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

September has passed us by in a flash and here we are at the start of yet another month! The weather through the first Autumn month was kind to us and it has been good to see so many anglers out on the banks making the most of this glorious time of the year. I couldn't help but notice while out delivering the September magazines how the leaves had taken on their Autumnal colourings so early, indeed the leaf fall had already begun! Even the blackberries seemed to be in fruit very early. I picked a large bowl of them in mid August! They are in the freezer waiting for Mrs Reed to put them in an apple crumble!

Mrs Reed and I enjoyed a lovely week in Cornwall and it was nice to get away for a few days. However, it is back to business and getting another issue on the shelves!

On a sad note, four independent tackle dealers have closed/are closing in the last few weeks. The closures have been due to retirement and we wish Dave at A & I, Pete at Biggin Hill and Paul at The Carp Shop a long and happy retirement. No doubt you guys will be out doing a bit of fishing for yourselves!

The Tackle Warehouse at Crawley is soon to move in to much larger premises! The new superstore is situated close to the existing store but will be much larger and be able to offer anglers so much more. The new store is due to open on 1st November and John and his staff look forward to seeing you and welcoming you to an exciting new angling wonderland!

The new website has created a lot of positive comments and readers have found the new site a much more positive experience than it's predecessor. I knew when taking on the magazine last year that it desperately needed a revamp and I am pleased with the new model. I thank Matt Martin at Eppro Digital for all his hard work in creating the new website. In case you were unaware, the magazine is available as a FREE download from [www.freshwaterinformer.com](http://www.freshwaterinformer.com)

It has been encouraging to hear from so many fisheries and shops that the number of young anglers both fishing and shopping has seen a marked increase through the summer months. We are all aware that we need young anglers in our sport and to continue our passion for future years. The magazine has always promoted fishing for this group and I receive a lot of feedback from parents and relatives of how much the children are encouraged and delighted by seeing their catch photos in the magazine!

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Enjoy your fishing, Barry Reed

EDITOR'S NOTE: In Alan Baker's 'Letter to the Editor' in the September issue there was a typing error.

One of the weights of the carp was printed as 2lbs, but, in fact should have been 22lbs. My apologies for this error.

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Robin Piper has been in touch to tell us about a recent session he enjoyed with a friend at Claygate Lakes near Marden:

"Dear Barry, I thought I would write to you to tell you about a trip to Claygate Lakes with a friend of mine. We fished Lake Amy in one of the two small bays. As there were no signs of fish on the top, I chose to fish a bottom bait and my first choice was corn halfway across. After throwing out some loose feed,



6lb 5oz



I waited for the tip to go round. However, things were slow and I only managed a couple of small carp so changed over to meat on the hook. The change in bait still did not provide the result I was hoping for so I needed to re think my tactics! My mate had been doing well with around a dozen carp. He was using prawns as bait and casting just short of the island. However, in my rush to leave that morning, I had left my prawns in the fridge! It was a good job that I had some bread with me so I changed to an old trick of popping up some bread. Bites were still few and far between but by lunchtime I had caught around a dozen fish of 2 - 3 lbs. In the last couple of hours of the session, the carp had begun to feed hard right in front of me and by the time I packed up I had 56 lbs in the net. My best two of the day were commons at 6 lbs 5 ozs and 5 lbs 12 ozs. I may have had the biggest fish of the day but my mate weighed in a massive 90 lbs which was a PB for him!"

Regards, Robin Piper

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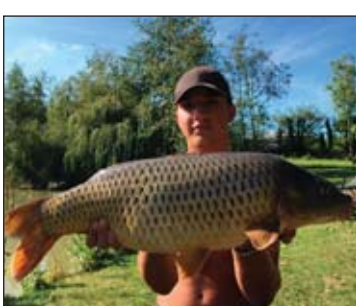


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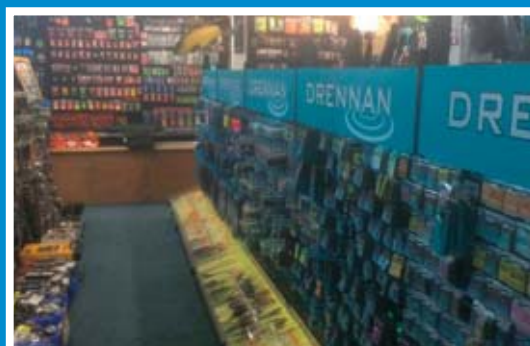
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**Mousehole Lakes** Paddock Wood, Kent







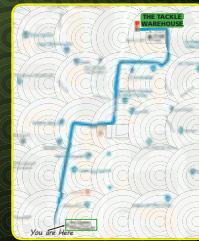
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## Fishery Reports

### Wylands International AC Battle, East Sussex



Brady - 28.12lb first Kell carp



Gavin White - 32lb Kell lake



David Betts - Kell 27.08lb



Dave Honeyset - Maisies

The temperatures this past month really haven't been conducive for fishing, with many days exceeding 30 degrees Celsius. A few lucky people have managed to sneak a few fish off the top during the very hot days, but most of the action was seen during the early mornings and late evenings when the temperatures start to go down. Towards the end of the month we saw some more unsettled weather, with rain and thunderstorms. This has had the effect of freshening up the lakes and they have started to fish well once more. Long may it continue!

**HOUSE AND MIDDLE LAKES** Both have fished ok during the cooler weather, with Carp up to 22lb being caught. There has been the odd appearance of a couple of Barbel and Tench which are always a pleasure to see. Try some luncheon meat at the top end of House lake and in the margins of Middle for some rod bending action.

**FIELD LAKE** continues to fish well, even on the hottest of days. Floating crust once again seems to be the bait of choice, with many big hauls being caught on this method.



Craigie Newell - New Spec

**KELL LAKE** has dropped off the boil a little. There have been signs of spawning on a few days which may have put them off the feed. Hopefully with the fresher water conditions the lake will wake up again. There have been a couple of fish taken off the top in the hot weather—a rarity for Kell.

**NEW SPEC** picked up after the thunderstorms with catches at all times of the day. Prior to this it had been very hard during the day with most fish coming out in the evenings and at night.

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Dave Harland - Middle Lake



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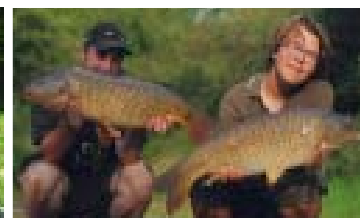
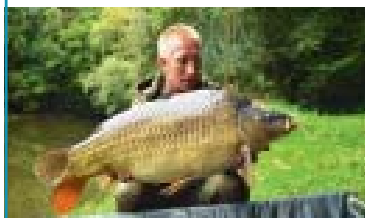
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off the top, with good success on the bottom as well. One of our customers staying in the accommodation fished 7 day sessions and had just over 100 fish! These were mainly caught on the bottom with home made baits.

**MAISIES LAKE** Maisies catfish lake has seen some ideal conditions with the hot weather. There have been a couple of kittens caught, along with some stunning Carp that have probably never seen a hook before. 22mm Halibut pellets are still the favourite bait to use.

**ROSIES LAKE** picked up towards the end of the month. If you fish the method feeder towards the island or the lilly pads you should do very well.

**SNAKE LAKES** Don't forget, the match lakes are available to book for club competitions, private functions or charity matches.

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Martin Crispe - New Spec



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# Fishery Reports

## Hawkhurst Fish Farm Hawkhurst, Kent

Let's kick off as usual with announcing the winner, or should I say winners of our Fish of the Month Competition! If you follow our Facebook page you may have seen we announced one winner early this month. One of our regulars, **Ron Davis**, has been really impressing us throughout the summer with many incredible catches on Quarry Lake. We felt it was only fair that he got some recognition for those catches and so decided to announce him as an early winner (he got 2 free sessions on Quarry Lake). It's always a pleasure to have Ron on the banks and he is a truly great angler! Our second winner hadn't been announced at time of print but feel free to check our social media where we will announce the winner!



Ron Davis - Congratulations!

**MAIN LAKE** - **Jack Acott** and his friend fished a 52 hour session and ended up with an impressive 33 fish between them including some gorgeous scale perfect Commons and a big grass carp! **Ryan Wright** bagged himself a beastly 61lb Catfish using pellets. **Carlo** landed a new **PB** catfish weighing in at 46lb from swim 7, using an IQD rig, 12mm waffer (sticky baits krill) fished over a bed of 15mm krill boilies. **Jake Goodsell** caught 2 x 16lb Commons, a 20lb Mirror, 23lb 3oz Mirror, 26lb 5oz Common and a lovely 32lb Common. **Hayden Wills** had three commons and two cats. The cats weighed in at 48lb and 43lb. **Mark Marsh** started off his session with two catfish caught within half an hour of each other, weighing in at 47lb and 37lb. They were caught from peg 5 using halibut pellet. **Simon Judd** fished for a week and had plenty of lovely carp, catfish and one grass carp out, including a new **PB** in the form of a 34lb 3oz Mirror. **Michael Barden** landed a stunning 29lb Common. Well done to **Darren** and co for an awesome session on Main Lake, who said Main Lake was a "great lake, best I've been to by far". Darren managed to beat his **PB** twice, first with a 25lb Common and then a 27lb 8oz Mirror! **James Mcsweeney** caught an impressive 70lb 11oz Catfish. **Kyle Scowen** landed 15 carp up to 22lb 12oz. **Peter** and **Danny** had a rewarding 60 hour session, landing some lovely fish including 7 x 20lb+ fish up to 29lb and 5 catfish up to 54lb... It seems the Pacific Tuna Boilies were working well for them! **Rhys Fiech** landed himself a new **PB** in the form of a 20lb 9oz Common. **Tony Ellis** had an awesome 36 hour session on Main Lake, banking 7 catfish between 44lb and 61lb 8oz, and 3 carp weighing 11lb, 22lb and 23lb! **Wayne** bagged himself a new **PB** during his first visit to Main Lake - a beautiful 35lb 8oz Common! **Mark Marsh** had two catfish within half an hour of each other, weighing 47lb and 37lb!

**DOVE LAKE** - **Steven Wickens** did a weekend session and landed 4 decent sized Commons. **Dave Bennett** had a trio of Commons on his overnight session on Dove Lake. **Darren Knight** had 5 Commons during a 36 hour session, ranging from 13lb to 24lb. **Callum Hatcher** landed his first ever catfish, weighing in at an impressive 50lb! Ian, **James** and **Simon** said "thank you for a brilliant time on Dove Lake this weekend...Can't wait to return!". They had a couple of baby cats as well as a lovely 40lb Catfish (caught by Simon). Ian caught a 21lb 3oz Common and missed a monster, and James landed a 19lb 4oz Common! **David Cawley** landed a gorgeous 18lb **PB** ghostie, as well as a scale perfect Common whilst he was packing up! A 36 hour session on Dove Lake resulted in a 33lb 1oz Common and a mid double for **Matthew Bennett**!

**SPECIMEN LAKE** - **Tim Porter** had a quick session on peg 5 and was rewarded with a 20lb Koi, 23lb Common and 28lb Common. On another session, Tim caught an awesome 59lb 8oz Catfish! **Tom Marshall** fished Specimen Lake for the first time and was not disappointed, with 11 fish over a 5 day session; carp up to 29lb 13oz and catfish to 58lb. On his second session, Tom Marshall netted 4 fish in 48 hours, including a lovely 30lb+ mirror. **Alastair O'Brien** managed a pristine 33lb 8oz Common during a 24 hour session. **Lewis Saunders** had a great 60 hour session which ended in a brace of 30's at the end of the session - a Mirror weighing 30lb 8oz and a 30lb 14oz Common. **Kevin Cosgrove** had a great day session, bagging himself a 62lb Catfish, 23lb Catfish and a lovely 28lb Mirror. **Patrick Cosgrove** had a great day session, landing his new **PB** catfish at 39lb, and a linear carp weighing 23lb 8oz. **Patrick Thompson** had a pristine 32lb 8oz Common caught on Pacific Tuna boilies topped with IB maize. **Rob Pizzy** bagged himself two gorgeous carp - a mirror weighing 28lb and a 24lb 4oz Common. **Brandon Pizzy** had an incredible first session, landing two catfish at 64lb and 60lb, as well as the smaller blue carp at 36lb, and a 26lb 4oz Common. **Garry Thelwell** had an awesome session, landing a 24lb Common and a stunning 20lb Mirror. **Ricky Young** caught a 31lb 12oz Mirror and a 23lb 12oz Common! On another session, Ricky fished for 36 hours during very hot weather. He wasn't expecting much but ended up bagging some of what he described as 'Specimen Lake's' finest;



32lb Common - Specimen Lake - Rob Ledsham



Alastair O'Brien 33lbs Specie Lake



Brandon Pizzy 64lbs Specie Lake



Danny Betson Specie Lake



Danny Fayers 29lbs Main Lake



Darren and Oliver Quarry Lake



Darren Harris 27lbs Main Lake



Jack Wood Quarry Lake



Jake Goodsell Main Lake



Lewis Saunders 30lbs Specie Lake

these included the big blue carp at 41lb, a 31lb 4oz Mirror and 2 Commons, weighing 30lb and 25lb 12oz. **Steve Taylor** landed the lovely 'black dot ghosty' as part of a 6 fish haul! On another session, Steve landed a whopping 15 fish, including carp from 23lb to 30lb and a 41lb 12oz Mandarin Wels catfish - we believe it is the first time it has been caught, so Steve chose to name it 'Marble'. Well done to **Luke Williams** for catching a scale perfect 32lb 12oz Common and one of our two blue carp during his session. Our water bailiff Rob caught a mint condition 32lb Common during his lunch break! **Patrick Thompson** netted a pristine 32lb 8oz common caught on Pacific Tuna boilies topped with IB maize.

**QUARRY LAKE** - **Dan Westbrook** managed to set a new lake record when he landed an impressive 36.5lb Catfish! **Aaron** and **Kev Buckley** were fishing as well and really enjoyed the bites; including a 28lb Catfish for Kev. **Jack Wood** brought his Grandad along for a fishing trip and they had a whopping 23 fish out between them. A big shout out to **Ron Davies** who has had several sessions on Quarry Lake over the last few weeks but has finally bagged himself a notorious (24lb) catfish! After watching 'Fishing Allstars' the last 2 Thursdays and having caught carp before, **Sophia** decided she wanted to catch a catfish the same as on TV, so she came over for a few hours and she was very happy as she managed to catch her target species! Well done to **Willie Wicking** for netting a 30lb 2oz Catfish on Quarry Lake. He said thanks to **Ron Davis** and **Rick Smith** for their help in weighing and netting it! **Jack Hopper** caught a lovely 16lb 8oz catfish, using 2 x home-made boilies. **Darren** and his son **Oliver** had a great session on Quarry Lake - the highlight being a 22lb Catfish.

**FOUR TREES LAKE** - **Jake Iszard** landed a lovely 4lb Tench and 3 finger sized, whilst his dad managed a 3lb tench. He said it was hard fishing but they had a great day! **Dan** and **Lloyd** bagged themselves a 17lb 6oz Mirror and a 13lb Common.

**MATCH LAKE** - **Ruth Anderson** said although she knows her fish might not be the biggest ever, they were a **PB** for her and she is very happy with them! It was her first visit to our fishery and her third ever time fishing.



Ricky Young 41lbs Specie Lake



Tim Porter 59lbs Specie Lake



Sophia Quarry Lake



Rob Pizzy 28lbs Specie Lake

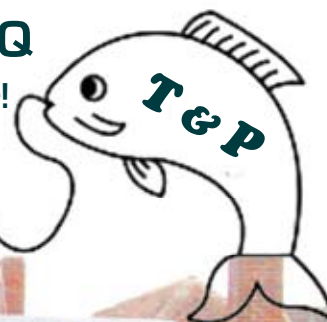


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**NORTH LAKE** is still producing. **Les Neville** had a 44lb 2oz common and mirrors of 32lb 8oz, 26lb, 27lb and 20lb, all on CC Moore. **Shaun Monk** had a 39lb 8oz common followed by mirrors of 35lb and 40lb 4oz. **Paul Hedger** had a 33lb common and mirrors of 27lb and 40lb 8oz. **Robert Farmer** had mirrors 28lb, 30lb and 33lb. **Steve Long's** party had in total 58 carp. This included 3 x 40's to 46lb and another 20 x thirties. **Neil Adams** had commons of 27lb, 33lb 39lb and mirrors of 27lb and 36lb. All caught on Monster Ice.



Liam Thorpe - 39 lbs North Lake

**PLANTATION LAKE** is fishing well. **Andy Russell** had mirrors of 35lb 4oz and 37lb 11oz, also a common of 15lb. **John Briggs** had 5 x 20's and a 32lb mirror. **Dez Valentine** had 17 carp in total, 2 x 30's to 32lb and 6 x 20's. **Lucy Alabaster** had mirrors of 16lb, 17lb 8oz and 28lb 4oz also a 17lb 2oz common on DNA baits. **Perry Alabaster** had mirrors of 16lb, 18lb and 23lb also a common of 27lb 8oz. **Rob Tong** had 14 carp between 17lb and 32lb 8oz. **Nick Miles** had a 20lb 9oz mirror and a 15lb 12oz common. **Louis Miles** had mirrors of 31lb 2oz, 29lb 4oz, 19lb, 17lb and 15lb 8oz.



Lucy Alabaster - 28 lbs Plantation



Nick Wells - Prairie

**PRAIRIE LAKE** is producing good numbers of carp. **Lloyd Mackelden** had commons of 27lb 8oz and 25lb 8oz also mirrors of 27lb 5oz, 26lb 11oz and 32lb 6oz. **Ned Stockham** had a 24lb mirror and a 20lb 8oz ghost all on CC Moore. **Kieron West** had mirrors of 22lb, 31lb, 26lb and 18lb also commons of 28lb and 24lb. **Dave Long** had commons of 22lb, 16lb, 15lb and 25lb also a 33lb PB mirror. **Jack White** had a 33lb 5oz common and a 27lb 9oz mirror.



Andrew White - Kettles

**SANDWICH LAKE** is producing carp to pva bags and a small method feeder. Silvers are coming out on maggots and corn. Carp still coming of the top to bread and floaters.

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



Andy Watts - Kettles



Charlie Marston - 14 lbs Kettles

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Mr Nolan Jnr - Kettles



Phil Edwards - 21 lbs Kettles



Liam Thorpe - 39 lbs North Lake



Dave Thomas - 51 lbs Pullens

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

**WEST END LAKE** has picked up a bit now. **Glen Wood** had a 37lb mirror. **Tim Carter** had a 32lb 8oz mirror. **Adam Sparrow** had mirrors of 44lb 6oz 40lb 2oz and 37lb 7oz. **Sam Green** had mirrors of 33lb, 32lb 7oz, 41lb 9oz.



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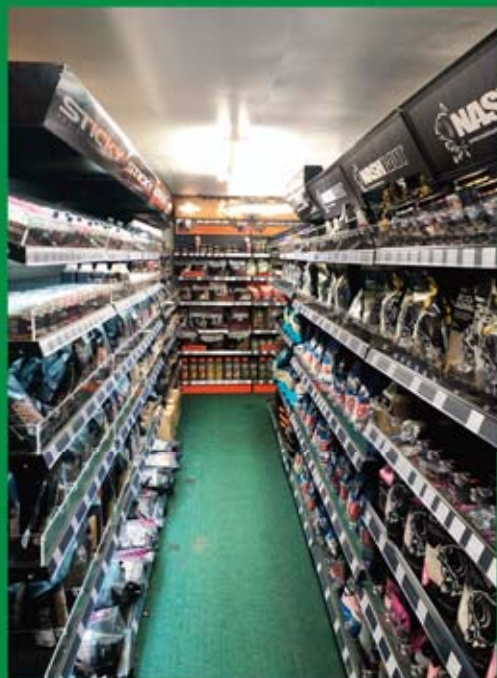


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# Fishery Reports

## Tanyard Fisheries Uckfield, East Sussex



Paddy



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George



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**COARSE LAKE 1** - **Peter** enjoyed his day landing a 4lb Common Carp, a 3lb Tench and two Rudd of just under 1lb. **Charlie** had five Common Carp using red sweetcorn. **Ian** came and landed a nice five Common Carp using maggots the largest of 5lb 3oz

**COARSE LAKE 2** - **Callum Garner** fishing Coarse Lake 2 for the day, landed his first Catfish well done! **Brandon** had a nice Common Carp. **Ross** had a very nice sized Catfish. **Dean** landed eight Common Carp, smallest of 4lb and the largest of 9lb 10oz. **Dean** also landed four Mirror Carp smallest of 6lb to the largest of 8lb 4oz, one fully scaled Mirror Carp of 8lb 3oz and one Ghost Carp of 4lb. **George** on a weekend session landed two Catfish, two Common Carp and a Koi Carp. **Steve Huxstep** fishing an overnight session landed a lovely Catfish. **Amy Bolton** fishing for the day landed a Common Carp at 11.5lb. **Kasey Bolton** fishing for the day landed a Mirror Carp at 5.4lb. **Ruben** fishing for the afternoon had two Common Carp. **Jamie** landed ten Common Carp the smallest of 4lb 4oz to the largest of 11lb, one Fully Scaled Mirror Carp of 4lb and two Ghost carp of 6lb and 6lb 9oz. **Jon** came for a day's fishing and landed five Common carp the largest of 9lb and four Mirror Carp the largest of 8lb 4oz. **George** fishing the Carp Free Lake on a weekend session landed a lovely Koi Carp. **Thomas** had a good afternoon and overnight landing himself a fifteen mix of Carp using red sweetcorn. **Paul** had a good session landing five Mirror Carp of 8lb-10lb and three Koi Carp one of 10lb, the others weighed around 4lb

**COARSE LAKE 3** - **Paddy Klinge** fishing on an overnight session landed three Common Carp and a Catfish. **James** had a day's trip with his young son and landed three Bream of 6lb, 8lb and 9lb. **Scott** banked five Mirror Carp and two Common Carp on his afternoon's fishing. **David** managed to land three Common Carp of 10lb, 6lb and 12lb. **Trevor** landed a very nice 9lb Mirror Carp and three Common Carp of 10lb, 12lb and 9lb. **Paul** landed a very nice 5lb Catfish among a mix of Carp. **Tom** landed a nice Catfish of 6lb as well as four Common Carp of around 7lb. **James** had a good session landing twelve Carp of various sizes under 10lb. **Harry** landed a nice Koi Carp of 9lb and three Mirror Carp of 8lb, 12lb and 5lb.

**CARP FREE LAKE** - **Simon** had a good day's session landing three Tench all around 2lb and five Bream all of around 7-9lb. **Mike** had a nice afternoon's fishing landing four Bream of 6lb and two Tench of 4-5lb. **Peter** had a good session landing six Tench four of 3-4lb and two of 6lb and 7lb 2oz.



George



George



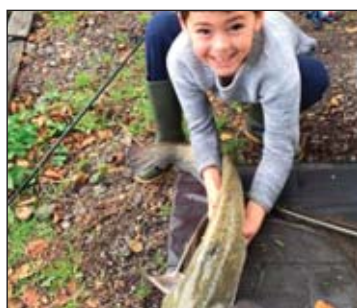
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**SNIFE LAKE** Here are some of the catches: **Harry Spalding** banked a 17-04 mirror and a 25lb mirror, **Kieron Wallace** had a 19lb mirror and a 19-03 common, **Simon Kane** had commons at 18-08 and 27lb, **Alfie Hawkins** did well when he banked a 17lb mirror and commons at 26-02 and 28-12, **Darren Hickes** had a 25-06 mirror, **Scott Harvey** had a 26-06 mirror and a **PB** grassie of 28-04, **Josh Catford** had a 28-02 common, **Max Stevens** had a small stockie at 14-08, **Peter Forshaw** banked a mirror of 18-08, **Steven Hooper** had a stockie of 17lb, **Danny Miles** had a 22lb common and a 25-10 mirror, **Ashley Dearlove** banked a mirror of 18-02, **John Champion** banked a 27-14 mirror, **Steve White** had a 26lb common and **Darryl Cook** had commons at 15-04, 16-02 and 26-14 and mirrors at 16-04 and a **PB** at 35-06.



Scott Harvey - 28-04 snipe PB



Darryl Cook - 35-06 PB Snipe



Ashley Dearlove - 18-02 Snipe Stockie

**TUSCANY LAKE** - **Peter Mew** had cats at 24lb and 36lb, **Craig Dance** had a **PB** of 52lb, **Mick Taylor** had 3 cats at 27lb, 30lb and 34lb, David Somerset had a **PB** of 50-08, **Julian McConnell** had a 47-08 as well as a couple of smaller ones, **Jeff Betts** had cats at 21, 23-08, 26-08 and 39lb, **Peter Ellis** banked a 63, **Vic Collier** had 4 cats to 40-01, **Ben Taylor** had cats at low 20's, a 29 and 36, **Bex Nelson** had a **PB** of 43lb, **Ted Crush** had a 32, 2 x 37lb and a 67lb English **PB** while **Kelly Crush** had a low double and one at 30lb, **Ben Gosling** banked a **PB** at 53-08, **Jordan Simpson** banked his 1st ever cats at a low double then one at 40lb, **Terry Pook** had 4



Kelly Crush and Bex Nelson

cats to 35-09, **Ashley Harrison** had a **PB** at 49-08, **Stuart Noakes** had a 26-08 and a **PB** 41-02, **Sam Noakes** had a great session when he banked cats at 17-04, 21lb, 27lb, 29-04 and a **PB** 31-12 while **Gordon Noakes** had, over 2 sessions, cats at 15lb, 26-02, 29-02, 6 cats in the 30's, 50-12, 54-02 and a **PB** of 62-02 and **Gavin Bryant** had a great session when he banked 3 high 30's, 3 low 40's a 70-03 and a monster 80lb cat.



Ben Gosling - PB 53-08



Ted Crush - 67-00



Bex Nelson - 43-00 PB

**JEFF'S LAKE** has been a bit harder than usual this month but lots of anglers have had some cracking days with F1's, bream and some really good roach being caught. The Jeff's Lake Open was tougher than usual too with **Sam Beckinsale** winning with 29-12, **John Vincent** in second with 15-04 and **Martin Charnock** in 3rd with 14-12.

**MOAT POND** has been good fishing this month with small carp, crucians and silvers being caught, a typical example is when **Luke Auger** and **Tayla Brown** fished it and banked 12 carp to 8lb.



Tayla Brown - Moat



Luke Auger - Moat

**DAUGHTERS LAKE** has been hit and miss this month with the warm weather and oxygen levels fluctuating but there have been fish caught. Daniel Holgado had a mirror and a grassie, **Matt Godden** banked a mirror, **Tim Smith** had a low double mirror and a nice grassie, **Sam Wells** had a low double mirror and **Callum McNeil** banked a mid 20 grassie. Now that the colder weather is approaching the fish in Daughters Lake will start to get on the feed so we are expecting good catches from now on into the winter.

**EDEN POND** has been great fishing recently and the tench have been on the feed, **Tony Mills** had 5 to 4lb, **Peter Cox** had a bonkers day when he banked 25 tench to 4-08, 3 x carp and some silvers so he came back and banked 9 more tench to 4lb, a 4-08 ghostie and some more silvers and **Mark Cross** banked 9 tench to 3-08, a 4lb common and 12 small bream.



Daniel Holgado - Daughters



Rob Heathfield - 14-00 Majors

**MAZE LAKE** has been producing lots of the new F1's we stocked last winter, with day anglers banking plenty on day sessions as well as other carp and silvers. **Paul Knight** had a good day when he had 12 carp to 7lb, some new F1's, 4 crucians and bream to 4lb.

**MAJORS LAKE** has been fishing well again, with reports of bream to 7lb, mirrors and commons to mid doubles and tench to 9lb being caught. **Billy Locker** and his son had 12 bream and 5 carp, **Rob Heathfield** had a 14lb mirror and Gordon Monument banked a wonderful crucian of 2-08.

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



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**Claygate Lakes** Claygate, Marden, Kent



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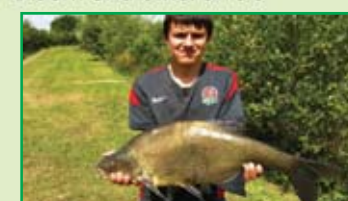
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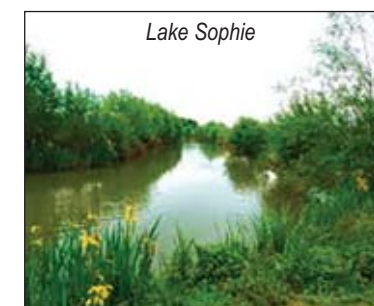
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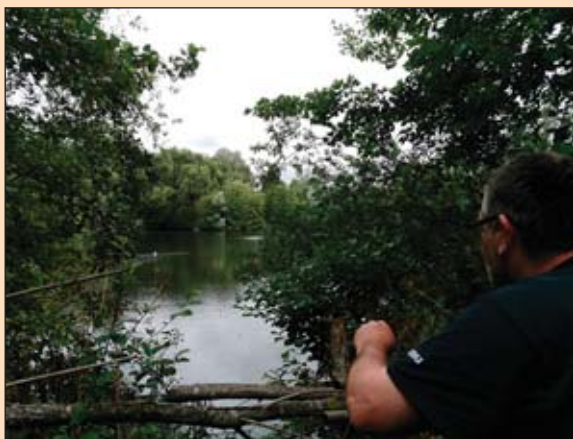


If you were to put me on the spot and ask “what is the most important aspect within angling to catch consistently?” it would be, without doubt, skilled watercraft. In the modern era of angling trends, I have to confess it is disappointing that this topic is all too briefly studied because without acknowledging the importance of watercraft, and taking the necessary action, you will always be on the back foot. Today, we see so much emphasis put on the next ‘wonder rig’ or bait, whilst forgetting that the ‘Old Skool’ appreciation of our quarry’s location, and the reasonings behind it, are actually far more important.



**Ball of weed – as long as safe to fish into never fear weed – it’s where most of the fishes natural food lives**

To try and cover the many variables in such a short piece would be totally impossible, but the most important element is to always seek out the fish and never make the assumption that they will come to you. Your eyes are the ultimate tool for you to use as what you see will be the real indicator to where fish are holding. The plainly obvious is to actually see fish in a



**Simon looking out over lake – your eyes are key to good watercraft – if you see fish go to them, never expect**



**Overhead shot – where there is one fish, there is likely to be a whole shoal.**

In basic terms, watercraft is the appreciation of where the fish are and why they are there, especially on the day in question. There could be so many reasons from water temperatures through to natural hatches, from angler pressure through to oxygenated water – the amount of variables that come into consideration will be something learnt over time and not something one can learn overnight. In today’s modern angling, where so much can be bought, be assured that this skill will only come in time with your own experiences as well as researching individual topics and learning off those already appreciating, and benefiting from their knowledge of watercraft.

location and that would be the place to start your fishing. It may be the case of seeing a fish launch itself out, swirl, a cascade of feeding bubbles or the movement of reeds – any obvious signs of fish activity is a great start point. But, if you don’t make the effort to seek out such basic signs and plump for a swim just because it looks the part, is near the car park or in the sun, then be warned your chances of catching will drop!

One of the biggest challenges we face today, especially in carp fishing, is the amount of gear we take with us! As a kid, if I couldn’t strap it to my push bike or have it in my wicker seat box then it didn’t come with me and this mobile approach allowed me to visit numerous swims instead of the

## In the second of Simon’s articles he looks at the skill of Watercraft – under appreciated, but oh so important!

common trend of today where we set up in one swim for the duration. Now that is all well and good if you choose a swim with showing fish, but what happens when they feel pressure and then move off? If you then don’t follow them is it not the case that you are now sitting in a swim devoid of fish and with little chance of them returning? Of course at some fisheries you have a peg and



**Waterfall Oxygenated water is a plus and can also create a habitat for naturals**

no option to move, but those where you can it is a must, so I always take as little kit as necessary. Even as I get older, whatever the weather or circumstances, if the fish are showing elsewhere I’m off. I’ve even woken up in the middle of the night and heard fish crashing elsewhere and moved. Okay that maybe a little bit keen for some, but I just love the thrill of catching and the ‘hunt’ is a big part of that. Moving onto showing fish is a huge buzz: knowing fish are in front of me and by fishing for them, at them, means my odds have just increased massively.

Though watercraft cannot just be bought, I would suggest that one top tip would be to hunt down

a series of fishing magazines which were published around forty years ago called The Fisherman’s Handbook. The pan-species titles are available and can be found on platforms like e-Bay and contain some incredibly useful information, including tips on watercraft. They are worth every penny and still to this day I use them for reference. Totally uncontrived and written by passionate and dedicated anglers seeking to share their massive experiences, I can’t praise them enough.

Another way you can quickly advance your knowledge about watercraft is to question us ‘Old Timers’, especially those who own, work on or regularly fish the venues you are going to. Fishing should always be about helping others and, by questioning, you will learn from such lengthy experiences as well as the reasonings behind their conclusions. Not only will you then benefit but you will also be in a position to then help others – and on and on it should go!

Final food for thought on a topic I have but scratched the surface of, would it not be better to spend 23 hours of a 24 hour session hunting down the locations of the fish and then spending an hour hauling or spending 24 hours in a swim with no fish in it and blanking? For me, I want to enjoy the pleasures of catching, as well as the overall joys of angling, so watercraft is the ultimate key to such successful sessions – find the fish first, never expect them to find you.



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**A recent five fish haul for Mike Heljula**

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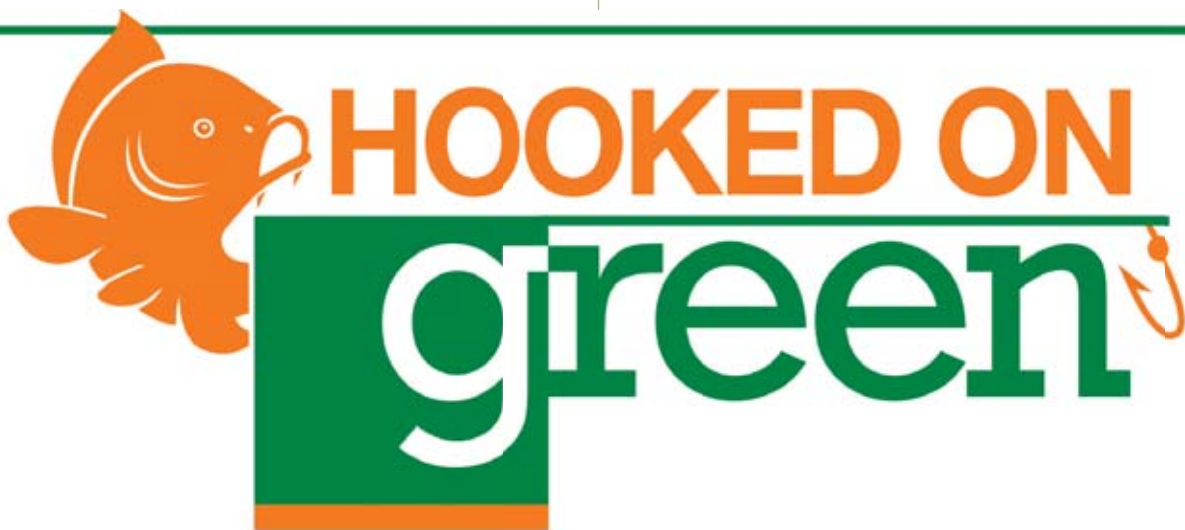
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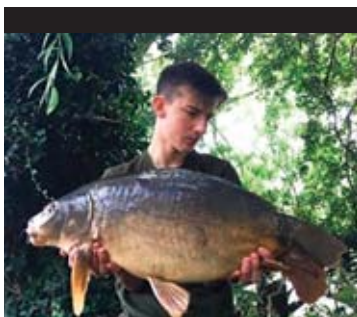
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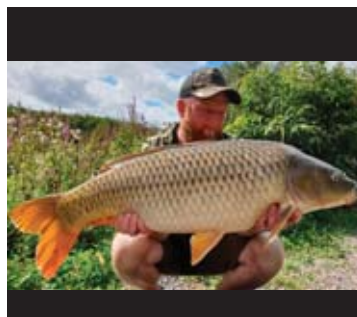
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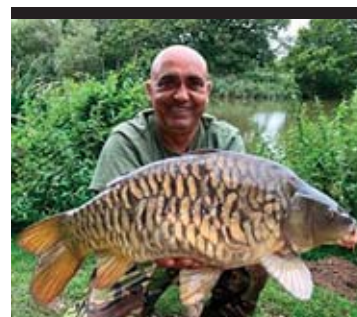
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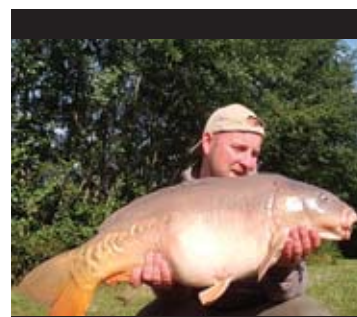
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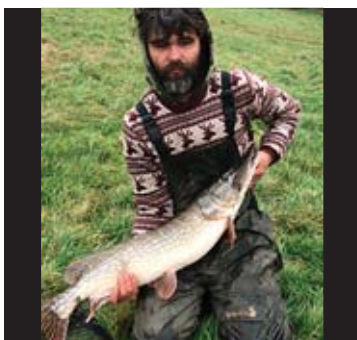
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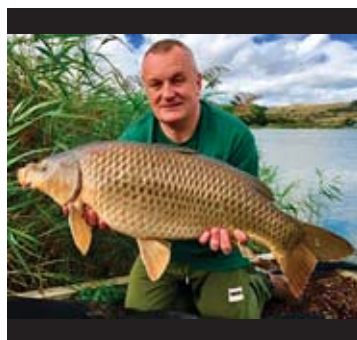
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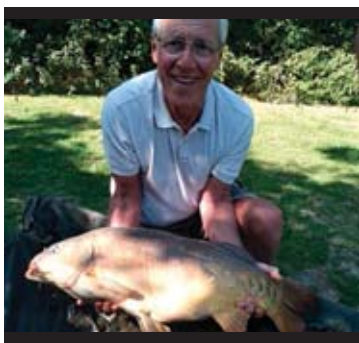
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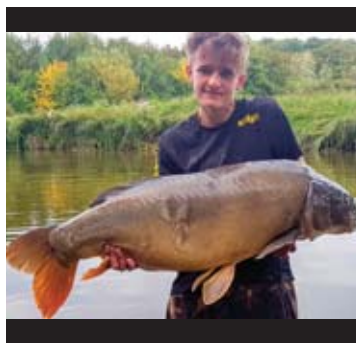
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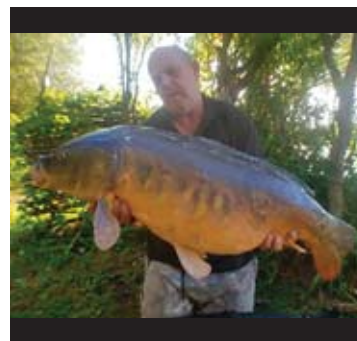
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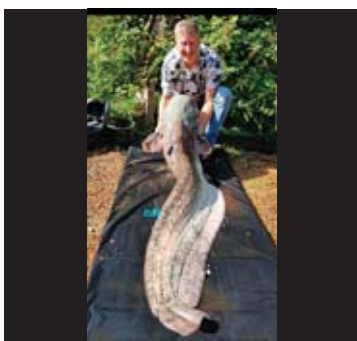
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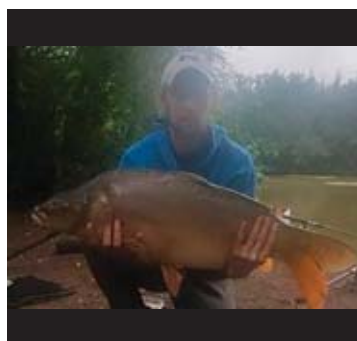
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# GROUNDBAIT CLINIC

## BY ANDY PHELPS



*After having a few health issues, I needed to have a bit of time off from fishing, thankfully everything is now back to normal again. Being a sponsored angler, I have to do some product testing from time to time. I thought I'd take the cameras with me on this session where I am testing a new Marcel van den Eynde additive that is set to be released next year. At the time of writing it still does not have a product name, but I can reveal that it is a bream additive, a sweet flavour with a herbal twist to it!*

I am sitting on the Black lake on the Cottingham lakes complex as I know there are a lot of bream in this lake, so it is the perfect place to try out a bream additive. I have decided to use a natural groundbait with no fishmeal content as I know the bream love fishmeal, but want to see if the cereal based mix will work with the new additive. I have set up two top kits for this session both have Middy cerise 'Reactacore' elastic, which is nice and soft but also has enough power to land carp should I hook one. Float choices for today are both Middy inline series one in sizes 4 x14 and 4 x 16. Mainlines are Middy low viz 0.16. Hooklengths are Middy low viz 0.14. Hooks are Frenzee 0814's in sizes 14 and 12.



As I am using a cereal based groundbait, I thought I'd use natural baits and I have worms, casters, corn and dead maggots with me.

My mix consists of Van den Eynde Kastaar and Vivjer (yellow lake) mixed 50/50 with the added bream additive (100g). This is a very simple mix that I have a lot of confidence in on natural waters. When mixing up this groundbait, I like to add the juices of corn and hemp as the fish love all the oils that are in the juices, it just adds extra attraction.

After plumbing the depths on both rigs, I add an extra 4 inches to the rigs so that all of my 4 inch hook length is on the bottom as it is quite windy and I don't want the rig presentation disturbed by the wind and tow. If need be, I can add more depth to nail the hook bait to the bottom.

To start the session, I chopped up around 100 ml of worms, the same of dead maggot, casters and hemp. I form 6 balls which I intend on depositing on two swims at 13 meters, one to my right at the 10 o'clock position, and one to the left at the 2 o'clock position. This is something I do pretty much everywhere I fish as I can feed one swim and leave it and go over to the other line and catch fish there and keep rotating the lines.



Whilst testing products, I have to make notes as to how the products work, mix, and obviously, if they catch fish. I have always timed each cast to see how long it takes to get bites when testing new products to give a better feedback. After having fed the swims, I let them settle for around 15-20 minutes, in which time I enjoyed a cup of coffee and a bacon roll that I always pick up from the Kingfisher Café on site. All the while I was looking at the swim to see if there were any signs of fish feeding, like bubbles, swirls and fish topping over the area. I noticed that both swims were alive with bubbles, which was a good sign after 7 minutes. One thing to look out for is if the swims are fizzing, this is not something you want on every occasion as the fish are digging up the bottom and are difficult to catch, the only answer I have to prevent this happening is to feed carefully. If it does happen in your swim then stop feeding for a while and it should settle down.



Once I started fishing, I noticed that it took literally seconds to get a bite on half a worm, which was a great sign that the fish were feeding well. On average, I was catching bream and small skimmers every 3 minutes. I managed to catch for around 50 minutes before bites became a little harder to come by. Instead of feeding a big ball of groundbait, I decided to use a small toss pot, introducing a small nugget of the mix every cast, which brought me instant bites again.

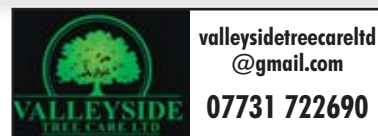
After 3 hours, I had gained enough information about the new product and called it a day.

If you see me out on the banks and have any questions please feel free to ask.

***Tight lines Andy.***



# Junior Informer



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

The Autumn school term is well underway and the summer holidays are just a memory now! However, the half term week is approaching so plenty of time to get out fishing! The weather has been pretty good and I am still receiving lots of your catch photos as you can see in this month's Junior Informer Photo Album. Thanks to our friends at Pallatrax, two lucky anglers will be chosen each month to win one of Pallatrax's 'Ready, Steady, Fish' packs! All you or your parents or guardians have to do is to send me your catch photo by email or via the Facebook page and I will do my best to put them in the next magazine. Parents / guardians please be aware that I need your permission to publish the young anglers' photos!

*Enjoy your fishing, Barry*

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### DUNGENESS ANGLING ASSOCIATION JUNIORS MATCH

DAA juniors had their August meet on the 18th August and they caught eels, whiting, pouting and a starry smooth hound on a lovely breezy morning at Littlestone beach. This report just missed the deadline for the September issue hence it's publication in the October magazine.



### A letter to me from my postman!

Our village postie, John Butcher, sent me this great report:

*"Hi Barry, I took the boys to Newcastle on a family visit, and introduced the boys to carp fishing with the help of my brother in law, Steve Hyde, and we borrowed his rods!!"*



*The lake was next to the Angel of the North and was an excellent place to fish. The boys must have reeled in 80+ carp during the day! It was non stop! I was wondering if you could publish a few shots in the Informer as it would make their day! The first shot is Ryan, in the red tracksuit hoodie, who caught the largest at just over 7lb. James is next with a 6lb 7oz fish and me with a 6lb carp. Was a mad day which was a great introduction into fresh water fishing!"*



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We have received some lovely feedback from the Choice Support group (formerly MCCH) based in Maidstone, which comprises people with autism, learning difficulties and mental health needs.

The Kent Fishing for Schools group offered them two sessions, on 2 and 13 August and it means so much that the staff and group have gone out of their way to tell Warren White and the other instructors how much they enjoyed the sessions.

Warren said: "This is such a lovely group. These are people with real extreme needs. For instance, Demi is a wheelchair user and has communication problems but always smiles through. I also feel the new name of this group, Choice, has extra meaning, because each year the same members of the group come back, plus a few new ones, and it's their choice to come fishing.

"It is one event in the fishing calendar that I always look forward to. We have been working with this group for many years and have got to know them really well and they feel they can



trust us. I have never worked with a group that are so happy, polite and willing to try something new.

"All the students need that little bit more individual attention and at times they struggle to communicate but you have only got to look at their faces when they have caught a fish to see how excited and proud they are. It is truly humbling to work with them."

Darylle Burnett from Choice Support wrote: "I asked the guys from the Ken Boyce Centre for feedback on their visits and this is what they said: Javendeeps response was "I think it was 'fishtastic' and it is my favourite thing to do because I like fishes. I like other sea creatures too." Daniel said: "It was good. I liked catching the fish, it was fantastic. I like fishing and I'd like to do it again at some point". Conrad was very excited and said he had a "great day". Demi was very cheerful and held onto the rod smiling. Adam gave a thumbs up and was smiling a lot. He really had a great time relaxing peaceful by the lake.

Blake caught lots of fish and learnt the different names. He was pleased to catch a Mirror Carp.



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

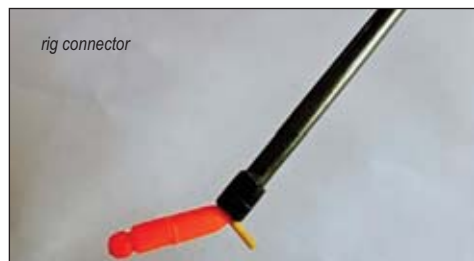
This year I have seen an increase in the number of youngsters having a go at fishing, especially coarse and fly. There are now many more lakes and ponds to choose from. Many of them offer carp, but, you will also find fisheries stocking silver fish as well - a very good thing in my book.

It's great to see the youngsters fishing with their parents or guardians, but I have spotted one small problem. Far too often the tackle they are using is totally inadequate! The rods and reels are far too heavy, lines too thick, hooks too large and so on. This is only going to cause problems, with all manner of tangles, lines getting stuck up trees and the youngster getting bored not to mention poor old Dad's frustration. All this leading to an early cry of "Come on, let's go home".

The best thing a parent or guardian can do, if they are keen for their children to take up fishing, is to seek advice from a fishing tackle store. It would help to have a basic understanding of what to use and how to tackle up. This is very simple. Purchase a 3-metre whip, (I know, my picture is of a 4-metre whip!). At a cost of £10-20 they are cheap to buy, are very light and are telescopic, so will fold down to 1-metre and take very little storage room.

Please make sure you have a connector on the tip (pictured). This is attached to a short length of elastic which runs through the tip section. Once you have attached your rig (float and hook) through a loop of nylon to the connector it's just a matter of unfurling the rig from its holder. Make sure the rig length is the same as the whip's length, so you can bring the fish to hand for unhooking. A 4-metre whip needs a 4-metre rig etc.

Be very careful with over-hanging trees and please do not fish anywhere near



overhead power lines as this is very dangerous. Find a nice, comfortable, open swim and of course have a landing net available just in case of a larger fish. This is where the elastic comes in - it will stretch quite a way, to

absorb the fish's pull. There are of course limitations, it could be broken off by a brawny specimen, but you will be surprised at the size of fish you can land, with practice and patience.

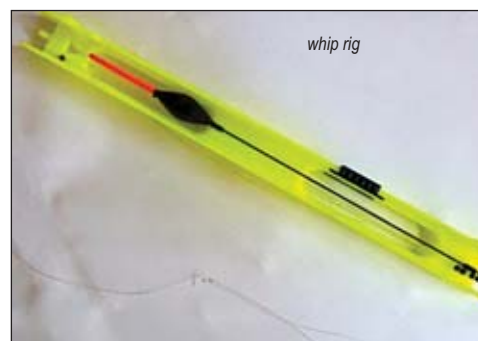
If you are interested in fly fishing, that is great, but it takes a little patience and time to learn how to cast.

Seek professional advice on this. I would suggest waiting until the age of 12 before you give it a try, but, once you have become accomplished the world is your oyster. You can fish for all manner of species and that includes carp! With fly gear you will appreciate the power of these fish. Fly fishing for carp is great fun and more and

more waters are coming around to this method, which can only be a good thing. During the summer months, trout fishing gets a little tough but this way you will always have a bend in your rod. You can purchase a good fly-fishing outfit that will cater for trout and carp from a good tackle store. Again, professional advice is the key.

**That's all for now.**

**Be safe have fun,  
Bob G**





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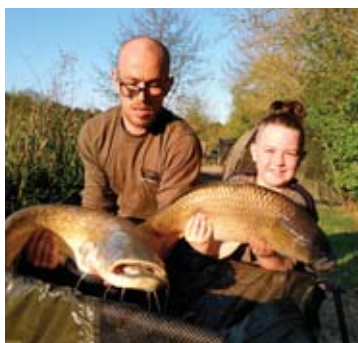
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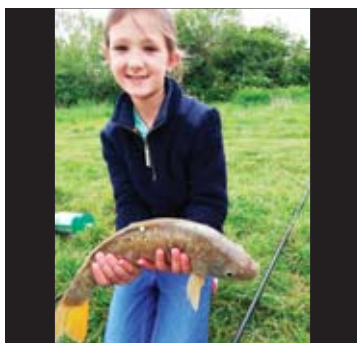
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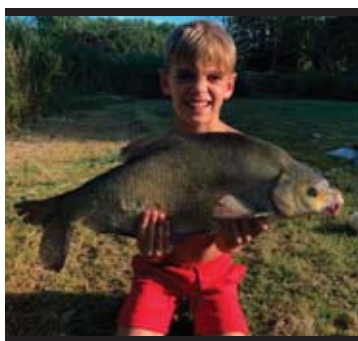
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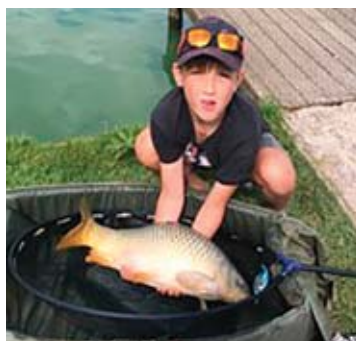
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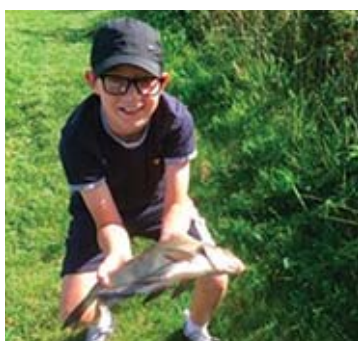
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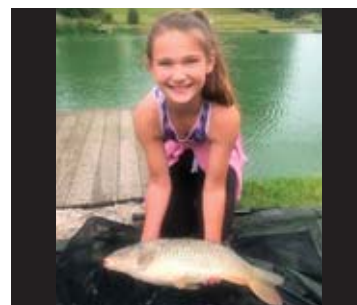
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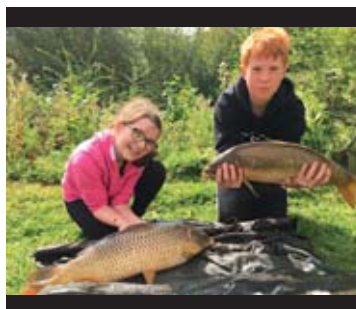




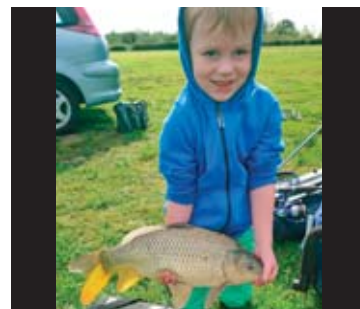
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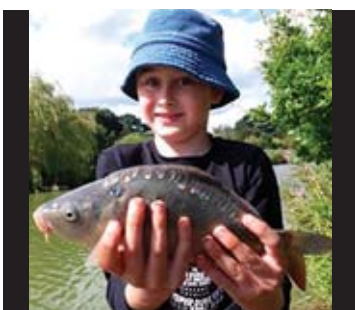
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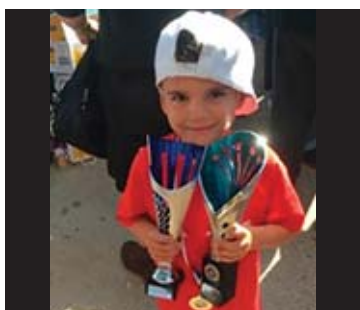
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**Welcome to October's River Informer!** The last few weeks have seen lots of anglers out on the region's river banks. I am delighted to have received a good number of reports for this section and I have included a number of them below. As the weather gets cooler, no doubt many anglers will be targeting the area's specimen pike and perch, so we look forward to receiving some great reports and photos of those in the near future!

## YOUR CATCH REPORTS

### Colin's swim

Colin has had a few sessions on the Ouse recently with his usual success!

"Having had a morning of appointments, I just had to get down the Sussex Ouse and boy was I glad I did .... I managed a brace of barbel weighing 6lb 11oz and 7lb plus a bonus clean bream going 5lb 2oz ... very happy with all fish falling to the 3FT Twitch



Dubby pellets. I'm having a good month having taken the bass from Pevensy Bay!! "I managed to drop onto the Sussex Ouse for a short session and got one proper pull round and this lovely barbel of 4lb 12oz graced my net ... again this one fell to a 3FT Twitch Dubby pellet used in conjunction with a feeder. I can't seem to find the bigger fish so heading to the Trent very soon for 48 hours - take care Colin."



### Huge Stour Barbel for Jake Hall!

13lb 4oz



"I set out for the 'Prince of the River' this season and have put many hours into locating the bigger fish and it has paid off! I have had 3 double figured barbel and just recently done an evening session on a very under fished stretch. I wasn't even sure if there were large barbel along this stretch as I had only heard rumours of fish up to the 7 lbs mark but I had that urge to just give it a go. At 9.45 pm I had the most savage bite and was hooked in to something a lot bigger than 7 pound! After a hairy battle through the weeds, I managed to guide it through to my landing net and I knew this was something special, it is currently my PB at 13 lbs 4 ozs and what a healthy thick bodied fish it was! I have also enclosed my previous best barbel at 11 lbs and 12 lbs." Regards, Jake Hall

11lb



12lb 2oz



Owen Worsell - 12lbs River Medway

### Nice chub from the Beult!

James Clifton sent in this great report:

"Hi Barry, I had these 2 chub from the river Beult. The biggest went 5lb exactly, the other 4lb 5oz. Both caught on free lined lobworm. Sorry the picture quality isn't better but I had to screenshot them from a video taken on my phone as I was fishing alone today."



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# A Countryman's View

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

**Going back a few years now to November 1960, a couple of notable events occurred, they were a Great Flood and the escape of farmed mink in to the wild.**

After days of heavy rain, severe flooding affected the Uckfield and Lewes areas causing much damage and railway lines to be washed away between Isfield and Barcombe Mills. The town of Lewes was badly affected and the streets resembled the river that flows through this picturesque town. Conditions were that bad that the famous Bonfire Night was cancelled. I can remember seeing the damage for myself, in particular, I recall the railway lines suspended in mid air as all the ground beneath them had been washed away! Property damage in Lewes and surrounding towns and villages was immense.



Lewes in flood

Along the Ouse and Uck corridors were a number of mink farms and these too were washed away by the flood waters. The main farm was at Buxted, further along the valley, and the 'residents' of these farms made good their escape as the water swept through the valley. The result was, in my opinion, an environmental disaster with large numbers of mink disappearing in to the neighbourhood. The first mink that I encountered was one that came down the Uck. I was talking to a local farmer when it hissed at us! At that time, we did not know what it was as neither of us were aware of the 'Great Escape'. The farmer returned to his farmhouse and came back with his gun and shot it! The animal was later identified by the 'skunk like smell' that emanated from it. We never knew the true number of mink that escaped from those farms. As the floods subsided, so came the full extent of the damage reports from the area. Along with these reports came further reports of significant losses of chickens, ducks and pheasants and other wild birds. The Ministry of Agriculture went in to overdrive and myself and many other keepers and bailiffs were recruited for a mass mink eradication programme. Every mink that was captured was logged. Every trapper had to complete a log, even the River Board Bailiffs were not exempt. It was strange that many of the mink were of different colours! I remember a number that I caught were black and white, silver as well as the normal brown. The mink soon spread through the catchment area and no water course or pond was without a mink problem. Even garden ponds were affected! Needless to say, due to the decimation, a virtual war was declared on this alien menace. Local fish populations were decimated and on one occasion I found two dead kingfishers beside a small stream which upset me. It was a huge mistake granting 'Fur Farm' licences and these farms were located in large numbers throughout the countryside. I remember a breeding pair of mink got in to a chicken house and performed absolute carnage among the poultry. I did 'apprehend' the killers!

After a concerted effort, the mink numbers were significantly reduced, albeit slowly. However, nobody could afford to become relaxed about the mink problem as damage reports continued to come through. Indeed, even to this very day, reports of mink sightings continue to be received from the catchment area. On one occasion, I can remember coming across some people trying to feed the mink on one of the rivers that I was responsible for! The problems from 1960 continued for many years afterwards, but, we were gradually winning the battle and if you were lucky, you could catch a whole family!

Sometime after the floods, a dredging campaign began on the Ouse. A number of trees were removed and the river was dredged from Barcombe Mills to Lewes. This resulted on a 'batter' of between 1 to 1.5 on the banks making fishing hazardous. The 'batter' is the steepness of the banks of the large earth bunds that were constructed to keep the water off the flood plains. This was done, we were told, to protect the Lewes and Uckfield areas. However, I could not understand, why this was done as, in my opinion, this pushed more water at a faster rate towards the town of Lewes. A flood plain was what we called a 'safety valve' in order to slow the flow of the river and allowed the water to drain naturally as all the old maps indicate these natural reservoirs. These holding areas allowed the water to gradually flow back in to the river and ultimately out to sea.



Mink

Back to today, out on the rivers, the recent rain has improved the flow of the water. However, the heavy rain has caused a lot of silt laden water to move through, This causes a potential problem of overflowing sewage systems, especially during storm flow conditions. I do know that people swim in the water during warm weather at Barcombe and other areas, but, the river receives the flow from two large sewage works at Uckfield and Scaynes Hill along with other numerous smaller plants. Whilst this is not killing fish or wildlife, the water does contain viruses which people may not be aware of! It would be nice if the recent large fines imposed on water companies went back to the Environment Agency to use on reinstating the damage caused by the incidents of pollution. The Environment Agency has had it's budget cut significantly by central government so it only seems right that the fines be given to the Agency to spend on the affected waterways and not simply go in to central government coffers! This money could also be used to perform more regular, rigorous maintenance on the treatment plants.



Hawthorne berries

At this time of year, the farmers are busy out in the fields gathering in the harvest, when the weather permits. Hopefully, this year's yields will be good which will help the farming community. I have no doubt that the immense machinery used across the Downs comes with a hefty price tag! Along the river banks and in the woods, the signs of the approaching Autumn season are becoming more evident by the day. The berries on the Hawthorne bushes are all colouring up and these fruits provide essential winter food for the Redwings and Field Fares when they arrive from other parts. The Rowan also has lots of berries which will no doubt be found by the birds. There are early windfalls from the Crabapple trees, indeed the trees are full of fruit. The cooler nights and mornings have seen the first of the wild mushrooms showing. Across from the field, I found the remnants of a wasps nest that was recently dug out from a fallen rotten tree log by a badger. Bits of the nest's comb was scattered across the area. I am sure the badger paid for his wasp nest raid severely by way of stings given the size of the nest! Wasp grubs were always a popular bait and I have caught many a chub on these fine grubs. The wood is now past it's best, but the balsam is still blooming and will continue to do so until the first frosts. The Goldfinches have been active on the thistle seed and no doubt the Teasels will get plenty of activity when the seeds ripen. These are a favourite food for all finches.

Over the past few days, I have noticed that the river flows appear to be lower, in particular, the ghyls and small streams which are fed from the sandstone on the High Weald on the upper reaches of the Uck and Ouse. With the corn harvest coming in as the weather allows, the foxes can be watched exploring across the fields of stubble. I sat and watched one as it left the cover of a hedgerow and ventured out in to the field, no doubt looking for a meal for it's large cub. The blackberries do not seem as large this year, maybe it is due to the dry weather experienced earlier?



Wasp nest

On a recent warm sunny day, I received an invite to fish a small private lake owned by a friend of mine. The lake contains a number of rainbow trout but they do not give themselves up easily! However, using a daddy long legs fly, I managed a fine brace of fish! I had always thought it would be great fun to catch a river carp on the fly. We have had a number of attempts with limited success on sunny days catching a few smaller specimens. On this particular day, another attempt at catching a carp on the fly resulted in a fine 8lbs specimen which fell to a muddler. Not a huge fish, but what fun on a fly rod!



Daddy Longlegs

With September being the official start of Autumn, the mornings have taken on a much cooler feel. We often refer to these as 'hop picking' mornings! Although there are very few hop gardens left in Kent and Sussex these days, the work of harvesting hops is now done by machinery. This work used to be done by armies of people from the surrounding area and London. My father used to look after a hop garden and had a gang of local ladies picking the hops. He used to measure the hops picked by the bushell and I spent many happy hours out in the hop garden. At the end of the day, dad would give the local pickers a ride back to the stables. Unfortunately, very few are left these days, but, I do, on occasions, meet one and we spend many an hour reminiscing about the old days! I can further remember sitting with dad as the hops were drying and would watch as he would occasionally throw a stick of



Hop pickers

brimstone in to the fire in order to kill off any bugs in the drying room upstairs. They were turned regularly and then pressed in to large hop pokes. Even today, many of the hedgerows in our village still bear the legacy of hop bines from a bygone age!"

**Cheerio for now, Jim Smith**



# THE GOLDEN YEARS OF COARSE FISHING *by Bob Rolph*

## Where are they now? (Part Two)

**Last month, Bob wrote about some of the legends from the early days and those who inspired him to develop and improve his own fishing and fuel the quest to catch 'the big one'! He continues this month! .**

Last month, I mentioned many of my old mates from the 1960s who fished for carp at Brooklands Lake at Dartford, when a 20 lb fish really was a fish of a lifetime. I never managed one so large at Brooklands, 12 lbs being my best, caught on potato from the shallows in the middle of the bay, long before the days of boilies, and long before Fred Wilton had started carp fishing. I first encountered Fred at Keston Ponds in the early 1970s where he was developing his theories with yeast based blends, wheat germ, Pomenteg and eggs!



*Ron Gould with good Brooklands mirror*

The actual early formula was a closely guarded secret, known only to a few, but I worked in a research and development establishment close by Keston in those days, and had the balls of bait analysed in my labs, where yeast was found to be the primary ingredient. The lake below Keston was in the grounds of Tate and Lyle research labs, and before the dam burst in the great storm of August 1968 held some lovely tench. Steve Edwards and Ken Rowley could vouch for this, as I know that they used to hop

over the fence at the crack of dawn! Sadly that great carp angler, Steve has gone to the big carp lake in the sky now, but he could have told a tale or two about Fred, Keston and the pioneering days of the boilie revolution.

The basic formula was 5ozs wheatgerm, 3 ozs Phillips Yeast Extract, 1.5 ozs Pomenteg groundbait, half oz of Farlene baby food, add 6 eggs and whisk. Mix into small balls add water and roll and boil for 10 minutes, in your mother's saucepan, previously used to boil, hempseed, wheat and Pearl Barley! Pomenteg was a powdered groundbait invented by Dick Walker, and tested by my old mate Charlie Kirkham on the chub of the Great Ouse, with great success!

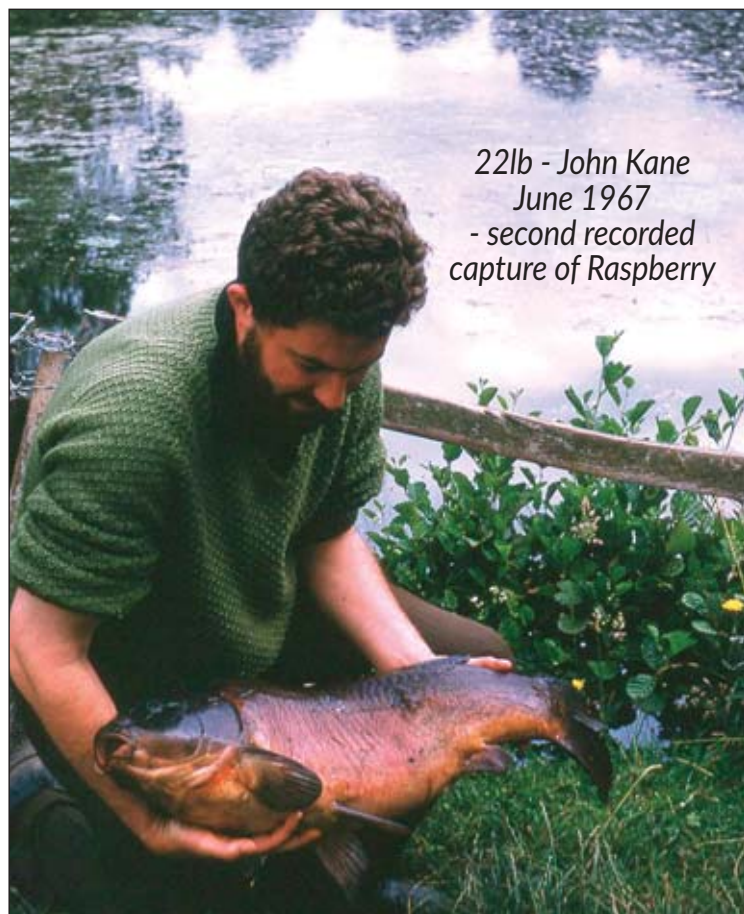
Steve and I were given some to try at Sutton, Horton Kirby and Brooklands, and by God they worked. One night at Sutton Steve had 8 small carp and I had 4, all on this new wonder bait, fish all around the 9 lbs mark. We tried them in Winter as well at Sutton, and Jim Gibbinson, Gerry Savage and Mike Winter were most interested, and wrote about it at the time in Fishing Magazine. Keith Dickens from Essex took bags of this wonder bait back to his local lake near Woodford where he



*Dave Quickshank with 25lbs Tring Reservoir pike*

lived, and I have often wondered how he fared! What happened to him? He seems to have disappeared from the angling scene along with so many others of the time!

Keith came down to Redmire with Grahame Igglesden and myself in June 1966, his black Jaguar parked by the gate on the far side of the dam, where we all put our cars in those days. He had a good fish down there of 24 lbs, at more or less the same time as John Kane's 22 and Dave Cruickshanks 16. Where are all these former well known anglers, have they all passed on, or given up fishing? I know that carp fishing finally drove a lot of us mad and the sad stories of the demise of some of the greatest names makes very difficult reading.



*22lb - John Kane  
June 1967  
- second recorded  
capture of Raspberry*

We all fished with such intensity in those golden years, single blokes, with no ties, and a desire to catch a monster, that after a while some just packed it all in, and took up gardening! I had just 20 years of specimen coarse fishing, then followed by 20 years of Reservoir Trout fishing, when I gave it all up for a further 20 years to travel the world. I've only just come back into it again in the last 2 years since I have retired, and still enjoy a leisurely afternoon's carp fishing on my local lake. I've come back to a sport which I hardly recognised. I go into a tackle shop now, and haven't a clue what half the stuff is for and as for baits, well, that Fred Wilton has a lot to answer for! What was wrong with the humble maggot, worm or potato? All still great baits, I used them all last summer with great success! Also cockles and mussels, great carp and tench baits. I'm a very old fashioned angler now, no use asking me about the last 40 years, but 50 years ago, well that's another story!

The fish are twice the size they were in my day, apart from the poor old chub, he never really grew up! But the size of Carp, Bream, Tench and Barbel is just phenomenal nowadays to an old Mr Crabtree angler like myself, all nearly double the records of 50 years ago. However the roach, rudd, perch and pike have remained more or less the same size, it must be down to high protein groundbaiting.

Perch have recovered from a decline several years ago, with perch disease, and 3-4 lb fish are regularly caught from lakes and rivers, even the good old Thames in its upper reaches, but the pike record has remained in the low to mid 40s most of my adult fishing life, 46 lbs now I believe, unless the trout reservoirs have produced another monster in recent years!

Please get in touch with Barry, the editor of this magazine, if you have knowledge of any of these 'old' anglers!



# AN OBITUARY TO BOB CHURCH MBE 1935 – 2019 by Bob Rolph



*"It seems that every month I now write of the demise of another great angler from the Golden Era of Coarse Fishing."*

This month, I regret to announce the passing of that great angler and writer Bob Church MBE, on Sept 9th after a long illness. Born on Boxing Day 84 years ago, Bob was a stalwart of his home town of Northampton and also a director of his beloved Northampton Town Football Club. The day George Best scored 6 goals at this unusual ground in the 1960s was a special day, Bob once told me. In the old days, they shared the ground with the county cricket club and the ground only had stands on 3 sides, like Sheffield Utd, Bob once gave me a guided tour of the ground he was so proud of.

I first fished with Bob in 1965, for eels on the Grand Union Canal near his home, then for tench at Sywell Reservoir and for chub on the Great Ouse. But it was when Grafham Water first opened in 1969 that Bob turned his attentions to Reservoir Trout fishing, introducing me to that branch of the sport soon afterwards. He took me to Grafham, Rutland, Pitsford, Eyebrook and Ravensthorpe Reservoirs, and taught me how to

catch trout on the fly, from Bank and Boat. Then years later, I took him to my beloved Bewl Water and showed him how well he had taught me!

The captor of so many huge fish too numerous to mention, Bob had great success with barbel, tench, eels, pike and trout, and fished for England many times for over a decade in the Loch Style events in World Championships and other competitions all over the World. There was controversy at one time when he was deemed to be a professional in a largely amateur event, and he was banned for several years, but came back to captain England eventually.

He took over Dick Walker's column in The Angling Times in 1984, wrote a weekly column in the Northampton local paper and was the author of over a dozen great angling books on aspects of both Trout and Coarse Fishing. His most famous and authoritative little book was called "Reservoir Trout Fishing" published in 1977, which revolutionised the approach to reservoir fishing at that time, especially off the bank. His series of trout rods all named after famous reservoirs were inspirational to me and I owned all of them, some given to me by him, to test. His small manufacturing company produced great tackle at affordable prices and included rods, bags, fly wallets, priests and a carbon reel. I used all of these at Bewl in the 70s and 80s.

I stayed at his house, a small red brick terraced home at 46 Perry St, Northampton, prior to many a trout fishing trip to the Midlands reservoirs. Just in the next street lived the former great carp angler Bob Reynolds. We all lived and breathed fishing in those heady days of 50 years ago! Bob Church was once voted Britain's 'Greatest Living Angler' by his Angling Times readers, an accolade previously reserved only for Dick Walker and John Wilson. I agree with this assessment and was most privileged to have known and fished with the great man in years gone by and to have been able to call him a friend and mentor. I once fished a whole series of weekends with him on the Grand Union Canal at Weedon Bridge, with him fishing a swim one side of me and Bob Reynolds fishing the other side. We all caught huge eels to 5 lb 8 ozs, 5 lb 5 ozs and 4 lb 12 ozs respectively. The swim later to be named by Bob as "The 3 bob swim"!

My first encounter with Bob Church's reservoir trout fishing prowess was at Gaynes Cove at Grafham, where his catch of 8 rainbows between 3 lb and 4 lbs changed the course of my angling career after seeing them laid out on his damp bass bag one Sunday evening in the early 1970s. His new long distance "shooting head" techniques with a no. 9 head achieved distances of over 45 yards or more, a technique I took to Bewl in 1978, much to the disapproval of the floating line purists! Church Fry, Sweeney Todd, and Polystickle were the proven lures of choice on those days, sometimes fished at breakneck speed!

In 1969, I was introduced by Bob to great reservoir trout anglers like Dick Shrive, Arthur Cove and Cyril Inwood and to a larger than life character from Leicester called Fred Wagstaff, but that's another story for later in this series, if you can stomach it!!!

Bob Church will be sadly missed, a truly great angler and human being. I owed so much to him, he not only loved the big open reservoirs, but also small big fish trout waters and the rivers, where the fish sleep more easily now, following his passing!!"

**Bob Rolph. 12 Sept 2019**



## YOUR CATCH REPORTS

### Lee has been busy!

Lee Prior sent in a couple of reports from the River Stour:



"I had day on the river perch fishing and lost a possible PB at the net! I had quite a few perch of this size and a bonus pike."

Lee had another successful day on the Stour with his buddy Jake when they had a nice mixed bag on maggots, worm and bread."



### MAIDSTONE VICTORY OPEN

Barming, Kent - 25 fished

- 1st Stewart Cottingham  
11-12-8 (Maver South-East)
- 2nd Fred Brown  
11-2-8 (SE Match Group)
- 3rd Paul Udell  
10-10-0 (Maver South-East)
- 4th Richard Taylor  
9-15-0 (Preston I. DELCAC)
- 5th Paul Hamlyn  
9-2-8 (Preston I. DELCAC)
- 6th Dean Luker  
9-0-0 (Maidstone Victory)

### MEDWAY

Barming, Kent - 17 fished

- 1st Stuart Cottingham  
(Maver SE) 13-3-0
- 2nd Gary Flint  
(NG Floats) 12-12-0
- 3rd Fred Brown  
(SE Match Group) 11-1-8
- 4th Mick Roberts  
(Maidstone Victory) 7-14-0
- 5th Russell Chandler  
(Preston I. Delcac) 7-10-0
- 6th Keith Dacey  
(Maidstone Victory) 7-3-0



# Medway Man

## Bob Morris

*I rarely do reviews in this column but every now and then I come across something in the form of a new item of gear or one that I have only just started using that I believe deserves a mention. I should perhaps also say that this is not happening because I have been sent a pile of the particular items to try out by the manufacturer/inventer. Hopefully, this will help to preserve the credibility of my comments.*



*A beautiful dawn - but is the long stay approach best?*

*I was very interested in Simon Pomeroy's piece in the last issue and I will certainly look forward to further observations from him in future. In particular, I have noticed more and more over the years that the art of what used to be referred to as 'watercraft' seems to be dying. The standard approach to much of the fishing (especially on still waters) these days in a sort of, dare I say, 'Carp style' plotting up approach. This often involves camping out in one spot for several days or more - surrounded by enough gear to sink a battleship, which certainly inhibits ones enthusiasm to move to another area if no action is forthcoming. Sometimes, the prolonged construction of the base camp can in itself cause enough disturbance to scare the fish off, or at least, for a considerable while. Maybe this does not matter - if you are going to be there for a week or you put enough bait out and are happy to wait a couple of days for action. Putting it like that, makes it sound rather like a criticism or even a complaint, but, the truth is that this is often a very effective way to catch - if you have the time to do it and can stand the wait for fish to move in.*



*Plenty to amuse Bob on the bankside*

*I love spending time by the waterside and find that I can amuse myself by watching the wildlife and environment generally, but, I have to say that I have never really been a good long stay merchant even in my old carp fishing days. It is certainly true that you can throw time at a water to get the results that you want, however, I seem to have a lot less time (litterally) to do this now anyway. Waiting for a wary fish to make a mistake is also a factor here and on certain waters the fish have seen just about every approach (and every angler) so this is no big surprise. This is another subject in itself and one that was mentioned by Dave Charley in his article in the same issue.*



*Tea for two*

*Getting back to the the subject of reviews, Simon P's Pallatrax brand has produced some interesting stuff over the last decade or so and I have recently become keen to experiment with the 'Gripz' range of hooks and have recently started to try them out. The first two fish that I hooked, both Carp, I lost due to the hooks pulling out - which does not sound like a good way to start a review. As both of these incidents involved weed and snags however, I was inclined to persist - getting firm conclusions on the fishing front does often involve a lengthy trial period to avoid making a knee jerk decision. I am glad that I decided to give them a second chance as I have now been using them for several months without further problem.*

*My long standing pal Cliff, (who still mainly fishes for Carp) has been using them for at least two years now - probably since they first came out and is extremeley keen on them. Without wishing to open the barbed/ barbless hook debate again, I can say that we have both been using barbless and advocating their use since the early seventies and would not be doing this if we had found any issues with them. For anyone who doubts that barbed hooks are damaging to fish I would just say this; try sticking one in your thumb or even in your pullover, if you are squeemish! The idea of the 'Gripz' hooks is that instead of a barb they have several ridges on the inside of the point and also the point itself is shaped like a spear head. All I can*





say is that so far, I am very happy with their performance, but I will have a better idea in a few months when I have used them in a wider variety of situations.



Bob in the workshop

With the Pike season approaching, I have been getting some enquiries from customers about the type of rods that would be suitable for a variety of different situations. While it is true that most Carp rods can be used for piking and it is also the case that you do not necessarily need a heavy test curve capable of casting a whole mackerel long distances (I frequently use my barbel rods for close range Piking) the number of differing tasks involved in this branch of the sport is quite considerable. I can therefore only suggest that any potential customers contact me to discuss their particular requirements.



Bob often uses his barbel rods for close range piking

I shall soon be getting onto the pike trail myself once again and although I have no set plans, I am likely to start off by combining a few river trips with a bit of early predator fishing, just to hedge my bets!

Best Fishes & Experiments  
Bob Morris

An advertisement for Bob Morris Custom Rods. The background is a sunset over a body of water. In the center is a photo of Bob Morris kneeling on a grassy bank, holding a large pike. The text 'Eurosport Exclusive Rods' is written in a circular arc around the central photo. Below the photo, it says 'Specialist Fishing Tackle'. In the top right corner, the website 'www.BobMorrisCustomRods.co.uk' is listed, along with Facebook and Twitter handles and a phone number. At the bottom, it says 'Contact Bob with your Pike Rod requirements' and 'Rods built on 9 10 11 & 12 blanks'. The main headline at the bottom reads 'All types of rods, built, renovated or repaired!'.

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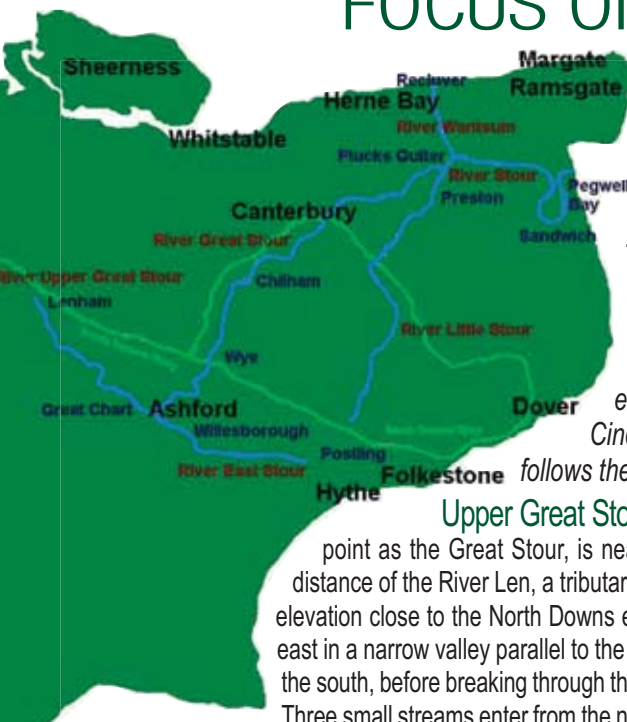
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# FOCUS ON THE KENTISH STOUR

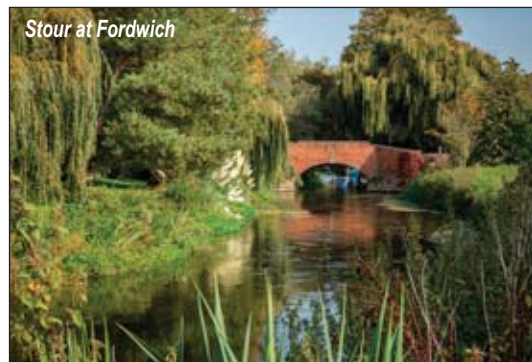


The River Stour is a river in Kent that flows into Pegwell Bay at the Eastern end of the Channel. Above Plucks Gutter where the Little Stour joins it, the river is normally known as the Great Stour. The upper section of the river, above its confluence with the East Stour at Ashford is sometimes known as the Upper Great Stour or West Stour. In the tidal lower reaches, the artificial Stonar Cut short cuts a large loop in the natural river. The Stour has Kent's second largest catchment area (the River Medway having the largest). The lower part of the river is tidal; its original mouth was on the Wantsum Channel an important sea route in medieval times. The river has three major tributaries, and many minor ones. For much of its length it flows in a generally south-west to north-east direction. The historic city of Canterbury is situated on the river, as are the former Cinque Port of Sandwich and the railway town of Ashford. The route of the Stour Valley Walk follows the river.

**Upper Great Stour** The source, of what is known at that point as the Great Stour, is near the village of Lenham within a short distance of the River Len, a tributary of the Medway. The source is at a high elevation close to the North Downs escarpment. At first the river flows south east in a narrow valley parallel to the escarpment and the Greensand ridge to the south, before breaking through the ridge near Hothfield into a broad valley.

Three small streams enter from the north, having their headwaters on or close to the Downs escarpment. Flood defences can turn this valley into a large lake and an embankment has had to be built to prevent overflow into the Medway catchment barely 100 metres away to the south. The river turns north east by the village of Great Chart in the direction of its outlet to the sea.

The confluence with the East Stour flowing from its source near Hythe is to be found at the former Pledge's Mill at the bottom of East Hill in Ashford.



Stour at Fordwich

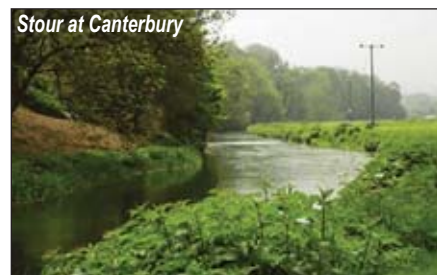


East Stour

**Lower Great Stour** The town of Ashford marks the start of the middle section of the river, sited at a crossing point of the river and on ancient track ways. In Ashford the river helps form part of the Ashford Green Corridor. After Ashford, the Stour breaches the North Downs; for most of this distance there are no tributaries. After the Brook stream enters from the right there are now 15 miles (24 km) to Canterbury. In this stretch the river flows through the villages of Wye, Chilham and Chartham with Wye being a fordable crossing.

The historic city of Canterbury lies at the junction of four branches of the old Roman Road of Watling Street which connected Canterbury with ports around the Kent coast – Lympne, Dover, Richborough and Reculver. Within the city the river flows in to two channels, one through the centre of the city, and the other to the north of the city walls. The two channels rejoin to the east of Canterbury, before the river reaches Fordwich, a former outpost of Canterbury and the current tidal limit of the river.

Beyond Fordwich, the river passes between several former gravel pits and through the reed beds of the Stodmarsh National Nature Reserve. Beyond the nature reserve lies the open farmland on the reclaimed marshes surrounding the river crossing at Grove Ferry Picnic Area, near the hamlet of Upstreet. At the hamlet of Plucks Gutter, the second of the large tributaries enters the main river: the 18.9 miles (30.4 km) long Little Stour, which begins life as the spring fed Nailbourne stream. From here on the river is normally known as the River Stour.



Stour at Canterbury



Great Stour at Ashford

**River Stour** The twin villages in the parish of Stourmouth (West and East) mark the original point where the Stour entered the erstwhile Wantsum Channel a strait used for hundreds of years until silting and land reclamation turned the sea channel into a large drainage ditch. At this point the third large tributary, the 8.4-mile (13.4 km) Sarre Penn (named locally as the "Fishbourne Stream") enters with the Wantsum Channel.

Here the river turns southwards to the once-thriving port of Sandwich after which it loops back on itself to the north before entering the Strait of Dover at Pegwell Bay. The Stonar Cut obviates the need for seagoing craft to



Stour at Wye

take the longer route around the loop at Sandwich. From the tidal limit at Fordwich to the sea, the river is fringed with marshes. Most of them are located on what was the floor of the Wantsum Channel, whilst those to the south lie behind the sand dunes of the Sandwich Flats. These marshes are criss-crossed with drainage ditches. The principal marshes are those of Chisleit, within the ancient estuary of the river; Wade, west of Birchington; and Ash Level.



**Stonar Cut** In the mid-18th century it became necessary to alleviate the problem of flooding along the lower course of the Stour. The action of tidal drift of shingle along the coast had resulted in the huge loop at the estuary end of the river, and on 29 November 1774 an Act of Parliament was enacted to bypass the loop at it narrowest end, at Stonar. The works, to become known as the 'Stonar Cut' made use of an existing sluice to cut across the neck of the loop, and were completed in 1776. During World War One huge volumes of both troops and supplies were needed on the Continent and, in the utmost secrecy, a new port was built at Richborough. Landing facilities along the Cut were built, and the East Kent Light Railway was extended to service the port. Nothing now remains of much of those works, and the Cut has been allowed to return to its natural state.



Stour Estuary at Pegwell Bay



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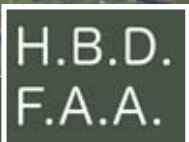
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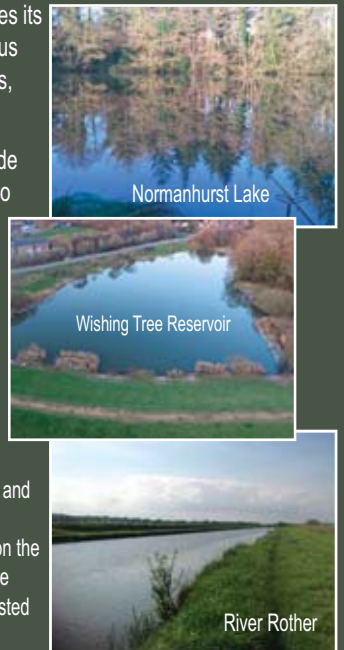
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We have stocked some good sized Rainbows and more Browns will follow as the weather gets colder, some unusual Brownies have been caught this year (see our Instagram Gallery) and we are happy to let our anglers take them home if they are fishing on a catch & kill permit. Boris, our Trophy Brown, remains in Lake 3 weighing 10lbs – so the challenge is on to catch him before the end of this year.

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*Tight Lines – Gaynor*

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# Lure Fishing

Andy Lush - 'The Friendly Fisherman'

## Pick and mix

Well after the prospect of an early Autumn, Summer returned in time for the August Bank Holiday. With the weather set fare for the weekend, I was happy to accept Mark Bryant's invitation to join him for the two days in his boat.



Where to begin?

We would be fishing some mid-channel deep water marks in search of conger eels. This was the first chance we'd had this year to continue our quest for a really big brute. The tactics were very simple; we would be legering whole mackerel fish baits on running leger rigs, either over rough ground or just up-tide of a wreck. Locating fish at sea is a skill that takes years of experience to acquire and I rely totally on Mark for this. Understanding how the tides strength and the state of tide, whether it's making or ebbing, and of course the wind speed and direction, are all factors that influence the choice of where to fish. As you can see there are so many moving parts in this equation that it's impossible to learn this skill quickly.

### Rough ground

Our first mark was an area of broken ground that Mark had been told had a history of producing large eels. As this was 'en route' to several wrecks, he decided to scope it out. Mark surveyed the area using the "side scanning" option on his echo sounder, this allowed him to see several hundred feet either side of the boat. Mark was looking for any extra features within the area that might concentrate fish, before dropping the anchor. It was strange not having to worry about snagging up, when wreck fishing you are very aware that if you're not losing tackle, you're not fishing close enough to the wreck!

First drop down and Mark's immediately getting bites, a series of sharp taps and pulls as something is sampling his bait. Finally the nibbles developed into a steady pull and then a run, Mark's strike met with heavy resistance as the first of several eels, up to 30lbs, battles its way to the surface. I on the other hand was bite less? On investigation I discovered why, no bait! Next drop down and the same again? This was silly, as Mark wasn't having any problems; I opted to copy his hooking method. Unfortunately, as it happened the change came too late as the tide had ebbed away to nothing and the conger bite was over, d'oh! We now switched to light spinning rods rigged with two hook paternosters, baited with thin strips of squid. Bites were instant, as soon as the lead hit the bottom the rod tips were rattling violently as black bream attacked our baits. There must have been hordes of these tenacious fish occupying the bank as we were kept busy for the next hour or so, and we were having loads of FUN. Finally the bites dried up as the tide turned, it was time to move, inshore.

### Inshore

Mark had located a small feature among some rocks that had held bass for several weeks. Our first approach was to drift the mark while vertical jigging with small metal lures. We caught two bass quickly, but, the lack of drift speed saw us abandon drifting in favour of trolling 'crankbaits'. The switch to trolling enabled us to search more water and Mark is a master of this tactic. Again tackle was simple, spinning rods with thin braided lines, 0.14 - 0.17mm, which would allow our plugs, Rapala Deep Tail Dancers



Black Bream are such fun fish to catch

to reach 25-30ft when trolled at 4-5mph. Mark offered me the choice of colour Rapala I wanted, we were both going to be using the same lure. I chose the natural carp colour leaving Mark to use a fluorescent orange perch pattern. Rods were positioned in the gunnel holders as we motored over the chalk ledges, every few minutes one of the rods would take on an alarming curve as the reel's drag screamed yielding line to another angry bass.

We were catching bass at regular intervals which indicates that the catch restrictions, only one fish over 42cm to be taken per angler per day, is starting to show signs of working. All our bass were easily released as Mark and I prefer not to retain any fish. Mark has converted all his lures to be armed with a large single tail hook, the belly hook position being left hook less. This means fish are handled more easily and efficiently and we no longer had to worry about being hooked ourselves. All we had to do now is avoid their sharp gill plates and spiny dorsal fins. "Lucky Lush" got lucky with an estimated 9lb fish, which unfortunately got hooked deeply in the gills and had to be kept as it was bleeding heavily. The more time we've spent fishing, the less we like killing any fish if they can be released safely. Having spent so much time researching our quarry, trying to understand them, we're less inclined to kill them.



This bass took a liking to a carp coloured Rapala Tail Dancer

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## Bait catching

Our final chore of the day was to catch some fresh mackerel for the next day's fishing. I also wanted to catch a few fish for my next door neighbours as they really love fresh mackerel. Half a dozen fish was plenty for two people; it saddens me to see anglers taking hundreds of fish, which will spoil unless they're eaten within a few hours.

## Mid-channel on day two

We arrived at our chosen wreck after more than an hour's motoring. It was flat calm, sunny and warm, what a treat. The water was so clear you could almost imagine you were somewhere exotic, anywhere other than the English Channel. Two baits were quickly dispatched to the depths, just up-tide of the wreck, bites started immediately. Mark's were strong pulls that resulted in an early fish of about 40lbs. My bites were rather finicky, light trembles that if I hadn't been holding the rod could easily have gone unnoticed. Eventually, my bite developed into a slow but firm run. I put my reel into gear, having previously had it in free spool so I could feed line to the fish to encourage a bite. My strike was met with solid resistance followed by an alarming surge of power as the eel tried to re-enter the wreck. My rod was now buckled over as the eel writhed shaking its head from side-to-side as it tried to rid itself of the irritation in its mouth. It was stalemate for a few moments as neither of us would give ground. Finally, I managed to gain a few feet of line as I lifted the fish clear of the bottom, now the slow process of short lifts and winding saw me gain the upper hand. By the time the eel reached mid-water, I sensed it had exhausted most of its energy, I started to feel confident that I was winning the battle. Suddenly the eel made an almighty power dive that saw me unable to do anything other than hang onto the rod. As much as I tried not to concede line, I was unable to stop the fish dragging precious line from my reel against a very tight clutch. A momentary pause as the fish tried to re-enter the wreck saw me summon up enough strength to haul the fish up and away from the structure again. Short lifts and winds saw me regain some line and the slow process of bringing the eel back towards the surface recommenced. Lift and wind, lift and wind, this time although it fought every inch of the way, the battle was won. Fifty feet off the stern of the boat, I saw "colour" for the first time as the eel spiralled in the current. Mark instructed me to walk the fish along the side of the boat while he positioned the net just down-tide, now all I had to do was let the fish drift with the current into the waiting net. It took both of us to hoist the conger into the boat, wow it was huge!

Now to weigh it! We had a large catfish weigh sling and heavy duty scales but lifting such a dangerous fish, as the boat pitched up and down in the swell wasn't going to be easy. Mark had thought of this already and had a small winch ready to lift the eel off the ground but we couldn't find enough space to lift it clear of the deck, to get an accurate reading. At over six feet long, with a girth of somewhere around 36" we decided on a weight of about 70lbs. It was academic really, a few dodgy pictures and the fish was released in good condition. We've not found a safe way of holding eels as yet, which does them justice. Their powerful jaws and brute strength make us both very cautious when they're aboard; we still have all our fingers which is the main thing. I've seen pictures of anglers holding congers with their thumbs in the gill holes but I'm not strong enough to use this grip and I'm more concerned with releasing them with as little harm as possible.



Brute strength required when conger fishing and strong tackle

A couple more eels later and Mark latches into another beast. Now Mark is much stronger than I so it was good to see him struggling too. I quickly handed him a butt pad as this fish was determined not to leave the wreck. He had to muscle it every inch of the way up to the surface while I took a few action shots. The fight seemed to be far more controlled than mine and I soon had to ready the net. Wow it's another chunk, again well over six feet long and just as thick in the girth.

The tide finally slackened and the bites stopped, time for some bream fishing! I re-baited my conger rod with a whole pouting of about a 1lb. Pouting are much tougher skinned fish than the mackerel that were being stripped to pieces by the ravenous bream. This rod was left in the gunnel holder to fish itself while I enjoyed the bream sport. The action was fast and furious with double hook ups almost compulsory, although not as big as the previous day, they were still a lot of FUN to catch. Time passes so quickly and it was soon time to up anchor and reposition as the tide was



Skip, I think we need a bigger net! copy

about to turn and change direction, swinging us away from the wreck.

I picked up my conger rod that had remained bite less while we had been bream fishing; I always strike before winding in, "just in case". As I wind down hard to get away from the wreck everything is solid, bugger I've hooked up. The rod then pulses twice, indicating that something was alive and attached. I wound down hard and heaved as hard as I could and the rod buckled over as a powerful eel tried to stay in its lair. I pulled with all my strength but neither of us was giving ground, what to do? I couldn't pull any harder and I needed to do something fast. I elected to walk to the bow of the boat in an effort to drag the eel from the wreck. It appeared to have wrapped itself around something, as they have a habit of doing. Having gained a little line, I wound down hard as I walked back to the stern. I pulled harder and still everything was solid when suddenly it became free. I had 'lost' my fish, but I could still feel some resistance. Finally, I retrieved my end tackle which had been shredded, only to find my pouting bait had been smashed to a pulp with my hook buried inside. We think the conger must have regurgitated the pouting rather than leave the wreck and had in fact never been hooked at all! That will teach me to multi-task!

The rest of our trip was rather uneventful but we did scope out another nearby wreck for another day. Before returning to port, we had to have another go at catching some bass. This time we would be casting soft plastic lures, Fiiish Black Minnows and Crazy Sand Eels, as we drifted an inshore chalk ledge. We struggled again with the lack of drift, slack water, we weren't covering enough ground. We've found bass are far more interested in chasing lures that are moving away from them or ones that change direction too. Drifting allows us to achieve this presentation while keeping our lures close to the structure and fish that triggers very aggressive takes.

As you can see by mixing up our methods, target species and locations, it was possible to keep busy catching fish for most of the two days. It's unusual for the fishing to be this hectic, but you just have to "make hay when the sun shines".

*Til next month, tight lines.*

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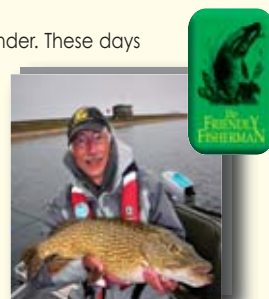
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# Medway and Kent Sea Fishing Group



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The past few weeks have seen the 'seasonal changeover' taking place. The whiting have arrived 'en masse' and it has been difficult to keep a bait in the water for many minutes. Good numbers of mackerel were being caught throughout last month, but, these shoals will break up and move away until next summer. A number of codling have been caught from beach and boat. An encouraging sign, but, too early to get hopes up! The water temperature is currently around 17 degrees so still warm. This will soon drop away as the Autumn takes hold. Don't forget that you can send me your sea catch photos via the Facebook page or by email!

## Thames report courtesy of Wayne May

Thames estuary charters have been catching plenty of fish this month, hounds, rays and sizeable bass on most trips. A few of the smoothhounds are still reaching double figures.

A range of baits are being used, ie ragworm, lug, herring and crab. Further up river has been a challenge to say the least, battling the crabs, with the crabs winning on most occasions! The QE2 bridge is producing plenty of school bass, caught on mackerel strips and rag. Moving along to Asda at Greenhithe, evening tides are showing slightly larger bass reaching 2lbs, fresh prawns proved best here, young Tom landing his first ever bass making the trip worthwhile. Fishing the following tide at St Clements reach we drew a blank, checking baits regularly, despite all our efforts, rig changes, different baits, nothing at all. The largest fish of the month was landed at Swanscombe peninsula weighing 5lb 7oz by a local angler.



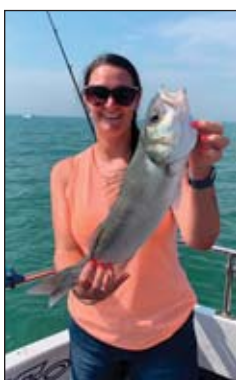
**Call NJ Tackle at Gravesend for all your tackle and bait on 01474 353998.**

## Medway report

Still lots of bass being caught all along the river with anglers at Wouldham and Halling having multiple catches. Although only around 1 - 2 lbs, they have been providing anglers with great sport on light tackle and ragworm bait. Some nice eels also being caught. Further out towards the estuary, flatfish, bass and eels are again making up catches. Lots of mullet have been seen but very few caught. A number of herring were taken on feathers from Gillingham pier!



**For all your tackle and bait requirements, call Lewis at Medway Tackle Supplies on 01634 475260.**



## Sheppey report courtesy of Sheppey Angling



This month sees the seasonal changes in catches with the summer fish leaving and the winter fish beginning to arrive as the sea cools down. Still good numbers of rays being caught, along with the odd hound, bass, flatfish and a few eels. Love them or loathe them, the whiting will be arriving 'en masse', especially after dark so make sure you have plenty of bait! We have our fingers crossed for a codling or two! **Visit or call Sheppey Angling on 01795 661089 for all your tackle and bait.**

## North Kent report

Still some hounds around along with a few rays. Some good bass still being caught. **Visit Absolute Tackle at Herne Common for all your tackle and bait. Call 01227 636724.**



## Thanet report courtesy of Fishermans Corner

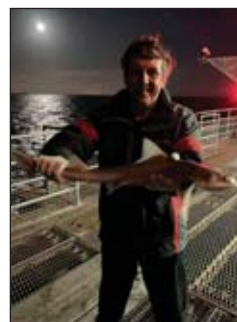
Ramsgate East pier continues to produce a variety of different species. Gurnard, sole, whiting, eels and school bass. Lugworm and ragworm being the top baits. Better sizes of bass are falling to lures along the Thanet chalk ledges over high and low tide in the clear water, with



splatterings of mackerel (although not in great numbers). **Fisherman's Corner is located a 5 minute walk from East pier and has a wide selection of lures and baits. Call 01843 582174.**

## Deal report courtesy of Dave Chamberlain

After a quiet September the beach fishing is now starting to pick-up with the arrival of whiting. These fish will get larger as the sprats and herrings move closer inshore later in October. Although they are not everybody's favourite fish, at least they give the rod tip plenty of action and anglers some sport. The weed alongshore, which has been a major problem this year, is not as bad now that the sea temperature is starting to cool down. Deal Pier is producing some good fish and, as always, it is hoped that there will be a run of codling this year (as a few showed up in



September). The pier's all night fishing session will be on 27th October; however, due to alterations/repairs part of the lower deck will be closed. In the next couple of months Deal will host some major competitions - so it will be advisable to order bait in advance to avoid disappointment. **For your tackle and bait call Fred at Channel Angling Deal on 01304 373104.**

## Dover report

At the time of writing there are still lots of mackerel being caught! Access to the pier has been affected by a number of cruise ships docked during the past few weeks. However, I understand that there are none or very few due in the next month or so. That will be good news as the winter fish begin to arrive. Besides the mackerel, there are still some rays and hounds being caught along with pouting, whiting and a couple of codling. There have been a number of early codling caught around the coast and out in the boats so fingers crossed for this coming season! **Channel Angling can supply all your tackle and fresh and frozen bait. Call Craig on 01304 203742.**



## Hythe report

Plenty of whiting!!! As soon as the sun goes down, the whiting have come out to play. Anglers have been catching them three at a time and are having to pack up early as they run out of bait. Some nice soles still being caught, along with rays, bass, a few dogfish and the odd small codling. **For all your tackle and bait needs, call Dens Tackle on 01303 267053 or Best Buddies on 01303 253881.**







## HASTINGS report courtesy of Hastings Angling Centre

The first half of August was very windy and really coloured the sea up which brought in a lot of very good soles which were being caught during the day. A beach match was won with 7 fine soles. See report below. The wind kept the boats ashore for most of the month. The last week or so of August and September to date has been very good with some very warm weather and settled conditions which have brought in an abundance of mackerel, whitebait and bass inshore.

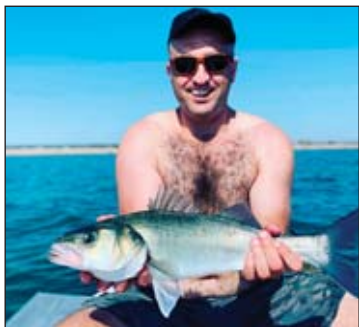
The good weather has allowed the boats to get out often with good catches of rays and black bream reported. The latest beach match however was a bit of a struggle in the bright clear conditions with plaice flounders and garfish featuring as the main catch (see report below). Interestingly a few small codling to 2lb have been caught in the evenings along with lots of whiting.

Prospects for October, big autumn tides should bring any codling about inshore. Whiting in coloured water during the day and hordes in the darkness. October is often a very good month for big bass off the shore. If the weather is calm mackerel can still be had right through the month. October is the last month for black bream off shore. Boat fishing can be very good with the water being warm and both summer and winter species overlapping.

This year's Hastings 2 day beach festival is on the 19 and 20th October. Call Hastings Angling Centre on 01424 432178 for details and to enter. £500 first prize.

### Eastbourne report from Tony's Tackle shop:

"This month's report ends with a massive bass for Daniel Wood from Langney Point on mackerel head of 9lb 7ozs. Fishing has been fairly productive with the last of the smoothounds, plenty of eels and plaice from the green path area and numerous soles have been caught, the best reported this month by Martin Twine of Majorca landing one of 1lb 12 ozs. This week with the 8 metre tides, I expect the fishing to be excellent with loads of soles, bass and maybe a few codling. 3 or four were reported from Langney and Pevensey Bay beaches, White Horses continues to fish well over high tide and a couple of hours down. Good size bream were also caught from the shore with larger ones from the boats. Congers, pollack and cod from the wrecks and some large smoothounds and plaice on fresh lug. Ragworm and fresh lug best from the local beaches. A slight shortage of squid this month not quite sure what's happening. Match fishing has been slow this month and should improve in September with the arrival of the whiting bumping up the match weights. Top men this month: Joe Plumstead, Gerald Sargeant and Daniel Wood. **Please send me any information to Tony's Tackle on 01323 731388. Fresh lugworm and top quality ragworm available to order.**" Tight



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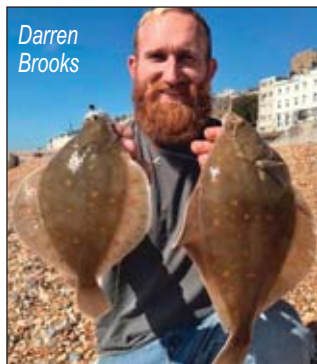
Dave Falk



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Jason Carter



As we move gently into autumn...so much promise. We have had the best mackerel season for years, as I write this (mid September) we are still 'knee deep' in mackerel. The big question is will the codling show in numbers...it all down to the weather...if we get enough to stir up the seabed and wash the all important food into the beach too motivate the cod to move inshore...time will tell.

## BEACH REPORT

This has been brilliant, the best mackerel fishing I have seen for years, the big numbers coming late in the season. As for bass...can it get any better? We have had some great sole fishing for those who targeted that species.

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

### Nice bag for Richard...

*I had this report in from Richard Smith in the early hours...*

"Thought I would give it a go targeting soles again this evening and glad I did! Arrived at Hythe about 8pm and set up between two other anglers with ample space between them. There was colour in the water but not as good as a few days ago. The tide was coming in and conditions looked good. fished with two rods, both rigged with 2 hook booms and small pieces of fresh lug. Second cast about 40 mins into the session i hooked a decent sole. Kept for a nice meal tomorrow evening.....looking forward to that!

Hooked another about an hour into the session once it had got dark, similar size. That was all for the sole. All other fish consisted of whiting, smoothhound pup and an eel. Finished up about 11pm."



### Great sole fishing...and bass

*I had this report in from Simon Newman this morning...*

"Another late night with Tim Knight at Galloways last night. I fished from 9 till 0200 for 4 sole (3 keepers nothing huge), a few bass.... Kept one for tea, dogfish, eels, flounder and a few whiting. I left Tim still fishing with 3 sole and this stonking 7 lb 4 oz shore pb bass which was safely returned after a quick weigh and photo. Well angled Tim, top dangling on a size 4 hook and a heavy surf to contend with."



### DAA Juniors on the beach today

*I had this report from Terry Carpenter of the Dungeness Angling Association Juniors who had their monthly outing today at Littlestone beach...*



"Juniors had their August meet today and they caught eels, whiting, pouting, starry smooth hound, on a lovely breezy morning"

### What a cracking pair...

*I had this report in from Andy this afternoon...*

"43cm & 44cm Sole on consecutive casts, top bait - thanks. Andy"

### You first have to go fishing...

*I saw this report from Simon Newman posted on Facebook last night...for all those on social media saying there is no point in going fishing because there is no fish out there...think again...*

"Dear Diary. Is this the end of my sole searching season? A session tonight at Hastings with messrs Tim Knight and Vince Brooks. Tim won the biggest sole sweep with the only sole of the night at 29 cm. It was however a whiting fest... At all ranges within seconds of the bait hitting the water. In reality, any sole there didn't have a chance of getting anywhere near the bait. What was most interesting is that Mr Brooks caught 3....yes THREE codling. Two were very small but one would have been legally a keeper at about 2 lb. Hastings... The new cod mecca on the South Coast? Who'd have thought it aye? (all cod were safely and carefully returned to the sea..... To be caught in nets when slightly bigger)."





## BEACH OUTLOOK FOR OCTOBER

This is now deep into Autumn...so much depends on the weather...if we get the wind to 'stir up' the sea bed...What everybody is thinking, will the cod show within casting range?

## BEST BAITS

Lugworm is the favourite, combined with squid (or cuttlefish, tougher...more whiting proof).

## BOAT REPORTS

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

### Dave on the money...

*I had this report in last night from Jerry Oiller of Fairchance (01797 363544) fame...*

*"A Beautiful day to be afloat. Dave Foggy Robinson aboard today, wanting to evade the Bream today, we anchored on the Bank of many Species, 2 sml Turbot, 2 Thornbacks, a Tope, Blond Ray and a Bass, missed a few good bites ! Well done Dave. ....Happy Days."*



### Cracking weather...cracking fish

*Here is another report from Anthony out on Peganina (07989778361) from Rye...*

*"Well the fishing been pretty steady I must say, here are few photos from last few trips."*



### Great charity event...great result

*I had this report in from Anthony on Peganina out of Rye...*

*"Me, Sally and the boat went to Ramsgate to fish the RNLI kids competition on Friday! What an amazing little event it is! The weather*



*was amazing and the fishing wasn't bad either - my little troop of 5 youngsters managed 112 bass (all returned unharmed) winning Peggy the best charter boat of the day!! Already looking forward to going again next year!! Massive shout out to the organisers Jason Parrott and Dawn Parrott, and to the companies who donated prizes as well!!"*

### Superb bream fishing...

*I had this report in tonight from Anthony of Peganina (07989778361) out of Rye...*

*"Lots of bream yesterday back in the 50/60 numbers again."*



### A lovely day for a conger...

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

*"A very happy Chris last night with his new PB conger."*



## BOAT OUTLOOK FOR OCTOBER

We have had some great fishing, and October can be great...still warm seas as the weather changes, brings you the best of both worlds...winter species and summer combined...don't be shy try for a cod?

## BEST BAITS

Still plenty of mackerel about...or try the classics, squid and cuttlefish, and of course lugworm.

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## BORN TO BOAT CAST – THE HISTORY OF UPTIDE & BOAT CASTING: PART TWO

It was the late Ian Gillespie that coined the term 'Uptiding' when he likened it to up-stream chub fishing. Ian (co-inventor of the original Breakaway lead & designer of the Spear Point hook) was an early convert to uptiding after experiencing amazing results using the then 'new method'. After a few years of comments such as "if you want to fish there, why not move the boat there?", the results started to speak for themselves. Well known anglers of the time like Geoffrey Bucknell, Clive Gammon and even celebrities like Bernard Cribbins came to Bradwell to sample what boat casting had to offer.



*Ian Gillespie and Clive Gammon were both early converts to boat casting*

The basics of uptiding are fairly simple, a grip weight is cast up and across the tide, and line is then let out from the reel until the weight is felt to have hit the sea bed. More line is then paid out, the tide then picks this extra line up and carries it forming a bow from the rod tip to the weight. This bow in the line is what causes the grip lead to dig into the bottom. The force of the tide on the bow in the line pulls the rod tip down. When a fish picks up the bait it will normally move away down tide, as it travels the grip lead is pulled from the sea bed releasing the pressure on the rod tip. The angler sees the rod tip spring back and start to nod as the fish moves off. At

this point the rod should be picked up and the angler should wind very fast to take up the slack line. NO STRIKE is needed as the hook has been driven home by the fish pulling up against both the grip lead and the force of the bow in the line. After taking up the slack in the line, the weight of the fish will be felt, at this point the angler should lift into the fish and the fight is on!

There are several reasons why boat casting works so well. One reason is the noise a boat generates at anchor, when a boat is at anchor she lays down tide of the anchor and chain. As the tide flows over the anchor rope (known as warp) noise resonates through the rope to the boat where the hull of the boat amplifies the noise. My Dad explained this process being like a string plucked on a guitar, the guitar string being the anchor rope and the guitar body being the boat hull. This coupled by the noise made by 6-12 anglers has a dramatic effect on the movement of fish in relatively shallow water. Good charter skippers are not just boat drivers, they choose the mark to be fished carefully based on their experience. Whether it is an area of rough ground or the edge of a sand bank, the skipper will place his boat in ambush of the fish making their way past with the tide. These fish will by-pass the noisy boat by thirty to sixty yards depending on depth of water. After around ninety feet of water, uptiding becomes very hard and is really unnecessary as at these depths the noise of the boat has little effect on fish movement.

Before boat casting, boat anglers would use short rods like broom sticks and lines as thick as rope, to combat the force of the tide. Weights as heavy as a pound or two would be needed to keep a bait on the bottom. On a charter boat with lots of anglers, they would often do more knitting than fishing! Boat casting allows the use of much lighter, and more sporting tackle. Longer, much lighter rods and thinner diameter lines coupled with leads that are between three and nine ounces give the angler a far more pleasurable experience compared with the old fashioned over the side method. Uptiding is in fact an extremely efficient method on a crowded charter boat and will present your



*Aerial diagram of anchored boat, rod positions and fish movements*

bait almost perfectly in the correct position. Uptide rods or uptiders as they are affectionately known will be around nine feet long. The first uptiders were simply cut down beach casters, they have gone through a few evolutions since then. The last third of the rod is fairly light, this gives good bite indication even for mini species like whiting and dabs. A light tip also absorbs the action of the boat rolling and prevents the grip lead being pulled from the sea bed. These light rods are a pleasure to use and despite being light very large fish can be landed as long as the angler does not panic and plays the fish well. Back when I was crewing for my Dad, everyone used decent multiplying reels as they had very good clutches, nowadays fixed spool reels have caught up and are now an option to the boat caster. Anglers, particularly sea anglers seem to hate a fish taking line from their reel. There is no need to panic if a decent fish takes line, simply let it and let the rod do its job. The rod will absorb the fish's lunges and the clutch will wear it out, the angler should just enjoy the fight.



*Fish artist Keith Linsell & Geoffrey Bucknell land a big cod*

Not only is uptide and boat casting a far more sporting method, it also allows 6-12 anglers to fish very efficiently on a crowded charter boat. For example, if say eight anglers are on board with four on each side, then the first two anglers would cast up tide almost parallel with the anchor warp, the port hand angler would cast to around ten o'clock and the starboard hand angler to about two o'clock. The rest of the anglers would then follow suit so the lines would be fanning out from both sides. If there are more anglers on board or if the last two chose to, they can cast directly down tide. This leads me to one of my favourite methods of boat casting, a method that can't often be used on a crowded charter boat but can be deadly for bass. This method is to use a plain lead on a running ledger and to cast it across the tide, once the lead hits the sea bed pay line out to form a bow. As the tide hits the bow in the line it makes the lead roll along the bottom. When we used to fish the 'Kentish Knock' (the last sand bank in the Thames Estuary), Dad would position the boat so that the sand bank was directly behind the boat. This would allow 5-6 anglers to cast out and across the tide, letting their baits roll with the tide to the bottom of the bank. This method also works well on the many shallow water wrecks that lay in the Thames Estuary. Not only have we had good bass, smoothounds, and ray fishing, I have also caught some cracking dabs using a rolling lead.

Generally, a basic running ledger with a 3-4 foot hook length is used for boat casting. However, if the fish are being finicky, for example cod can get preoccupied on sprats in the later part of the season, then a fixed lead can be the key to landing a few fish. As the fish move down the tide, competition normally makes them engulf a bait and run with it to stop other fish stealing it. If there is lots of food in the water coupled with fewer fish, then they will often just mouth a bait before moving on to the next juicy morsel. By using small baits with a fixed lead it has the same result as the carp anglers bolt rig and drives the hook home. Personally, I would just use a cut blood loop for this method, simple is often best.

There is one more type of boat casting that's worth a few lines and that's the casting of lures from a boat. Back in the day we used 'Tobys' and 'red gills', these would be cast at shoaling bass if we were lucky enough to see some. These would also be used to cast over some of the shallow water wrecks that we have in the Thames Estuary. The boat would be anchored uptide of the wreck and while most anglers would be bait fishing, a



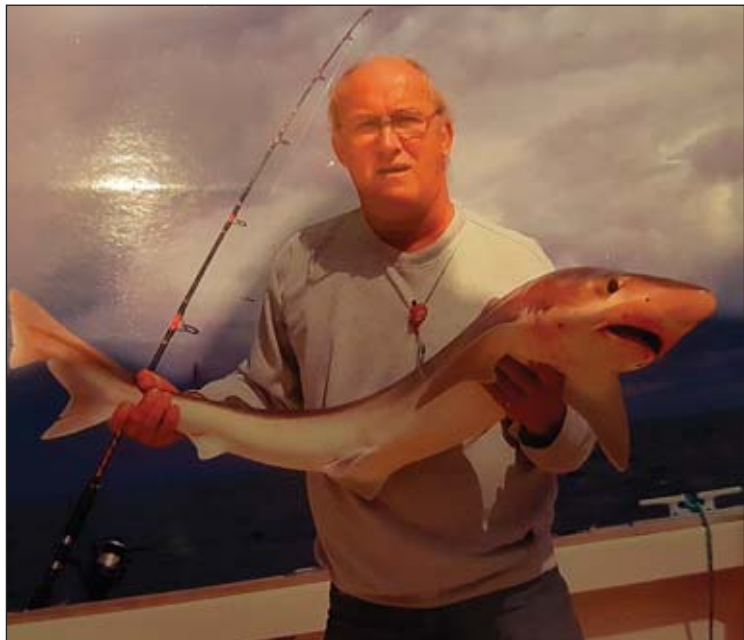


Sam Cox aged 6 with a 7lb hound

few rods would be set up with 3 ounce weights, long traces and red gill lures on. If at any stage bass started hitting white bait over the wreck, then these outfits would be employed. I once watched my Dad catch and tag 79 bass in 82 casts, these fish were between three and five pounds.

As we are in 2019, we do not have a winter cod fishery in the southern North Sea anymore, we do have an influx of dog fish, thornback rays and in early Spring a spur dog fishery is developing in the Thames Estuary, so the remaining charter skippers do have sport to offer their paying punters through the winter months.

I sold my small angling boat a few years back in order for the Mrs and I to save for our recently purchased Broad's cruiser. These days, I rarely get a chance to boat cast. I do a lot of shore fishing from late April through to mid-November. The ironic thing is that when my Dad stumbled across uptiding he was 'beach fishing' from a boat! When I started shore fishing, I was just using the skills I had learnt on the boat. So I was doing the opposite and was 'boat casting' from the beach!



Bob Cox with an Irish tope caught while boat casting

Dad sold his boat (Misty Blue) back in 1996 and sold his business Cox & Rawle about seven years back. He rarely casts a line now, although has campaigned for better management of our bass fisheries over the years. He has gone back to photography and spends hours out in nature photographing wild life, he specialises in birds of prey. He does get excited when I report back with a good day's fishing, he nearly always rings me when I'm out fishing just to see what I have caught!

I think most anglers have their Dads to thank for getting them into the sport and I'm certainly no different. Angling has been my life as far back as I can remember, it's what gets me to sleep every night. I had a privileged childhood where angling is concerned and will always hold those very special years close to my heart.

Finally, I need to correct some facts about the Bradwell tope records that I got wrong in last month's article. In the 80s, the old 74lb record was beaten on John Rawles boat by a fish of 76lb, only to be beaten three days later by a 79lb tope caught on Kevin Benhams boat by Phil Richards. About a year later that record was beaten by an 82lb tope again caught on John Rawle's boat by an angler called Bob Chatfield."

*Tight lines, Sam*

## KENT BOAT REPORT courtesy of Jason Parrott



Is this the revival of the codling at Ramsgate? Two trips onboard Lady Ann of Ramsgate and two codling more than we had for the whole of the winter and another codling was caught off the pier, although I am not getting too excited just yet though! The hounds are still about in numbers but mainly juveniles. The odd double being caught and Steve Dentex at Queenborough is the 'man on fire' at the minute finding some very good fishing. The bass fishing is very good with bass every trip with a better stamp of fish showing. To put these bass in to perspective, in RNLI Ramsgate's junior competition all the vessels landed a total of 250 small bass, although some under size, but it was kiss and release and a points system and we raised a grand total of £5600. Thanks to all the charter boat skippers and donations from you. Back to the fish, skate are showing for the first time properly and for most of the year it has been disappointing but they are only being caught when the weather allows us to get off. On to bait, I have to confess we had some king rag from Medway Tackle Supplies at Gillingham brought on to the boat and I have to say that I haven't seen snakes like that since I was a kid digging at Minnis Bay on Spring tides. I have been using blacks with good rewards now that my peeler supply has nearly dwindled and John at Fisherman's Corner is the man for great bait! We need to keep going to these shops as the tackle shops are closing fast!!! You may well pay few more pennies but we need them to be there, especially us charter boat skippers. All in all, what a good month to look forward to!

*Tight lines and keep safe from Team Lady Ann of Ramsgate, Jason Parrott*



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