who fished on the day with Tim, Stevie and Damon donating their cash winnings back to the charity pot.

There will be more Match dates announced in the New Year so keep an eye out for the posts on Social Media and get in-touch with Stevie Bates or Richard Smith if you wish to fish.

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Spelmonden Road, Horsmonden TN12 8EL	
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Trolliloes, Cowbeech, Nr Hailsham BN27 4QR	
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Greenacres Farm Fishery	07933 934942
Sissinghurst Road, Biddenden TN27 8EH	
Hartley Lands Fishery	07703 825064
Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook TN17 3PS	
Hawkhurst Fish Farm	01580 753813
Hastings Road, Hawkhurst TN18 4RT	
Horam Manor Fishery	01323 840889 07707 759364
Horam Manor Farm, Horam TN21 0JB	
Iden Wood Fishery	01797 280180 07906 232225
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Pearsons Green Road, Paddock Wood TN12 6NY	
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Tanyard Lane, Furners Green, Uckfield TN22 3RL	
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Tenterden Trout Waters	01580 763201
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