

FREE

Yalding Arches



photo courtesy of William Benningfield



plus JUNIOR INFORMER pages 38-43, TROUT INFORMER pages 44-48, SEA INFORMER pages 50-57

Sandwich
Coarse Fishery



Tel: 07936 409912

email: enquiries@sandwichlakes.co.uk

www.sandwichlakes.co.uk

Sandwich Ash Road (A257), Near Canterbury CT3 2DA





Please support your local tackle shop!

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

After a disappointing Summer, September came up trumps and we were able to enjoy some glorious days! As I sit here writing my 'bit', the doors and windows are wide open allowing the warm Autumn sunshine inside and the birds are chirping away in the garden. The sky is clear and blue and it is easy to forget everything that is going on out in the big wide world!

Lots of you have been out enjoying some great sport in the past few weeks and there have been some lovely fish caught. If conditions remain favourable this month, we can expect more of the same as the fish feed up ready for the cooler months. Given how unpredictable this year's weather has been, I don't think anyone is brave enough to predict what our Winter months may bring! We did enjoy a mild Autumn last year right up to Christmas so who knows what might lay in store, let us hope that whatever it is, it will be in us anglers' favour!

This report takes some believing! I recently read a match report from a fishery in the North of England. The competition was won with 881lbs and the winning angler needed 18 keepnets to hold his catch! Second place was 606lbs and 3rd place was 460lbs. The growth in commercial fisheries in recent years, especially those stocking carp, has been a massive bonus for the industry bringing lots of new anglers to the sport, however, one does stop and think about the bio-security issues in such a heavily stocked fishery as the one mentioned. Not for one moment would I deny anyone having a great day's fishing, but landing nearly half a ton of fish in a five hour match is an unbelievable weight. It doesn't seem that long ago when hitting the 'ton' was pretty groundbreaking! What do you think, would you like to catch that volume of fish in such a short time?

We haven't seen much in the way of mackerel this summer! However, as we prepare the October magazine in mid September, the mackerel have begun to show! The favourable conditions and the clearing of the inshore water have seen some big shoals appear, especially along the Sussex coast. Who knows, we may well be catching them this month, it's all very topsy turvy out there that's for sure! As a complete opposite to mackerel fishing, a nice sized cod was caught from a Sussex beach in early September on a rather rough unsettled day.

This month marks the 25th Anniversary of the Freshwater Informer! The very first issue, produced by its founder the late Roger Standen, went out in October 1996. I am very fortunate to have some copies of early editions, including the very first. The magazine has certainly come a very long way since 1996. Previous years have sadly seen the demise of many well known angling publications and many current angling magazines only produce digital versions. The Freshwater Informer has 'bucked the trend' and continues to go from strength to strength. Readers and advertisers continually tell me that it is the paper copy that they want and judging by the amount that I deliver each and every month I can't argue with that! Cheers Roger, I hope you approve and here's to the next 25 years of the Freshwater Informer!

Enjoy your fishing, Barry Reed

The Freshwater Informer

6 Meadow Way | Wouldham | Rochester ME1 3GR
e: barnic@btinternet.com

01634 869317
07722 025449



COPY DEADLINE for NOVEMBER 2021
MONDAY 18th October 2021

The Freshwater Informer cannot accept responsibility for the quality of goods or services advertised in this publication. All views expressed are those of the contributors concerned. All images received are accepted as being true and accurate and as described.



We opened our doors at the end of 2016 in Sparrows Green, Wadhurst. Bowie is a very experienced professional barber, whether it's a traditional scissor cut or a modern fade, we cater to all styles and ages. Toddlers can enjoy a haircut in our vintage fire engine while adults can enjoy the refreshments and free WiFi. We have parking right outside and plenty more on the street, no appointment needed just come in and take a seat!

For opening times please see website

01892 783 130 • www.bowiesbarbershop.com



- MENS CUT £14
- CLIPPER CUT £10
- BOYS CUT (AGE 12-16) £12
- KIDS CUT (UP TO AGE 12) £10
- OAPs £12
- BEARD TRIM (FREE WITH HAIRCUT) £4
- PAYMENT BY CASH ONLY

Bowies Barber Shop
Davies Place, Sparrows Green
Wadhurst TN5 6TE



Henfold Bait & Tackle, Henfold Lakes, Henfold Lane, Newdigate RH5 4RW
TACKLE HIRE AND TUITION AVAILABLE

07956 043922



WANT REGULAR
TB//UPDATES?

Join our e-mailing list at
www.tacklebox.co.uk

🐦 tackleboxdartford
📱 tacklebox83
📷 tackleboxdartford

★★★★
**WORLDWIDE
MAILING**

See website
for details

**OPEN
MONDAY TO
SATURDAY**
8.30AM - 6PM

**WE CATER
FOR START-UP
THROUGH TO
EXPERIENCED
ANGLERS**

The
Tackle Box



**LET'S GET
ANGLING**

**4M
POLE KIT
£9.99**

**JUNIOR BUNK
SLEEP SYSTEM**



**IN
STOCK
NOW**

£179.99

**JUNIOR 4 SEASON
SLEEP SYSTEM**



£159.99

**BANK LIFE
BEDSIDE
STATION
COMPACT**

**IN
STOCK
NOW**

**£85.99
£77.99**

NEW PRODUCTS // TOP SELLERS // TB FAVOURITES // HOT OFFERS // LARGE CAR PARK



EXTENSIVE CLOTHING RANGES



RANGES DISPLAYED BY BRAND



REELS



TB//EXCLUSIVES RANGE



BAIT STORAGE FREEZERS



SPECIALIST PRODUCTS



CUSTOM ROD BUILDING



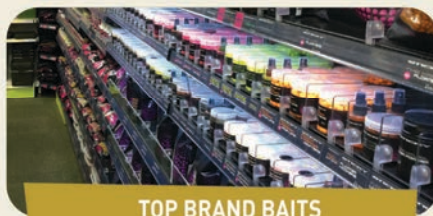
BITE ALARMS DISPLAY WALL



EXTENSIVE KORDA AREA



DEDICATED LUGGAGE DISPLAY



TOP BRAND BAITS



RIDGEMONKEY PRODUCT ZONE

**0%
FINANCE**

**SIMPLY SPREAD THE COST
AVAILABLE NOW**

**CLICK &
COLLECT**

**RESERVE ONLINE,
COLLECT IN-STORE**



**TB//SERVICE
DEPARTMENT**
SERVICING • REPAIRS
• ALTERATIONS

**FREE
DELIVERY***
ON ORDERS OVER £100

* Standard Delivery - Mainland UK only

**CUSTOM ROD BUILDING
AND REPAIR SERVICE.**

Our in-house rod building service allows you to create the rods of your choice with the help of our rod builders. **Call the shop to discuss your requirements.**

**CUSTOM
BUILD
AVAILABLE**

MAIL ORDER SERVICE - LOCAL OR NATIONAL PLEASE TEL 01322 292400 OR ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.TACKLEBOX.CO.UK



THE TACKLE BOX, 251 Watling Street, Dartford, Kent, DA2 6EG. **EVERYBODY'S WELCOME!**

Tricklebrook Fishery Five Oak Green, Kent

New Lake



31lb 6oz - Old Lake



25lb 11oz - Old Lake



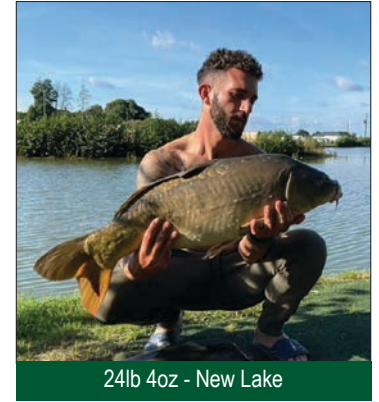
30lb 6oz - Old Lake



25lb - New Lake



24lb - New Lake



24lb 4oz - New Lake



New at Tricklebrook Fishery!

We are delighted to announce that we now have six beautiful pods available to anglers and non-anglers alike. Four of the well appointed units are located directly on the lakes so anglers can have their very own dedicated swims for convenience and comfort!

Please contact kt@coltshillglamping.co.uk for reservations and any further information.

Each of the pods contains:

- A small comfortable double bed and a sofa bed, all bed linen provided!
 - Shower and toilet for that little bit of extra comfort
- Full size under counter fridge / double hob and a built-in microwave
 - Toaster and kettle
- Fire pit and bbq, one bag of charcoal and firewood supplied free!
- All you need to bring is yourself and your food and fishing tackle if you are fishing



PRICES

DAY TICKET X2 RODS - £15
 DAY TICKET X3 RODS - £20
 24 HOUR TICKET X2 RODS - £25
 24 HOUR TICKET X3 RODS - £30
 36 HOUR TICKET X2 / X3 RODS - £40 / £50
 48 HOUR TICKET X2 / X3 RODS - £50 / £60

NEW LAKE NOW OPEN
ALL LAKES DISABLED FRIENDLY!



TRICKLEBROOK FISHERY

**BIG CATS UP
TO 50LBS**



**HUGE
CARP**



UP TO 40LBS

**BIG PERCH
UP TO 6LBS**



Tricklebrook Fishery is nestled in the beautiful Kent countryside.

This fantastic coarse fishery consists of two very well stocked lakes.

A 4 acre specimen lake stocked with big Catfish up to 50lbs, huge Carp up to 40lbs, big Perch up to 6lbs and beautiful Roach over 3lbs. And a 1 acre match fishing lake teaming with a variety of species weighing up to 28lbs.



ADD US ON FACEBOOK!

FACEBOOK.COM/TRICKLEBROOKFISHERY

Open from 7am 365 days a year!

(Closes at 7pm in Summer & 5pm in Winter)

A UK CARP TOP 100 FISHERY - BOOK NOW!

tricklebrookfishery.co.uk

TEL 07743 955812 | 01892 835453 | EMAIL info@tricklebrookfishery.co.uk

Tricklebrook Fishery | Colts Hill | Five Oak Green | TN12 6SH

Telephone bookings are to be paid in advance and are non-refundable • Credit and Debit cards now accepted

Beaver Fishery Lingfield, Surrey

PLEASE NOTE :- To fish Snipe Lake, Westlake (Formerly Tuscany Lake) or Daughters Lake there are certain tackle requirements in force. Please call or look on our website at www.beaverfarmfishery.co.uk

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering the yearly membership again which will start from November. Please call Andy or Ben for more details.

Snipe Lake has produced some crackers again this month, well done to the following: **Stuart Green** was back and banked a 24lbs mirror, **Scott Harvey** banked the same 19lbs fully scaled mirror twice, **Chris Edland** banked commons at 14-14 and 18-01 as well as a 20-04 mirror, **Alex Chapman** had a common of 27-08, **Tony Anderson Dixon** caught his first two fish from Snipe Lake, an 18lbs common followed by a 20lbs mirror, **Jason Van Arkadie** had a good session when he banked a low double common and a low double mirror followed by a 25-10 common, **Tom Shephard** banked a 26lbs common, **Ian York** was amongst the fish again and he banked 2 commons at 15-15 and 19-04 and two mirrors at 17lbs and 20-03, **Sam Holter's** first Snipe Lake session saw him bank Hayley's Mirror at a **PB** busting 32-02,



Jason Van Arkadie

Alfie Player banked the Big Lin at 25lbs, **Brian Doran** had a 19-06 mirror, **John Owen** banked commons at 15lbs and 24-04, **Eric Stammers** had a 22lbs common, **Steven Gallagher** banked an impressive 29-12 common and **Darryl Cook** continued his great form when he banked two commons at 16-08 and 26-12 then had two mirrors at 15-08 and 25-14. There have also been some mid to upper double commons and mirrors out this month as well.

Westlake has again been producing some great fish again with a lot of anglers getting multiple catches on their sessions, well done to the following: **Martin** and **Gary Young** banked 8 cats which included a 51lbs for Martin and a 62lbs for Gary, **Merv Davis** and **Clive Jones** banked 16 cats to 39lbs, **Brian Hood** had a good couple of sessions banking cats to 60lbs, **Matt Lambert** banked his first ever cat at 20-04, **Elliott Webb** had his first cat at 30lbs and then a new **PB** of 33-08, **Peter Ellis** has been doing well with a 35lbs, a 51lbs and a 64-05, **Nathan Thomas** banked 7 cats to a new **PB** of 42lbs, **Kevin Bond** had 5 cats to 33lbs, **Csaba Erdos** banked 3 to 35lbs, **Steve Deeley** also had 3 to 37lbs, **Darren Evans** banked 3 to 41lbs, **Peter Mew** banked 8 cats to 44lbs, **Steve Eatman** had 3 to 48-04 and last, but not least, **Martin Smith** banked a mighty 28 cats to 60-05.

Jeffer's Lake has been a little 'hit and miss', but there have been the usual days where anglers have hit decent amounts of F1's and some nice bream too. Well done to **Paul Kelly** who done his **PB** twice with carp to 13lbs.

Moat Pond has seen day anglers getting amongst the fish, with carp being banked to 9lbs, bream, tench and even a few crucians too.



Brian Doran



Ian York



Sam Holter - 32lb 2oz new PB

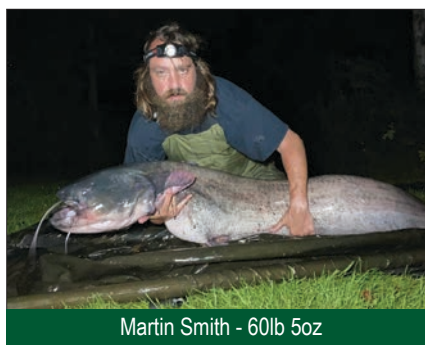


Scott Harvey

Daughters Lake has been fishing hard again this month due to the oxygen levels fluctuating with the algae dying back. We have again invested into the fishery by purchasing a new solar system with 4 diffusers attached to help the already existing solar paddle wheel which has made a great difference to the dissolved oxygen levels, this in turn will keep the fish stock happier and therefore a bit hungrier.

Eden Pond has been producing a few tench to 5lbs, bream, some nice silvers and carp to 6lbs..

Maze Lake has seen a few day anglers on there getting amongst the fish with a mixed bag of fish banked. Plenty of



Martin Smith - 60lb 5oz



Matt Lambert - 20lb 4oz - First cat!

F1's, small carp and lots of bream to 5lbs and **Mick Brett** managed a nice tench of 5lbs and **Darren Hastain** banked 40 fish in a day including carp to over 7lbs and on his next visit banked another 27 fish.

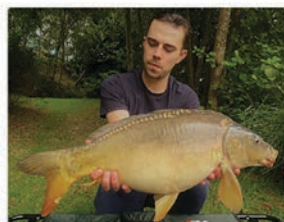
Majors Lake has been producing a mix of fish but it has been hard going after all the pressure and bait that went in over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Buster Piper banked a low double common and a low double mirror, **Bobby Lewis** had a 16lbs common, **Gary Parmenter** banked a ghost common of 14lbs, **Bob Morris** had a 15-02 common and **Robert Haines** had a mirror of 17lbs. And well done to **Kieran Jeffery** and **George Roberts** who won Fish of the Month for September by showing some good angling and banking a few nice carp between them.



Kieran Jeffery

We apologise if you caught and aren't listed, as you know Ben and I actively encourage all anglers to report all catches and send us pictures of banked fish.



Beaver Fishery
FISH
of the
MONTH

NUTRABAITS®

TRIGGA HAS PROVEN YEAR AFTER YEAR THAT CARP WILL TAKE A QUALITY FOOD SOURCE BAIT AND RETURN OVER & OVER AGAIN. MANY BIG FISH AROUND THE UK AND EUROPE HAVE REPEATEDLY FALLEN TO TRIGGA ON WATERS WITH CONSTANT ANGLING PRESSURE.

A TRUE SIGN OF SOMETHING SPECIAL...



TRIGGA IS MADE UP OF THE FINEST PREDIGESTED MARINE MEALS, LOW FAT OCEANIC PROTEINS, MILK PROTEINS, WHEY PROTEINS, VITAMINS AND MINERALS AVAILABLE.

Greenacres Farm Fishery Biddenden, Kent

Speci 1 This lake has been proving challenging at times with the weather being so up and down, but those that are up for a challenge have been rewarded with a couple of fish. Solid pva bags over a small bed of particle seems to be the winning way of getting a few fish out.

Andy Humphries had a cracking result on here catching a couple of really large perch unexpectedly on boilies, followed by a nice scaly mirror out of swim 1/2. **Scott** and his mate **Reece** fishing out of swims 7 and 8 had a fantastic time catching 12 fish overall, fair play to Scott who had travelled from Cardiff.

Speci 2 Still producing some good catfish with some lovely carp in the mix. Catfish are being taken on heavily baited areas of mixed sized marine halibut pellets using single 21mm robin reds or luncheon meat over the top. Carp are being caught the same way but with a solid pva bag with a wafter or a pop up over the top. **Sue** from TSM Baits was fishing with her husband **Chris** and their mate **Jonathan** and they caught some lovely catfish out of swims 7/8. A previous trip on swim 7/8 also saw **Mike Barber's** daughter land her first ever catfish.

Heron A lovely mixed coarse lake that has been very popular with the regulars catching a lovely mixed bag of fish with the odd chance of catching a good size carp up to 15lbs, average carp being caught are between 6-7lbs.

Kingfisher This is an overstocked match lake and great fun with a guarantee of catching, brilliant for families or anyone wanting to teach their kids how to fish. Stay away from boilies in here and use natural baits like maggots, corn, pellets, worms etc.

Bluebell A little tench pond tucked out of the way! This pond is showing a good number of tench being caught on float or feeder tactics using worm, maggot, paste or sweetcorn on the hook. The carp in here are also stunning fish that can be caught up to 10lbs with also the odd roach, rudd and gudgeon.

Rules

- Please dip all nets, slings, cradles and unhooking mats located in car parks before entering a lake.
- No one under the age of 16 to be left unattended at all times, this also means to and from the toilet.
- No one under the age of 18 is allowed to night fish without a responsible ADULT.
- No takeaways



PINIONS



BAITS AND ACCESSORIES

We are open 7 days a week

Monday to Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 10am - 4pm

Our improved range of baits now includes 9 different sizes of sinking trout and halibut pellets, shelf life & frozen boilies, pop ups, liquids, groundbaits, hook baits and quality fresh maggots!



SONUBAITS



BAIT-TECH

PALLATRAX



CRAFTY CATCHER

Copdock Angling

NEW!
DELIVERY
SERVICE NOW
AVAILABLE

Our particle and bait range now includes hemp, maize, breadcrumb, tiger nuts, method mixes, ready prepared ground baits, robin red powder bait boosters, spod mixes, fish meal and lots more ingredients for you to make the perfect fishing bait. Pinions also offers a range of those all important accessories for your tackle bag!

www.pinionspetfoods.co.uk

431 London Road
Ditton, Aylesford ME20 6DB

Only 5 minutes from M20 Junction 5!

Ample **FREE** parking
outside the door



WhatsApp us on

01622 718580

07808 645806

Iden Wood Fishery



Tel/Fax: Andy Ashdown

01797 280180

Mobile:

07906 232225

5 secluded lakes set in 60 acres of woodland, containing
Carp to 30lbs, Tench to 5lbs,
Bream to 9lb plus Roach,
Rudd and Chub

Vehicle access/night fishing
allowed / match bookings taken

Spring Lodge | Iden Wood Fishery
| Coldharbour Lane | Iden | Rye |
East Sussex | TN31 7UT



GREENACRES FARM FISHERY



Sissinghurst Road | Biddenden | Kent | TN27 8EH

Located on the Weald of Kent in Biddenden we offer syndicate quality lakes for all. There is one specimen lake for carp up to 30lbs+, one specimen predator lake for carp to 27lbs+, catfish to 60lbs+ and pike, one match lake with twenty-two purpose built swims, one coarse lake and finally a tench/family pond. Facilities include a club house with toilets, shower, wet room and kitchen facilities.

This beautiful setting needs to be visited and enjoyed!

Prices start at £10 per session on the coarse lakes, £15 for the specimen lakes rising to £25 for a 24 hour ticket (£5 extra for a third rod).

Gates open at 7am and close at 7pm

SENIOR DAY TICKETS ON OUR COARSE LAKES HERON AND BLUEBELL ARE AVAILABLE FOR £5 MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY

To book, please call or text us on **07933 934942**
or visit our website **www.greenacresfarmfishery.co.uk**
Email : greenacresfarmfishery@gmail.com



Elphicks Fisheries Horsmonden, Kent



Ben Robinson - 30lbs 10ozs - Kettles



Antony Reeves - 34lbs - Westend



Nice mirror from Kettles



Lawrence Tatler - North Lake



Prairie Lake



Callum Thompson - 25lbs - Kettles



George Busby - Kettles



John Pearn - 27lbs - Kettles



Roy Furguson - 46lbs 4ozs - Westend

Elphicks Fisheries



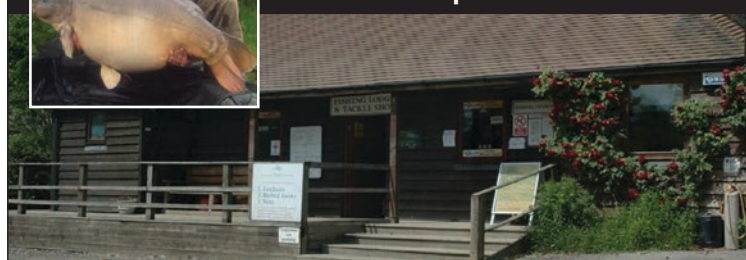
Elphicks has been designed and built with the modern angler in mind. We have 7 lakes available for day ticket and session fishing. Each lake has it's own parking within easy reach of the swims and all swims are 'all weather' - either built of Astroturf, stone or bark. Please contact the fishery for further information on any of our lakes.



Elphicks Fisheries Spelmonden Road
Horsmonden, Kent TN12 8EL

Tel: **01580 212512**

email: info@elphicks-fisheries.co.uk



www.elphicks-fisheries.co.uk



Tom Dickinson - Pullens Lake



Lovely common from North Lake



Lawrence Tatler - North Lake



Westend Lake



Matthew Colegate - 20lbs - Sandwich Lake



Good mirror from North Lake

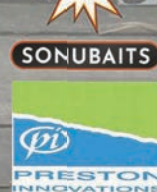


www.absolutetackle.co.uk

All the top brands for the coarse, carp, predator and sea angler

Quality fresh and frozen baits always in stock

We stock the best range of leads for the sea angler in the South East!



01227 636724 / 07809 330854

Plenty of FREE parking right outside the door

Monday to Saturday 9am - 5pm / Sunday 9am - 1pm

12 Wealden Forest Park, Herne Common CT6 7LQ

Between Canterbury & Herne Bay on A291 - just 10 minutes from either!

Email: badders22000@hotmail.com

BAIT AVAILABILITY DEPENDENT ON TIDE AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

Hawkhurst Fish Farm Hawkhurst, Kent

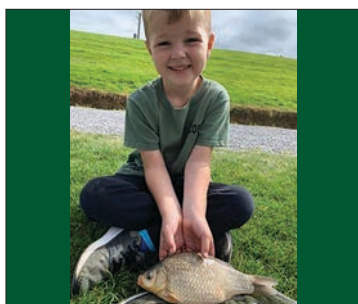
28lb 8oz Ghost common - Specimen Lake - Dean Hughes



34lb 2oz Common - Specimen Lake - Patrick Thompson



23lb Grasscarp - Main Lake - Darren Knight



Jacob Clark - Junior Lakes



Ron - Quarry!



Main Lake peg 2 - Thomas



Paul, Mark, Rob - Main Lake



34lb+ Common - Specimen Lake - Adam Carter



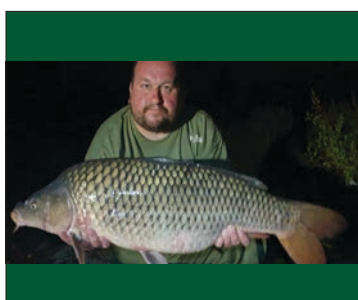
Lee Marston - Specimen Lake



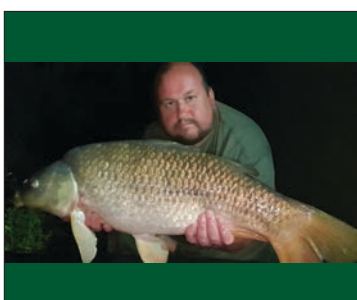
32lb 4oz Mirror - Specimen Lake - Richard



Paul, Mark, Rob - Main Lake



31lb Common - Main Lake - Darren Knight



15lb Common - Main Lake - Darren Knight



23lb 9oz Common - Quarry Lake - Kier Johnson

Quarry Lake record - 22lb 8oz Common
John Bellinger

Specimen Lake - Tim Porter



37lb Common - Main Lake - Sykes group



Catfish - Main Lake - Sykes group



Henry - Quarry Lake



19lb 7oz ghost carp - Dove Lake - Clive Richards



21lb 4oz Common - Specimen Lake - Mark Kirwan



Ron Davis - Quarry



Henry - Quarry Lake

Orchard TACKLE

**Thinking Anglers Camflec
Compact Carryall** £49.99



Shimano Catana 4000rc

£29.99

**Sonik Subsonik
Mono 3000m Spools**



£39.99

**CC Moore Northern Special
Dumbbell Wafers** £6.99



**Free Next Working Day Delivery
when you spend £50 or more.**

Excluding Rods (separate delivery charge)

**Next Working Day Delivery
Excludes weekends & Bank Holidays**

Nutrabaits River Plus Range

From
£4.99



**Shimano FX Xt
Spinning Kit**
From £44.99



Sticky Fluro Pop Ups

£6.99



ORDER TODAY

www.orchardtackle.co.uk



58 High Brooms Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9DB

Tel: 07494 670 328

Hawkhurst Fish Farm

Hastings Road, Hawkhurst, Kent, TN18 4RT

T: 01580 753813 E: info@hawkhurstfishfarm.co.uk



Junior Coarse Fishing

Currently open 10am – 5pm, 7 days a week.

Closed from 1st November for Winter.

No booking or experience required! With 3 very well stocked ponds, it's the perfect place for novice anglers (young or old!) to come and enjoy the pleasure of catching a fish – or several!

We've got everything covered, from equipment: hire to rod licences, and our water bailiff will be there to offer assistance.



Check www.hawkhurstfishfarm.co.uk for more info!



COOMBEWOOD FISHERY
High Halden Kent TN26 3JH

3 WELL STOCKED MIXED COARSE FISHING LAKES

located in private ancient
woodland in the heart
of the Kent countryside

*We offer day tickets, Summer evening
tickets & pre-booked night fishing tickets*

CLUB / MATCH BOOKINGS WELCOME

*Our 2 main lakes are fully accessible
to disabled anglers, including the toilet
& shower facilities*

Tickets available on the bank from only £8



07895
679569



Redbrook Street, High Halden
Near Ashford TN26 3JH

www.coombewoodfishery.com

email: alex@coombewoodfishery.com

Eastbourne Road (A22),
Newchapel, Lingfield, Surrey RH7 6HL

Tel: 01342 324006

Mobile: 07710 656041



www.beaverfarmfishery.co.uk

Email:

beaverfarmfishery@live.co.uk

Facebook: beaverfishery

Instagram: @beaverfishery



We are a commercial day ticket fishery and have 2 Specimen Lakes, 3 Coarse Lakes and 3 Ponds.
Open 7am - 7pm Summer time and 7am - 6pm Winter time. Day ticket, overnight and long stays welcome.

Facilities include:

On Site Tackle Shop
Shower/Wetroom
Disabled Friendly Toilets
Disabled Friendly Parking
Seasonal Snack Bar with
Hot and Cold Food
2 Chalets available for hire
Automatic Security Gates
that close at 7pm (Summer)
6pm (Winter)
24 hour C.C.T.V



Monthly Open Matches
(All Welcome)

12 Car Parks including
Disabled Parking

Match, Corporate and
Memorial Bookings Welcome

No pre-bookings taken
for swims

Concessionary Tickets for
Junior, Disabled and OAPs
Win a FREE SESSION with
our Fish of the Month
Competition



WELCOME TO ARUN ANGLING CENTRE

Arun Angling is located just five minutes from the A27 on the outskirts of the pretty town of Angmering. The store has it's own ample car park offering FREE parking solely for it's own customers' use only.

Have you visited the newly refitted Arun Angling store at Angmering?

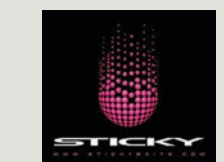
Arun Angling Centre was established in 1990 and over the years has grown into the biggest shop of its kind locally.

Having moved to larger premises in order to satisfy demand, the shop now boasts over 2,000 sq.ft of display space enabling us to exhibit the massive range of stock we hold from all leading tackle and bait suppliers.

At Arun Angling Centre you will always receive a warm welcome, good advice and a great variety of products to choose from.

We cater for all disciplines of freshwater angling including carp, specimen, match, game and pleasure.

We are delighted to offer you a number of **INTEREST FREE** payment options for those larger purchases, so please feel free to chat with us when considering your next tackle purchase!



The Old Blacksmiths Yard, Water Lane, Angmering BN16 4EP

Open: **Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm**
Saturday 8am to 5pm

Any questions

Call: **01903 770099**

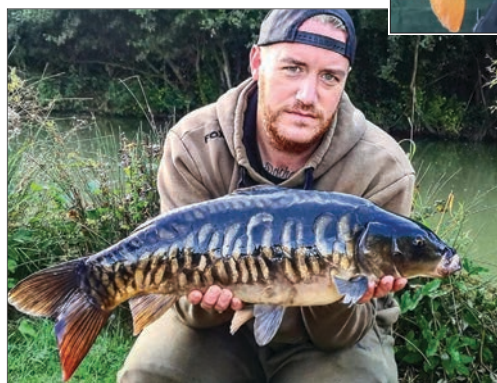
Email: **arun.angling@hotmail.co.uk**

Find us on 

www.arunangling.co.uk

Mousehole Lakes Paddock Wood, Kent

NEW CAFE AND NEW MENU COMING SOON
AT MOUSEHOLE!



Day ticket:**£10 for x1 rod****£15 for x2 rods****24 hours:****£30 for x2 rods***(formerly Tanyard Fishery)***Day and night
fishing available**

A choice of
three carp
and catfish
lakes
and one
carp-free
lake!



Families and accompanied
young anglers very welcome

www.latchettslakes.co.uk

Latchetts Lakes are set in a tranquil aquatic landscape where experienced and novice anglers alike can find a lake to suit their needs.

With four lakes to choose from including a carp free lake, anglers can fish for a range of fish including common and mirror carp, catfish, crucians, koi, bream, tench, roach and many more species.

We have toilet facilities for ladies, gents and disabled and a washing-up area for longer stay anglers.

We are open from 7am to 7pm**365 days a year****No pre-booking needed - just turn up and fish****07912 876732 or 07793 654174****email: info@latchettslakes.co.uk****@latchetts lakes****Latchetts Lakes Tanyard Lane Furners Green Uckfield TN22 3RL**

Claygate Lakes Claygate, Marden, Kent

Lake Sophie Bream along with tench have been coming out down the middle of the lake. Try over the far bank to the reeds for chub, and meat down the edge has been taking carp.

Lake Amy **Matthew Good** has been trying for over a year to land this ghost common that he caught weighing in at 27lbs 8ozs. Small bags of pellet with a single boilie has been working.

Lake Eva Three generations of a family came down and had a lovely overnight stay. Well done to **Lucas** and **Mikah** on your catch. Congratulations **Tony Kennaird** on his carp caught on a new pole. You're never too old to try another way to fish!



Our food unit is open all day Saturday and Sunday and 11am -1pm during the week.

If booking on for 24 hrs or longer, don't forget to bring your towel. We have separate male and female shower facilities and disabled access WC.



New Claygate Lakes

DAY & NIGHT FISHING - TN12 9PL

For all match and pleasure bookings and enquiries please ring Dave **07770 513448**
NIGHT FISHING ON ALL LAKES

ON-SITE
FOOD
UNIT



LAKE AMY - Carp to upper 30s



LAKE EVA match/pleasure - Carp 27lb+ Tench 11lb+ Chub 5lb+ Barbel 6lb+ Perch 5lb+ Bream and other silvers



LAKE SOPHIE match/pleasure - Carp 16lb+ Tench 8lb+ Chub 5lb+ Barbel 4lb+ Perch 3lb+ Bream 11lb+ Roach 2lb+ Skimmer Bream and other silvers



www.newclaygatelakes.co.uk

A POEM FROM KEVIN HENMAN



Kevin Henman sent in these lovely words during a recent session: Kevin said "I had a cracking weekend at my local and jotted down a few words whilst I wiled away the hours and I thought I would share them with you"

*There is a place in old East Sussex that I like to call my home.
A fishing lake called Home Farm surely stands alone.*

*It's not only the fish that draws me here from far and wide.
But the peace and tranquility, a beautiful place to hide.*

*Where Moorhens play and Kingfishers flit along the banks.
Where an occasional Heron roosts, and Geese line up in their ranks.*

*Once I heard the nightingales sing, a wonder to behold.
Sometimes the Carp are elusive but many stories told.*

*Of monster Carp that lurk within the reeds and pads.
I've seen a few, and many have I had.*

*But it's not the fishing that brings me here,
But a chat with mates and the occasional beer.*

*A place to escape after all the toil and strains,
Through summer sun and winter rains.*

*I may wander sometimes, it is my want to roam.
But Old Home Farm is where I will always call my home!*

FRANT LAKES

All swims pre-booked

No overcrowding

Come and catch these...

Hawkenbury Road
Bells Yew Green
Tunbridge Wells TN3 9AP

01892 616424

Email: fishfrant@gmail.com

follow us on Facebook



6 Main Lakes

Open Friday – Sunday for day tickets

Reduced numbers means
no overcrowding

Book online via the website

2 Specimen Lakes

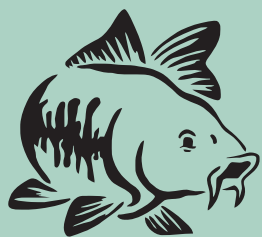
Open 7 days a week for 24hr+ tickets

Book by phone

07599 577377

CARD PAYMENTS ONLY

www.frantlakes.com



Shirkoak Fishery and B&B



Since taking over in November 2019 we have removed some of the smaller fish and added some big scaly mirrors and pike as our predatory fish, this is part of our ongoing stocking program.

**OAP
TUESDAY
£10
incl. bacon roll!
Pre-bookings
only**



We can also offer food delivered to your swim, our full English breakfast is proving extremely popular!



Fishing prices start at £12 for 2 rods for 12 hours.



FISHING HOLIDAYS & SHORT BREAKS

We can accommodate up to 7 guests in our exclusive guest suite.



Why not enjoy a stay at our beautiful Kent farmhouse



3 en-suite bedrooms, private Farmhouse kitchen and dining room, sitting room with inglenook fireplace, tennis court and gardens. Full English breakfast is included in the price of your stay. Please call for further details and availability.

Lakeside Wedding Venue

Let us host your wedding reception at Shirkoak Farm



We are able to offer a full wedding package that includes exclusive hire of the lake, gardens, accommodation in the guest suite, a full catering service and on-site florist. Please call for further information.



Shirkoak Fishery, Bethersden Road, Woodchurch, Ashford TN26 3PZ

Follow us on Facebook
'Shirkoak Fishery'
for regular updates



www.shirkoakfarm.com

For more information please call
Hugh on **07973 410973**

Sues Tackle Cabin

Tel: **01797 225015 / 07980 290247**

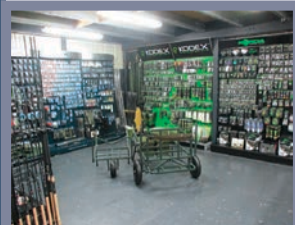
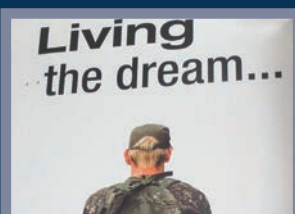
Email: robbie@ryespace.co.uk



The Spice Warehouse,
Rye Harbour Road
Rye TN31 7TE

Open: Mon - Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 9am-4pm
Sun 10am-4pm (April to Xmas), B/Hols 10am-4pm
Plenty of FREE parking right outside the door

Your ONE STOP destination for all your coarse, carp, predator, beach and boat tackle and bait



Friendly helpful staff

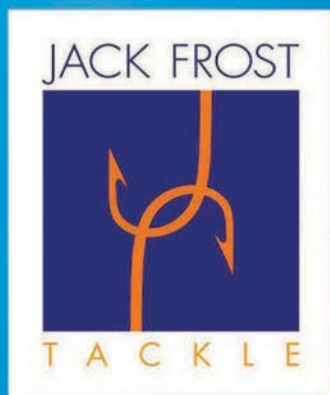
**IF BY ANY CHANCE WE DON'T HAVE WHAT YOU WANT IN STOCK...
...WE WILL ORDER IT**

Huge new dedicated bait room! Indoor bivvy display areas on upper floor!



**NEW WEBSITE
COMING SOON!**

VISIT OUR EBAY STORE
'SUES TACKLE CABIN'
ebay



www.jackfrostattackle.co.uk

01293 521186

Reynolds Place, West Green, Crawley RH11 7HB



Jack Frost Tackle Crawley. Crawley's Premier fishing tackle shop for carp fishing, match fishing and sea fishing.



NEW CLOTHING SHOWROOM NOW OPEN!
The South's LARGEST selection of clothing and footwear. Please see our Facebook page.

- Over 400 rods on display
- Surrey and Sussex Trakker & Nash Super Centres
- One of Sussex's biggest Superstores with two floors and 3,500 square feet
- Free Parking

**WE BUY
GOOD QUALITY
SECONDHAND
TACKLE - CALL
FOR DETAILS**



Free Spirit
FISHING

Interest Free Credit

Omni Capital
Retail Finance
Interest free credit

DAVA

PRESTON
INNOVATIONS

DRENNAN

KORUM

URBAN
Bait

SHIMANO



FOX

KORDA
THINKING TACKLE

E-S-P

KRYSTON

GARDNER



matline

STICKY

DYNAMITE

Fortis
EYEWEAR

Dreams can become a reality!

I have been very fortunate to have travelled a long and very rewarding journey in angling both at home and abroad and, so far, the main highlight has been owning a lake complex. This created so many incredible memories for me, from fish caught to friendships made and when I sold up to concentrate on Pallatrax it certainly left a hole in my life. But after so many years a new opportunity arrived where I could still concentrate on Pallatrax whilst taking fishery ownership to the next level, in building my own complex from scratch.



Jack's Pool before the dig

After months of planning and design, early this Summer the contractors moved in and we broke ground on the first lake at the foot of the valley. I am so lucky to have a amazing friend who took on the project and worked so hard with me to bring the dream alive, and I can promise you it has certainly had its challenges! Digging down to the depths I wanted to achieve was certainly no mean feat and hitting bedrock caused a few issues, but also gave us access to an on site source to use for the tracks around the complex.



Jack's Pool

fire pit so anglers can sit out under the stars in even the coldest evening in front of a blazing log fire. You'll be able to drive either into, or very close to the swims – a must with all the gear we now take fishing!

Fish welfare and bio security will be at the top of the list, so all things like nets, mats and slings will be provided to ensure no diseases can be transported onto site from outside. Yes, it is an extra expense but this works on two fronts, through limiting the chance of disease transfer but also means you don't have to take any wet and stinky gear home with you!

Fish stock, this was always going to be a quandary for me as I love fishing for all species but after soul searching, as well as considering the future of this fishery, I have decided to stock with some of the Lana Spring Fish Farm's beautiful Common and Mirror carp – a unique strain with incredible pedigree. I would have loved to have had some Tench, but with careful consideration with the one species from the one fish farm I am protecting against other issues that other species can, or may, bring onto site. Such again includes bio security but also I will have a feed programme which will be fully monitored and other species would impact on that.

With building restrictions and many other considerations, digging lakes is far from an easily achievable option nowadays, but with the support of my wonderful wife, Tini, we had purchased a beautiful piece of land in North Devon which 'falls' into a small valley in a stunning and peaceful location with the intention of seeking planning permission when the time was right. With such projects water quality is always the main consideration and here we have it in bundles with underground streams and plenty of yearly rain.

Getting planning permission was always going to be a challenge, but with some awesome support and a very forward thinking local council the day came where I received the e-mail, I felt somewhat like Charlie winning the Gold ticket in Charlie and the Chocolate factory, full permission had been granted for a three lake complex and Anglers Cabin!



Some of the machinery needed

Having nearly 25 years experience in this arena certainly does not mean I know everything, but it has given me some fantastic contacts and together the concept has been to design an intimate complex of three carefully designed lakes stepping down into the valley. The lakes, all named after my boys; Jack, Ben and Charlie, are sympathetic to both the environment but also anglers' needs which especially includes anglers with disabilities. On the edge of Jack's Pool will be a small lodge with full facilities including proper shower and toilets, kitchenette, power, water etc. Each pool will have a



Lana Springs fish



Liquid gold!! Bore hole

As mentioned earlier, water quality is a major factor in good fishery management for so many reasons and one thing I wanted to do was have a bore hole as a 'safety valve' which would give me access to fresh water if needed. I booked in a local company and the contractor turned up with all the machines and to find the water he used water diviners, an ancient practice which really works! He selected the location and drilling began, a slow process in the rocky ground here in North Devon but at 190 foot they struck a huge water resource which can deliver around 10 gallons a minute, 14,000 gallons of pure and uncontaminated water a day – you can imagine how happy I was as this will change the whole dynamic of the fishery and the amount of fish I can stock and grow on.

Overhead shot of
Jack and Ben's Pools

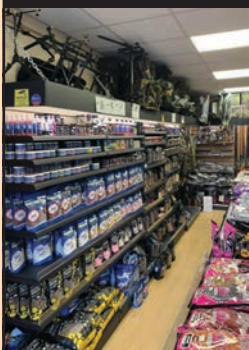
All I can do here, with the limited word count, is to try to highlight the excitement of such a project and to keep you updated as things progress. The landscape still looks much like a huge building site but all three

Pools are now dug, and slowly and naturally filling up. The next stage will be to grade and landscape the site with fish due to me next Spring. I will then leave things to settle down whilst planting the margins, fitting predator fencing etc until I open up in the first week of April 2023. By then the fish stock will have grown on with fish already over 30lb and with a realistic plan to have much heavier fish in years to come. Lots of work to do, but what an amazing project for any angler to be involved with, something that will be here forever and something that so many fellow anglers will be able to enjoy.

Tight lines *Simon 'Pom' Pomeroy*

JUST FISHING TACKLE

22 Marion Crescent
Poverest Road Orpington BR5 2DD



01689
637477

Open times:
Sun & Mon: Closed
Tues, Weds, Fri, Sat:
9am to 5.30pm
Thurs: 9am to 7pm



www.justfishingtackle.co.uk




sales@justfishingtackle.co.uk



NEW FAMILY RUN SHOP OPENS IN NEW ROMNEY

Romney Angling
59 High Street
New Romney
TN28 8AH

01797 362889

Open: 
Mon to Fri
8.30am to 6pm
Sat 8am to 6pm
Sun 7am-12 noon

FREE DELIVERY
on purchases over £30
within 10 mile radius



Catering for coarse,
carp, sea and match
anglers

Fresh maggots,
worms, lug and
casters to order, frozen
sea baits

New lines added daily



**WEBSITE
COMING
SOON!**

Email:
info@romneyangling.co.uk

Regular correspondent Robin Piper put pen to paper to tell us about his latest fishing trip:



Dear Barry,

The forecast was for partly cloudy conditions in the Paddock Wood area so after packing the car up I headed down to my regular haunt, Claygate Lakes. I had intended to fish the snake lake (Lake Sophie), but it was not available as Dave and his fishery team were doing some tree maintenance on the opposite bank. Not really a problem so I decided to fish on Lake Eva and set up in the last swim in front of the railway line which meant I wouldn't have any other anglers passing by me.

There was only a gentle breeze blowing from right to left and I had a small island in front of me, so all was looking good. I set up my usual tackle a 10' leger rod, half ounce Stonzee weight on a link, size 12 barbless hook and 8lbs bs Maxima line. I baited the hook with a prawn and cast towards the island and loose fed some prawn bits over the top. Now the waiting game! Well after a number of casts and four hours later, the bites were not forthcoming and there were no signs of fish. I decided to have a change of plan and to fish bread on the top. However, the breeze had increased causing the bread to be pushed out of my swim down to the far end of the lake. I had a change of tact and threw some bread to the open water and in moments the carp were rising to it. The first fish went 5lbs 9ozs and the second 5lbs 11ozs and a further fish a couple of ounces heavier. I was quite happy with three fish for nearly 18lbs. After the brief period of fish activity my swim died so I called it a day.

A couple of days later I visited Claygate Lakes again and set up on Lake Sophie tucked away in a corner on peg 28. There were a few other anglers on the opposite bank, but they were out of sight. Once again it was a slow start and the bottom bait was untouched so again I switched to my old favourite method and flicked a few pieces of bread out on to the water. In no time at all the fish were responding and it was almost a fish a chuck and I was landing fish between 3lbs and 5lbs and finished with nearly 40lbs in the net. I am sure I could have had a good few more if time had allowed, but an enjoyable session. I am hoping that the big bream will make a show on my next visit!

Regards, Robin

Sam Davies Memorial Match by Pete Groombridge

The Sam Davies Memorial Match took place on 4th September 2021 and was fished at East Lock, Hartlake and Cemex.

57 anglers took part and top weight was Jamie Ford with 18lbs 10ozs, with back up weights from Andy Gouldthorp 15lbs 10ozs, Trevor Froud 12lbs 8ozs, Fred Brown 11lbs 13ozs. Tonbridge's own Steve Parker just missing out of the frame with a great net of 11lbs 9ozs, but he did take the section money, as did Robin Chapman, Richard Taylor and myself. Some of the best match anglers in the South East attended this match so I think we represented the club well.



Jamie Ford received the trophy from Sam's family

Everyone commented on what lovely stretches of water the Tonbridge club has to offer, the great fishing to be had and how well the pegs had been prepared thanks to the hard work and efforts of Pat Galpin and Tony Hyland. Afterwards, the league anglers were asking if there was a possibility of using these stretches for a Winter League and if we will be organising another memorial match next year. Huge thanks go to John Gore for his organising of the Memorial Day.

The results were held at The Bell pub at Golden Green who did an excellent job of preparing breakfast for us in the morning and preparing a lovely buffet for the presentation, with Sam's family being there for a belated celebration of his life, which most importantly the day was all about, remembering Sam Davies, a person who selflessly did so much for match fishing in the South East and in his name we raised £310 for MacMillan nurses.



If a club wishes to hire a stretch of the Tonbridge & District Angling and Fish Preservation Society's section of the River Medway, please email info@tonbridge-angling.co.uk or call 07947 557140 (after 5pm).



Tel: **01795 520887** www.thewillowsanglingcentre.co.uk
The Willows Angling Centre, Bax Farm, Lower Road, Teynham, Kent ME9 9BU



Langley's Lake

A 3-acre specimen carp lake with hard fighting fish up to 30lbs. We only allow a maximum of 8 anglers at time on to this water which has a variety of features to fish to. Langley's is the largest lake at the venue and there are a number of additional fishery rules in place on this water. The average depth is around 5'. Get your tactics right and you can expect a great session!
£15 / 12 hours - £30 / 24 hours
No concessions.



The Stream

Approx 1/3 mile long with an average width of 30', this canalised section of water offers anglers the opportunity to fish with a pole or rod for a variety of fish including crucians, roach, rudd, bream, perch and tench. A very popular water for those who enjoy a more traditional style of fishing. The average depth is 4' and there are 60 pegs available.
£10 / 12 hours - £20 / 24 hours
Concessions available.
Match bookings available.



The Pan Lake

A more intimate water than Langley's with carp to 20lbs along with a selection of silver fish including roach, tench, barbel and perch. With an average depth of 5' and lots of features, this pretty water offers all anglers a great day out.
£10 / 12 hours - £20 / 24 hours
No concessions.



Farm Lake

An average depth of 4' with lots of features, this lovely water is well stocked with carp, bream, roach, perch and F1s. This water is a popular choice for families, young anglers and beginners and is close to the well presented on-site facilities.
£10 / 12 hours - £20 / 24 hours
Concessions available.

Find us on 

Situated in North Kent, THE WILLOWS ANGLING CENTRE offers anglers a choice of three beautiful lakes and the stream, which is a canalised section of water!

**WE HAVE MOVED TO THE
 WILLOWS ANGLING
 CENTRE**



SPECIALISTS IN CUSTOM NICK BUSS RODS

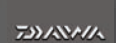
**CARPERS
 DEN**
TACKLE SHOP



WE BUY / SELL & PART EXCHANGE

carpersdenonline.com

We buy, sell and part exchange good quality, pre-loved fishing tackle
Tackle, bait and accessories from all the major manufacturers including:



SHOP TIMES

Mon/Tues: 7am - 5pm

Wednesday: CLOSED

Thurs/Fri/Sat: 7am - 5pm

Sunday: 7am - 1pm

email: carpersden@outlook.com

01795 520887

Wylands International AC Battle, East Sussex

Asa - 30lbs Maisies



Dave Harland



Lee - Kell Lake



Keith West



Jerry - Middle Lake



Maisies Lake



Mike - House Lake



New speci



Lee - PB Kell Lake



Pod on Rosies



Asa on Maisies

WYLANDS

INTERNATIONAL ANGLING CENTRE

BATTLE • EAST SUSSEX

IN THE HEART OF 1066 COUNTRY

**SOMETHING
FOR EVERYONE
AT WYLANDS...**

POWDERMILL LANE, BATTLE, EAST SUSSEX, TN33 0SU.

**FISHING AND
ACCOMMODATION
PACKAGES AT
GREAT PRICES!**

- DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE – HALF DAY, 12 HOUR & 24 HOUR
- WEEK TICKETS & SEASON TICKETS AVAILABLE
- MAISIES CATFISH LAKE – BOOKING ESSENTIAL
- COARSE FISHING, CATFISH & CARP TO 36LB
- ON-SITE TACKLE SHOP • CAFÉ • TOILETS & SHOWER
- 9 FANTASTIC LAKES • TOURING & CAMPING PITCHES



CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION: 01424 893394
VISIT: WWW.WYLANDS.CO.UK

FIND US ON FACEBOOK
@WYLANDS.ANGLINGCENTRE



Horam Manor Fishery

10 secluded lakes in the Sussex countryside

Mixed coarse fishery with carp to mid 20s
Perfect for families and experienced anglers

Day ticket fishing - Dawn to Dusk - Only £5 per rod!



24 hour fishing
by prior arrangement
Non-members £20
Members £10

Annual Day Ticket membership 1 rod - £80 / 2 rods - £120

Buy a whip, bait + Day Ticket for just £15!

f Horam Manor Farm, Horam TN21 0JB
01323 840889 / 07707 759364

www.horammanorfishery.com

BODLE angling

Cuckfield Road
BURGESS HILL RH15 8RE

01444 247757
www.bodlebros.co.uk

Opening times:

Mon-Fri: 8.00am to 5.30pm

Sat: 8.00am to 12.30pm

Sunday: Closed Bank Holiday: Closed



check out our Facebook and Instagram
for the latest news and competitions!



ORCHARD PLACE FARM FISHING

13 FISHING LAKES in the KENT COUNTRYSIDE

Pearsons Green Road, Paddock Wood, Kent TN12 6NY

Tel: 01892 838576 Mob: 07860 608218



Carp to 49lb+



Catfish to 101lb+

At Orchard Place Farm you can surround yourself in the natural beauty of the Kent countryside, located just outside of the picturesque town of Paddock Wood, and only 8 miles from Maidstone. The fishery boasts 13 lakes - 10 carp and catfish lakes and 3 match/pleasure lakes.

SPECIMEN LAKES

DAY TICKETS
AVAILABLE

24HR - £30
48HR - £55

(additional charge
for 3rd rod)

FULLY FUNCTIONING LAKE 13 - CARP & CATFISH WATER

Many swims have disabled access • All-weather pathways leading all around the lakes and up to each individual swim • Purpose-built toilets located in the main car park (with hot shower) • Between Lake 3 and Lake 4 (toilet and sink block only) • Block constructed by Lake 7 also contains a microwave, fridge and washing up facilities.

FOOD IS AVAILABLE ON SITE FROM MID-MARCH TO OCTOBER

MATCH/ PLEASURE LAKES

DAY TICKETS
2 RODS - £10

CONCESSIONS
1 ROD - £8

www.orchardplacefarmfishing.co.uk

Tackle/bait/shop situated in the main car park,
stocking all top bait brands inc
worms maggots etc. Everything you need at
VERY competitive prices.



Tonbridge & District Angling & FP Society

All of our waters continue to fish well, especially the river Medway. The Roach fishing has been excellent on all stretches and our recent club match at the Sportsground proved this with 6 weights over 10lbs and plenty of other good back up weights. There have also been some good sized perch recorded from the river, a few decent chub and the odd bream.

The stillwaters have also recorded some notable catches with the **Old Ballast Pit** fishing very well for carp, bream, tench and roach. **Iain Raydon** had a nice brace of carp, an 18lbs 4ozs common and a 23lbs mirror. **Michael Turner** and friend **Steve** had fish of 14lbs 15ozs, 15lbs 2ozs, 18lbs 8ozs, 10lbs and an 8lbs bream. **Jon Ely** had three nice fish which included an 18lbs 12ozs common, a 16lbs 4ozs mirror and a lovely 13lbs 2ozs fully scaled mirror. **Ryan Thorpe** and **Ash Laker** also enjoyed some productive fishing on the Pit. **Hayden Ballard** had a 15lbs 4ozs fish from the river.

Longfield Lake has continued to fish well for sizeable tench and bream with both species being recorded to over 8lbs.

New Lagoon reports include tench to 8lbs 12ozs, bream to 7lbs, carp to 13lbs and roach to over 1lb.

Barden Lake has fished steady since reopening with plenty of carp to over 40lbs being reported.

Hayden Lake has been fairly quiet but some reports of roach, skimmers and perch being caught.



MATCH RESULTS: Houghton Cup 1 – Sportsground (28 fished) Rover 19/9/21



- 1st **Austin Battell** 21lb 7oz
- 2nd **Tony Hyland** 13lb 13oz
- 3rd **Paul Reddy** 11lb 15oz
- 4th **Colin Fowler** 10lb 12oz
- 5th **Pat Galpin** 10lb 11oz
- 6th **Steve Edwards** 10lb 6oz

Austin Battell reported: "I decided to fish the first in the series of the Houghton Cup on the Sportsground. 28 anglers turned out for the first rover of the season. I didn't think things were going to go too well after pulling number 28 out the bag and then have to watch everyone else walk off to all the usual good spots. As it turned out, only 4 of us headed to the far side of the Park from Avebury Avenue and I decided to head for one of my favoured spots from my junior days. Unfortunately, two other anglers were having a good look at the swim but then decided to pass it by. I didn't hesitate to grab the spot and soon got the pole out at 5m to hand and started catching on maggot. Once I knew the roach were present I fed hemp for just over an hour and then switched to tares on the hook. It was a fish a chuck until 2pm and then it tailed off in the last hour. Ended up with a cracking bag of roach for 21lbs 7ozs (150 fish)."

Float Only match – Hartlake Down 5/9/21

- 1st **Mick Smith** 5lb 8oz
- 2nd **Simon Farrer** 4lb 12oz
- 3rd **Stuart Cottingham** 4lb 6oz

Kent Championships – River Rother - Bodiam

Tonbridge won the Kent Championships on a tough day but with individual placings for **Stuart Cottingham** 9lbs for 2nd and **Richard Taylor** 6lbs 15ozs for 5th and section wins for **Simon Farrer**, **Steve Parker** and **Ditch Howard**, it was enough for Match Captain **Martyn Hill** to get his hands on the trophy again. Well done all who represented the club and well done to the organisers.



CLUB NOTICE There will be a Winter league match held on **SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER** which will be pegged from East Lock to the end of our water and Cemex Up and Down 13 pegs each way.

There will also be some Open matches held every other Wednesday from Hartlake Bridge starting from 29th September.

Hartley Lands Fishery

Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3PS

We are a day ticket fishery that offers specimen carp fishing, pleasure / coarse fishing and match fishing across our 6 lakes and 1 pond. Our lakes are maintained and managed to the highest of standards creating the best possible fishing environment and experience.

The complex is run on a booking system basis only other than Samson and Finches.

We also have brand new toilet and shower facilities built that cater to everyone's needs.

Carp to 38lb+, Tench to 10lb+, Perch to 5lb, Bream to 7lb, Roach to 2lb, Crucian Carp to 2lb 4oz



Instagram

Open: 7am - 7pm summer time & 7am - 5.30pm winter time

Bailiff number: 07703 825064



www.hartleylandsfishery.co.uk



Instagram

KENT TACKLE



01580 754422

Over 45,000 items in stock

Lots of items on display

Friendly experienced staff

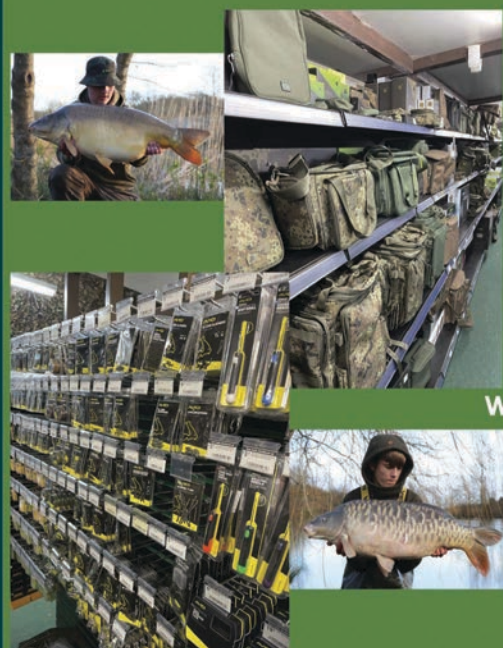
Stock most of the major brands

Live stock levels on the
website, click and collect option.

Free carpark just outside

Open 7 days a week

Late Night Thursday till 8pm



We stock a wide range of Carp, Match, Predator, Coarse Tackle & Baits

www.kenttackle.com

Hawkhurst Fish Farm, Hastings Road, Hawkhurst, Kent, TN18 4RT

is proudly
sponsored by



This section is where you display your catch to other Freshwater Informer readers. Each month, Pallatrax will choose from the featured photos and pick their winner.

The winner will receive 8 packs from the innovative new GRIPZ hook range.

The lucky angler will have a packet of sizes 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16, so will be equipped for all eventualities. This fantastic prize is worth over £40 RRP!

To be in with a chance to win this fantastic set of GRIPZ hooks, all you have to do is send us your catch photo via our Facebook message page or email barnic@btinternet.com Entry is FREE and all coarse fish photos are welcome! From a carp to a roach, send us your pictures! Please make sure you tell us where it was caught and it's weight.



Gripz Fishing Hooks

After extensive research, where the limitations of both barbed and barbless were scrutinised, there has been an obvious need for improvement thus resulting in this radical design that crosses the boundaries between what we have had and what we now have. Made from high grade Japanese wire, the key improvement has been the introduction of a series of minute horizontal grooves on the inside of the specially designed arrow shaped hook point, where historically the barb would have been. These grooves allow the hook to hold securely in the fish's mouth when pressure is applied, as the flesh presses into the grooves resulting in a firm hook hold with no slippage. **What are you waiting for?**

Grab your rods and head down to your favourite water and remember to take your phone or camera!



The winner of the PALLATRAX GRIPZ
Hooks Set for SEPTEMBER is...

CHLOE DODSON

well done!



Tony Kennaird - Claygate Lakes



Ryan Lamont - Clay Pit Fishery



Mike Moran - Singleton Lake, Ashford



Mandy Nichols holding husband Malcolm's fish!



Oli Rickson 33lbs 2ozs - Frogmore Fishery



William Benningfield - 2lbs 8ozs Yalding



Matthew Good - 60lbs Frogmore Fishery



Michael Sillick - 18lbs DDAPS



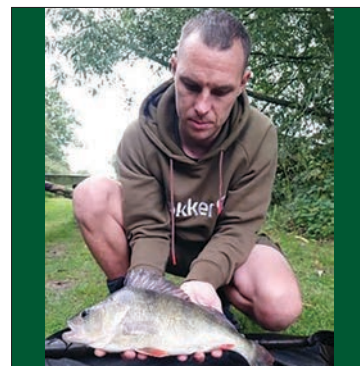
Graham Head - 27lbs Gabriels Farm Fishery



Jack Keen - 31lbs 3ozs Iden Wood



Alfie Golding - Monk Lakes



Andy Humphreys - 5lbs Greenacres



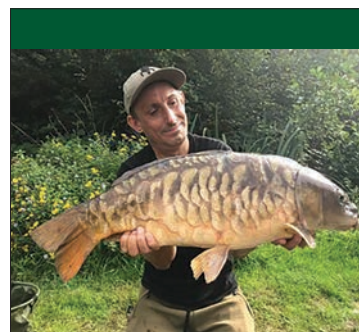
Chris Craddock - 28lbs 8ozs Hartley Lands



Joe Glanville - 28lbs Frant Lakes



Kyle Kemp - Sandwich Lakes



Lee - Frant Lakes - Speci 8



Luke Watts - 26lbs 8ozs Private water



Kev Holt - Charlies Lakes



Andy Benningfield - 3lbs Yalding



Dale Green - Sandwich Lakes



David Graveling - 25lbs Monk Lakes



Brandon Wilson - 40lbs 11ozs Elphicks



Christopher Ryan - 18lbs 10ozs Sandwich Lakes



Stuart Esther - 34lbs Mousehole Lakes



Paul Davis - Hawkhurst



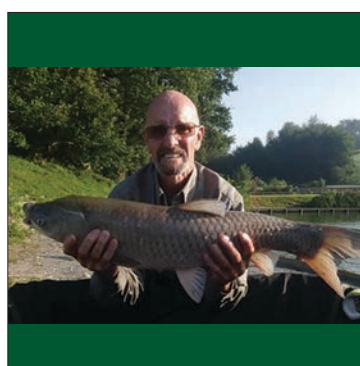
Martin Findlay - 33lbs 1oz Mousehole Lakes



Pete Ellis - 22lbs Framfield Park



Mark Day - Sandwich Lakes



Ron Davis - 10lbs Quarry Lake, Hawkhurst



Graham Head - 24lbs 12ozs Claygate



Scott Binge - RKB Leisure



Stuart Esther - 40lbs 8ozs Orchard Place Farm



Dennis Harman



Neil Wale



Brian Lucas - 6lbs 12ozs - River Beult



Trish Whitworth - Frant Lakes - Spec 8

News from Mousehole Lakes!

Well done to Scott and Keith on your session on Kestrel lake this week and thank you so much for your very kind comments. We hope to see you again soon!!

Keith and Scott said: "This was our first visit to Mousehole Lakes and we could not of wished for a better fishing trip away. Every member of staff were so welcoming and helpful throughout. Nothing was to much trouble.

The facilities are second to none. The toilets and showers are spotless, the food is excellent, fresh and hot.

The recommended chinese takeaway was also superb. This really is the best day ticket carp water we have ever visited and we have booked two trips for next year. Thanks again to everyone who helped make our stay so enjoyable." See you soon, Keith and Scott!



Call Mousehole Lakes on 07725 783405.

Good session at Wylands for Asa!

Asa Shaw sent in this report following a great session at Wylands Angling Centre near Battle!

Asa said: "I had good session on Maisie's Lake and had my first ever catfish at 41lbs then another at 42lbs 8ozs. I went on to have 6 catfish in all and lost two and also had 5 carp and lost 4. The biggest was 30lbs and smallest was 17lbs. I am still buzzing from the trip and will be back to Wylands very soon!"



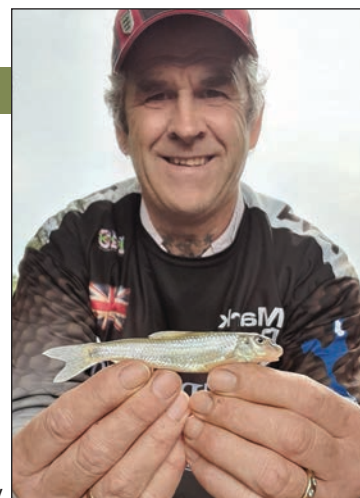
The humble gudgeon!

Mark Day sent in this report from the River Stour and a humble gudgeon stirred the memories of bygone years!



"I thought I would share a short story of a session I had at Plucks Gutter. I went to check some likely spots for the start of the pike season and then decided to do a bit of feeder fishing for a couple of hours. Bites were a bit slow to start with but I then managed to hook into some skimmers and roach and just as I was thinking of packing up I had a couple of taps on the rod. The bites resulted in the first gudgeon I have caught in a fair few years! This was a fish you could rely on giving you a good bite 'back in the day' and to finally catch one again made my day and took me back to my younger days fishing the rivers. Let's hope they come back in numbers so all in all a very productive afternoon on the river."

Kind regards, Mark Day



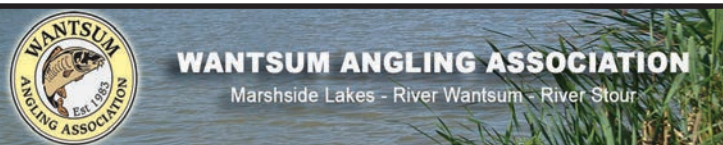
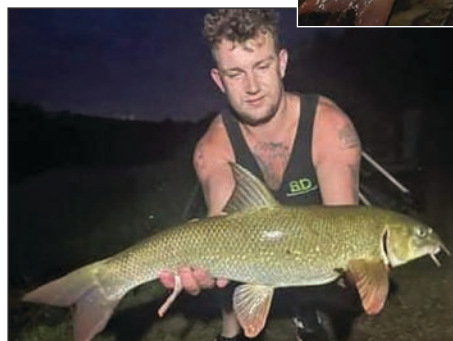
News from Orchard Tackle at High Brooms, Tunbridge Wells!

"Harry has been busy on the River Trent with these barbel, all caught using



Orchard Tackle Baits
Krill and Garlic Barbel
Bites. Well done Harry,
good angling!"

Call Orchard Tackle on
07494 670328
or call in to 58, High
Brooms Road TN4 9DB.



WANTSUM ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Marshside Lakes - River Wantsum - River Stour

Our folio of delightful waters include:

River Wantsum CT7 0QN / a section of the River Stour CT3 1JB
Marshside Fishery: Homersham Lake & Scroggins Lake CT3 4EB

Day Tickets available at all venues:

RIVERS: Adult £5 (Juniors to 16 years FOC)

LAKES: Adult £10 with loyalty card £7

Junior (aged 14-16 years inc.) £5

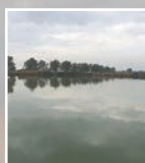
Night Fishing 5pm to 7am: Adult £15 with loyalty card £12

Night Fishing 24 hours:

Adult £25 with loyalty card £20 / Junior as for Day Tickets

Night fishing: Only by prior booking.

Note: Juniors up to 13 years
to be with an adult - FOC



Contact Wantsum Angling Association on 01227 678063

or visit us at

www.wantsumaa.co.uk

We can also be contacted via the
Contact Us message service on the website



TRADE-IN-TACKLE

Carp, Coarse and Vintage Angling Specialist

Good quality, pre-loved tackle purchased and sold

Stockist of Korda, Nash, Gardner, Middy, Wychwood, Leeda
Mainline and many more quality manufacturers.

Fresh maggots and worms always in stock along with frozen
deadbaits and a massive range of boilies and groundbaits.

Come and visit us at:

Maidstone Road, Watlington ME18 5EH
(opposite the railway station on the B2015)

01622 814296 or 07941 085011

A warm welcome and a great deal awaits you!

IF SELLING, PLEASE PHONE BEFORE VISITING

GABRIELS FISHERY

Edenbridge Kent
TN8 5PP

07730 066088

www.gabriels-fishery.co.uk



Five lake complex with Picturesque scenery and wildlife

Swallow lake- carp to 20lb

Hare lake- mixed coarse with 12 species

Silver lake- match water

Oak lake- carp to 30lb plus



Admiral lake (specimen lake)- stocked to 45lb.

To fish this lake you will need the following equipment:
42" landing net, a carp cradle with sides and an unhooking mat

River fishing try the weir pool for chub and pike

Tackle and Bait on site

Family campsite with easy access to many local attractions

Night fishing by appointment Access for disabled anglers

The Golden Years of Coarse Fishing by Bob Rolph

The Golden Years of Bewl Water **PART TWO**

I've had many memorable days on Bewl from both bank and boat with great early morning catches when I was home for breakfast with my limit and the boat sessions with Mick and Don Langridge and not forgetting, of course, the pike cull years in November with Peter Rogers and Ron Blackmore. Huge pike and perch were taken on big Hellin Flatfish lures on the troll and limit bags of 2 lbs perch from the corner of the Dam.



An average morning's catch!

The 'Boil' aerator area off the Dam used to be a favourite place to fish on a baking hot day, but I see that it does not seem to be operational nowadays. The competition days in the old Benson and Hedges competitions 30 years ago saw all 46 boats in use, loch style drifting and other more extreme methods were to fish 'the cages' with anchored boats, and fish deep and slow with huge lures for the monster browns that lurked beneath, usually in the evenings after work!

Most of the great exponents of 40 years ago now no longer fish at Bewl. John White went to NZ I believe, Martin Starkey now fishes for giant carp in France, and many of the other great names have sadly passed on. The old fishing lodge with its self service day tickets system are a thing of the past and it is

now all digital pre booking, like everything else these days! From what I hear, the catches today make my results look rather insignificant with the new 'any method' approach from boats and the huge coarse fish that are now being caught.

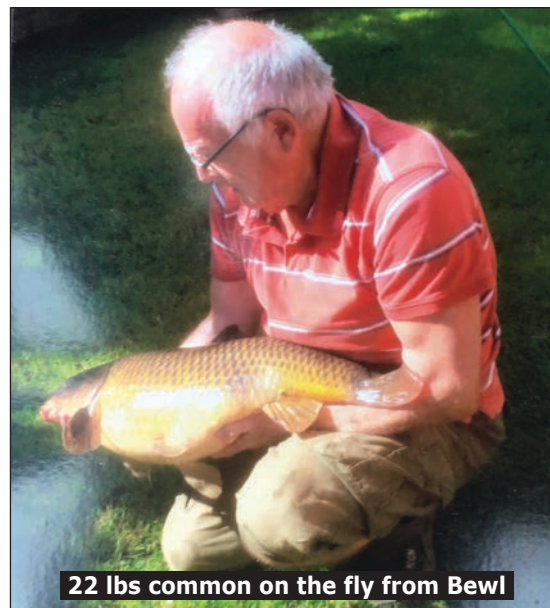


Pike too played heavily in our Bewl catches over the years

I had both pike and carp over 20lbs on the fly, together with near double figure brown and rainbow trout, 6lbs tench and bream and 3lbs perch and chub, all taken whilst trout fishing with the fly. This was the most enjoyable fishing period of my angling life, but I chose to give it all up to travel the world, go boating and sailing and pursue other hobbies. Today, I build miniature 'Lock Gates', Garden Pubs and kids' 'mud kitchens' all from new or used pallets and I love it! Woodworking was always one of my many hobbies!

My most successful period was 1987 to 1989 when I broke the brown trout record and was successful in many competitions. The Troutmasters trophy was presented to me at the final by that late great footballer, Emlyn Hughes and Bob Church, my mentor, was there to see it!

During the early 1980s, boat and bank competitions became popular and 'Loch Style' drifting in sponsored events saw all boats booked on many weekend occasions. I was successful with my two teams and got through to finals at Rutland Water and Grafham on several occasions. Sovereign Flyfishers were runners up in the 1984 Benson and Hedges, and I was runner up in the 1986



22 lbs common on the fly from Bewl

European Flyfishing championships at Bewl, fishing off the bank.

I fished solely off the bank for the first three years and then together with mates I met during early morning and evening sessions, we all graduated to the boats. Great trout anglers like the late Mick Dwyer and Andy Packham, together with John White, Ray Burt, Bill Rankin, John Pearl, Adrian and Anne Necci, Vince Brooks, Bob Barden and many others too numerous to mention. Sadly, many of the great characters from those early years are no longer with us.

Forty years ago was very different to today! There were massive fly hatches most evenings of huge black buzzers, Hawthorne flies and sedges and the fish went mad two hours before dark. The morning rise only lasted about half an hour, but what fishing if you could get down there by sunrise! I've not fished there much in the last 20 years,

but I have the memories of great catches, great friends, and the quiet countryside of Bewl Water in its secluded bays. Indeed, I haven't fished much at Bewl since it became privately run in 1996, so I don't know much about more recent times. I'm talking about the first 20 years, when 8 strings of 6 boats used to ride out the night 100 yards off shore and Paul Lake reared the fish in cages off Ken's cottage in Bramble Bay. Great days, I had good bags of fish from every corner of the reservoir and all the bays and inlets. One of the most memorable being one day in a B&H heat fishing from a boat with the late, great Arthur Pepper of Medway Tackle Team. Finding the fish was always the most important task in successfully fishing Bewl. They are most certainly not evenly spread out over the whole water. The competition Day was a Saturday and I had been on the water for 3 days and knew exactly where the fish were! Arthur and I were drawn



Bob's best two trout, 9lbs 9ozs brown and 9lbs 14ozs rainbow



Anglers bag final place

BEWL WATER Specialists succeeded in qualifying recently for the English National Final of the Benson and Hedges Fly Fishing Championship from a South East Regional Heat held at Bewl Water.

Dogged perseverance helped the anglers to cope with a difficult day when a hazy start gave way to bright sunshine covering the calm water, with anglers fishing deep. The six man team bagged a total of 15 trout weighing 19lb 6oz to win their place.

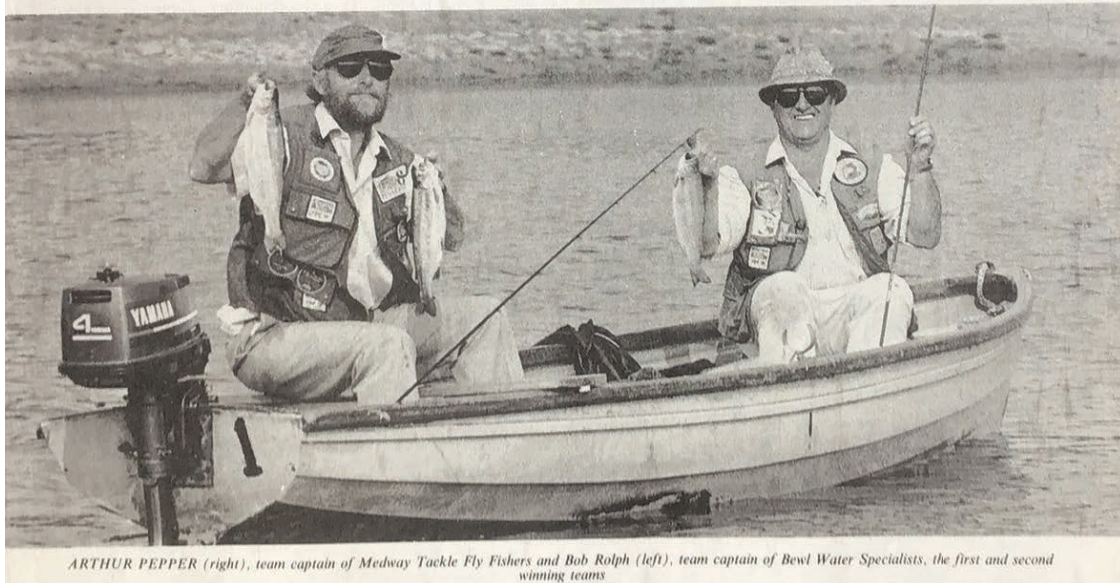
They now go on to the English National Final at Chew Valley Lake, near Bristol on Saturday 15 July where they will be matched against the finest fly fishing teams in England.

Six teams will go through to the International Final, to be held once again at Bewl Water in September.

● Pictured left are Specialists Sean Hickey, Martin Pearce, Florence Green, Bob Rolph, Bill Rankin, Andy Fisher

together and he wanted to drift down on to the dam on a SW wind. I told him that Tinkers Marsh held stacks of fish the day before, but that necessitated a 1/2 hour boat ride down there first. He didn't want to go, so we tossed for it and I got my way! Arthur said that if we hadn't got a fish each by 11 am then back to the dam it would be.

Well, we were the only boat out of 32 to travel down to Tinkers Marsh that morning and suffice to say by 11 am we both had 2 fish in the bag. News soon spread and we became swamped by boats by lunch time. No phones allowed, not that we had them 25 years ago, but walkie talkies had been tried!. We persevered in Tinkers Marsh all day and by finish at 6pm we had 15 trout in the bag between us. Enough to lift our teams Medway Tackle and Sovereign Flyfishers to first and second place in the heat. So off to Grafham it was for the final, all because of local knowledge and preparation!



ARTHUR PEPPER (right), team captain of Medway Tackle Fly Fishers and Bob Rolph (left), team captain of Bewl Water Specialists, the first and second winning teams

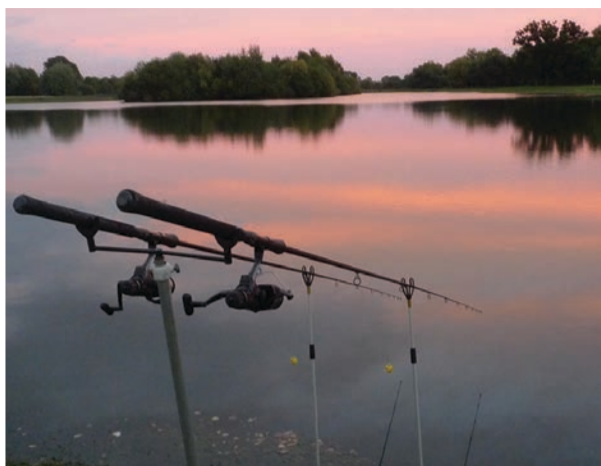
Many of my former trout fishing pals are sadly no longer with us. Arthur Pepper, Andy Fisher, Mick Dwyer, Andy Packham, John Hatherall, Peter Johnson, Florence Green, Jim Bates and John Darling, that great bass angler from Seaford, who could catch trout like there was no tomorrow. The very strict bailiffs at Bough Beech, Les Sawyer, Ken Sinfoil at Bewl and Mr Cook at Darwell, would not have approved of what is going on at Bewl nowadays, what would they make of bait fishing and spinning all year round? It's all down to economics I suppose. Gone are the days of a £3 day ticket or a season ticket on the reservoir for £90 as it was in my day. Even carp fishing can be £2000 per season now! When I fished at Redmire I paid £5 for the week in 1966!. I look back to the old days with great affection. Today a fish of any size is a bonus and to still be able to get out in to the glorious countryside, when so many of my former contemporaries cannot, is a blessing I give thanks for!

Bob Rolph

Medway Man

Bob Morris

As Barry said in his last editorial, this is probably just about the best time of year to be out and about on the bankside. With coarse fish generally having fully recovered from the rigours of spawning and also now not being tempted to get pre-occupied with the mid-summer hatch of larvae and emerging insect populations, it is often a time of regular feeding patterns and even, maybe, fattening up for the colder months ahead.



Evening bream session



Feeder fishing again!



Bob's recent bream

I always find the autumn fishing to be a bit of a dilemma, as I have still got my tench, bream and carp head on but feel that I should also make a move onto the rivers in order to take advantage of what can frequently be the most productive season. As my time has been very restricted of late I am, yet again, hoping to combine a bit of river piking in the pursuit of chub, barbel and roach etc and this, of course, will dictate the areas and stretches that I will be targeting. Having just recently spotted a shoal of bream, with a few individual fish being quite a bit bigger than I have had on this particular water before, I am hoping to pursue these for a while along with my other river activities.

On an initial afternoon trip in search of these, I started by 'pulting' out 20 balls of firm texture groundbait laced with a few chopped up boilies and was soon pleased to see a bit of bubbling starting over the patch - which was at 40 yards range and in about 5ft of water. Nothing much occurred for about an hour or so other than a few line lifts - which at least proved that fish were present. A couple of twitches were then followed by an absolute screamer which had me connected to a really good sized carp. Unfortunately, after two extremely long runs, we parted company after the hook pulled out at about 80 yards range. I don't think that I did anything wrong here, but, nevertheless, I was disappointed to lose this fish and also worried that it might have disturbed the swim. Hooking carp is an occupational hazard when I am fishing for tench and bream, with either float or the feeder tactics - as I was using here. For this reason I never fish any lighter than I need to as I hate to lose fish and consider a line breakage to be 'unacceptable' these days.



Carp are an occupational hazard

As I suspected the activity in the form of bubbling and 'liners' stopped for a while and I decided to 'pult' out a few more balls of 'stodge' just to make sure that I was fishing over bait. I only had another couple of hours left to fish though and so I did not want to over bait. At about 6 pm the odd bit of bubbling started again and a fish rolled close to my patch. It did look like a bream and I was hopeful that something might happen before I had to pack up. It did eventually, a typical slow steady pull developed on my left hand rod got me into the action again and this time the slow ponderous resistance convinced me that I was into a target fish. I landed a good bream and this was my only take before I packed up and headed off for the evening. This was a slow afternoon and I have not been able to get back there for another go since then, but as I write this piece I am quite excited to be going back in the morning for another short trip and this time I will be starting early (ish) at about 7am and packing up at 1pm. This is the only sort of session that I am able to squeeze in at the moment but things are looking up and I am expecting to get two whole days to fish next week! I will keep you posted!

Best Fishes, Bob Morris



Piscatorial Politics

Pollution of one sort or another has now become the most important issue facing us all. Whether it be global emission levels fuelling global warming and accelerating climate change or chemical and effluent discharge into the planet's oceans, river systems and water courses. Disposing of our waste products is now a major problem for all of the world's population. A record fine of £93m has just been dished out to Southern Water and although this is probably still an insufficient amount, it does at least show that this problem is now being taken more seriously.

A recent bill put before the House of Lords aimed at clamping down on sewage and effluent discharge abuse has just been passed and although this still has to be got through the House of commons, this bill (The Duke of Wellington Bill) is a major step forward and definitely something that we should all be supporting. With this in mind, I recently signed a petition in support of this action that was being promoted by Change.Org and I would urge everyone to get onto their site and give their support to this extremely important campaign.

Amendment to Environment Bill: Clause 80 currently reads: "Each sewerage undertaker must prepare, publish and maintain a drainage and sewerage management plan." The Duke's (Marinet) amendment reads: "Each sewerage undertaker must prepare, publish and maintain a drainage and sewerage management plan with a requirement to improve every year the grade of sewage treatment of the sewerage system and also to separate the operation of the drainage system from the sewerage system." It establishes a legal obligation within these management plans to progressively improve the sewerage and drainage systems; and, equally importantly, to ensure that this is delivered by progressively separating the surface water drainage system from the sewerage system, i.e. eliminating the overloading of the foul sewer and sewage works by surface water which is often the primary cause of the very large number of sewage overflows to rivers and sea.

The environment needs protecting



I originally took interest in Change.Org after one of my customers told me that they would be starting a petition on it to help with my case against the local Dartford Angling Club - who (they have terminated my 55 year membership) are still attempting to block my access to lakes at the end of my garden - in spite of me having used it for 30 years. On this subject nothing has changed, although the club's AGM is due shortly and I am hopeful that the issue will be raised there and that this will then culminate in a more sensible approach from the club.

Unfortunately at present it is just another example of what can happen when one or two individuals are allowed to take complete control of a club and then dictate the course of events. I am however still hopeful of a reasonable outcome although this dispute has already cost me a substantial amount of money in legal fees!

I would, once again, just like to thank everyone who has contacted me with best wishes and support over this dispute.

Bob Morris

www.BobMorrisCustomRods.co.uk

f BobMorrisCustomRods

✉ Bmt1@Btconnect.com

☎ 01322 866015



**Barbel, Carp, Pike, & Specialist
Rods -built to order on blanks
from Century, Harrison & Others**

Also Special Offers Available

***We have a number of Original
Armalite Mk 1' blanks in stock
at present.***

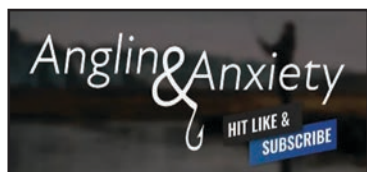
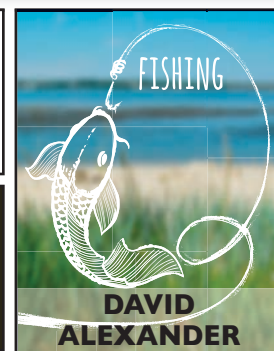
**These can be built to your own
specifications.**

***Barbel Rods - built to order*
from £ 175**

All types of rods, built, renovated or repaired!



Warren White
07837 758923
www.coachingcoarsefishing.co.uk



Many thanks also to the many magazine subscribers for their kind donations!

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

The September weather was generally very kind to us and judging by the number of reports that I received many of you were able to get out and enjoy some fishing. The magazine's Facebook page has been very busy with incoming catch photos and I know many of you follow the page. Please remember that although I welcome all your catch reports and pictures, I do need to have the permission of your parents or guardians to publish your catch photos. Without that permission I am unable to print your pictures.

I am delighted to welcome Scotties Fishing Tackle at Southwick as a new sponsor to the page! Scott, who runs this popular tackle shop near Brighton, is as enthusiastic and passionate as us in promoting and encouraging the region's young anglers and providing you with your own section in the Freshwater Informer. I hope to have another new sponsor in the November magazine so watch this space!

A message to all business owners - if you would like to become a sponsor for the Junior Informer and demonstrate your commitment in supporting our young anglers, please get in touch. I do ask for a minimum sponsorship of £100 pa, but there is no upper limit.

The end of October will see the half term arrive so you will have some extra time to get those rods out! When you do get out fishing, just remember to go easy on the loose feed. Little and often is the way to go and if you have plenty of fish in your swim you can gradually increase the amount of feed accordingly. We may well see the first of the Autumn frosts arrive this month and with the cooling down in the air and water temperature the water will start to clear and fish will become more cautious. An old fashioned method is to use bread punch on the hook. Make sure you have a fresh medium sliced loaf of bread and place a slice of bread on a firm surface, a small square of wood or plastic sheet is ideal and can be kept in the tackle bag. Using a bread punch, which can be bought from your local tackle shop, push the punch in to the bread slice and a small neat pellet of bread is then ready to slip on to the hook. If it swims in the water, it will take bread as bait! There are plenty of videos on Youtube showing you exactly what to do, do give it a try!

From student to teacher! by Paul Robinson



I was working in my local tackle shop the other week when a young lad called Dexter walked in with his mum. Both Dexter and his mum are very keen anglers and have learnt a lot through their sheer enthusiasm and love for the sport. However when they visited a local lake they were persuaded to fish a match by the lake owner in a few weeks time.

Dexter had no experience of match fishing so I offered to give him a little tuition at a local lake called Passies Ponds. Needless to say Dexter was very keen to take up the offer and we arranged to meet one afternoon. Oh, I forgot to say that this lad is so keen he once tied his line from his new reel to the dog's collar to test the drag, but please don't try this at home!

We arrived at Passies Ponds early to set up and hopefully get the fish feeding for when they arrived. Dexter and his mum turned up and we started and it didn't take Dexter long to make himself comfortable on the match fishing box and start fishing!! First hook up resulted in a foul hooked fish which, after a good scrap, came off. However, he was soon into the swing of things and took to pole fishing like a duck to water. As you can see from the pictures he landed some nice size fish on the pole. He then went on the feeder rod, but he was struggling to get a proper take. He then asked if he could try the feeder on the pole, great initiative! Needless to say the pole tip went round and another good carp was landed. It was a pleasure to spend time on the bank with Dexter and I look forward to our next session together. I think his face says it all!



Each 'Ready, Steady, Fish' pack contains:
 400g of shelf life Squabs • 3 x medium swivel Stonz weights
 of 2 - 2.5 ozs • 3 x Gripz hair rigs (for 14mm baits use size 8 Gripz,
 18mm baits use size 6 Gripz) • 500g of Carp Crush groundbait/method mix
 • Anti-tangle foam • Boilie stops • Packet of Gammarus shrimp
 • Packet of 15 x 10mm pop ups

The fantastic pack is worth over £20! All you have to do to be in with a chance of winning one of the 'Ready, Steady, Fish' packs is to send your Catch Photo to the Freshwater Informer by email or by message on the Facebook page!



WINNERS

Tommy Armour

Harry Metcalfe

The two lucky winners for September
well done!



Becky Bates - 14lbs 5ozs



Gemma Baker



Harry and Henry Anderson
50lbs 5ozs Orchard Place Farm



Family time at Frant Lakes



Freddie Pritchett - 20lbs new PB



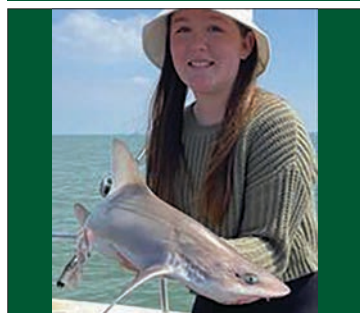
Darcie Sillick - 16lbs Orchard Place Farm



Freddie Joe Beaney at Pittlands



Jack Jackman at Beaver Farm



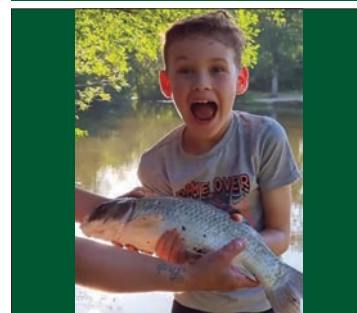
Jessica Harman with a smoothhound



Jack Lawrence - 14lbs Chequertree



Jessica Harman and a huge trout



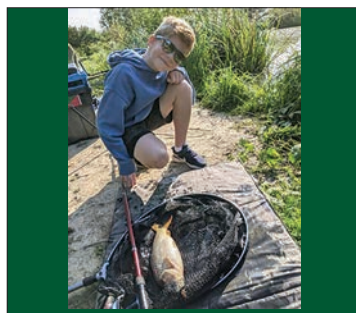
Happiness at Frant Lakes



Charlie Carter and Dad James
14lbs Hunters Lodge Fishery



Jack Jackman and mum Natalie at Summers Ponds



Louis McArthur - first ever fish caught at Orchard Place Farm



Jack Lawrence - 20lbs Chequertree



Jacob Clark at Hawkurst Fish Farm



Luca and Josh King at Singleton Lake, Ashford



Megan Baker



Matt Overy and Marlee at Furnace Brook Fishery

Alfie does well!

Trev Hartley sent in this report about his son Alfie who certainly has the art of fishing already sorted! "My little Alfie absolutely loves his fishing! Recently, he outfished three of us love him and he ended up winning a few £££ which really made his day!"

**Great day out at Chequertree Fishery!**

Patrick Foley sent in this report after the family had a great day's fishing at Chequertree Fishery, Bethersden.

"I recently took my daughter Sophia and my two nephews, Luca and Rio, to Chequertree fishery. They all had a great time and caught some lovely fish. Luca has asked me to send these in, he'd be absolutely made up if his new PB made the magazine."

Thank you, Patrick Foley



Sophia



Sophia and Luca with two lovely mirrors



Rio with a little F1



Luca with the biggest of the day at 9lb

New PB for Ollie!

Proud dad Chris Slyfield sent in this report about a recent trip he had to Iden Wood fishery with son Ollie:

"I wanted to share these pictures of my son Ollie's new PB from Iden Wood Fishery over the Bank Holiday weekend! He decided to take himself off stalking for a hour when there wasn't much else coming out the lake and managed to bag himself this 18.6lb Mirror Carp all by himself, on a floating piece of bread crust under a snaggy bush! I think his arms only just managed to lift it for a photo after a giving him a good fight on his 9ft rod. As proud as I am of him it pains me to say that this was bigger than anything I caught all weekend!!!"

Regards, Chris Slyfield

**We do like to be by the seaside!**

Philip and Danielle Axell from Brick Farm Lakes had a family day out recently and went fishing with the children!



Danielle said: "Samantha and Alfie I know would love to see their picture in the magazine - when you run a fishery and are given an afternoon off what else do you expect to be doing as a family... fishing of course! This time though it was a little different, and because Daddy decided he wanted to catch mackerel on a fly we all headed to Langney Point at Eastbourne where the kids had a go with some lures and loved it!"

Fishing for Schools from Charles Jardine

Fishing for Schools launches Castaway!



After years of planning, the launch of CASTAWAY finally happened in a glorious celebratory day of sunshine, laughter and fish being caught, flies being tied, bugs being hunted, fly casting being mastered and fabulous food being consumed at the glorious setting of Sportfish Game Angling Centre at Theale near Reading.

20 participants attended the event; a purpose designed initiative to assist the recovery from various cancer treatments and specifically aimed to both, build a community which will assist and then enable the individuals to share experiences, but beyond that, explore angling in the very fullest way possible as recreation and therapy.

Charles Jardine, director of Fishing for Schools described the event: "The day was



simply joyful. A day full of smiles, learning new skills, meeting new friends ...

catching the odd fish and finding out just what great therapy fishing can be, especially in overcoming so many elements of our hectic lifestyles. Those of us who fish, have always known the recuperative power of angling...we now have the opportunity of taking this forward to an entirely different audience. Magical!"

Lottie Weston, one of the principal leads of Casting for Recovery and a Trustee of The Countryside Alliance Foundation, continued: "It is a privilege to be able to bring this event to fruition after what we have endured over the last few years and bring both joy and help to people who have been through so much. We are really excited for the future of CASTAWAY and it is a perfect partner for Fishing for Schools."



The day simply would not have been possible without the brilliance of the coaches – Bob Goble and Yvette Austin from the Kent team, but also, our key sponsors – Veni & Son, Shakespeare and of course, the amazing team at Farlows Sportfish who delivered not only an amazing setting and breathtakingly good fishing, but fabulous weather!

They say a picture speaks a thousand wordsthe examples here, scream a million!

Charles Jardine, Founder, Fishing for Schools

For more information please contact charles-jardine@ca-foundation.org



A Kent update *from coach Warren White*

Fishing is proving popular with Kent students!

"A school that is a model for fishing activities is Rowhill school at Longfield. Over the years Fishing for Schools have put a lot of funds into the younger students at the school where we take them on a fishing course that gets their interest for fishing. As the students get older they can then choose a vocational course which could be in subjects such as Mechanics, Construction etc.

The good news this year is that we have had 10 students apply to go on the BTEC Fisheries course, this is double the number we usually get and shows the interest in fishing at this time. It is a two year course that is funded by the school and hopefully the students will gain a qualification at the end of it.

On a further positive note it is also good to know that from last year's course we have had four students that have gone on to Hadlow College to do a course that involves Fisheries!

All very encouraging!" **Warren White**



A fine looking common for this student



Even the school staff get involved in the lesson!



Hadlow's Grove Farm fishery makes a fine classroom!



Fishing for Schools would like to thank Waitrose at Allington for their donation and continued support



Local angler Melissa Fordham sent in this article on behalf of her partner Andy Bungay:

Hello Barry,

I’ve just got back from a four nights session at Westmore carp fishery in Lincolnshire with my daughter Ashleigh for a Carp 4 Kids group. The Carp 4 Kids academy has been set up to help the children get out into the fresh air and off electronics for a few days each year. It is further hoped to get more children into fishing. To say that the session was a memorable experience would be an understatement!

Carp 4 Kids was created by Mark Hunter and the Continental Carp Company. I cannot fault the time and effort that was put in by all involved to create such a memorable experience for all the children and my daughter Ashleigh had 14 runs and landed all 14 fish! The 2021



event at Sandpit lake, Lincolnshire was a huge success and all the children left the event with a new wealth of knowledge. All the coaches helped bring on the kids and they all left learning a lot more about carp fishing than when they arrived. Work on the 2022 event has already begun and will again be at Sandpit lake and we hope that more children will be able to learn all about the great outdoors plus all aspects of fishing.

The Carp 4 Kids academy has very recently set up a new fishing team for the kids and we hope that a few will then pass on this knowledge to the next group who join the academy.

Once again, thank you so much to the Continental Carp team for the experience.



TROUT INFORMER



Tenterden Trout Waters

Tenterden, Kent

September was much warmer than we all expected. In many ways it was great to have the sun out again and enjoy some Indian Summer, but this made fishing more difficult despite the lakes being well stocked with Rainbows, Browns and Blues. Trout were being caught but our Anglers were working hard for their catches. Good quality trout are being caught as you can see, **Michael Berry**, with his 4lbs 12oz Rainbow caught on Lake 3 which put up a good fight.



Michael Berry 4lb 12oz Rainbow

We hope October will be the month that will provide our Anglers with some really good sport when the weather will have cooled and so will the water temperature of our Lakes. Trout respond to colder weather and our fish normally perform well. Popular patterns have been Buzzers, Daddies, Blue Flash Damsels. We held our Trout Masters Fish Off on the 12 September. Congratulations to **Peter Beeny** (defending Winner) who won again this year and **Mick Tuite** who came second. We all enjoyed the day which was very sunny! Our thanks to all who supported this event with us. Our Lakeside Fishery Lodge is open for you to enjoy providing tea/coffee with our compliments. We have great facilities with kitchen/dining/sofa, toilet and lakeside balcony where you can relax.

Stay & Fish Our Shepherds Hut accommodation is open for both Anglers who wish to stay and fish and for other guests who just welcome a short break away now that we can all enjoy some freedom. If a staycation is of interest to you then we are offering 20% off our permit prices if you stay in our Ghillies Hut. For more info discover our 'Shepherds Hut' heading on our website with a direct link to Airbnb.

Please call or email gaynor@coombe-farm.com 01580 763201 to book your fishing. If we don't answer please leave a message, name and number and we will get back to you asap. We will limit our numbers to 12 Anglers fishing at any one time to create the space you all need. Our booking system facilitates this well and we will continue to use it from now on.

Fishing Tuition can be booked direct with Richard Stokes, our Instructor, please email richard@coombe-farm.com if you are interested in learning a new skill in 2021. It is always fun to learn new things in life and you can purchase a lesson as a gift voucher experience for someone special.

For an up-to-date fishing report please go to our website and click on News/Fishing Report. www.tenterden-trout-waters.co.uk you will find an Aerial Tour on our Home Page so you can view our picturesque Wealden setting. Please follow us on Instagram and Facebook and visit our Gallery. We are one of the Top 50 Stillwater Trout Fisheries in the British Isles and a Trout Master Water.

We offer Gift Vouchers for that special present which can be purchased by bank transfer, cheque or cash. Please call Gaynor on 01580 763201 or email: gaynor@coombe-farm.com - we can email/send them out for you.

We look forward to welcoming you to our friendly, family run fishery for some great stillwater fly fishing this Autumn.

TENTERDEN TROUT WATERS

Coombe Farm, Chennell Park Road
Tenterden, Kent TN30 6XA

*We aim to provide an excellent day's sport
in beautiful Wealden Countryside.*

Day Permit £38 = 4 best fish

Half Day Permit £26 = 2 best fish

Catch & Release &

Junior Permits available.

**Regular stocking of top quality
Rainbows, Browns & Blues to 12lbs**

**TACKLE AVAILABLE TO HIRE
TUITION BY APPOINTMENT**

A TROUTMASTERS WATER
RANKED IN THE TOP 50 OF THE TOP 100 STILLWATER
FISHERIES IN THE BRITISH ISLES

Contact (01580) 763201

www.tenterden-trout-waters.co.uk

Tight Lines - Gaynor, Richard & Audrey



01892 826041 / 07951 304515



www.springhilltroutwaters.co.uk



Dye House Lane
Duncton, Petworth
West Sussex GU28 0LF

07855 822401

FREE PARKING

DUNCTON MILL FISHERY

FISHING • WEDDINGS • EVENTS

Open all year round for day tickets,
prices from £40

PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR DAY TICKETS

Annual membership packages
available from £310

www.dunctonmillfishery.co.uk

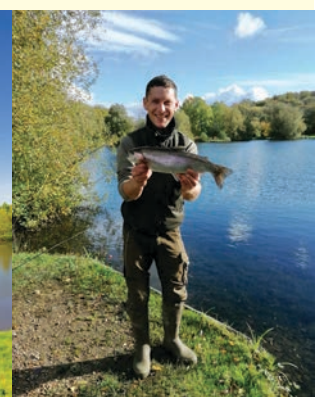
This exquisite trout fishery nestles in the heart of the South Downs National Park. Duncton Mill provides great sport for anglers of all abilities. The aesthetics and fighting qualities of our fish and the numerous fishing opportunities across our lakes ensure that every visit to Duncton Mill is different and enjoyable. The picturesque surroundings, beautiful lakes with showpiece trout make for a perfect day's fishing or enjoying the country walks while admiring the varied wildlife and enjoying the fresh air. Our lakes, Rosies and Coot are spring fed with gin clear water creating the perfect environment for quality trout. Further lakes should be ready for fishing in early 2021!

You will be warmly welcomed to this unique fishery by Miss Carole Lindsay who took ownership in July 2020.



Email: contact@ductonmillfishery.co.uk

@ductonmillfishery  @ductonmill 





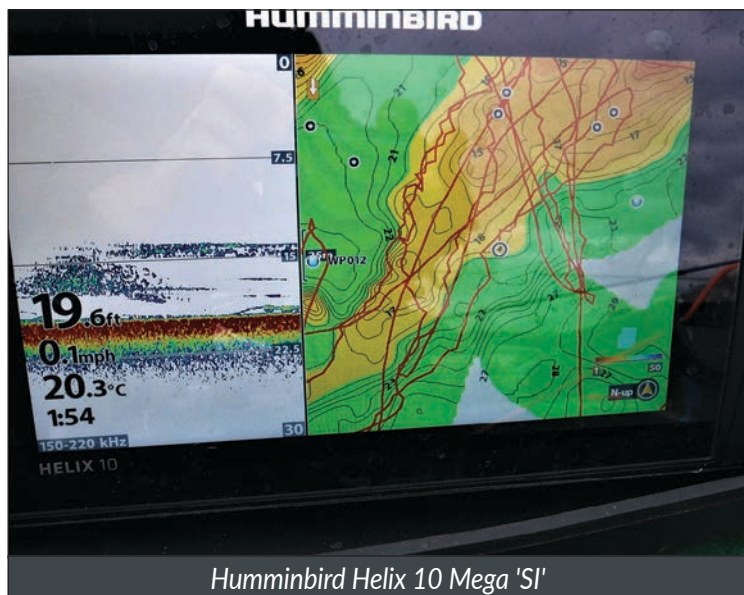
Andy Lush - The Friendly Fisherman

Lure Fishing

Autumn has arrived and the last chances of catching carp off the surface are almost over for another year. As the saying goes, as "one door closes, another opens" so now my attention is turning towards the predators!

BOAT FISHING

Autumn heralds the start of my serious predator fishing when I target perch, pike and zander on the reservoirs. This season I've got a new toy to play with, I've splashed out on a new 'super duper' Humminbird Helix 10 Mega SI echo sounder. I used this new unit for the first time the other day and became totally absorbed watching it mapping a water I know very well. I was fascinated as it filled in the depth contours around features I've fished successfully for years. The 'side imaging' will be a 'game changer' I'm sure when I start casting around these features.



Humminbird Helix 10 Mega 'SI'

presentation as the lure approaches the drifting boat. I've already started using them and over the next few weeks I aim to refine my approach, as I gain experience and confidence in their use.

I'm using Rapala Ripping Raps in depths ranging between 10 - 20ft [3-6m]. For deeper water 20 - 40ft [6-12m] I'll be using Vibe-baits. Vibe-baits are fished in a similar fashion to Ripping Raps but being denser and heavier they will sink faster getting to the 'strike zone' quicker and staying there as the boat drifts over the features. These vibrating metal blade baits are balanced with several attachment points along their back. By changing where you connect your trace alters the frequency of the vibrations. I'm hoping these two different styles of lures will add another dimension to my lure fishing, time will tell!



Vibe baits

LURES

Crankbaits encompass so many different shapes, sizes and actions, one design that's not very popular with UK predator anglers are sinking rattle-baits. These lures are going to be a part of my arsenal for the coming season as they will allow me to fish close to the bottom at slow speeds with occasional pauses to trigger takes. Rattle baits have an aggressive action when retrieved continuously which is very effective while the water's warm and the perch and zander are still on the fin and hunting. I intend using them in a far more subtle manner gently lifting them off the bottom, just enough to create a couple of pulses before letting them sink slowly towards the bottom again. This sink and draw retrieve will finally become a vertical



Rapala Ripping Raps

RUTLAND

A hastily arranged two day trip saw James Gardner and I head out on what was forecast to be a very wet day, and it was! The fishing was very confusing too. We were told that Rutland was 'fishing its head off' so we headed to a favourite spot in the South arm, buoy 19. With a gentle breeze I elected to cast paddle tailed shads, this tactic enabled me to search a wide area around the boat. I could also vary the sink rate of my lure by casting in different directions as we drifted. By casting slightly down and across the wind I could achieve a fast drop, by casting across the wind my shad would sink slower as the line drag slowed its descent. If I cast behind the boat the

extra friction on the line would almost hold my lure just off bottom once I'd shortened my line sufficiently. This is why we use bright coloured braided lines, by watching the lines angle we can judge where our lures are in relation to the bottom without having to feel them making contact with the deck.

I started off well catching a handful of small zander which took close to the boat at the point where my shad was almost suspended off my rod tip. James was "vertical jigging" with split tailed shads directly out the back of the boat. We always use different methods at the start of a session until we're sure what the best approach is. Unusually for James he wasn't getting any takes, using baits that have accounted for hundreds of zander on Rutland and elsewhere. After an hour my bites dried up but James gradually ground a few out, but it wasn't easy.

We had to look elsewhere so we tried a drift from the main tower towards Normanton Church but nothing was biting there. Next we motored up the North arm to Armley Woods and set our drift to pass over the pipe that runs through the North arm. No takes and nothing showing on the sounder to make us want to stay so we had to move on. Nothing doing at the Dam or the deep water around the basin! Mid-afternoon and we're back at buoy 19! There was one other predator boat fishing the area, Alex Mason and his father George, they were enjoying fantastic sport while we were still struggling, what was their secret? When we met up with Alex at the end of the day he told us they were catching their fish well off the bottom by as much as 5-10ft! Apparently using their Garmin Panoptic's 'Livescope' they could actually watch the zander swimming up to intercept their lures!



More teeth than a dentist's dustbin



GUIDED LURE & FLY FISHING DAYS WITH ANDY LUSH

Andy offers a guiding service for those who want to learn more about 'Lure Fishing' and 'Fly Fishing'

LURE FISHING Fish a variety of reservoirs for Pike, Perch and Zander. These days are suitable for beginners and improvers who wish to 'fast track' their way to success. Learn more about lure fishing, the use of boats and fish finders, or just have a FUN day with an experienced Predator angler.

FLY FISHING One of Andy's favourite methods, Trout, Carp or Pike can be targeted.

TROUT Reservoirs or smaller stillwaters in the South East. These days are suitable for beginners or improvers who wish to learn 'how to catch more fish', or just have a FUN day with an experienced fly fisherman.

CARP & PIKE More anglers are looking to find exciting ways of catching their favourite fish. Carp off the top during the summer takes a lot of beating. Pike in the spring and autumn, whatever their size they are a lot of FUN on the fly!

TO BOOK A DAY email: info@thefriendlyfisherman.co.uk with your contact phone number and Andy will call you back and discuss details.



Day 2

Armed with the information Alex had provided we went straight to buoy 19 keen to try our luck in the productive area again. It was a far nicer day, no rain and warm but not enough breeze to give us a good drift so casting was our best option. We tried several different tactics James was casting Fox Tiddler Fast shads, these have a mini paddle tail which gives a fast enticing beat. I tried casting Vibe baits, spoons, shads and a 'drop-shot' rig, all of which failed, it was going to be granite again!

Early afternoon and I persuaded James to take us to the main tower in the basin, as much for a change of scenery as anything else. It was much deeper here at 80ft plus. There were not many fish showing 'on screen' but at least they were taking our lures fished in a conventional manner, close to the bottom. James had two nice zander before he hit into something much bigger. At first the head shakes suggested zander but when it made two short powerful runs stripping line off the clutch we both knew it had to be a pike. I quickly scooped a mid-double pike into the net at the first attempt. Having come from 88ft we were keen to get it back quickly so it didn't 'gas up', so no pictures this time. After returning to the South arm yet again for not a lot our final destination was the pipe by the main tower in the North arm. Immediately James had two zander while I got bitten off by another pike, this time in 78ft! And so ended a very enjoyable but puzzling two days fishing on Rutland.

Tight lines, Andy Lush

Brick Farm Lakes

Herstmonceux, East Sussex

Fishing has been hard of late due to the bright conditions so we are pleased to see that finally it looks as though the weather is turning better for the fishing! Some mornings the air temperature has only been 11° and the waters are clearly beginning to cool slightly meaning that Damsels and Montana are beginning to pick up, as well as Cats Whiskers, and Daddies are also proving fruitful. Despite the still sunny days and minimal rain there has been some fine fish landed, and several good fights to be had. We recently hosted a large group day which saw club secretary Mick Heasman catch a beautifully conditioned Brownie weighing in at 6lbs 12ozs.

If you would like to book a group day or corporate event with us then give Danni a call at the

Lodge on 01323 832615 to discuss bespoke requirements including coaching and catering options.

Other notable catches of late include fishery regular, 90 year old **Denys** who was thrilled to land a nice 4lbs 8ozs rainbow out of Spring Lake on the ever popular Blue Flash Damsel.

Michael Ansell caught his first trout on a fly just hours after a coaching session with **Rob Barden** – weighing in at a good 2lbs 12ozs, and **Bill Francis** had a nice 5lbs 8ozs forming the biggest of his 3 fish bag totalling 10lbs 8ozs. We are confident that the fishing will continue to improve through the coming months, as it always does at this time of year.



Denys - 4lb 8oz



Bill Francis - 5lb 8oz



Michael Ansell - 2lb 12oz

Brick Farm Lakes Trout Fishery

Prices start from £30 for 2 fish
Vouchers, coaching & tackle hire available
Corporate & group bookings welcome
with food options available

Set within the stunning East Sussex countryside, Brick Farm Lakes is a friendly family run Trout fishery comprising 4 lakes stocked with Rainbow, Blue, Golden and Brown trout, from 2lb upwards, including some double-figure sizes to challenge our anglers. Set back from the road, almost in a secret valley of it's own, we have a superb oak-framed lodge overlooking Brick Lake. The lodge provides a warm and welcome space offering complimentary tea & coffee for anglers, along with homemade cakes and other refreshments.



Tel: 01323 832615 / 07730 277118
www.brickfarmlakes.co.uk

The Fishing Lodge
Brick Farm
Herstmonceux
East Sussex
BN27 4RS



Mick Heasman - 6lb 12oz

Angling Societies

The Linton Angling Society - Membership Vacancies

We are a small but friendly club with beautiful lake, 2 ponds, 5 reservoirs and over 8 miles of fishing on the River Medway and Beult. Our waters contain Carp to 32lb, Pike 30lb+, Tench 8lb+, Chub 7lb, Perch 4lb and Roach to 3lb, including some good Bream and Eels. All year fishing, member's guest permits, night fishing allowed. We run over 30 matches a year and have a large junior section. Concessionary rates available for OAPs, Disabled and Juniors.

For further details contact: **Jason Tuckey on 07983 569220**

e-mail: lassecretary@lintonangling.co.uk

www.lintonangling.co.uk



14 miles of River and 7 Lakes containing:
Carp to 52lb 4oz, Tench to 12lb 8oz, Bream to 19lb+,
Barbel to 15lb 2oz, Chub to 5lb+, Perch to 3lb 6oz,
Pike to 31lb 6oz, Crucians to 4lb 6oz and
Grass Carp to 29lb 6oz.

Also large Roach and Rudd to 3lbs and large eels.

MEMBERSHIP FEE 2020/21 SEASON

Senior Membership – £70 + £10 Joining fee

Ladies Membership – £30 + £10 Joining fee

OAP 65 years – £35 + £10 Joining fee

Junior Members £10 + NO JOINING FEE

Family Ticket (parents + children u16) – £100 + £10 Joining fee

Flood Barrier Night Ticket – £175 + £10 Joining fee

Student 16–18 years – £35 + £10 Joining fee

View the waters on the web
www.tonbridge-angling.co.uk

PO Box 131, Tonbridge TN11 8WB

Contact Martyn on **07802 248861**

Hastings Bexhill & District Freshwater Angling Association

Season runs from 1st April to 31st March.

Established in 1895 the association provides its members and day ticket anglers with various lakes and rivers to fish throughout Hastings, Bexhill and the surrounding area.

We currently have seven waters that provide a mixture of species at specimen weights to suit all anglers' preferences. As well as the lakes run by the association we also offer members the ability to fish various stretches of river in the surrounding area.

The association provides waters to suit all ages, abilities and interests so there's something for everyone.

To apply to become a member please download and print the application form from our website. Complete and return to the Membership officer on the application, alternatively it is possible to purchase your membership from any of the tackle shops listed on our website.

For further information please contact:

Chris Pagan 07429 655237 Steve Potter 07935 268174

Postal enquiries: S Corke, 2 The Siding, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1RF

hastingsandbexhillangling.co.uk

H.B.D.
F.A.A.

Normanhurst Lake

Wishing Tree Reservoir

River Rother

**CAN'T PICK UP THE FRESHWATER INFORMER NEAR YOU?
FOR JUST £25 A YEAR - WHY NOT HAVE IT DELIVERED DIRECT TO YOUR DOOR
ALL YOU PAY FOR IS THE POSTAGE & PACKING.**

We will send you **YOUR** copy of the magazine each month keeping you up-to-date with all the angling news here in the South East. Call **01634 869317** to arrange your subscription or complete the form below and post it to:- **FRESHWATER INFORMER c/o 6, Meadow Way, Wouldham, Rochester ME1 3GR**

Name:

Address:

Your contact phone number is required:.....

Please note that payments can only be accepted by cheque (made payable to The Freshwater Informer) or by bank transfer.

Sea Informer

is kindly sponsored by



Medway and Kent Sea Fishing Group
'Visit our page for chat, tips, news and members' catch reports!'

Sheppey Angling

UNIT 5, REGIS BUSINESS PARK, NEW ROAD, SHEERNESS
ME12 1HA 01795 661089 / 07902 092595

**CHANNEL
ANGLING**

All Your Fishing Needs
Under One Roof

158-160 Snargate Street,
Dover, Kent, CT179BZ
01304 203742



Please support your local tackle shop!

Last month saw some lovely soles being caught from the Hythe and Sussex beaches with some fish topping 2lbs! Depending on the weather this month, we may well see more caught if conditions remain favourable. However, October can be unreliable and it is a month well known for some stiff onshore

blows which stir up the inshore waters! The mackerel have been very patchy all Summer, but they finally arrived 'en masse' late September. If conditions remain favourable, we may still have the opportunity to catch a few more. A surprise cod was caught from a Hastings beach along with a few others along the Sussex coast in mid September so you really don't know what the next catch might be! October is also a great month for big bass so a live bait fished on a slider rig close in is worth a try from local beaches, there should be no shortage of live baits as the hordes of whiting will appear in large numbers this month! The sea temperature is currently around 11 degrees centigrade. Please feel free to send in your catch photos for use in the Sea Reports section! You can send them by email (details on inside front cover) or with a message on the magazine's Facebook page.

I am delighted to welcome Prime Angling at Worthing to the Sea Reports section. They will be providing a monthly report from their stretch of the coast so we will be able to supply reports from the Thames Estuary right round to West Sussex!

Thames report courtesy of Wayne May

"Anglers up and down the Thames from Gravesend to the estuary have landed a fair amount of sole over the last few weeks. Dentex charter boats that regularly fish the estuary have also reported several reasonable catches on there social media. Erith and Gravesend reports of bass, flaties and the occasional eel caught, following a short quiet spell at the beginning of the month, fishing has picked up, its great to hear that more eels are showing along the Thames. Back to the estuary, both charter boats and shore anglers are landing rays, bass and sole daily. When it's available ragworm is a top bait for the river, maddies or harbour ragworm are definitely worth a try for the flatfish species." **NJ Fishing Tackle at Gravesend stock fresh (when available) and frozen baits and a good range of tackle. Call 01474 353998.**



Medway report

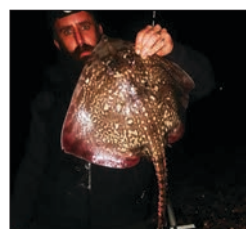
The river has been fairly quiet again during the past few weeks, although a good number of small bass have been caught with some eels. A few smoothounds have been caught from Gillingham pier. **Call Medway Tackle Supplies for all your bait and tackle requirements on 01634 475260.**

Sheppey report courtesy of Sheppey Angling

"Night tides have been more productive than

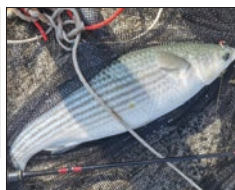
daytime highs. It does seem that the smoothounds have now moved offshore, although the odd smaller hound is still being caught. However, the thornbacks are now starting to show in better numbers and this will increase as we progress in to the Autumn months. Some very nice bass have been taken, no specific mark as they have been widespread around the island. Encouragingly, some flounders have begun to show along with soles. No dogfish in any quantity from the shore marks, although the boats are finding them out in the Estuary. Strangely, there are very few whiting currently showing, even after dark! Fish and squid baits are best for rays with worm baits for the flatfish. Ragworm is in short supply at the moment so please remember to order your worm baits well in advance!"

Call Sheppey Angling on 10795 661089 for all your tackle and bait requirements.



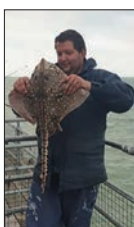
North Kent report

The hounds are still around and being caught although this month will see them move offshore. Some nice bass to near double figures and rays among the hounds along with flaties and eels towards Tankerton area. The weed has still been a pain in places, but signs are that it is gradually reducing. **Absolute Tackle at Herne Common has a great range of frozen and fresh bait (when available) along with a good selection of tackle. Call 01227 636724.**



Thanet report courtesy of Fisherman's Corner

"As the autumn approaches certain species are feeding up ready for the colder weather. We've seen species like the smoothounds become more wide spread around Thanet and not as fussy on the baits they take. The mullet are also feeding heavily so this is the time to target them, pre-baiting areas or



use an onion sack with bread and fish can help. The rays have also returned to the shore and plenty of bass around and we should see some better fish through the Autumn." **For any advice, bait or tackle call Fisherman's Corner 01843 582174.**

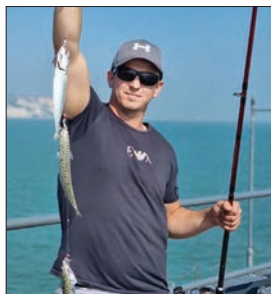
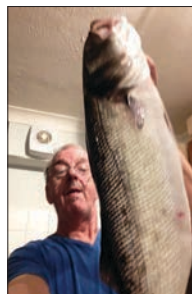
Deal report

The pier and beaches have been fishing well. Anglers on the pier have landed smoothounds, rays, congers, bass, wrasse and whiting. There have been a few mackerel and scad caught although not in any numbers. Shore anglers are finding rays, hounds, whiting and bass and flaties and smaller bass are showing towards Sandwich Bay. **Call Fred at Channel Angling for all your bait needs on 01304 373104.**

Dover report

Samphire Hoe is producing plenty of wrasse, pouting, pollack and bass down the wall. There have been some mackerel caught, but still not in any numbers. Shakespeare beach has produced dogfish, rays, small hounds, whiting and bass. Although a few mackerel off the beach, numbers are still nothing to write home about. However, if the Autumn weather remains mild, calm and clear we may still get a late run of mackerel.

Channel Angling in Snargate Street has a great range of the best fresh and frozen baits along with a huge range of tackle. Call Craig on 01304 203742.



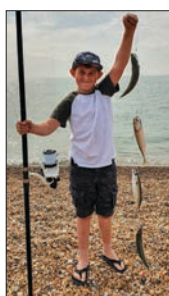
Folkestone report courtesy of Folkestone Angling

"The mackerel finally arrived in mid September! They are not in huge numbers, but depending on conditions, anglers have found enough for the freezer and table. All the time conditions stay calm and the water remains clear we can expect them to be caught through October. Bottom fishing from the pier has produced plaice, dabs, gurnards and red mullet with bass, wrasse and pollack down the wall. A livebait down the wall is a favourite method for the big October bass, make sure you have a drop net to hand! A few squid have begun to show and if the neap tides in October coincide with clear, calm conditions we can expect good numbers from the pier and beaches in the area. We will also see the thornback rays returning this month with a few already showing from the pier and Sandgate." **Folkestone Angling can be found at the end of Tontine Street just a few minutes walk from the pier. Remember**

to purchase your pier fishing tickets from the shop before pier fishing! Call Folkestone Angling on 01303 253881.

Hythe area report courtesy of Steve Bates

"Folkestone, Hythe and Dymchurch have all been fishing really well with plenty of good fishing at the moment. There have been some good mixed catches being reported. Shoals of mackerel are now beginning to move inshore with the recent settled, calm and clear water, anglers are getting amongst the shoals at all states of the tide. Some anglers have been targeting the plaice with some great success, although the majority haven't been big fish there is still a chance of some larger specimens to catch. The odd bass is still being caught on the lure and worm baits fished at short range behind the breakers may help you find some of the better fish. There have been some good sole with the bigger fish showing during darkness. The odd smooth hound is still showing with a couple of bigger ones thrown in for good measure, so you should still definitely have a few crabs in the bait bag too for this specie as they pass through. Pulley pennels baited with fish baits or squid should help you find the rays and fresh lug on clipped down rigs or flappers should help you find most other species, crab fished on long pulley drop down should help find hounds. **Local tackle shops are Dens Tackle 01303 267053 and Best Buddies 01303 487144.** Please do still stay alert, keep safe, stay well and remember to take your rubbish home. Tight lines, Stevie."



Eastbourne report courtesy of Tony's Tackle

"As predicted, September was one of the best years for sole fishing from Langney Point beaches with plenty landed over the one pound mark with a few 2 lbs plus monsters. Martin Humphreys caught on of 2lbs 2 ozs. With more anglers using smaller hooks and half lugworm baits tipped with maddies or ragworm catches have definitely improved. This year, the smoothhounds seemed to have stayed forever even changing their feeding habits, as the crabs disappeared the hounds, instead of moving on, chose to gorge on squid and amazingly Eastbourne lugworm! Needles to say, a few unsuspecting rods were dragged towards the sea and one was dragged straight over the pier and was watched by all heading towards Langney Point! Jack Burke landed one over 10lbs whilst pier shop owner Dan landed a cracking 10lbs plus bass from the side of the pier. Some great bream were caught on lug and rag along with a few good plaice. Gerald Sargeant had some great match results this month with back to back wins in local matches. A few eels are showing on low tide and some good bass from Pevensey and Bexhill on the sand and rocks. Mackerel have been in short supply this year although plenty on Brighton Marina and Seaford beaches. Eastbourne boats have caught smoothhounds, tope, plaice and cod from the Light Tower area on lug, rag and squid. I expect the soles to stay this month, long tides at night being the order of the day on lug and rag. As things are hotting up fishing wise, it is advisable to order your lug and rag from the shop, especially at the weekends. Plenty of whiting will appear this month and I expect, like last year, a few early season codling from the shore. Match fishing should improve with bigger catches this month."

Our numbers for all your bait and tackle requirements are 01323 731388 or 07821 514853 or visit our website at www.tonystackle.co.uk



Authorised Agent

CHANNEL ANGLING

All Your Fishing Needs Under One Roof

Channel Angling is Dovers Premier tackle and bait stockist. With over 25 years experience you can be sure you're getting the best tackle and bait available!

Call: 01304 203 742
Email: channelangling@yahoo.co.uk
Facebook: @channelanglingdover
158-160 Snargate Street, Dover, Kent, CT17 9BZ

Worthing area report courtesy of Prime Angling

"As most anglers already know mackerel have turned up in massive numbers recently from venues such as Worthing Pier, Shoreham Harbour, Brighton Marina and the beaches have also seen huge catches made as the mackerel shoals drive the whitebait in to shallow water and on numerous occasions onto the shingle itself. Ideally, targeting mackerel with early morning or an evening tide is usually best, but from structures such as Brighton Marina they have been constant all day and even during the night. Despite the inshore waters teeming with whitebait garfish and scad catches are not what they should be for the time of year. Garfish usually return late August, but at the moment only occasionally figuring in catches whereas one-a-cast would not be uncommon for September. Scad which appeared midsummer seem present at some venues but again there should be a lot more caught judging by previous years. Worthing Pier and Shoreham Harbour could be worth trying with a float fished mackerel strip as bait for gars.

A couple of codling reported from Hove and Selsey East Beach during the evening tides. Codling can appear from anywhere but usual spots known for producing occasionally include Widewater, Hove and Seaford.

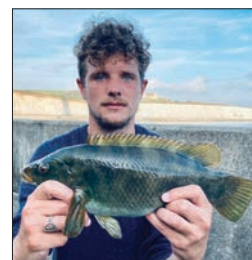
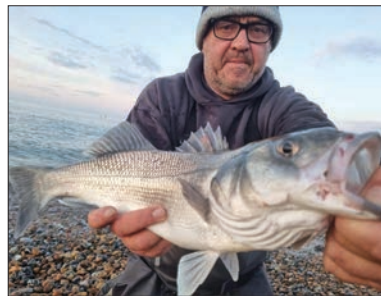
Worthing Pier can see some good fish caught when the seas are rough and coloured and spots at Selsey and Pagham do see odd fish show and best chance of a codling is fishing in darkness using big worm baits and squid. Black Bream are still plentiful although the majority are on the small side with Worthing Pier, Widewater and the West Arm at Brighton Marina worth trying with small baits and hooks where bites can be instant and baits stripped within seconds. Using worms or small fish baits especially around Shoreham can account for colourful species such as red mullet and tub gurnards.

Venues such as Shoreham Harbour and Brighton Marina offer a good range of species such as black bream, red mullet, gurnards, mackerel, pout, scad, mullet, wrasse, smelt, pollack, bass as well as plenty of flatfish with straps, rays and hounds a possibility in darkness. A few whiting have also showed up. Smoothhound numbers seem to be petering out with only a few pups and the occasional decent fish being caught and although it's late in the year for them if we do get a spell of strong winds soon there could be a few better fish showing whilst the seas remain coloured to squid and crab baits. The next couple of months should hopefully see some big congers move in and using whole whiting or mackerel baits should improve your chances. A few straps have shown throughout the summer but there has been a real lack of the quality fish seen in previous years.

Anglers targeting plaice are finding some good sizeable fish to worm baits and expect quality fish to show for the next couple of months when conditions are ideal. Some sole are still being caught from Shoreham Harbour, Brighton Marina and Eastbourne mainly during darkness again mainly to worm baits. Some decent flounders are starting to show but mostly from Shoreham beaches and the Harbour Arms. Also lately a topknot was caught from Brighton Marina and a turbot from a local beach.

Bass have been caught to bait such as live prawns plus anglers using lures have had success on occasions providing they can avoid the mackerel. Fishing low tide at dawn and dusk from Worthing and nearby beaches is still seeing fish on occasion to lures. Every year some big bass are caught from the lower reaches of the river Arun. Live baits in darkness from Shoreham Harbour or Brighton Marina is always worth ago this time of year and accounts for some of the bigger fish landed through the year. Worm baits usually catch the smaller fish plus lure fishing from the beaches and rivers can be successful if the water has good clarity. Mullet can still be caught from both the beaches and rivers with Goldie's caught to red rag baits and bread baits or small fish baits work for the bigger species of mullet from the Arun and Adur. Plenty of smaller rays are still showing in darkness mainly undulates and the occasional thornback. Expect bigger undulates once the onshore winds pick up causing rough and coloured seas which should see good fish from usual places such as Worthing Pier and Shoreham Harbour."

Prime Angling is open as usual, 7 days a week, 8am to 5pm Monday to Saturday and 8am till 4pm on Sundays. We are located at 26 Marine Parade, Worthing, BN11 3PT, situated just to the east of Worthing Pier with limited customer parking available at the front of the shop. **If you require fresh bait it is advisable to phone us on 01903 821594 to pre-order depending on availability and as early as possible to avoid disappointment.** We also stock a large variety of frozen sea baits. Worthing Pier opens daily 6am till 10pm. Contact Worthing Beach office for any information you require regarding any rules and regulations that are applicable to fishing on the pier.



**Nice
mixed
bag for
James
and
Graham**



James Clifton sent in this report after a good session he enjoyed with his dad at a Sussex shore mark resulting in a nice variety of fish!

"I had a session with my dad Graham near Shoreham and we had a great result!"



I had a codling of 38cms, four undulates to 10lbs 2ozs, bass to just over 3lbs and eels to just over 4lbs. Dad had eels, 4lbs+ bass and a 36cms sole. It was a great mixed bag session for us both!"

Regards James

HASTINGS report courtesy of Hastings Angling Centre

After a very 'ordinary' August the first half of September has come good with warm sunshine and calm seas. The mackerel have moved inshore in abundance after the whitebait and the bass have followed them. Large numbers of 'anglers' taking every advantage of them. I hope they were only taking what they can use. The white bait and mackerel have regularly been beaching themselves.

Out in the boats the much delayed East Hastings SAA boat festival at least got off on one day and some very good fish were caught as well. See report below. Tope, turbot, bull huss and black bream are all featuring regularly along with rays, bass, pollack and even a few codling. Plaice however are not having a good year.

On the beaches the calm clear water has meant the beaches were full of swimmers and sunbathers along with mackerel fishers, precluding much other daylight fishing save for bass lure fishing on the quieter areas. Once the sun has gone down and the 'hullabaloo' has died away night fishing has been good with rays, congers and bass all coming inshore (feeding off the mackerel remains probably). The whiting have not yet showed up in numbers but I'm sure they're coming!

Prospects for October, on the beach traditionally a very good month for big bass and soles. The first autumn gales will colour up the water and drive the mackerel offshore and bring the whiting in, the big tides will also hopefully bring some codlings in as well. For the boats, given a calm spell, fishing can be very good with the black bream at their best with bass, pollack plaice, tope and turbot all in prime condition.

The Hastings Angling Centre open beach match, postponed from 2020, takes place on November 6th and the 2021 one on November 20th. £300 first prize plus cash prizes for both. Call Hastings Angling centre on 01424 432178 to enter both matches.

EAST HASTINGS SEA ANGLING ASSOCIATION CLUB BOAT FESTIVAL

This, usually 2-day boat fishing competition, finally got off on one after being postponed



and rolled over for five weekends in a row, such has been the summer. The 'weather gods' finally smiled and a sunny warm calm day with a strong tide provided plenty of very decent fish.

This is a specimen competition with only 3 fish being allowed to be weighed in and percentage points given for the weight of the fish against the nominated specimen weight. This means that any species can win not just the biggest by weight alone.



Some 28 anglers took part in a dozen boats. Some very good fish were caught, notably some excellent bull huss for the three anglers aboard Wildcat. The winner was **Glyn Shoesmith** who received the Ada Cup and a Daiwa Kenzaki rod donated by the sponsors Hastings Angling Centre for a bull huss of 11lbs 13ozs (118 points). Second was **John Walter**, bull huss 11lbs 3ozs (113), third **Shane Salmon**, bull huss

10lbs 3ozs (103). Best flatfish was a plaice of 1lb 2ozs (25) for **Robert Savidge**. Unfortunately 2021 is proving a poor year for plaice. Best junior was **Isla Clewley** with a pollack of 7lbs 15ozs (56) taking the Rosie Cup. All the winners and placed received rods, reels or gift vouchers. Other notable catches were **Jim Clewley's** thornback ray of 9lbs 3ozs (76)

and **Shane Salmon's** tope of about 34lbs which was ineligible to be weighed in being a protected species and was released quickly after a photograph.



Nice evening for it!

Richard Smith made the most of a nice evening recently and was rewarded for a trip to North Kent:

"I had a spur of the moment trip to Reculver recently and got there just at the top of the tide. I used raw tiger prawns for bait on a pulley rig. The weather was fairly warm and the sea was flat calm. Second cast resulted in an 8lbs 6ozs hound, but after that the weed came on and was fairly unfishable. A good couple of hours out in the fresh air though."

DUNGENESS Latest catch reports on www.seagullfishingtackle.com

A personal message from Tony Hills at Seagull Fishing Tackle:

"Well summer is over and as we move into autumn there are plenty of fish about as there has been all year long! But autumn brings other changes, Seagull Fishing Tackle shop is closing down after 24 years. We will have a closing down sale in October (everything is 30% off) finishing on the 31st October. I will be keeping the 'blog site' going as well as my Facebook page to promote Dungeness while reports keep coming in."

BEACH REPORT The fishing only gets better! I can't see why so many people on social media are negative, heaven save me from armchair anglers! The bigger hits of mackerel appeared at the end of summer and there are still plenty of bass and the last couple of weeks, lots of whiting have begun to show.

Still, plenty of bass about

I had this report in from Stefano:

"Hi Tony, it might not be very local but fished Sandwich Bay with the top quality bait and rig you give me last Sunday. Thank you also for all the useful advice!"



The right place at the right time!

I had this report in from Richard:

"Tony. Treated myself to a morning at the coast to enjoy the weather and watch the porpoises. Chucked the feathers out as well as it looked good for a few mackerel for the BBQ. Not one! But landed this 2.6 lbs bass. I have never been so lucky before but went home a happy man. Just to say I was fishing close to the end of the boardwalk, 50m along towards the point. Richard"



In it to win it

I saw this posted this morning by Adam Goldie. I know it's not Dungeness, but it is a great report:

"In it to win it, the way my weekend is, it was fish tonight, or not at all, and the plan was to go sole fishing with 3 score of black lugworm. I did notice the weather forecast had turned for the worst, but i chose to ignore it, I wasn't very optimistic for sole, but thought it might be 'bassy'. Kissed the wife goodbye, she said, catch some bass and sole, I joked more like a cod, if only I knew! Anyway headed off to my mark, the old Stamco in Hastings, and as I got out of the car, it was at that point I realised I'd messed up. The forecast said 11mph wind and gusts of 20mph, there was no gusts, just constant 25mph wind. Lol sand, breakers and white water met me, what ever storm was out there had been quite an effect on the sea state. I had seen a calmish high tide during the day at work, but things had turned, right I thought, sole off the menu, it's bass time, rubbing my hands together!!! Well 4 hours later and I'm rubbing eel slime off my hands, picking weed and fishing net flotsam off my lines. Think I had 8 eels and 2 straps. I was pretty despondent if I'm honest. Then it started raining just to test me. I was just about to pack up, but I had 20 lug left, and thought it is 'coddly', hell why not. It was an hour to high water, and I only had bed to look forward to. Lugworm sausages were presented on 6/0 manta and 3/0 pennel. I hit the baits as hard as I could into a very stiff side wind as the surf spray soaked me. It actually felt like cod fishing, well, the bait was out 5/10mins, and I had a nice pull down and a slack liner. I picked the rod up wound the slack and lifted hard into whatever was on the end, it replied "knock knock" I knew what it was all the way in! Well I had to continue fishing for a bit at least, I had 2 more bites after that, my bass actually turned up, better late than never, both were around 35cms, a nice size, and end, to the night."



as hard as I could into a very stiff side wind as the surf spray soaked me. It actually felt like cod fishing, well, the bait was out 5/10mins, and I had a nice pull down and a slack liner. I picked the rod up wound the slack and lifted hard into whatever was on the end, it replied "knock knock" I knew what it was all the way in! Well I had to continue fishing for a bit at least, I had 2 more bites after that, my bass actually turned up, better late than never, both were around 35cms, a nice size, and end, to the night."

A lovely autumn day

Here is a report in last night from Kristian...

"Hi Tony. Thanks for the bait today and sharing some helpful tips. Spent the afternoon fishing Dungeness. Lots of young whiting kept me busy, plus a couple of young smoothhound pups. But catch of the day on my new rod was a lovely bass, which I'm over the moon with. What a glorious September day! Can't wait to get back out again soon." Regards Kristian"

BEACH OUTLOOK FOR OCTOBER Yes as I have said autumn has come early, so here is hoping for bigger bass, more sole and of course some early codling!

BEST BAITS Worm baits for sole but I would try a whole squid on a pennel rig for a big bass and for a codling a lugworm / squid wrap.



BOAT REPORTS

Plenty of quality Fish for Peggy

Nice to see Ant out on Peganina from Rye 07989778361 after a long break:

"So the boat is finally back in the water - ironed out some small problems, had the camera fitted yesterday for the 'Chart' programme and the boat's license has been issued from the MMO so we are now allowed to start to fish for the Blue Fin which are slowly moving East all the time. Had a very reliable report that they have been seen off Lyme Regis today and with the amount of bait balls in Rye Bay it's an extremely exciting time!! These fish are nomadic so 140 miles is nothing for them and we've definitely got enough feed for them so fingers crossed!!! As normal I am behind on my bookings, but will hopefully catch up over the next few days and the fishing is GOOD! Treble shots of bream to 45cms, mackerel, some lovely bass too, tope, congers, coalfish, pollack, plaice, brill, codling, gurnards, scad and some lovely brown bream. Hopefully catch ya soon, Ant"



Nice day for Jerry

I had this report in from Jerry:

"Fairchance fishing Dungeness 01797 363544 Today. So after having 6 days ashore due to the North East winds, we had a go today. The water was the colour of soup not a bream to be had, a job to catch a mackerel but managed to get 8 or 9 for bait, had a few bass takes, only connected with 2 and a small tope. A nice day to be afloat, you can't win them all. Happy Days."

Cracking day for Peggy

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

"Some cracking pollack started to show now."



Against all odds...

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

"Soooo what I can I say - today was our first day on a CHART trip!! It was just a crew trip/shake-down trip really and believe me when I say we were fully taken by surprise when the starboard side reel screamed off and went in to melt down!

Unfortunately, I will take full responsibility, I was too eager to slow the fish down resulting in pulling the hook, but a real reminder of the actual size of the fish we are going for and that they are in Rye Bay. What a crazy a couple months ahead I feel! Let the games begin! Ant"

Cracking Predators

I saw this posted by Jerry Oiller:

"Fairchance fishing Dungeness 01797 363544 Today. Two man crew on board today, Nathan Levi Smith and Gary Diggery. We tried for a bass for the first 3 hours, but not enough tide in my opinion. I had the Hook over, managed a couple of tope, Nathan landed one just over 30 lbs, and Gary's just over 20 lbs, not a lot else going on, 2 or 3 cuttlefish and mackerel, but a nice day to be afloat with good company. Happy Days."



BOAT OUTLOOK FOR OCTOBER A great time of year, still summer species and the first showing of winter species and now we can include 'Blue Fin Tuna', I believe the season runs from September to November so all to play for!

BEST BAITS Break out the squid, yes, I know it's a long shot, but this is codling time!

OUT AND ABOUT WITH ANDY by Andrew Cook

If you are going to make a statement then you have to be prepared to back it up. So, the plan was to stay over the Island today, fishing my favourite high water mark, then trying a new low water one. Today's 'crew' was Paul Evans, James Knight and myself.

After the long walk we are on the first mark at 2pm. The water is deep brown with a negligible Easterly wind, the sea state is flat and pretty much bang on for any daylight hounds. We get set up and I launch my two rigs into the distance, usual pulley set ups baited with rag on one and frozen hermit crab on the other, (thanks once more to Medway Tackle Supplies for the top bait).

Fifteen minutes passes and I see a few small pull downs on the rag followed by a slack line. I pick the rod up, it's nothing big but there's something on. A few minutes later and a schoolie of about 3/4lb is landed, not what I'm after but at least there's fish about. It's pretty quiet until after high water but then a few fish come on the feed. James manages an eel followed by a nice sizeable bass which is returned. Paul then gets a bass followed by a ray. I have to wait quite a while for another fish which turns out to be a bootlace, James has another sizeable bass and I get another smaller one. There has been a lot of surface weed hanging around but fortunately we have only picked any up when reeling in.



North Kent'. After a quick chat with James we agree to do the 45 minute run east, taking a chance on conditions.

Seven o'clock comes round quickly and we are losing the water so we decide to pack up. We bid farewell to Paul as he isn't joining James and I for the second leg. We drive the

10 minutes to my proposed new low water mark, the water hasn't dropped to a level that it can be seen yet but there is one factor that I've completely overlooked - by the time we can get out there it's going to be pretty dark and I've never set foot on it before. I hadn't factored in that it's getting darker earlier now so probably not a good idea to be 300 yards out from the high water mark on ground you don't know.

Also despite the building wind which is also shifting to northerly there's a little voice in my head saying 'go to



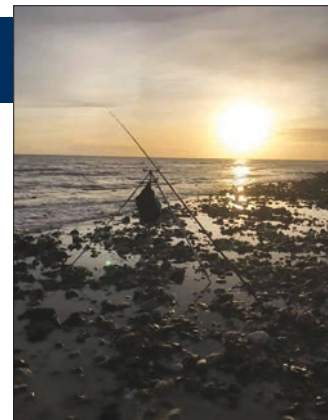
Well, we are at the mark at 8:45, there's weed everywhere, the northerly is gusting to 25mph and distinctly uncomfortable, and although not big, the wind is creating waves that are breaking around 50 yards offshore. Although I think we may see a bass or two I turn to James and say 'if we get a hound tonight I'll drive home in my underpants'. (It's all I had on under my waders). We make our way out and get set up, just one rod each sharing a tripod, we have come across masses of weed but encouragingly there seems to be a lot less at the waterline.

We get set up quickly and cast out, we are both using big ragworm baits. Within a few minutes I get a bite which results in a half decent bass. For the next couple of hours it's a bite a cast. At some points the bait isn't in the water for more than a few minutes before the rod tip is nodding. The trouble is it's dogfish with the exception of another small bass. Also quite a lot of bites result in the fish coming off on the retrieve although we do land a few. Also we are grateful that although we are bringing some weed in it's not a lot and easily fishable.

Bang on low water I get a decent pull down. Lifting into the fish I can tell that it's not a dogfish as I can feel it's head thrashing. I thought I had hooked a half-decent bass. James wades out a little to land the fish and

shouts back to me 'it's a hound!' Given the conditions I can hardly believe it as a hound of around 6lbs comes onto the sand. A quick piccie and back it goes swimming off like a shot. James then hooks into two hound bites in a row. Unfortunately one spits the hook after snagging itself and one snapped James off as he had also picked up something very heavy as well as the fish. Probably a big raft of weed. We are still getting bites every cast but I only manage another dogfish and James also gets one as well as another keeper bass. The tide starts to flood back in, and aided by the onshore wind it's moving at walking pace so putting safety above trying for a couple more fish we call it a day at 11:30. True to my word I take my waders off and hop into the car with just pants on my lower half. The problem is I'm low on fuel so I stop at the Thanet Way services. Apart from the cashier it's empty so I just hop out of the car and start fuelling. I then hear a snigger and turn around, James is snapping me half naked fuelling my car! Oh well, I deserved it after tempting fate with my earlier statement!

Arriving home I catch a glimpse of something on my garden path. It's a hedgehog so I grab a quick picture before going indoors. Not a bad session overall and I'm well happy to have snared a hound in those conditions. Good luck if you are out, let's hope we've got a few more weeks of hound hunting before they disappear for the winter.



Tight lines all, Andy

**CANTERBURY
BOILER SPARES****Unit 2, Coopers Lane, Wincheap, Canterbury CT1 3ZD****www.canterburyboilerspares.co.uk**Find us on **f****01227 209079**

Autumn seems to be here and the whiting invasion has started, they are here and in numbers and not a bad stamp for the first run. They seemed to turn up overnight, let's hope the better bass are not far behind. The whiting are taking any fish baits and lugworm instantly even with using bigger baits and 6/0 hooks they are still getting hooked, but instead of seeing these as a pain, I like to embrace them and go on to lighter gear through the slack tides and it is the same with the pouting on a few wrecks we have been doing on Lady Ann of Ramsgate. It's been like fishing off Dover harbour in the mid 80s, big grandad pouting up to 1.5 lbs and pound for pound they will let you no they are on. As the whiting, fish baits, lug or rag, they will take everything and rig wise, I like 3 hook flappers 2/0 Koike hook on 25lbs bs Asso hook line.

We are having great results going around the old inshore wrecks that have been forgotten about for years with some good mixed fishing. We try to fish in the scour, but sometimes get it wrong and actually fish over the wreck where the boat swings. Some gear is lost, but some nice fish come up as well including a few strap conger, not big, but up to the 10 lbs mark. There must be bigger ones, we need the mighty Ant Hills on the Peganina to show us the way of the conger! The mackerel report is still very poor as we was hoping for late stragglers, but no joy and finding out the government has granted more licences for factory pelagic boats to desolate the stocks saddens me even more. The mackerel stocks must be at an all time low and I don't think it can recover. The knock on effect could be crippling for the bass, cod and any other predatory



fish and the seals will have to eat more bass, anyway rant over, don't want to get all political, let's get back to what is still here, the king of the sea, bass!



Where have all the double figure bass gone? We haven't had any this year, all of high 8s but we have seen an increase of 3 to 4lbs fish off local wrecks with good numbers so it is very good to see something is being done correctly and with so many 38 to 41cms fish going back alive let's hope they survive this winter and grow on. I have to confess I do like a bass for dinner, the same as many people and would like the limit go up to 4 per angler, but only if it is more viable to target them when weather allows and let's face it, how many people catch 4 bass in a day unless you are having a red letter day, just my views and no doubt there will be people who disagree.

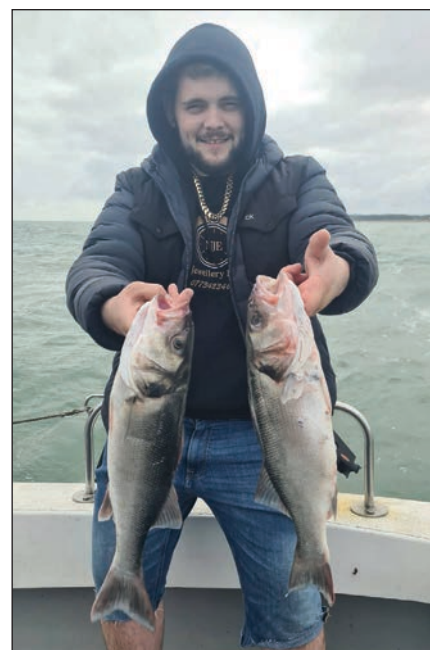
Bait we have been using when not using feathers and lures are freshly pumped yellow tails from my good self. I use a DSB pump of 22mm and 1.2m length. I usually go to Sandwich Bay and I'm not the best, but on a good day can manage 250, maybe 300, that's enough for 2 days fishing. I like to give my customers a treat and these worms are over a foot in length, like mini snakes! Another bait we have good results with is live prawn on a 4/0 Koike hook, a double shot of prawn just though the tail and wack, another bass on! They seem to fish better in clear water, but the bass still seem to find them in muddy water.

Now on to the steam train of the sea, smoothounds! We had a few quiet months, but now the bigger girls are coming back and in good numbers, some days fish up to 14 lbs can be found, but an average good fish is around 8 lbs mark. Sorry to you younger readers as it should be in kilos, but pounds I am afraid is what I am used to! Bait for these seems to change in autumn, the squid can be dynamite, the same as prawn, but my favourite all round bait for everything this month is the yellowtail worm. The fish just seem switched on to them, the only down side are the dogs, whittings and pouting, but I think any fish is a good fish. We do get too blinkered with big fish and we forget to enjoy the actual fishing!

Tight lines to you all and everyone keep safe! I hope to see some of you onboard Lady Ann of Ramsgate in the near future.

Jason

If you fancy a day onboard the Lady Ann with Jason call him on 07966 273650.



Coarse Fisheries

Beaver Farm Fishery Eastbourne Road, Newchapel Lingfield RH7 6HL	01342 324006 / 07710 656041
Charlies Lakes Steeds Lane, Kingsnorth, Ashford TN26 1NH	07857 539785
Chequertree Trout and Coarse Fishery Bethersden, Near Ashford TN26 3JR	01233 820078
Claygate Lakes Collier Street, Claygate, Marden TN12 9PL	07770 513448
Coombe Wood Fishery , Redbrook Street High Halden, Near Ashford TN26 3JH	07895 679569
Elphicks Fisheries Spelmonden Road, Horsmonden TN12 8EL	01580 212512
Eureka Fishery Nicholas Road Kennington, Ashford, Kent TN25 4AG	07597 879621
Frant Lakes Hawkenbury Road Bells Yew Green, Tunbridge Wells TN3 9AP	01892 616424
Furnace Brook Fishery and Fish Farm Trolliloes, Cowbeech, near Hailsham BN27 4QR	01435 830835
Gabriels Fishery Marsh Green Road, Edenbridge TN8 5PP	07730 066088
Greenacres Farm Fishery Sissinghurst Road, Biddenden TN27 8EH	07933 934942
Hartley Lands Fishery Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook TN17 3PS	07703 825064
Hawkhurst Fish Farm Hastings Road, Hawkhurst TN18 4RT	01580 753813
Horam Manor Fishery Horam Manor Farm Horam TN21 0JB	01323 840889 / 07707 759364
Iden Wood Fishery , Coldharbour Lane Iden, Rye TN31 7UT	01797 280180 / 07906 232225
Knightingales Fishery Stone-In-Oxney, Near Tenterden TN30 7HA	07941 176205
Kube Lakes 65-87 Plurenden Road, High Halden, Ashford TN26 3JW (nearest postcode) @KubeLakes on Facebook	07742 423681
Latchetts Lakes Tanyard Lane Furners Green, Uckfield TN22 3RL	07517 646299 / 07793 654174
Mousehole Lakes Maidstone Road Nettlestead, Near Paddock Wood ME18 5HR	07725 783405
Orchard Place Farm Fishery Pearsons Green Road Paddock Wood, Kent TN12 6NY	01892 838576
Sandwich Lakes Coarse Fishery , Sandwich Ash Road (A257) Near Canterbury CT3 2DA	07936 409912
Shirkoak Fishery Bethersden Road, Woodchurch, Ashford TN26 3PZ	07973 410973
The Lakes at Beachborough Beachborough Park Newington, Near Folkestone CT18 8BW	07469 809877
Tricklebrook Fishery Colts Hill, Five Oak Green TN12 6SH	07743 955812
Wylands International Angling Centre Wylands Farm, Powdermill Lane, Battle TN33 0SU	01424 893394

Trout Fisheries

Brick Farm Lakes Windmill Hill, Herstmonceux BN27 4RS	01323 832615
Cinder Hill Fly Fishing , Membership available from: Email: r.nathan@btinternet.com	01892 770903
Coltsford Mill Trout Fishery & Fly Tackle shop Mill Lane, Oxted, Surrey RH8 9DG	01883 715666 / 07798 605867
Duncton Mill Trout Fishery Dye House Lane, Duncton, Petworth GU28 0LF	07855 822401
Spring Hill Trout Waters Albans Farm, Romford Road, Pembury TN2 4BB	07951 304515
Tenterden Trout Waters Coombe Farm Chennell Park Road, Tenterden TN30 6XA	01580 763201

Tackle & Bait Supplies

Absolute Tackle 12 Wealden Forest Park Herne Common, Kent CT6 7LQ	01227 636724 / 07809 330854
Angling Specialist (ASH) 29 Queen Street, Horsham RH13 5AA	01403 264644
A.R. Tackle 8 Castle Street, Hastings TN34 3DY	01424 422094

Arun Angling Centre The Old Blacksmiths Yard Water Lane, Angmering BN16 4EP	01903 770099
Bank Side Tackle Wylands Angling Centre Powdermill Lane, Battle TN33 0SU	07786 978476
Bodle Angling Cuckfield Road, Burgess Hill RH15 8RE	01444 247757
Camos Carp Cabin 11 Turner Street, Ramsgate CT11 8NJ	01843 581784
Carpers Essentials 'Kent based customised hook bait & terminal tackle specialist' Email: steve@carpersessentials.co.uk Visit: www.carpersessentials.co.uk	07874 347703
Channel Angling 158 - 160 Snargate Street, Dover CT17 9BZ	01304 203742
Crowborough Tackle , Shop 2, Lexden Lodge, Crowborough Hill Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 2EG	01892 667671
Dens Tackle 73 Dymchurch Road, Hythe CT21 6JN	01303 267053
Eastbourne Aquarium & Reptile Centre 19-21 Seaside, Eastbourne BN21 3PP	01323 730635
Etang Baits Visit the website to view our range of products www.etangbaits.com	07884 434945
Gabriels Fishery Tackle Shop Marsh Green Road, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 5PP	07730 066088
Henfold Bait & Tackle Henfold Lakes Henfold Lane, Newdigate, Dorking RH5 4RW	07956 043922
Jack Frost Reynolds Place, West Green, Crawley RH11 7HB	01293 521186
Just Fishing Tackle 22 Marion Crescent, Orpington BR5 2DD	01689 637477
Kent Tackle Hawkhurst Fish Farm Hastings Road, Hawkhurst TN18 4RT	01580 754422
Medway Tackle Supplies 11 Twydall Green, Gillingham ME8 6JY	01634 475260
NJ Tackle 150 Milton Road, Gravesend DA12 2RG	01474 353998
Orchard Tackle 58 High Brooms Road Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9DB	07494 670328
Pinions 431 London Road, Ditton, Aylesford ME20 6DB	01622 718580
Polegate Angling Centre Unit 7 Birch Industrial Estate, Eastbourne BN23 6PH	01323 486379
Romney Angling 9 High Street, New Romney TN28 8AH	01797 362889
Sheppey Angling , Unit 5, Regis Business Park New Road, Sheerness, Kent ME12 1HA	01795 661089
South London Angling Centre 286 Lee High Road, London SE13 5PJ	0208 852 4451
Sues Tackle Cabin The Spice Warehouse Rye Harbour Road, Rye TN31 7TE	01797 225015 / 07980 290247
Tony's Tackle Shop 211 Seaside Road, Eastbourne BN22 7NP	01323 731388
Trade In Tackle Maidstone Road Wateringbury ME18 5EH	01622 814296 / 07941 085011

Angling Clubs & Societies

Bromley (Kent) & District AS PO Box 895, East Grinstead RH19 9ND email: bdas-kent-enquiry@bdaskent.co.uk	
Cinder Hill Fly Fishing Membership available from email: r.nathan@btinternet.com	01892 770903
Hastings Bexhill & District , Postal enquiries to: S.Corke - 2 The Sidings, Bexhill On Sea TN40 1RF Chris Pagan	07429 655237 / Steve Potter 07935 268174
Linton Angling Society Jason Tuckey on or email: lassecretary@lintonangling.co.uk	07983 569220
North Sussex Piscatorials email:northsussexpiscatorials@gmail.com Parish Lane, Pease Pottage, Sussex RH10 5NY	07824 443720
Tonbridge & District A & FPS PO Box 131, Tonbridge TN11 8WB	Martyn 07802 248802
Wantsum Angling Association or contact via website www.wantsumaa.co.uk	01227 678063

Advertise here for only £60 for 12 months or £30 for 6 months!



Mousehole Lakes

NINE ACRES - THREE LAKES

BAILIFF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
FOR UNLOADING YOUR EQUIPMENT
TO YOUR SWIM



Kestrel Lake



Kingfisher Lake



Kingfisher Lake



Swift Lake



KESTREL LAKE

Day Ticket: £17.50 for 2 rods / £22.50 for 3 rods
24 hours: £32.50 for 2 rods / £37.50 for 3 rods
36 hours: £42.50 for 2 rods / £47.50 for 3 rods
48 hours: £52.50 for 2 rods / £57.50 for 3 rods

KINGFISHER LAKE

Day Ticket: £15.00 for 2 rods / £20.00 for 3 rods
24 hours: £30.00 for 2 rods / £35.00 for 3 rods
36 hours: £40.00 for 2 rods / £45.00 for 3 rods
48 hours: £50.00 for 2 rods / £55.00 for 3 rods

Please call for prices on longer stays at Mousehole Lakes

SWIFT LAKE (Match/Pleasure)

Day Tickets from £7.00



Kestrel Lake



TOILET & SHOWER BLOCK WITH DISABLED FACILITIES

FREE shower for overnight
& 48hr plus sessions

Maidstone Road | Nettlestead | Maidstone | Kent | ME18 5HR

07725 783405

www.mouseholelakes.co.uk



THE THIRD WAY

GRIPZ

NOTHING GRIPS
LIKE GRIPZ

GRIPZ HOOKS are the advanced alternative
to barbed and barbless hooks.

The micro grooves give exceptional grip, ensuring better hook holds, and the ultra sharp cutting point promotes smooth penetration time and time again, without the need for additional sharpening.

> IT'S THE THIRD WAY <



Pallatrax Angling International Ltd

Higher Ashmansworthy - Woolsery - Bideford - Devon - EX39 5RE

01409 240042 · info@pallatrax.co.uk · www.pallatrax.co.uk



[pallatrax/](https://www.facebook.com/pallatrax/)



[@pallatrax](https://www.instagram.com/pallatrax)



[Catch More
Fish TV](https://www.youtube.com/catchmorefish)