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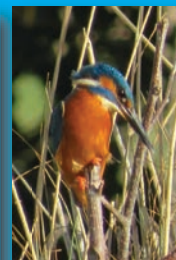
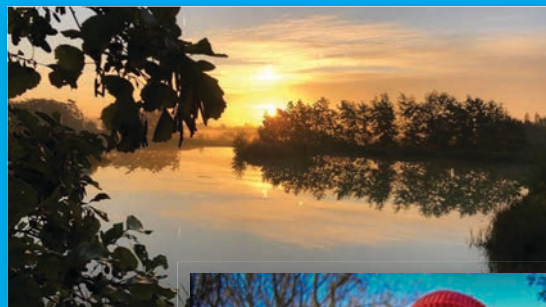


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Hello and welcome to the January 2022 issue of the Freshwater Informer!

It is hard to believe that, here we are, another year is upon us! 2021, as I am sure you will agree, seemed to pass in the blink of an eye. It was certainly a very busy year for everyone which saw numerous 'ups and downs' face one and all. Thankfully we managed to overcome whatever adversity was put in our path and here we are 'bright eyed and bushy tailed' ready to do it all again!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that Santa was kind to you all, even the naughty ones! Remember that he is watching us throughout the year and possibly put some new scales in a few anglers' stockings! January is a strange month as it always seems to be a long one, despite the fact it has the same amount of days as most other months! To date, we have been pretty fortunate with the weather. December saw a period of chilly frosty weather, but, on the whole the season has been relatively kind to us. The fishing is never easy at this time and many anglers have spoken to me about how they adjust and adapt their approach to counteract some finicky fish. Scaling down is a good start as is the choice of baits. Naturals such as maggots, casters, worms etc come in to their own as does the humble loaf of bread. It is not just silver fish that can be tempted by a juicy lobworm or bunch of maggots! In previous years I have had reasonable success with a 'cocktail' of redworm and caster. The caster would almost act as a bait stop for the worm, but was often deadly when other baits were struggling to find fish. I don't often see redworm for sale now in the shops, perhaps someone will advise or put me right? Liquidised bread and punch on the hook is another method that seems to have been consigned to memory or has it?

What does 2022 hold for the angler? Certainly the current Covid events are not helping confidence, however, our hobby is one of the few pastimes that can be enjoyed safely and provide much needed mental and physical well being. There can be no doubt that a day on the bank or beach is great therapy and for a few hours the 'troubles' of the world are forgotten as you become totally engrossed in your fishing! There are few pastimes which can offer such pleasure and provide an individual with a feeling of utter contentment. As we progress through the first few weeks of the new year we notice the buds on the trees and foliage begin to emerge, the behaviour of the animals and birds begins to change and then the sunshine begins to provide some warmth over us. Only being outside and at one with Nature can an individual find such pleasure which is very often so difficult to put in to words, but an angler will totally understand.

Many thanks to everyone for making the Freshwater Informer such a successful monthly magazine. I am sure that this year will see the readership continue to grow both for the printed copy and the digital version. I will continue to work hard each and every month to bring you the best of the region's angling news and support the South East's tackle shops and fisheries, of that you can be certain! If you are a fishery or tackle shop that would like to stock the magazine or indeed appear within its pages, then please do get in touch. I look forward to hearing from you!

From all of us here at the Freshwater Informer, a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

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Victory Lake



Berry Lake



Damson Match Lake



Meadow Lake

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3. NO NUTS OR PARTICLE
4. BOILIE AND PELLET ONLY FOR SPECIMEN AND BACK LAKE - ALL BAIT WILL BE INSPECTED
5. ALL FISH MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING CAPTURE. NO STANDING. FISH MUST BE HELD LOW OVER A MAT/CRADLE FOR PHOTOGRAPHS
6. MINIMUM 15LB LINE AND NO BRAIDED MAIN LINE
7. NO SACKING OR RETAINING OF FISH IS PERMITTED. THE REMOVAL OF FISH FROM THIS VENUE WILL BE VIEWED AS A CRIMINAL ACT
8. EACH ANGLER MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 42 INCH LANDING NET AND A LARGE PADDED UNHOOKING MAT/CRADLE REGARDLESS OF TARGET SPECIES ON SPECIMEN AND BACK LAKE
9. BARBLESS HOOKS ONLY
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11. NO FIXED LEAD RIGS. ALL LEADS MUST PASS FREELY OVER LEADER KNOTS. RIG CHECKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT
12. RECREATIONAL DRUGS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED - IMMEDIATE BAN FOLLOWS
13. PLEASE INFORM FISHERY MANAGEMENT OF ANY SNAGGED TACKLE OR FISH
14. ANY FISH OVER 28LB MUST BE REPORTED TO BAILIFF
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16. BARBECUES ALLOWED IF OFF THE GROUND
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Greenacres Farm Fishery Biddenden, Kent

Speci 1

This lake has been proving challenging at times with the weather being so up and down, but for those that are up for a challenge have been rewarded with a couple of fish. Solid pva bags over a small bed of particle has seemed to be the winning ways of getting a few fish out. **Andy Humphreys** did this and was rewarded with 7 takes landing 4 of them in a 48hr session on his birthday, so happy birthday again mate from all at Greenacres and well done. There are also some lovely perch to be had on small lures/shads or even float fishing with prawns, worms or maggots.



Andy with another fine carp

Speci 2

The catfish have slowed right up now the temperatures have dropped, one or two are still coming out to some lucky anglers but very hit and miss. Catfish are being taken on soft baits like luncheon meat and worms over small baited areas of mixed sized marine halibut pellets. Carp are being caught the same way, but with a solid pva bag with a wafter or a pop up over the top.



Andy Humphreys

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. Large bags of skimmers being caught on this lake since the colder weather has settled in.



Our recent perch stocking

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 on light float fishing setup.

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 the odd roach, rudd and gudgeon.

RULES

- Please dip all nets, slings, cradles and unhooking mats located in top two car parks before entering any lake or you will be asked to leave.
- 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 after 6pm

Kingfisher is also great for any club that is looking for a decent match lake where everyone catches and winning weights can be very close to call, so start booking your dates with us now for next year!

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Here's some of the lovely fish from our recent restocking!





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Beaver Fishery Lingfield, Surrey

Ben and I hope you all had a happy and safe Christmas and are looking forward to 2022 being a better year. As of writing this report we do not know how this new variant of Covid-19 is going to play out but with the majority of people getting double jabbed and boosted, hopefully we should see a safer and healthier year ahead.

Ben and I, with the backing of the fishery owners, are very pleased to be able to continue our extensive stocking programme on the fishery at the end of 2021. We took delivery of 220 x 8 to 10 inch tench which were put into **Eden Pond, Moat Pond and Majors Lake**, then we introduced 30 more new C4 mirror carp weighing 10lbs to 12lbs into Majors Lake from Chilston Fish Farm. Then, also from Chilston Fish Farm, we introduced 5 x C4 carp weighing between 12lbs 8ozs to 14lbs 8ozs into **Daughters Lake**. But the stocking did not finish there as we also introduced 10 stunning C6 mirror carp into **Snipe Lake** weighing between 20lbs to 22lbs 8ozs. These carp are the biggest we have ever stocked into Snipe Lake. We are sure that you will agree that these fish will make a great addition to the lakes that they were introduced into. Pictures of all of our stockings are available to view on our website at beaverfarmfishery.co.uk and our Facebook page and we have also included some of the pictures in this report.

As usual at this time of year Ben and I undertake a large amount of maintenance work on and around the fishery. At the time of writing this report we have cut back all the marginal growth and thinned out the reeds between swims, repaired and wood chipped swims where needed, cut back a lot of over-hanging tree branches above and around where anglers cast and removed any snags that were in the water, removed all



Majors Lake



overhanging brambles and any snags on and around the islands and dealt with repairing some pot holes around the fishery. This work will be done on every lake and pond on the complex to ensure that you all have a comfortable time when visiting us. We started this winter work in November and we plan to complete all maintenance work on the fishery before March. Please note that all lakes are open whilst we carry out the winter maintenance.

We both hope that you all have had a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year, look after each other and Ben and I look forward to seeing you all on the banks very soon.



Daughters Lake



Snipe Lake



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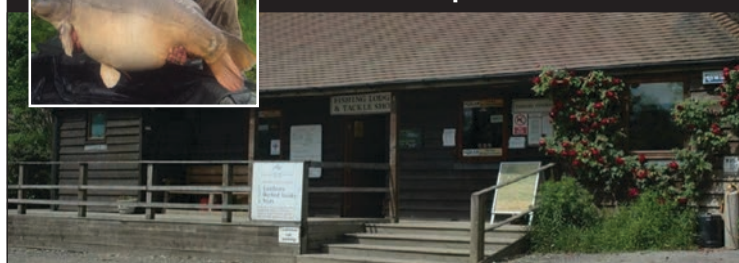
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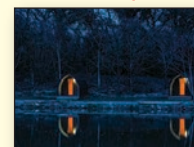
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Lillies Lake

Lillies is still under construction, but will be a small tranquil lake of only 0.5 acre shaped as a horseshoe. Lillies will be, as the name suggests, covered in lily pads and only have 2 swims. This lake will be for the more experienced angler who wishes to have the whole lake to themselves with the opportunity to catch one of Kube Lakes finest carp! Lillies will be home to no more than 25 carp, all in excess of 20lb with a select few over the 30lb mark along with a couple of surprises! This water will also have it's own pod where anglers can shower, cook, sleep etc., and this is due to be ready for March 2022.

Minimum stay • 48hr £100
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Members Lake

A 2.5 - 3 acre carp lake. This lake, like Lillies, is still under construction and will be ready for March 2022. There will be between 7 and 8 swims and a maximum of just 40 members. This lake has already been getting plenty of attention with 50% of memberships already sold! We will be introducing a carefully thought out stocking process over the course of the next couple of years to eventually reach the target of 100 specimen carp all 20lb+.

Yearly membership £200.
Day sessions not chargeable, however, a charge for longer sessions will be: 36hrs £20 • 48hrs £30. For sessions of 48hrs or more you get a 1kg bag of boilies plus 2 FREE meal vouchers!

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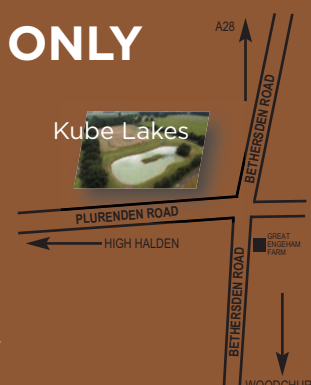
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OLD BALLAST PIT Still a few carp showing to mid double figures. Venue bailiff Kristy, is still getting a few nice fish during the week days. Some pike have shown to around 12lbs.

NEW LAGOON Venue regular **Steve Ellis** had some nice bream to just over 6lbs on a recent trip as well as some roach to 1lb and a couple of tench to 3lbs. Generally the fishing has slowed a bit with the recent extra cold water coming in.

BARDEN LAKE Reports of a few pike to low doubles on deadbaits. Apart from that, no notable carp captures to report.

HAYSDEN LAKE Most fish being caught are close in under the bushes or near the platforms, not surprising considering there have been reports of over 100 cormorants being present.

RIVER MEDWAY Some odd captures of bream coming out in the recent coloured water. Match regular, **Colin Fowler** won the Christmas Match with four bream, the best one weighing over 6lbs.

A few small chub to around 2lbs and still plenty of roach to just under 1lb being caught. A surprise capture was a lovely 1lb 9ozs barbel which was weighed in by **Pete Groombridge**.

MATCH RESULTS

WINTER ROVER - VEXOR BRIDGE

- 1st - Steve Parker 15lbs 20zs
- 2nd - Austin Battell 6lbs 14ozs
- 3rd - Mick Smith 4lbs 10zs

CHRISTMAS MATCH

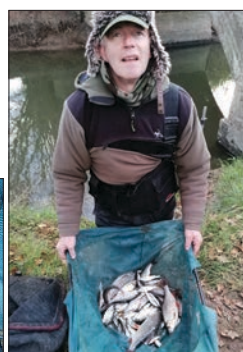
BUNGALOWS/LONG REACH

- 1st - Colin Fowler 10lbs 1oz
- 2nd - Larry Howard 6lbs 4ozs
- 3rd - Roger Trask 1lb 15ozs

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CHRISTMAS MATCH - HARTLAKE UP

- 1st - Pete Groombridge 7lbs 1oz
- 2nd - John Gore 5lbs 11ozs
- 3rd - Phil Edwards 4lbs 3ozs



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Regular correspondent Robin Piper has put pen to paper and sent in a letter for the first issue of 2022!

Dear Barry, So here we are with another Winter on our doorstep and it has now been three years since I first started fishing at Claygate lakes. When I began fishing there I was told by another angler from a well known Kent venue that I would enjoy the fishing at Claygate as there was a good head of fish in one of the lakes known as Sophie, or as most people call it the 'Snake lake'. With this information to hand this was where I was



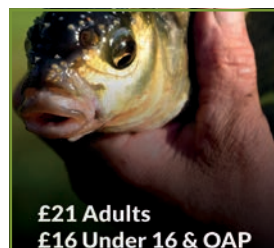
going to have a go. However, looking at the other match and pleasure lake known as Lake Eva

I had a change of heart. I set up my 10' leger rod with a running half ounce Pallatrax Stonze weight and a size 12 barbless hook baited with small pieces of luncheon meat. I also loose fed some pieces of meat to see how things would develop. Within a few minutes the tip of the rod went round and I had a short battle with, much to my surprise, a nice 6lbs mirror carp. I thought that this was going to be a good session so I felt that it was right to have chosen this lake.

I turned round to grab my flask for some tea and I was just in time to watch my rod and reel jump off the rests and disappear in to the water! I guessed that was the last I would see of my £75 set up! I went to speak to the bailiff who told me not to worry and he shortly came back in the small punt.

"Show me where you lost your gear", he asked. I pointed from my swim and stood there looking rather sad! Anyhow, he pulled out a rake and began to drag it along the bottom and then out came the butt of my rod! "Grab it!", he cried, which I did! The rod arched over as the fish shot under a tree and yes it was still attached! However, I failed to land this carp as the roots gave this monster plenty of time to tangle me up and the line soon parted. The bailiff had a quick glimpse of the fish which he reckoned to be a good double. I was more than pleased to have my rod and reel returned, but disappointed that the fish was lost. However, I made up for that with another fine carp a little later and finished the day with 54lbs in the net! Another session on Lake Sophie using the tail end of prawns I picked up a lovely perch of 3lbs along with a number of smaller ones and after a wait managed to catch a couple of those nice bream, one at 7lbs 8ozs and one at 5lbs 4ozs along with some tench to 1lb 8ozs so all in all a good day! I hoped to repeat my success the following week, but the fish just weren't interested. That's fishing, good days and bad!

Regards, Robin Piper



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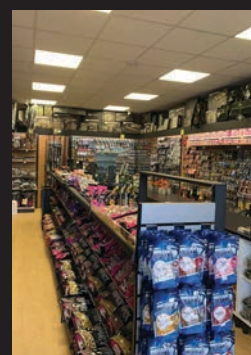
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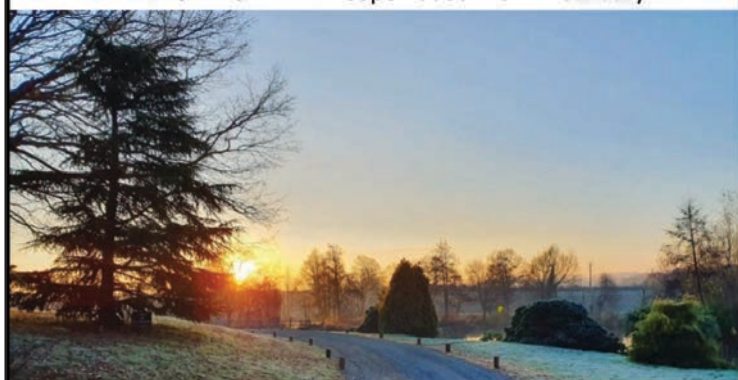
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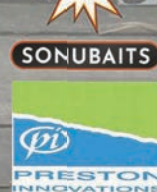


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What started as a seed of an idea has truly blossomed over the past three years, and that seed is Team Pallatrax. My whole angling journey, a journey that has ultimately shaped my life, is a plethora of happy memories with several common denominators, one of the major ones being the friendships made, and still being made to this day.

My first angling community was a brilliant group of like-minded anglers when I was at school in Derbyshire when I was 12 years old. This local group, hailing in and around the villages of Repton and Milton, was made up of anglers of all ages and experiences where we would fish regularly as a group and the more experienced were happy to share their knowledge, to help us junior members and to teach us the pure art of angling. From watercraft through to baits and set ups, we were surrounded by a huge pool of experience only too pleased to pass on such valuable insight.

There was no arrogance or egos, just normal folk from a multitude of backgrounds who were bonded by their love of angling and the stunning environments we found ourselves fishing in, be it lake, river or canal, for a multitude of different species.

These early, and unforgettable, happy experiences are really what led me to create our safe and friendly community at Team Pallatrax. A group of like-minded anglers from literally all over the world, from as far away as Thailand through to the stunning vistas of Canada. It doesn't matter your age or experience or your sex, all are so very welcome and have come together in such a unique fashion and our numbers are now touching 2,000 members.

I spoke to Barry about writing this piece as I never want to appear contrived, but why shouldn't we shout about something that is so good for responsible angling? A group that focuses on both the delicate environment we fish within and also creates amazing friendships as we move forward.

The hub of the group is our hugely busy and entertaining Facebook group, a private group, where Team members can really engage. I view this as our 'Club House' where you can walk through the door and find a safe and welcoming place to share, support and learn.



Sue Graham:

"Pallatrax very quickly became a huge part of my life, I've made good friends, fished all over, my mental health has improved & I've a new lease of life."



Luke Cunningham:

"I joined team Pallatrax back in 2018, because of the Stonze weights and giving me something different (an Edge). Little did I know that I had just came into a small family of likeminded anglers and I haven't looked back since. Here is one of my favourite catches from a recent Team Fish-in over in France at Les Quis."



A place where we hold regular live feeds to question all aspects of angling, for weekly Team competitions, to ask questions and get genuine and supportive feedback or to highlight those memorable catch reports.

I genuinely can't believe how the group, purely through word of mouth, has grown and, if anything, is now growing quicker than ever before. This growth has allowed us to find even more ways of sharing our passion and of late we started to run regular Fish-Ins both at home and abroad. This is an exciting initiative where we can physically meet up at some cracking venues and fish together. To say that these are successful would be somewhat of an understatement as they fill so quickly and, without doubt, are a catalyst for life long friendships. It is fantastic to see members meeting each other for the first time and then organising further trips amongst themselves. Incredible to see the more experienced showing the lesser experienced various 'tricks of the trade', be it how to improve their casting through to the tiniest of detail in water craft that could be the difference between catching or blanking.

It has always worried me that with the conveyor belt of life so much of the 'Old School' approaches can be forgotten in the mists of time, but here we are very much about highlighting the tactics and so many of the important elements that modern angling can sometimes overlook.

I have always wanted to see more platforms to engage with female anglers, disabled anglers and juniors, although there are some great groups already in existence, another one can only be a good thing. This focus has seen an uplift in these areas, which I



Vince White – Canadian Team Pallatrax Member

am truly proud of, to see people who may have felt reservations about committing to such a group previously is wonderful, and just another reason why so many behind the scenes work hard to keep the plates spinning – to those individuals I am forever thankful!

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week coming through from so far and wide it does make you question how big this group can become! Fortunately, as mentioned above, I have an awesome group who assist in the day to day running, especially around the Team Fish-Ins which already number over thirty going into the New Year! Fish-Ins as far away as the exotic TopCats of Thailand through to the mighty Les Quis in France and various locations across the UK for 2022.

Being a multi-species group also means that we don't just focus on one species or one area within our sport and only this week we saw the first Team session on a charter boat being organised along with a river venue for participants to hunt that PB Barbel or Chub!

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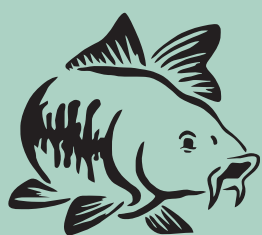
The Pallatrax Revolution continues to grow so feel free to join us and enjoy what is Team Pallatrax!

Last but not least I hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas and my best wishes for you in 2022.

Till next time, stay safe and catch more, and if you have any questions please always feel free to contact me – simon@pallatrax.co.uk

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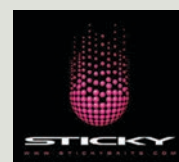
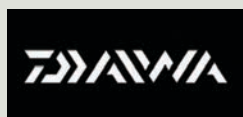
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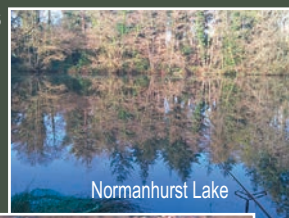
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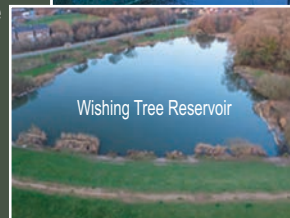
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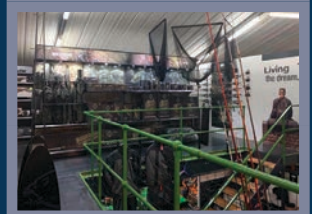
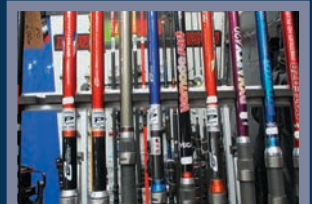
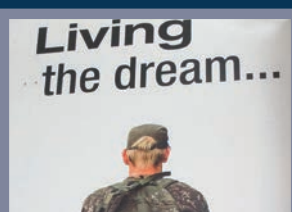
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The Golden Years of Coarse Fishing

by Bob Rolph

Global warming and the rubbish problem at sea!

This month's piece is not directly about the fishing of the past, but it directly affects the fishing of the future. Living as I have done in Spain and Australia for periods over the last 40 years, I have witnessed at first hand the terrible problem that we face from pollution and climate change or global warming. I am actually writing this piece in Spain (Nov 1st 2021) and the COP 26 conference is in full swing, albeit without the leaders of the two main coal burning polluters, China and Russia. I have seen the vast coal trucks on the docks in Norfolk Virginia, thousands of them, and the coal fields in Newcastle NSW and heard of the huge coal usage in Brazil and South Africa. The burning of coal / fossil fuels is the main problem today, but some seem still to deny that it is a problem. In the Amazon vast swathes of forest are being cleared for crops and grazing and the smoke from these fires can be seen for hundreds of miles. White dolphins used to follow the ships up river to Manus, but today this phenomenon is rare and the animal noises from the deforested banks is greatly reduced. I've been to Brazil so I've seen it for myself. At last agreement has been reached to limit the deforestation so that CO2 can again begin to be absorbed by the trees and foliage.

In Spain, on the Mediterranean costas the sea level IS rising. About 6 inches I would say judging by the rock we used to sit on after our daily walks along the beach at La Mata. Most days the weather is great, 30 degrees plus and blazing sun, but now every so often a massive storm comes in from the mountains or off the sea, and washes away huge sections of the beach, bringing in loads of sea weed, which the local council do clear every morning, before raking the beach! Dead fish get washed up as far as the beach side bars now and coastal erosion is becoming a major problem, just like the East Coast of Suffolk and Norfolk.

You would think that idyllic islands in the Pacific and Indian oceans, like Bora Bora, Tahiti, the Maldives and Seychelles would be immune to the ravages of modern life, but this is not so. The rubbish washed up on windward parts of the beaches is nothing short of disgusting, all drifted in on the tides and wind from China, India and Japan mainly. Plastic bottles, flip flops, rope, nets, buoys and all manner of flotsam and jetsam gets trapped behind the high water line and mixes with the fallen coconuts and foliage at the back of the beaches. In the Maldives, where the rising sea levels are expected to flood many of the islands in the next 30 years, the rubbish problem is acute. Some Islands are so small that all the rubbish from the hotels gets put in a landfill site just behind the main restaurants and it is not a pretty sight! Barges take rubbish to a main tip in Male, the capital, where almost half of one island is taken up as a rubbish dump and burns all day! I know, I've seen it!



Filth congregates in old fishing boat harbours!

At sea, even 1000 miles from land, the plastic bottles and discarded fishing gear you see is a disgrace. Sightings of Dolphin, Whale, Porpoises, Turtles and flying fish are not what they were 25 years ago when I went on my first cruise. There is often a floating scum like the protein foam you get on weir pools, forming vast wind lanes and it is in these wind lanes that the rubbish collects. The worst floating rafts of rubbish can be seen in India, Cambodia, Vietnam and Indonesia, where the coastal estuaries have it going up and



Dolphins are not so prolific as they once were



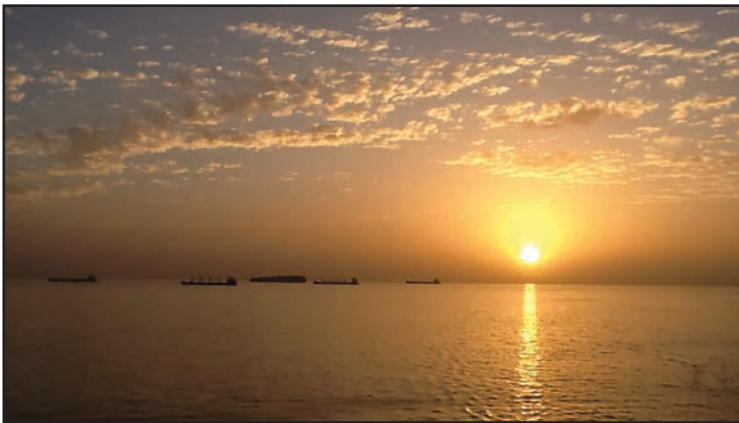
Some still follow the ship

down the rivers with the tide, and trapped under the floating houses of the locals in the fishing harbours. There seems little point in Britain banning plastic bags and bottles etc when the rest of the world does nothing about it. In Spain plastic bags are still given out with everything you buy, even a bag!

Up in the vast Chilean fjords the glaciers are receding at an alarming rate. Our ship travelled one mile into an ice flow where once there was solid ice, and we witnessed the blue glacier ice breaking off in huge pieces and floating away to melt and raise the sea level a few millimetres more!

On the other hand, the cleanest place I've ever been to is Perth, W. Australia, but of course the whole of Australia is wonderful, as is New Zealand. Oh to be young again, I would jump at the chance of going there to live permanently. Seven of my friends did so in the 1970s under the £10 Pom emigration scheme. Fred J Taylor and Ian Howcroft to name but two. They went to the northern suburbs of Perth, and Ian never looked back!

The floods, fires, winds and rains that the world gets now is all down to climate change, there can be no doubt about that now, our summers' are different and the winters are getting shorter and warmer. I well remember the winter of 1963 when it froze for 3 months and fishing was impossible, last winter we had a bit of snow, but nothing compared to 60 years ago. I was out in it fishing through a hole in the ice on the River Medway, and I caught fish, a few lovely roach on worm, I was keen in those days! Today the smaller rivers have suffered from pollution, abstraction and silting, ones like the Wensum, Waveney and Windrush where once I caught good roach in the 1960s with members of the Oxford and Norfolk specimen hunters groups. Some rivers have, however, improved of late, like the Trent, Avon, Thames and Severn, with big chub and barbel coming out to those who know where to fish.



Going West into the setting sun

Another sure sign that Global Warming is real is the rapid decline in the growth of live corals around the world over the past 30 years or so. As mentioned, my travels have taken me to all corners of the world over that time where I have witnessed at first hand the terrible damage caused to coral reefs by the warming of the oceans by just half a degree. The storm we had very recently, Storm Arwen, was another example of the types of extreme weather that can be expected over the coming century. Never before have I seen such snow, even 'up north' in November and the winds rivalled the great storm we had 'down south' in 1987, when trees and power lines were blown over like matchsticks.

I have snorkelled on and visited many tropical islands in the Pacific, Indian Ocean and Caribbean and the decline in colourful live corals is plain to see. Where once we swam over beds of brain coral and all the other brightly coloured corals, with fish so numerous you thought you were in an aquarium, nowadays, vast swathes of the sea bed is adorned with areas of white powder and dead bleached corals. This can recover over decades, but with sea temperatures likely to increase, and sea levels rise, the future of this tropical phenomenon is doomed. In the Maldives, piles of dead corals litter the beaches, and blend in with the plastic bottles and other rubbish. It is illegal to even take away samples of dead coral, and on the Great Barrier Reef off Queensland, large areas are out of bounds now for even swimming over. I swam on the reef 30 years ago, out from Townsville, and will never forget the sights I saw just 10 feet beneath me. Such colour in hundreds of different corals and fishes, it really is just like the David Attenborough films on BBC2!



Bleached coral reef



The retreating Glaciers here in Chile are a global warming problem

Some sort of agreement must be reached at this important meeting in Glasgow, otherwise there is very little help for the world in general and my great grandchildren in particular. It's all very well having lovely hot sunny summers with no rain to fill the reservoirs, then having it all in one fell swoop in the Autumn, we are becoming like India with the monsoon season. Hydrogen cars, that's what we want, I've been saying this for years, and then today in the Daily Mail there is only a double page spread all about it by Lord Bamford of JCB! No, not the bailiff of Redmire, Les!! The petrol companies blocked the development of hydrogen as a fuel for cars 30 years ago, but now they seem to have accepted it. They can get the H out of H₂O and fuel all sorts of motors, the technology is there, none of this electric nonsense!!! However, if they were to develop hydrogen cars then we would need much more water and sites from which to extract it. So, build more reservoirs like the long planned Broad Oak reservoir near Canterbury, and fill it with trout, and we will all be happy!



I do despair over what my five great grandchildren will be able to witness in 30 years time, the world is destroying itself fast. I won't be here to see it, but unless something is done pretty damned fast to reduce this decline, there is no future for our nature and wildlife.

I gave up serious fishing to travel the world many years ago, and have seen many of the wonders of the world, in fact I'm off to the Arctic circle in March, to the North Cape on the tip of Norway. After a break of two years due to Covid we hope to see new phenomena from our small cruise ship, one that hopefully cannot be eroded, the Aurora Borealis, the Northern Lights!

Happy New Year!

Bob Rolph

Medway Man

Bob Morris

With yet another restricted and unusual festive season under our belt I am now really hoping that things start to improve for us all and that we finally manage to get ahead of the virus and all its variants. As I write this however things are not looking too promising on that score, but, being a 'piscatorial pragmatist' with leanings toward the optimistic end of the spectrum, I would like to wish you all a Happy (Omicron free) New Year!



Fishing wise, I have been continuing my pike quest with some success. Although I have not had any monsters, I am happy with my results and have caught from most of the venues that I have fished - including some new ones. The only exception to this is Bough Beech reservoir (one of my favourite places to fish) where I have blanked about half a dozen times with only one take so far. This was to be expected, however, as the water experienced a large loss of fish a couple of years back due to an outbreak of the parasite 'Argulus' which can be fatal for pike. It is hard to say how many pike were lost, but, as an indication I can tell you that we had less than half the number of takes last season than we had in previous years. Having said that I still really enjoy fishing there.

I am particularly pleased to have succeeded on several new waters and a certain level of consistency has been achieved, so I must be doing something right. An issue that has cropped up again though is that of repeat captures. I know that in carp and specimen circles the targeting of individual, often named fish, is very much an accepted part of the game (although not one that I subscribe to) it is a fact that the more times a fish is caught the more likely it is to come to harm in some way. This is not meant as a criticism, just a fact. It is also more relevant in the world of piking as the fish are far more vulnerable to damage and we have all heard it said that 'pike waters thrive on neglect'. This is indeed true and the repeated capture of pike - particularly on treble hook rigs - is undoubtedly the reason why many good waters frequently go into sharp decline. When it comes to pike my attitude now is that I will change swim/area or even ultimately venue in order to avoid this happening, even if I feel that I have not caught the bigger fish - I can always try again in the future. It is true that you can sometimes get what is referred to as a 'mug fish' that gets caught more often than others, but I believe that this can be because they are just more recognisable than others and maybe other repeat captures go unnoticed for this reason. Smaller fish also get caught frequently, but we seldom notice this, as we don't study them as closely. My results over many years tend to indicate that these 'same-fish' captures suggest that the fish population is a lot less than we would like to believe - particularly when it comes to the bigger specimens.



Bob with a Bough Beech Pike



Oh no, not you again!

I had an interesting experience the other day after landing a very recognisable mid-double and thinking 'oh no, not you again' and decided that I would move to another spot. I had been so engrossed in this capture that I had failed to notice a sort of low hissing, snorting sound behind me. Having now returned my old friend to the water, I did notice it and turned around to find that I now had company at close quarters in the form of a large Bull who appeared to be less than impressed by my piscatorial achievements and more concerned about my presence on his patch and proximity to his girlfriends.

On this last score, at least, I hoped to assure him that I had no ill intent! He continued to display his displeasure as I looked around to examine my

options. The nearest boundary fences were at least two hundred yards in either direction with the only alternative, that I could see, involving a severe wetting - with the temperature only slightly above freezing. My negotiating skills were stretched to the limit as I approached the beast in a



Armando and girlfriend



Cheeky cows!

girlfriends' decided to examine the contents of my rucksack and then run off with my unhooking mat - Cheeky Cow!

I decided not to make an issue of it however.

Sometimes it is not all about the fishing!

*Best Fishes & Relationships,
Bob Morris*

Piscatorial Politics



I make no apology for raising the subject of the environment again, as I believe that this issue should be near to the top

of the list of priorities for the government and every controlling authority - perhaps second only to Covid 19. The current Environment bill, although a step in the right direction, still allows the water companies to discharge effluent into our rivers and coastal waters. This is happening regularly and not just at times of heavy rainfall and flooding, as has been claimed. There is plenty of hard (video) evidence to prove that sewage is being discharged during low water conditions. Can we please, at least, start

to enforce the existing laws on this subject?

If you have not seen this video from Youtube (Riveside) a couple of months back I urge you all to watch it. www.youtube.com/watch?v=51DOVAUNANA It certainly shocked me. It proves pollution on a massive scale, particularly on one of our most picturesque and popular rivers - The Wye - with little action being taken by the relevant (and drastically underfunded) bodies to tackle it. The Wye is suffering regular and catastrophic pollution, not just from sewage discharge, but also from the activities of the farming industry - with Poultry farms being singled out as a major, and largely unregulated, problem.

This issue is becoming a National Disaster. Please help to fight this by supporting the **Angling Trust** and joining other groups such as **riveraction.com** I realise that this pollution problem is extremely complex and will be astronomically expensive to rectify, but successive governments have shied away from it for decades and huge cuts to the budgets of departments such as the EA have put efforts to enforce even 'existing legislation' into reverse. We really do have to prioritise this massive problem, as a society, and also accept that 'WE' will all have to pay for it.

I have been repeatedly asked recently to reveal the latest news about my long running dispute with the local Dartford Angling Club over my access to one of their waters - which I have used for 30 years without problem. The current position is this: I came to an arrangement/agreement with them several weeks back. This is far from ideal, as it still fails to recognise my 'legal' right of way, that I believe to exist. It did however put a stop to the imminent court action that was due to commence early this month. The truth is that I could not afford to proceed with this action without borrowing money or using crowd funding to help me. I had already spent a substantial amount on solicitor's fees etc.

I won't say any more about this publicly, as I agreed not to and I will adhere to this - unless, of course, I receive further hostility from the club.

Regrettably it seems that the law is just for the rich.

Best Fishes for 2022 - Bob Morris

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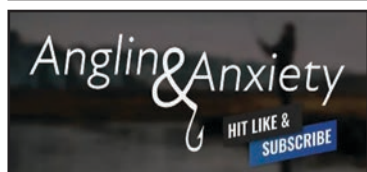
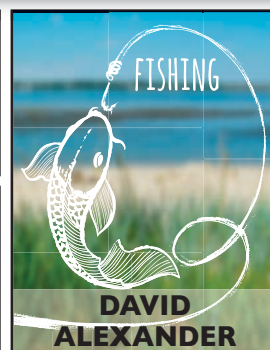
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We hope that you all enjoyed a great Christmas and Santa brought you everything you asked for! No doubt many of you received some new fishing tackle, but have you tried it out yet? It must be tested! The weather has been fairly kind to us and we are not up to our chins in snow thankfully, but have you managed to get out and do some fishing during the holidays? It can get a little chilly at times, but warm clothes and hot drinks can soon put that right. The fishing is not easy at this time of year, the water gets cold and the daylight hours are shorter. Very often the last couple of hours in the afternoon can fish better than early morning as the fish often have a short spell of feeding before darkness. Simple methods and baits are what is required, but do remember to loose feed very sparingly as you don't want to overfeed the fish and they then disappear. Half a dozen maggots or casters each cast or every five minutes or so if the fish are feeding confidently is all that is needed. If you do fish regularly at this time of year you will know that you do need to be patient, however that effort can be very rewarding!

Just a word about safety! At this time of year the banks can become muddy and slippery so the utmost care needs to be taken. The last thing you want to do is to fall in to icy water when you are bundled up in your winter clothing. Always make sure you are fishing with someone and that you are watching out for each other. Please don't take chances with your safety, no fish is worth that!

Keep sending in your catch photos and stories as we love to receive them and print them in the magazine. However, do remember that we require your parents / guardians permission to print your pictures.

Stay warm, stay safe and enjoy your fishing! Barry Reed

Well done James!

Sam Cox sent in this report after a trip to the Royal Military Canal with James:

"James Hyland just caught this lovely 16lbs 4ozs pike from the Royal Military Canal on herring chunk with a circle hook." Top angling James!



Ronnie's hooked!

Sam Jarvis sent in this report after a session on the North Kent coast with cousin Joe and his son Ronnie. Ronnie had a great day and, as you can see from the photos, he loved the fishing and is now hooked!

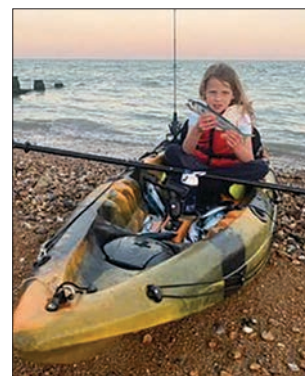
"Hi Barry. You will probably remember the report I sent you of my cousin Joe that you put in the December magazine. We recently took his lad Ronnie who's only 4 to Herne Bay pier where he fished all day bless him! Ronnie caught his first flatfish and whiting and now he's definitely hooked!" Regards Sam



Summer memories!

We are now in the depths of Winter so it was nice to receive these photos from Garry Willis of his son George and friend Alfie:

"Here are some pictures from last Summer of my son George and his friend Alfie. The chub were caught on a Cuckmere bike ride, the mackerel from Eastbourne and the silvers from the Belfry." Regards Garry



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WINNERS

Finlay Parker

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Casey Hogben



Finlay Parker - 14lbs 2ozs Little Cansiron



Sydney Smith with her first pike of the season



Freddie Nash

Bodie Boxer



James Hyland - 16lbs 14ozs Royal Military Canal

PB pike for Fred!

Steve Woodbridge sent us this report for son Fred who caught a PB pike from a Kent pit: "Hello Barry, Please find attached a couple of pictures of Fred Woodbridge age 6 who caught his PB pike last weekend from a large Mid Kent fisheries pit near Canterbury.



This one was caught on a whole mackerel (which he caught from Hythe earlier this year!) ledged to a snaggy area and it was part of a brace of doubles with this one going just over 16lbs. One very happy boy!"
Regards Steve Woodbridge (dad!)

Great time at Hartley Lands Fishery!

Zack Steel and son Reggie recently enjoyed a great session on the Reservoir at Hartley Lands Fishery near Cranbrook. The father and son duo fished peg 5 and this lovely 16lbs common was caught. Zack has an Instagram page at kent_karper_-_zack .





January update

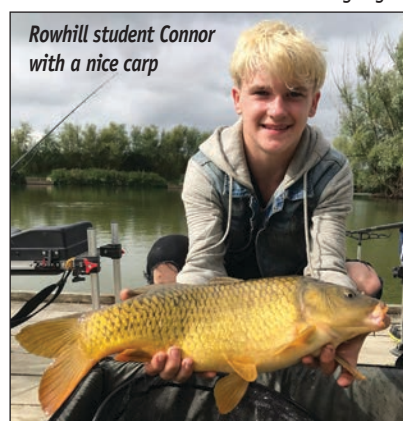
by instructor Warren White

Rowhill, SEN (Special Educational needs) School at Longfield, although a rare case, have the perfect Fishing model. This is a school that works in partnership with Fishing for Schools. Fishing for Schools fund a course to get the younger students interested in fishing, then in year 9 these students go on taster sessions which could be construction, motor bike mechanics, cooking or Fishing and the environment. They then get to choose which course they would like to take, which then involves a 2 year vocational course.

Massive credit must go to the Head Master Geoff Bartrum! When I started working with the school 13 years ago he was the head of PE, but now has worked his way up to Head Master. It is important to say that he never knew anything about fishing and never had an interest in fishing, but once he saw the response that the students had to fishing and realised the benefits it had on the students he had the foresight to get fishing on the school curriculum. I would point out that SEN schools do get a healthier budget than mainstream schools, but still, for a head teacher to be bold and fund Fishing, is a brave move in my book, but a good one.

When I first joined the school, myself and another coach started with two lads on the course but today there is so much fishing interest at the school that from September of this year, we have been running two BTEC courses for 12 students in total and such is the interest in fishing within other areas of the school that another one of our coaches is working 5 days a week at the school, teaching Fishing!

For the BTEC course we have two angling coaches, one being myself and the school provides a teaching assistant Amy, who does all the transportation, helps with course work and also loves to get involved in the fishing. She is great to have around.



Rowhill student Connor with a nice carp

On these Fishing qualification courses all the students are different, you will get a student that is naturally gifted at fishing, but not too keen on the paperwork side of the course, vice versa you will get a student that really struggles with fishing at first and won't touch a maggot or handle a spikey finned Perch, but is good with the paperwork. But it is important to say that this programme benefits young people and provides a positive learning experience to those that might struggle at school.

An important part of the qualification is the paperwork the students have to complete, they have to put a portfolio together of their work. We are lucky that our main headquarters at Grove Farm, Hadlow College has a classroom next to the lake, the reward for getting the paperwork done is to be able to go fishing, so it's not surprising that the paperwork is completed in double quick time!



The 'outside classroom' for the BTEC students

Although this BTEC fisheries course revolves around fishing matters, it is not only for fishermen.

A few years ago we had a lad who wanted to be a Zoo Keeper and this year we have a lad that is really interested in horticulture, but because we deal with plant management on the Fishery management course and other outdoor environmental topics, Water cycle, Life cycles of Animals etc, this course, for some students, is as close as they are going to get to their chosen subject and future career.

Due to our link with Hadlow College and having our headquarters there, it is a good pathway for the students to go to for higher education when they leave school, whether it be a fishing course or any other animal management course. Saying all that we are seeing more students each year completing our BTEC Fishery courses then after leaving

school going on to Hadlow College for a course involving Fisheries which is great to see!

What have we been up to recently on the BTEC Fishery course?

Normally with the weather conditions being really cold at this time of year we revert to teaching indoor fishing skills and also concentrating on getting the paperwork side of the course completed so that in the warmer months we can do more fishing! However, due to a combination of events this year, one being the weather, it has been extremely mild throughout Autumn and this year's students are really keen to carry on fishing. Not only that given the virus situation we are safer being outdoors than indoors! It was further decided to visit some new stillwater and river venues, where it is always good for a bite at this time of the year.

After speaking to Fishery owner Steven Eastwood, owner of Grovehurst fishery at Horsmonden, who I know, it was agreed I would bring a group of our students to his fishery that would help with some plant control and then get to have a fish. This is always a win win situation as the boys need experience in fishery management and Steve can always do with some help around the fishery. Steve is a fellow qualified angling coach and it's good that we share the same ethos about

encouraging young people to go fishing.

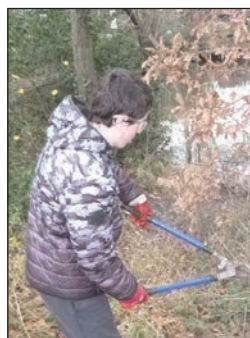
We have also visited Hall Place, Crayford where the students have got some valuable experience in river fishing and importantly get to catch and handle river fish such as chub, dace and minnows, more fish to add to their fish catching list! It has been nice for the students to learn more about their local rivers and the added bonus is most of them are free fishing.

I would add if you are a young person and intend to go river fishing it is always good practice and safer to go with a friend.

Warren White



Braydon, a BTEC Rowhill student, holding a roach



Coarse Fisheries

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Charlies Lakes, Steeds Lane, Kingsnorth, Ashford TN26 1NH	07857 539785
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Coombewood Fishery, Redbrook Street High Halden, Near Ashford TN26 3JH	07895 679569
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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
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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
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Sandwich Lakes Coarse Fishery Sandwich Ash Road (A257) Near Canterbury CT3 2DA	07936 409912
Shirkoak Fishery Bethersden Road, Woodchurch, Ashford TN26 3PZ	07973 410973
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Tricklebrook Fishery Colts Hill, Five Oak Green TN12 6SH	07743 955812
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Brick Farm Lakes Windmill Hill, Herstmonceux BN27 4RS	01323 832615
Cinder Hill Fly Fishing Membership available from: Email: r.nathan@btinternet.com	01892 770903
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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

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Bodle Angling Cuckfield Road, Burgess Hill RH15 8RE	01444 247757
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Crowborough Tackle Shop 2, Lexden Lodge Crowborough Hill, Crowborough TN6 2EG	01892 667671
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Eastbourne Aquarium & Reptile Centre 19-21 Seaside, Eastbourne BN21 3PP	01323 730635
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Declan with a quality Rainbow from Lake 3



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Tight Lines - Gaynor, Richard, & Audrey

Brick Farm Lakes

Herstmonceux, East Sussex

With the cloudier December days the fish are certainly feeding well, with plenty of full bags and additional fish to be had. The rolling morning mist brings some cooler temperatures and some northerly winds of late has meant that although we have sold out of gloves, the fish are happy and nice and active, which results in happy fishermen! We have recently introduced some Spartic Trout to our Lakes and they are being caught in fine form looking lovely and healthy as we can only hope.



Recently **Peter Finnis** flew to victory in the Brick Farm League, bagging up on his first peg on Brick Lake with four fish including two fine rainbows weighing 4lbs 8ozs and 4lbs 12ozs, both of which are now headed for the smoker.

An 80th birthday celebration for **Tony Sinclair** saw some fine fish being caught, the biggest of which was landed by **Ryan Souter** at 10lbs 7ozs - a fish we know has eluded many anglers who have seen glimpses but haven't managed to catch. Other notable catches of recent include **Colin Blackman** who caught the most vibrant and stunning 8lbs 12ozs rainbow, and **John Micklam** who caught a gorgeous Brownie weighing in at 9lbs 7ozs.

We would like to take this opportunity to say we hope all of our anglers and followers had a very Merry Christmas and from all of us here at Brick Farm Lakes, we wish you tight lines and send you best wishes for a prosperous New Year!



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Andy Lush - The Friendly Fisherman

Lure Fishing

Bewl Water

Finally the water temperature dropped early in December and with that the water cleared seeing the fishing unsurprisingly improve. Trout could be seen moving all across the main basin and the fly fishermen were able to enjoy some superb sport once again. I still managed to squeeze the odd trip in elsewhere, but my main focus of attention was Bewl chasing predators! The sudden drop in temperature has seen the perch shoals move into deeper water 30-40ft, in November I'd found them in 20-30ft.

Recently I've been trying to fathom out where the pike have been hiding? Through November I'd been searching shallower water than normal. My thought process was that maybe they were in depths shallower than I'd been fishing. Reservoir pike fishing can mess with your head especially when you're not catching! Reports of twenty pound fish had filtered back to me from the fishery staff. I was eager to learn what depth these fish were being caught from and I was trying to figure out a pattern, but the scant information I received wasn't conclusive.

My pike quest continues ...!

Confused one morning, I headed into a narrow bay with a stream inlet. At the mouth of the bay I cut the engine and quietly paddled my way up to the inlet. I even switched my echo sounder off, just in case the pinging from its transducer might spook the pike in such shallow water. Now that's what you call stealth mode! Slowly and quietly I cast my weedless rigged soft plastic lures into the margins working my way back along the shallows towards the open water. With such clear water I held my breath on each retrieve half expecting a large marauding pike to be following my lure, but no such luck. After two hours I'd nothing to show for all my intense concentration and effort. Undaunted, I headed for another intimate bay that offered similar features and repeated my stealthy approach, with the same result! It's been said that the definition of madness is to keep repeating the same action expecting a different result! Well that's what reservoir piking can be like when it's not going your way. Later the same day, after my concerted effort, I needed some light relief so headed to a sand bar that's surrounded by deep water. I started drifting towards the drop off that steeply shelves into 60ft of water. At 28ft exactly I found what I was looking for, shoals of perch. I was sure these were perch as they were stacked up in the water vertically off the bottom, my friends and I often refer to these shoals as 'perch Christmas trees'. I was vertical jigging a vibe-bait and on every pass I caught a couple of nice sized perch before I drifted past the shoal and into deeper water. I then tried anchoring up and casting towards the shoals, but that presentation didn't get the desired result, so back to drifting. I then had a bright idea; yes, I do have them sometimes! I'd start my drift in 25ft, but now I cast downwind of the boat so I could catch a couple of fish before reverting to vertical jigging behind the boat, this doubled the time my lure was in the 'sweet spot'. Brilliant and it worked! On more than one occasion a perch had already taken my lure before I'd taken up the slack line before commencing my retrieve. When you cast ahead of the boat your lure drops faster and interestingly I started catching pike too! In a hectic period of less than two hours I'd caught 30 perch and 4 pike, nothing big, but sweet all the same after such a gruelling morning.



A mint stripey from Grafham Water



Geoff Makin was very pleased with his first Grafham Zander

Location

The day I've just described just shows how important fish location is. The best tackle and methods in the world won't catch fish if they're not in front of you! I know that's an obvious statement, but, it's often overlooked,

especially when you're not catching and you start questioning your approach. This brings me nicely full circle. At the beginning of this Autumn's pike fishing at Bewl I said to my boat partner, Gary Collins, that we needed to fish in water shallower than 15ft. On reflection last season we hadn't fished the shallow margins out to 15ft. I was trying to think where we hadn't fished in an effort to locate the large pike we knew inhabited the reservoir. I'm not for one moment suggesting that there are loads of big fish in Bewl, but conversely I can't believe there aren't more big pike there than we're catching.

Back to the beginning

After failing to see anything encouraging in the skinny water and with the cooling trend I now decided to enjoy some pleasure fishing for perch. I focused around a structure in 25-30ft; the perch were rather finicky with only the odd fish falling to ice jigs and vibe-baits. I rummaged around in my extensive soft plastics box and selected a slim 'flappin tail' shad. I was casting my lure short so that when I retrieved it would lift immediately off the bottom before I lowered my rod tip to feed it back towards the deck. I adopted this hopping motion to avoid snagging the structure and it seemed the perch liked this retrieve too. One after another they hit the shad despite my ultra-thin wire trace. I have to thank Bewl regular Matt Peverall for his recommendation, using 6lb Knot-2-Kinky single strand Titanium wire has been a revelation.

As I continued casting around the feature I had a smash take just as I was lowering the shad towards the bottom. It was immediately obvious I was attached to a pike and I quickly slackened off my drag. A few jarring head shakes told me this fish wasn't at all happy to come off the bottom, a sure fire indication of a big fish! As the fish took so close to the boat I was able to steer it away from the structure. I had the upper hand so let it tire itself out before slowly gaining some line. My perch rod was groaning by now. As I peered down through the clear water I saw my prize slowly appear. It's very difficult to estimate the weight of Bewl pike while they're in the water as



Bewl twenties are short and broad!



Andy's quest, a super pike from Bewl Water



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they're so chunky and broad across the back. She lunged twice at the boat side, all large pike over doubles are females, before I slipped the net under her at the first attempt. I left her over the side recovering while I zeroed my scales and got the camera ready. The lure had been completely inhaled and I found it easier to extract it through the gills and cut the line rather than trying to un-hook her conventionally.

What a stunning specimen she was, not long, but very broad with a deep full belly. By standing on the boat's seat I was able to lift the sling clear of the deck. The needle juddered and finally settled at 27lbs. I was so happy to at last make the acquaintance of one of Bewl's special pike. A quick picture of her on the mat didn't really do her justice, but I wasn't prepared to risk damaging her by retaining her any longer than necessary. Fortunately, Gareth Allen, a passing fly angler came to my rescue and he obliged by taking some trophy shots for which I'm very grateful.

Mission accomplished?

I'm not sure really, maybe I'm delusional, but I'm hoping there are still a few surprises in Bewl. If so, I hope to have the pleasure of making their acquaintance!

Tight lines - Andy Lush

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A very Happy New Year to you all!

As another year begins, I daresay many will be wondering what the fishing will be like in 2022? We did enjoy some good results in 2021, the plaice showed up in good numbers early in the year especially along the Sussex coast, the bass were about almost everywhere, the smoothound fishing was also pretty good and many anglers discovered squid fishing a few weeks ago! However, the mackerel run didn't materialise until very late Summer / early Autumn and then it was a very short appearance. The current sea temperature is around 10 degrees (at the time of writing) which is higher than at this point last year and a little above where we would like it to be given the time of year. This beggars the question of how will this impact on the fishing in the early part of the year? Our seasons are certainly changing and their arrival is becoming later, perhaps this is the 'new normal'? The range of species around our local coastline has also changed and become more diverse than ever before and the tuna are now moving further along the Channel. January and February were always regarded as 'scratching months' when pickings for anglers were fairly lean, but will this be the same as we begin our angling journey in to 2022? Perhaps we can expect more than the odd flatfish and rockling?

Don't forget that I welcome your catch photos from around the coast and can feature them in the local reports. You can send them by email or via a message on the magazine's Facebook page.

Thames report courtesy of Wayne May

"Gravesend and Greenhithe, plenty of flatties and whiting this week, fishing between Asda and the QE2 Bridge is a great spot for the flatties using ragworm or frozen blacks great baits here. It's wise to arrive a little early on the rising tide to assess where the snags are. Midway between Redland and the crossways jetty several snags are now visible.

Gravesend side, near Halfords, if your target is whiting, there are plenty of whiting although most are predominantly pin whiting with the odd reasonable sized ones. Thames Estuary both shore and boat, the codling are still elusive at the moment, but the odd one is being caught, dabs are numerous and a great species to target, dogfish, whiting and thornback landed by boat. The usual lugworm and squid cocktail bait, either wrapped or tipped, is a great bait for the estuary."

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Sheppey report courtesy of Sheppey Angling

"The rays are starting to gradually show on local beaches and January will see more come within casting range. The numbers of whiting are beginning to thin out along with the dogfish. It has been good to see that the number of flounders caught has increased along with some nice plump dabs. The marks along the Swale seem to have been the most productive for rays and flatfish."

Call Sheppey Angling on 01795 661089 for all your bait and tackle requirements and top local advice and tips on fishing on the island.



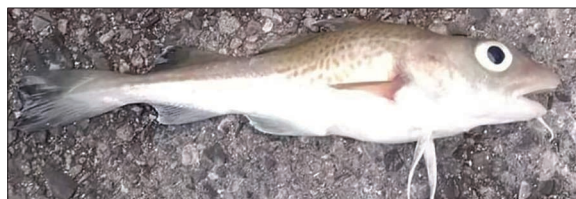
North Kent report

Recent catches have mainly consisted of small bass, dabs, flounders, dogfish and whiting. Some decent sized flounders among the fish. A couple of rays reported but it is hoped more should move in closer over the next few weeks.

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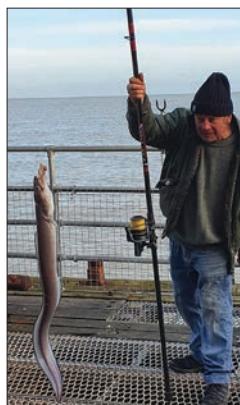
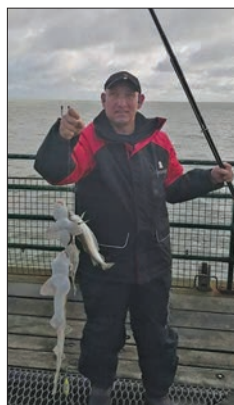
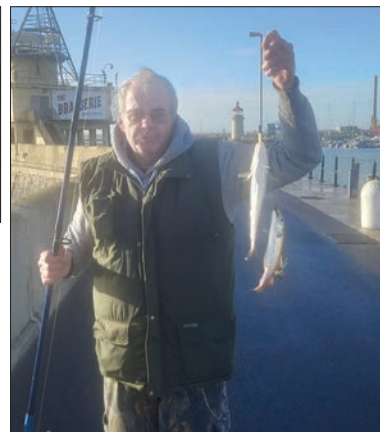
Thanet report courtesy of Fisherman's Corner

"The winter fishing certainly can be challenging but a lot of the shallower Thanet marks can be good if you want to avoid plaques of whiting. We should see better numbers of dabs over the next few weeks and during December we saw the first of



the thornback rays being caught from East Pier. There have been a couple of coalfish and codling caught in with the whiting shoals."

For any information, bait or tackle Fisherman's Corner is situated a short walk from East Pier. Call 01843 582174.



Deal report courtesy of Channel Angling

"Fishing from Deal pier has been the most productive for a while recently with thornback rays starting to show mostly on fish baits with herring being best. Dogfish, whiting and dabs also feature among catches. The beaches are also producing dogfish, whiting and some plump dabs. The thornbacks are starting to show in the Sandwich Bay area so always worth a try along that way. Unfortunately, as seems to be usual now, there have been no codling to report. Many thanks to you all who come to Deal to fish and a Happy New Year to you all. Thank you to Barry for all his hard work keeping this magazine going."

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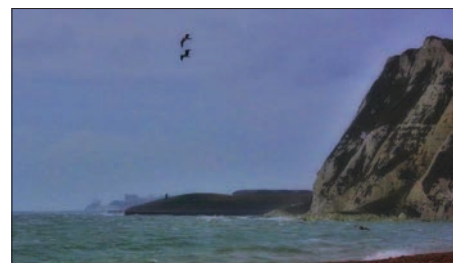
Dover report

"Great news was announced in mid December! DHB and DSAA have reached agreement that will see angling once again permitted on the Admiralty Pier. At the time of writing no further details are available, however, once released, the details will be placed on the magazine's Facebook page!" **For more information and for your bait, tackle and local advice, call Craig at Channel Angling on 01304 203742.**



Folkestone report courtesy of Folkestone Angling

"The whiting are still present but their numbers will begin to thin as we head in to January. However, there are some very good sized fish present if you persist. A recent pier competition was won by Richard Yates who had 100 sizeable fish of mixed species. The dabs are showing from both beach and pier along with conger eels, pouting, bass, dogfish and the odd ray. If conditions stay settled as we head in to the New Year we can expect the first of the plaice to begin to show along with increased numbers of rays. If possible, please try to pre-order worm baits when you can." **Folkestone Angling is situated at the end of Tontine Street and just a few minutes walk from the pier. Please remember to purchase your tickets from the shop before fishing. Call Folkestone Angling on 01303 253881.**



Hythe area report courtesy of Steve Bates

"Fishing all along the bay has been relatively quiet of late with not a huge amount to report from the beach. A few good blows and fairly steady easterly winds bringing in cold air and clearing the water has made for quite difficult conditions to find the better fish during the day, but as day turns to night, the hoardes of whiting will show up all along the beaches and will pretty much take any bait you put out there, many caught are still of a good size with the better fish falling to half a fresh or frozen worm tipped with a slither of squid. During this challenging time of the year and these colder months many anglers do

turn their attention to the delicious tasting Dab. Late afternoon tides into darkness are usually best, fishing 2 or 3 hook flapper rigs with 4-5 day old sticky worms with a bit of 'bling' works best. The rays are not about in the numbers they normally are, but anglers are still finding them, pulley pennel rigs baited with squid or fish baits will help you find them. There have been a few matches held along the Parade and at Dymchurch, the bulk of the catches weighed in have been whiting and big dogfish around the 2lbs mark which are great for making up the weight. There was a match in particular that was held at Dymchurch late December, Dave Wood-Brignall came in first spot with 20 fish for 11lbs followed by Phill Vincer with 11 fish for 8lbs and Matt Warby with 13 fish for 7lbs, well done gents, it can be a tough venue in daylight.

Local tackle shops are Dens tackle 01303 267053 and Best Buddies 01303 487144 Keep safe, stay well and please remember to take your rubbish home. Tight lines, Stevie."



THE MAN HIMSELF - TONY KIRRAGE!

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Eastbourne area report courtesy of Tony's Tackle

"This past month has seen a massive invasion of whiting from Pevensey beaches through to Langney Point. However, in between the whiting hauls have been some nice sized dabs and a few early plaice! Les Glassard had a 12lbs conger from Pevensey in a match and Trevor Rooney and Gary Banfield have been in fine form in local matches. Dogfish are being landed at night and Eastbourne Pier has produced some good bass including one of over 10lbs for pier shop owner Dan. Local boats have had a few cod from local wrecks along with bass, that now need to be returned. Bull huss and rays have been caught from the Light Tower area. Squid and lugworm have been best baits but the lug is in short supply at present so please pre-order! Many thanks to the many people who have bought my book! Nearly 200 have now been sold! Do take a



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Tight lines and stay safe, Tony Kirrage.

**Worthing area report courtesy of Prime Angling**

"As expected, whiting have shown up in numbers and can be caught at night from most venues in Sussex and in the daytime when the sea has colour in it and can be caught to worm and fish baits. Recent matches have been won with 60 plus fish from Shoreham beach. Small whiting can make ideal live bait for species such as Conger and Bass and always worth trying with a spare rod when fishing Worthing Pier, Brighton Marina or Shoreham Harbour.

Some decent bass still remain inshore with a few fish to 4lbs showing along with reasonable numbers of small schoolies. Slipper limpet has accounted for fish caught where they are to be found washed up from venues such as East Preston and Rustington.

The lower reaches of the River Arun and Adur are also likely to hold bass with big fish baits and peeler crab accounting for some good catches. Worth remembering all bass as of 1st December 2021 must be returned alive!

Dogfish have been prolific at Selsey East beach and they have shown up in smaller numbers from Shoreham and most other venues. Conditions have been good for flounders with catches from the Rivers improving by the week mostly during darkness to worm baits but some good sized fish can be caught from Shoreham Harbour, Worthing Pier and most beaches when the water is calm and settled. Dabs can be targeted from most sandy beaches in East Sussex with Seaford, Pevensey and Eastbourne noted spots to produce fish with sticky black lug the best bait. Odd small plaice and sole are still showing occasionally. Other species likely to be caught include pouting, rockling, small hounds and silver eels to worm baits.

Despite good conditions recently no reports (at the time of writing) of any of the bigger species such as congers and rays being caught bar a few straps coming out. Codling have been caught by inshore boats but have not ventured to within anglers' casting range.

Prime Angling is open as usual, 7 days a week, 8am to 5pm Monday to Saturday and 8am till 4pm on Sundays. Please remember



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HASTINGS report courtesy of Hastings Angling Centre

The weather has given limited opportunities to get afloat and there has been little to report when they have got out. Black bream are still about, but an abundance of sprats and herrings have dispersed the pollack and any cod with few left on the wrecks, making it hard to get any good bags.

On the beaches the whiting have arrived in force and appear to be either good size or the following year class of undersize. Plenty of dabs and flounders about as well now. No sign of codlings though locally.

Prospects for January: In the boats pollack will start to congregate on the deep offshore wrecks late in the month prior to spawning in March. After heavy feeding on the sprats and herring they are usually in prime condition. These will be the main quarry when the weather allows. On the beach dabs will be the prime target with whiting as usual and not so looked forward to appearance of the rocklings! Late winter is often the leanest time on the beach given the absence of codlings. Remember the bass are out of season until March and must be returned!



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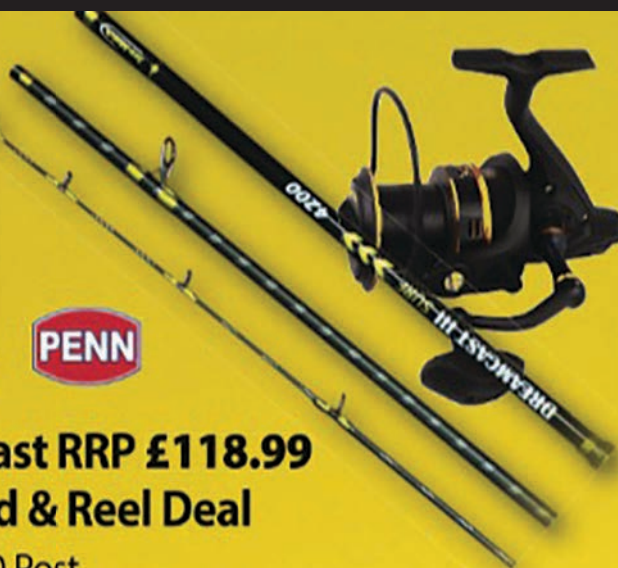
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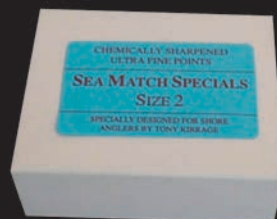
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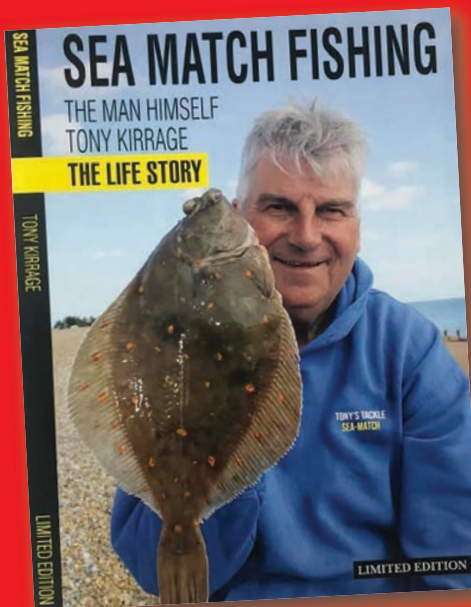
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DUNGENESS by Tony HillsLatest catch reports on www.seagullfishingtackle.com

Welcome 2022, what sort of year will you be? I predict another superb bass season, in fact I think most species will be on the up including my favourite fish, the smoothhound, so beautiful! Hoping to see more mackerel which will encourage those fantastic 'Blue fin Tuna' up the Channel.

BEACH REPORT

As the year came to an end fishing has been a bit mixed. I feel that the sea has stayed a bit warmer encouraging those summer species to hang on (it did the same last year). Climate Change is happening, and yes it's affecting our fishing, but it's not all bad, we just have to learn to adapt.

**Jonathan giving it ago!**

I had this report in last night from Jonathan Hughes:

"Hi Tony, hope you are well. I fished at Galloways today. I had one rod set up hoping for a ray, and one did show up, it took a mackerel bait on pulley dropper rig. Also had one mackerel which took the ray bait on the bottom, a first for me. Also had the normal whiting and a seagull which managed to get tangled when it flew into the line. It was safely released and flew away unharmed but not after having a peck at me."

**Dengemarsh looking gorgeous!**

I popped down to Dengemarsh beach today to have a look at the outfall repairs. The EA have also strengthened the shingle frontage. Looking at the beach and the sea was perfect, gentle swell and great colour. It took me back. A few years ago after a big 'blow' it would have been packed with lots of cod hunters hoping they would have come inshore to feed on what was 'washing in' after the storm. It was cold, bright...crisp...it took me back.

Gazing up the beach to Dungeness and then down to Galloways I couldn't see one fisherman, a sign of the times, sad.

There are a few fish about!

I saw this on South East Sea Fishing by Dan Bloomfield:

"Yesterday we were going to venture to Chesil, but, due to wind we had to change our plans so decided to stay in the South East and it's wasn't the best session, but we had a scorpion fish which was a new specie, no end of whiting and loads of dabs and second to last cast had this tidy unicorn, made my night I was buzzing."

BEACH OUTLOOK FOR JANUARY

Besides whiting, I'm looking forward to seeing plenty of plump dabs, more flounder and maybe a few codling.

BEST BAITS If you are just recreational fishing at this time of year, I would turn to a substantial lug/squid cocktail, it's worth a go (sadly most likely a dogfish). Dabs just love old lug, frozen lug, they are aggressive feeders, I've had them on a 4/0 hook!

BOAT REPORT Last month so many summer species hanging on, with warm seas (relatively speaking). The biggest challenge as always is getting afloat.

The eels are on the move!

I had this report in yesterday from Jason Adams out on Sea Otter from Dungeness:

"Had a good go for a cod today, but unfortunately no fruits for our labour! We did however have a few eels, 7 in total. Here's Carl with a couple, best one went 24lb. A lovely day to be afloat!"



A good mixed bag!

I saw this report by Thomas Packham after a day out on Peganina from Rye:

"Good day at sea with Ant Hills, Gareth Dixon, Jason Parrott and Mick Randall. Plenty of fish and a good laugh!"

A bit 'nippy' afloat!

This report was by Jem Oiller: "Fairchance fishing today 01797 363544 Dungeness



"A cold misty murky day today on the water, the sea conditions were perfect. The Fishing was hard going, one or two thornbacks to be had along with the usual, whiting, dogfish and pout. Must say they tried their hardest. Happy Days."



BOAT OUTLOOK FOR JANUARY

The start of the New Year, full of promise, lots of promise, we just must get out there. I used to keep checking the weather looking for a 'weather window' enough time to hit and run on a tide, a magic six hours, so full of hope.

BEST BAITS

Squid is my favourite at this time of year, but fresh mackerel (yes they are still out there) takes some beating.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

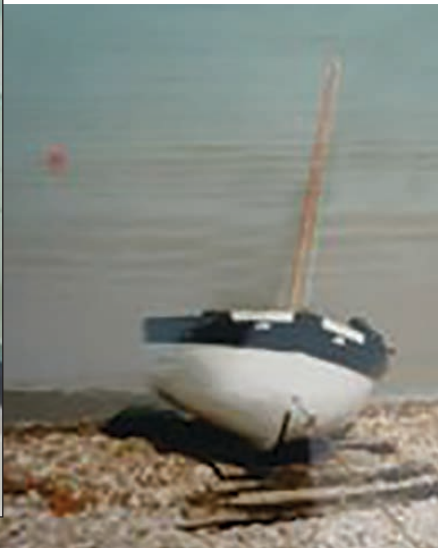
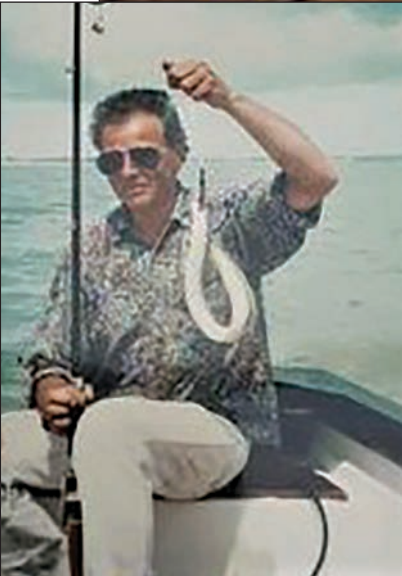


A great memory of Greatstone beach!

Brian Lucas was going through some photos and came across one of him in his boat from 'a few' years ago:

"Hello Barry. A report which is a little different! When my parents lived at Greatstone I had a little boat on the beach with a manual winch which certainly kept me fit and when the tides were right and the sea calm I would go out in it catching mainly eels and flaties. I only went out as far as the low tide line so if my engine failed me I could just walk back to the shore! Thank goodness that never happened! The boat was called Justin Case and there is a story behind that name!

The name of boat is due to the fact that it was my second one, the first one was a clinker built one abandoned on the beach and looking very sorry for itself! I managed to find the owner and asked him if I could buy it and to my surprise he gave it to me on the understanding that I would look after it and would have to keep the name which was Justin as it's unlucky to change it. So after many months with a little help from friends, I got it back to its former self and we had a launch party and named it JUSTIN IN TIME, still retaining the original name to keep it lucky. I named it that because another couple of months and it would have been beyond repair. The other glass fibre boat was purchased cheaply and was named JUSTIN IN CASE, the reason being if the wooden boat started springing leaks I had that as a spare!" **Brian Lucas**



OUT AND ABOUT WITH ANDY by Andrew Cook

I nipped a late result, (of sorts)! Well I've got to say for the minor victory achieved at the death, I worked b**y hard for it! With the Kent shores going through their usual December spell of whiting and not much else, myself and Paul Hunter decided to chance our luck at Shoreham Burrels. The whiting would still be there, but at least we would have a chance of the odd Plaice, Strap or Undulate.**

I'm on the mark bang on 2pm after stopping off at Lagoon Angling for a few ragworm and a chat. 'Word on the street' is there are a few plaice about and a big undulate was caught earlier in the week! One chap is there already with a chunky 44cms plaice in his cool bag, so I'm feeling quietly confident. It's a nice flat green sea with a touch of cloud, and a negligible offshore wind.



Baits went out, two rods, one with a two hook flapper and ragworm, the other with a pulley rig alternating mackerel and squid. Paul is going all out for the spotties to start. Ninety minutes in and we've had precisely nothing, not a twitch. We didn't have to wait much longer though, as soon as the sun set the rod tips started rattling to the dance of the whiting. Apart from a couple they are all around the 3/4lb range though so they find their way into Paul's bag, he's making fish fingers with his grand daughter this week so they're perfect.

An hour later the whiting disappeared as quickly as they showed up. I was praying that a few predators had moved in, but all we got was a couple of dogfish and an hour later the whiting were back with a vengeance. It's a smallish tide, but even so it was flooding so slowly I was beginning to question whether I had misread when HW was. However, within the space of

an hour it literally raced 15 metres up the shingle! Although we had a good natter earlier by now we are both fishing hard and concentrating on our rod tips, varying baits and distances to try and snare something worthwhile. Finally, I get a decent pull down which springs back up then pulls down hard again. I lift firmly into the fish and instantly feel a few decent pulls back. Pumping the fish in there's some decent weight. Twenty yards to go and GUTTED! Whatever it was had managed to spit the hook and all I'm left with is a lump of chewed up mackerel. Judging by the bite and the way it was coming in I think it was a ray.

The whiting are feeding hard again now with bites occurring every few minutes, but one more rather large dogfish broke the whiting monotony. High water arrives and after 7 1/2 hours at it my spirit is all but broken so we agree to call it a night. I'm packing one rod away when my new Century rattles hard and continues to do it. I jump up and lean into whatever is going a little mental on the other end. I only had this one in the gutter and the rod is bending quite well. I can also feel the fish constantly shaking its head. I take it easy as I don't want to lose it. "Could be a bass?" I shout to Paul. Turns out it's a strap of around 3lbs! Within a minute it's photographed, unhooked and returned to the briny. Well we took our time but finally managed something half-decent which makes the 90 minute drive home a little more bearable.



Good luck if you are out this weekend, that's it for me until after Christmas. I'll probably try and squeeze a session in somewhere around the 30th but as to where I haven't a clue yet. Wishing you all and your families a happy and fishy new year! Finally, as the year draws to a close I just wanted to say that I've had a blast this year. Yes, I've caught a few decent fish but more importantly it's the cracking friends, both old and new, (you know who you are!) that have joined me in my passion, week in, week out that have made it memorable. We've laughed, moaned, had brilliant sessions, and disasters! I'd just like to thank you all for your friendship and here is to many more years wetting a line while putting the world to rights. Roll on the 2022 hound season!

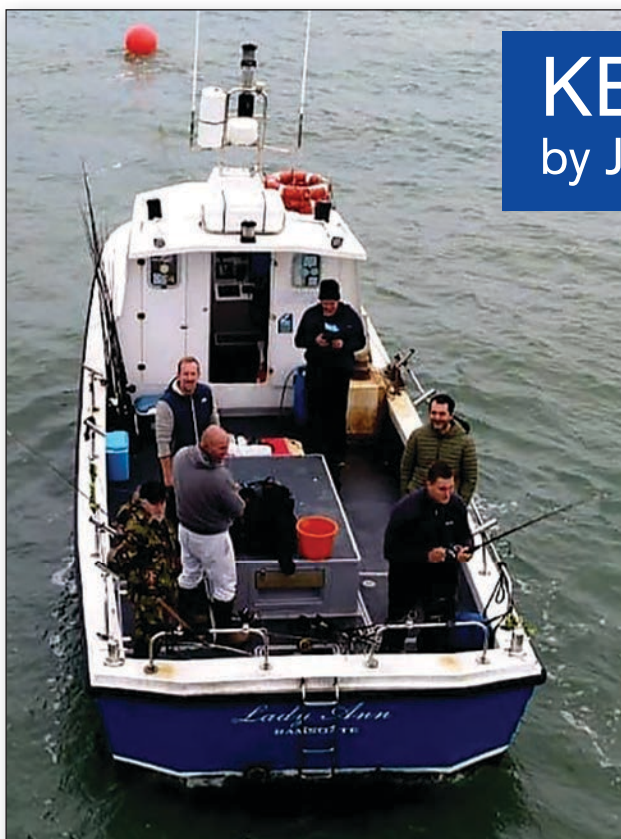


Tight lines all, Andy

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KENT BOAT REPORT

by Jason Parrott



I think there's one word that sums up the fishing in recent days, whiting! I'm sitting here writing this article on the Lady Ann out in the Channel thinking of what to write about. I have done bait presentation, done bait gathering, done life of a charter boat skipper, done the hounds, done the bass, done the skate, done 'we had a poor year on mackerel!' So it is back to the 'tings!

The humble whiting are some peoples' worst nightmare, but for me, when not a lot else is about, I embrace them. There was a charter that went out yesterday with 6 people onboard and they steamed out to a mark about 9 miles from Ramsgate. They set up for skate and fished with nice fresh mackerel

/ herring / bluey / squid baited rigs, ie flowing leger, 16ozs weight on a 70 lbs rig body with a 6ft hook length of Asso 40 lbs line to double 4/0 Koike wide mouth hooks. These usual rigs were fished on 10 rods for 2 hours in a prolific skate spot, but not one skate bite was had! However, they did manage a huge dab and some nice pouting and of course the 'tings so that got me thinking. I always say to the crew we can only fish for what's there so we changed the hook lengths and hooks over to 1/0 Tronix hooks on 20 lbs line and made up a wishbone rig and we went to work. Verne, my right hand man, knew this was coming and made several of his famous 3 hook 'fandango works of art!' I should have taken a picture as I seriously can't explain these rigs easily. However, there were lead ball weights involved, booms, Seaglo beads and all sorts of other ironmongery! It is easier if I say that it resembled a decorated Christmas tree on a rod!

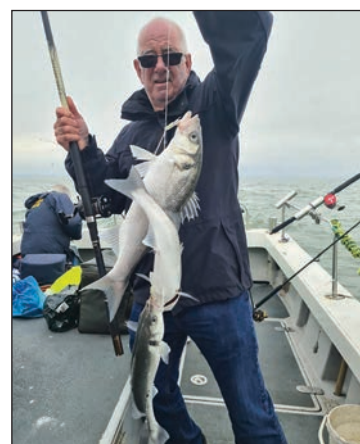
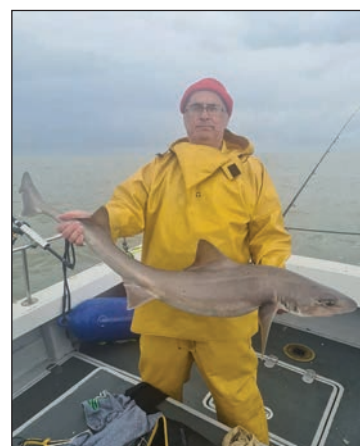
Once Verne's masterpieces were on the seabed it all started. The whiting were on the baited rigs straight away, three at a time on occasions, and a few of the whiting were maybe touching the 1lb mark but there were many bigger than the baits! The lads on board were happier than pigs in muck! They have had some big hits of hounds with me as well as skate and bass and they know if we could have found something we would have done so, they were just happy to have the rods banging away all day. I have no idea of the final tally of how many we had. Wayne and Angie had a species comp and Wayne had pouting, dabs and whiting, but could he catch a dogfish? No, not at all right through the day! A dogfish would have won him a quick pint after fishing, but no. Angie was lacking the dab and pouting even though a few of the others were smashing the species. Wayne even went to slightly cheating tactics when he put the Sabuki feathers on for a herring, but no joy even though the weather was delightful and warm and calm. The tide wasn't playing ball at all, we were laying in to the small breeze most of the day which didn't help. No excuses honestly, none of the 'should have been here yesterday', wrong tide, wrong wind, just the white flag out day! However, it's on these days when you ask are you out here to fish or just to catch monsters? I know we would all like PBs every trip, but this type of fishing is fun on light tackle with the rod tips bouncing and the fish coming in. The coffee was flowing, the banter and biscuits were good so a big thank you to the lads for embracing the small fish, it made a bad day good!

There is some good news though, I was talking to one of my netting friends who had a good sign of skate and a few small codling so there is some hope that we will get back to normal very soon. The sounder is showing some good herring and sprat shoals so the food is there for the fish that feed on them and all day seals are around the boat popping up to say hello and how's the fishing! On the whole, last year (2021) was an amazing one on the Lady Ann, we certainly smashed some PBs and we had some nice bass in numbers and the skate played ball early in the year and I have got to say that we met some wonderful people so a big thank you to skipper Dick who steps in when I'm busy swimming, well not me swimming, but piloting the Channel swims. The new skipper Rob who will be about next year hopefully with Dick will be doing a few days as well. There is a wealth of knowledge between these two skippers who are both ex commercial fisherman for over 30 years, we are very lucky to have them onboard.

I have got to say thank you to Dawn, my wife and co owner of Lady Ann. I never really mention her, but she will be the one you all talk to when you ring for a booking on Lady Ann of Ramsgate. Dawn knows her stuff as Gary, her dad, used to fish for the England shore team, God rest his soul, so don't be shy asking Dawn any questions, she will know the answers! Before I do sign off for this month, a massive thank you to all that have wet a line on Lady Ann over the past year and we hope to see some new faces this coming year onboard Lady Ann of Ramsgate!

Tight lines and a very Happy New Year to one and all! Jason

If you fancy a day out on Lady Ann of Ramsgate, please call 07966 273650.



HASTINGS AND ST LEONARDS AA CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Fished in calm, but cold and foggy conditions with a clearing sea.

The winner was **Mark Hurcombe** fishing at the Old Bathing pool on peg 21 with 3lbs 0.9ozs, which was also the winning peg on the last match a fortnight ago.

1st Club member

Colin Crosby 2lbs 11ozs

2nd Club Member

Julian French 2lbs 3ozs



Winner - Mark Hurcombe

I'd like to thank Mark Rogers for donating three lovely hampers to the prize fund and Hastings and St Leonards Angling Association for its support through the year. Also big thanks to Paul Mortlock for the donation of a couple of bottles for the raffle prize table.

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1	Colin Crosby	2lb 11oz
2	Paul Tiltman	
3	Darren Bond	2lb 3.2oz
4	Ian Reynolds	2lb 3.6oz
5	Mark Rogers	
6	Kelly Jay Carter	1lb 10oz
7	Tim Relf	
8	David Checksfield	1lb 1oz
9	Nathen Elliott	1lb 8oz
10	Neville Breeding	1lb 9oz

Heaviest fish

Colin Crosby / Jason Carter 7.8oz



Colin Crosby

1st	Colin Crosby	2lb 11ozs
2nd	Ian Reynolds	2lb 3.6oz
3rd	Darren Bond	2lb 3.2oz

B SECTION

11	Nick May	1lb 4.9oz
12	Ralph Crosby	1lb 6.8oz
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15	Dave Leggett	
16	Julian French	2lb 3oz
17	Brett Cotter	2lb 5oz
18	Martin Grossman	1lb 15oz
19	Mark Lelliot	
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Heaviest fish

Martin Grossman 8.6oz



Darren Bond

1st	Brett Cotter	2lb 5oz
2nd	Julian French	2lb 3oz
3rd	Martin Grossman	1lb 15oz

C SECTION

21	Mark Hurcombe	3lb 0.9oz
22		
23	Saul Page	1lb 10oz
24	Steve Swan	
25	Neil Marsh	2lb 1.7oz
26	Paul Mortlock	1lb 8oz
27	Stuart Donaldson	
28	Rex Palmer	1lb 6oz
29	Mick Snelling	
30		

1st	Mark Hurcombe	3lb 0.9oz
2nd	Neil Marsh	2lb 1.7oz
3rd	Saul Page	1lb 10oz

Heaviest fish

Saul Page flounder 1lb 5oz



Saul Page and flounder

DAVE READ / COLIN PICKARD OPEN MEMORIAL MATCH

The annual memorial match for the late stalwarts of the Hastings angling scene, **Dave Read** and **Colin Pickard**, was held recently. Quite heavy rain gave way to broken sunshine with a keen northerly wind. There was a large swell and the sea was well coloured after strong winds during the week. The fish responded to the conditions and some good bags of fish were recorded.

Firstly a big thank you to all those that donated prizes / cash towards a great day and raised a fantastic amount of money with £710 pounds going towards Macmillan Cancer Relief.



Winner - Ian Reynolds

Winner on the day was **Ian Reynolds** fishing at the old bathing pool with 15lb 6oz. Runner up on the day was **David Pinchbeck** fishing bottom of the angling club with 13lb 15oz. Biggest fish on the day was a conger eel of 3lb 10oz going to **Tony Methven**.

A big thanks to Kevin Pickard for coming along to present the prizes.



Best Fish - Tony Methven

A big thanks to those that donated prizes:

The Mermaid Inn, Rose Read, RBE Trampolines (Ron Slaughter), Hastings Hire, Bob Elliott, Ralph Crosby, Colin Crosby and Hastings & St Leonards Angling Association.

A SECTION

1	Eddie Ryder	11lb 7oz
2	Dave Pinchbeck	13lb 15oz
3	Tom Ryder	9lb 13oz
4	Neil Marsh	9lb 13oz
5		
6	Mark Rogers	11lb 2oz
7		
8	Mick Snelling	5lb 5oz
9	Neville Breeding	7lb 15oz
10	Tony Methven	10lb 6oz

B SECTION

11	Dave Sinden	7lb 8oz
12	Andy Hurcombe	13lb 9oz 2dr
13	Mark Hurcombe	13lb 9oz 4dr
14	Bob Elliott	
15	Rex Palmer	12lb 4oz
16	Gary Apps	7lb 11oz
17	Ralph Crosby	
18	Jamie Jakeman	6lb 2oz
19	Marvin Elliott	4lb 10oz
20	Colin Crosby	10lb 4oz

C SECTION

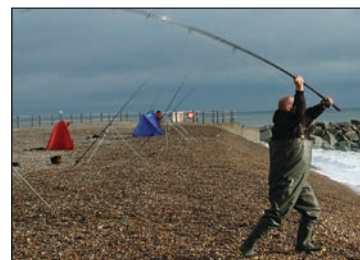
21	Ian Reynolds	15lb 6oz
22	Paul Tiltman	6lb 1oz
23	Martin Grossman	11lb 0oz
24	George Rice	1lb 8oz
25	Stuart Wells	1lb 2oz
26	Nick May	
27		
28	Julian French	13lb 8oz
29	Dave Leggett	6lb 8oz
30		



Eddie Ryder



Second - Dave Pinchbeck



Neil Marsh



Mark Rogers



Paul Tiltman



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