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

September was a busy month and this most beautiful month of the year, in my humble opinion, always seems to be way too short! All anglers have a favourite month, whether it is for a fishing reason or a personal one. I know from recent conversations that October is another favourite, especially with carp anglers. The fish have a feeding spree prior to the coming cooler months and pack on the weight. Many will also take on a winter hue and will look in their prime. The summer months were tough on the fish and fisheries with the weather conditions and increased angling pressure taking its toll for many months. That pressure will now have eased and the environment and Nature can settle in to its Autumn slumber. Predator anglers will be eagerly anticipating getting back out on to the water in pursuit of the pike and perch which again enter in to their prime as the water cools and pressure desists. This Spring and Summer have seen an enormous amount of new anglers take up our beloved hobby along with many returning to the pastime after a substantial break. For someone entering a tackle shop after a long lay off, I can imagine their bewilderment at what is now on offer! One tends to take it for granted when you are amongst the array of goodies all the time.

For those readers who follow the magazine's Facebook page, I made mention that the Big One Show, that was rescheduled for the end of October following the cancellation back in March, has once again been cancelled due to the virus situation. The Show is now due to be held in March 2021. Although I am not directly selling a product at the show, it is a great opportunity to meet and chat with readers. No doubt come next March we will have lots to talk about!

At the time of writing, Mrs Reed and myself are shortly off to our beloved Cornwall. We are both thoroughly looking forward to some 'downtime' after what has been a very 'challenging year!' I might even have had the chance to do a bit of fishing myself!

This month is a special one as it marks the 24th 'Birthday' of the Freshwater Informer! The magazine is stronger than ever and more popular than ever before. The recent comments received when we returned to paper shows the esteem in which the publication is held by its loyal readership. It is so very different from 'paid for' national publications as it features real anglers (that's you!) in real situations at venues that you know. Nothing is contrived to sell a product or promote a brand, just fishing as it should be! However, the Informer is only made possible by its loyal advertisers. Please support those businesses that appear in the magazine and if you are a business currently not appearing in the magazine, why not join the family? Get in touch for a chat!

Enjoy your fishing, Barry Reed

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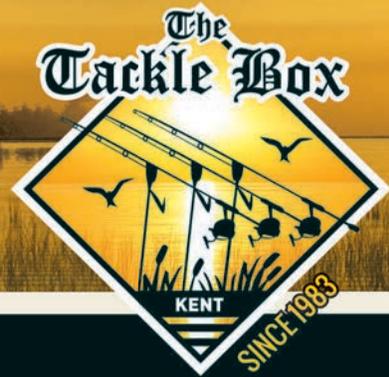
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Beaver Fishery Lingfield, Surrey

Snipe Lake Chris Edland was back and banked a 26-10 mirror while his buddy **Darryl McLaren** had a common of 25-08, **Josh Ewles** had a 24-08 mirror while his mate **Josh James** had a mirror of 26-14, **Richard Lock** had a **PB** when he banked a common of 31-08, **Darryl Cook** banked a fully scaled mirror of 18-06 and a 28-06 common, **Wayne Toogood** had the big grassie at 29-09 on his first visit since catching a 29lb mirror 2 years ago, **James Atfield** finally broke his run of blanks when he banked a new **PB** common of 29-09, **Dean Streeter** also had a **PB** when he banked a 25-14 mirror, **Stuart Green** had a nice stockie at 18-14, **Mick Box** had a well deserved fish when he banked a common of 22-03, 'Hayleys Mirror' has graced the banks again a couple of times at an average weight of mid 30's, **Georgia Neale's** first visit on Snipe Lake saw her bank a mirror of 25-07 and **George Whitworth** had a great few afternoons stalking and he banked a 19lb mirror and 3 commons weighing 26lb, 28-08 and 29-12.



Darryl Cook - 18-06 Snipe



Josh Ewles - 24-08 Snipe



Josh James - 26-14 Snipe



George Whitworth - 29-12 Snipe



Stuart Green - 18-14 Snipe



Chris Jones - 60lb

Westlake (Formerly Tuscany Lake) As of writing this report we have temporarily closed the cat lake due to low water levels, but before we did, it was, as usual, producing some cracking results. **Simon Mercer** and his buddy **Andrew Nicholson** had a bumper night when they had 32 runs and banked 28 up to 38-08 and then Simon came back on his own and banked 8 cats to 48lb, **Andy Rowley** had one at 50lb, **Mark Brookes** had cats at 25lb, 27lb and 32lb, **Luke Osbourne** had 6 cats to 54lb while his mate had cats to 36lb, **Chris Jones** banked 2 x 20lb, a 48 and then one at 60lb, **Chris Ball** banked cats at 17-03, 23lb and a new **PB** of 31-09 while **Kevin Ball** had cats at 24-04, 25-06 and a new **PB** of 45-12, **Del Waters** had cats at 20, 25 and 35lb while his son-in-law **Tom McDonald** had 13 cats including 2 50's to 57lb.

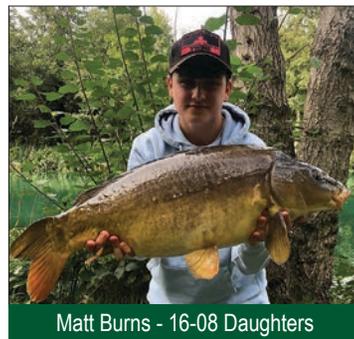
Jeff's Lake has, as usual, been producing plenty of F1's and a few bream to day anglers. The September Open Match results were 1st place - **Pawel Lesniak** with 47-04, 2nd place - **Tony Barton** with 29-08 and 3rd place - **Barry Horsnell** with 21-04.

Moat Pond has been producing some good catches, an example of this is when **James Catling** caught 10 carp to 11lb and a bream and **Dave King** had 4 carp to 9lb and 3 decent bream.

Daughters Lake has been tough at times but we have had some lovely fish banked. A very well done to **Matt Burns** who has had mirrors at 11-03 and 16-08, **Eddie Mills** had 3 low double mirrors and a 16-02 grassie, **Morgan Finch** had a low double mirror, **Charlie Coburn** banked a 15lb mirror, **Barry Skilton** had a 14lb linear, **Chris Shepherd** had 2 grassies at 14-01 and 22lb, **Alec Brown** had a 12lb linear, **Chad McDade** caught his 1st grassie at 15-09, young **Jake Parker** aged 11 had a 15lb grassie, **Matt Lucas** banked a 13-08 mirror, **Mike Wakefield** had a 12-08 fully scaled, and **Nick Driver** banked a mirror of 10-08, a common of 11-02 and two grassies at 11-08 and 17lb.



Chris Shepherd - 22lb Daughters



Matt Burns - 16-08 Daughters



Morgan Finch - Daughters

Eden Pond has, like Daughters Lake, been tough at times, but has been producing tench. Regular **Jim Masters** had his usual fill of tench when he banked 8 of them and a couple of carp and **Harvey Coulson** had a few tench up to his **PB** of 5lb.

Majors Lake has produced some nice fish this month, **Joel Boorman** had a 20lb fully scaled, **Paul Bentley** banked a ghostie of 9lb and a 13lb common while his daughter **Emma** had 2 commons at 8lb and 13lb, **Dennis Wheeler** had a 10-05 common and a 16-05 mirror, **Trevor Burgess** got amongst the carp again when he banked a

Billy Looker 6yrs old
3-01 Crucian - Majors

Joel Boorman - 20-00 Majors



Trevor Burgess - 18-08 Majors



Harvey Coulson - 5lb PB Eden

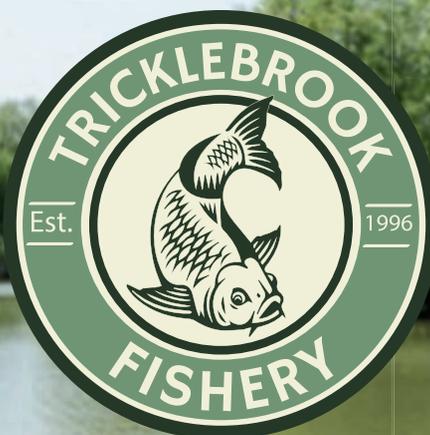
mirror at 18-08 and young **Billy Looker** who is 6 years old banked a crucian carp at 3-01 while fishing with his Dad.

Well done to all and sorry to all who weren't mentioned. Please don't forget to send in your catch report pictures.

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The Bank Holiday weekend saw lots of anglers on all of the lakes and the River Eden.

River Eden The most popular fish sought on the River Eden was chub with specimens of between 4.5 and 6lbs landed. The largest chub landed this month and this year's record fish was 7lbs 1oz. Roach to 1lb 2oz was the largest at the weir pool caught by **Duggy** who also described a large eel that got away but produced a lot of excitement.



Michael - Silver Lake

Hare Lake This is a very pretty lake with the water lilies providing cover for the perch which like to feed on maggots. Where the water was clear the damselfly larvae could be seen rising to the surface and being chased by the bream and crucians.

Silver Lake **Michael** caught some lovely fish including a 6lb common carp and a 7lb 2oz common carp.

Oak Lake has fished well considering the air pressure changes and it was particularly good to have seen some cooler weather. A 25lb grass carp was landed by **Kris Ywintt**, well done. Send in a picture with your details, if it is published you will receive 1kg of crafty boilies. [Subject to availability]

Shelbi Aldridge caught her first carp at 16lbs 8ozs within an hour of setting up. Her boyfriend was still assembling the bivvy!



Shelbi Aldridge - Oak Lake



37lbs 2ozs - Admiral Lake

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30lb 1oz Mirror - Specimen Lake - Julie Marston



George Brown - Quarry Lake



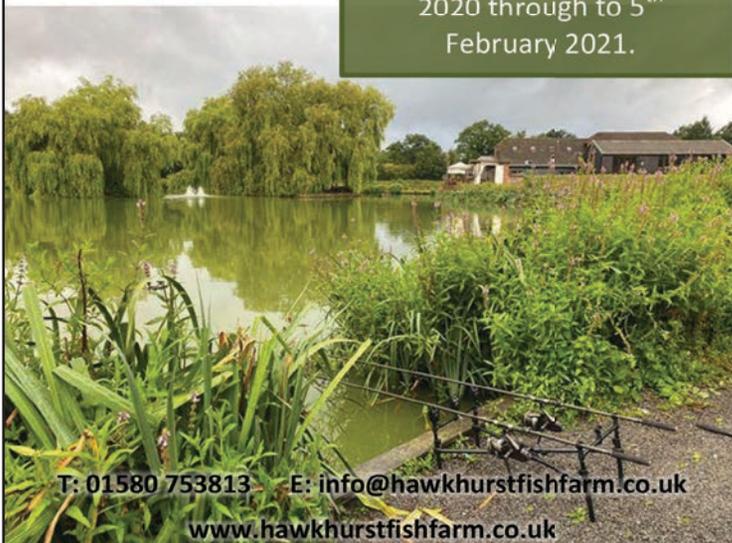
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Snake Lake Our river styled lake has seen a few match anglers producing good bag weights as well as the day ticket angler catching a good stamp of carp.

Rosies Lake With water levels low and temperatures still hot, the fishing has been slow for some, but we have had reports of carp and crucians being landed.

House Lake has been a very busy lake this month with it being close to all amenities. The lake itself has fished very well with lots of carp being caught on boilies and the fly.

Middle Lake Another popular lake with 20lb plus carp being seen on the bank.

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Kell Lake



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38lb - Kell Lake



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Claygate Lakes Claygate, Marden, Kent

Well, what a month we have had with a lot of heat and not a lot of rain and fishing has been slow on all lakes.

Lake Sophie Maggot/worm worth trying along with prawns.

Lake Eva We are finding anglers fishing 24-48 hours on this lake and then returning to do more sessions as they are getting a bend in the rod. Off the top in the evening and krill boilies are working. We will be carrying out bank and swim repairs to part of the lake at the end of September but the rest of the lake will still be open for fishing.

Lake Amy has been slow but fish have been coming out on zigs and pop-ups with the recent rain. Regulars have been catching on luncheon meat and halibut boilies, our regular Monday day guy **Ray** had a 30lb 5oz common.

WINTER TICKET Our ticket runs from 1st November to the end of March.

It's that time already and this year's winter tickets are going on sale. As some of our regular anglers have struggled to get on the lakes this Summer, we have decided to order another 2 x 30s and 1 x hopefully 40lb (it was 35lb last year in the stock lake). These fish are coming from Chilston Fish Farm, as you can see from the pictures they do breed some lovely patterned carp. Only winter ticket holders will have the opportunity to name one of these fish which have never been caught or fished for before. Once the carp have gone in, winter ticket names will be put in the hat and drawn out to see who gets the first or second weekend.

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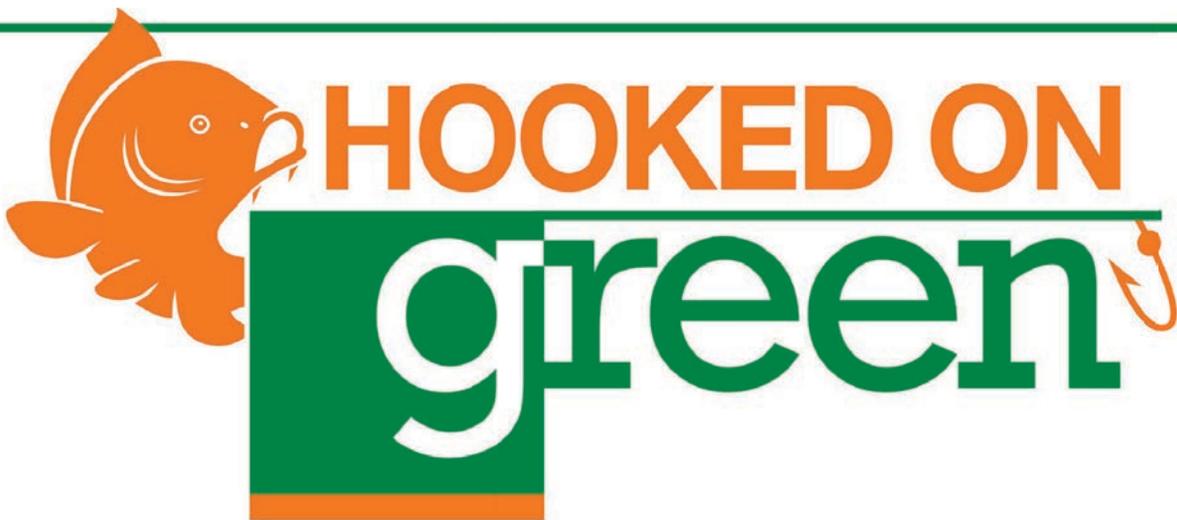
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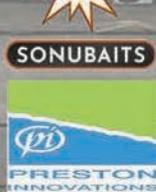


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Barden Lake A few of the big carp have been caught along with some smaller fish between 25lb and 38lb. Large bream still showing which have been caught to around 14lb.

Old Ballast Pit Although the water level has got really low, it is still fishing really well with carp to just over 30lb reported with good bream and tench also being caught.

Longfield Lake A few larger fish have been caught but not so many anglers have fished it recently.

Haysden Lake Still very clear and weedy but skimmers, roach and the odd perch still being caught.

The New Lagoon The low water level has not affected this venue at all as plenty of tench still being caught to over 7lb. Bream to nearly 8lb and carp to just over 8lb coming out frequently in the shallow end of the lake.

Weirwood Not many reports coming from here in the last month due to high water temperatures putting off the predator anglers.

River Medway Most areas still fishing well, especially Hartlake, Sportsground, Cannon Bridge and Ensfield Bridge. Good mixed bags of silvers with the odd big chub being caught to 5lb.



KENT CHAMPIONSHIPS - River Rother (97 entries)

We would like to congratulate this year's individual winner,

Richard Taylor of Medway Tackle, Tonbridge who represented Tonbridge and won on a rock hard day, catching 7lb 10oz of mainly skimmers and a decent perch. Congratulations also to Maidstone who took the team award with just over 20lb for their top 4 anglers. A huge well done to Edenbridge for organising a great day and to our Match Captain, Martyn Hill for organising our team and creating a lot of enthusiasm within our club for the matches.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Barry,

I enclose a photo of a specimen thick-lipped mullet weighing 6lb 11.5oz which I caught from a mark near Shoreham in July. The fish took breadflake on light float tackle (size 10 hook to 6lb line) and fought for over 35 minutes before coming to the net. When I first hooked it, the fish took out around 70 yards of line in an almost continuous run and I was forced to play it for much of the time with the rod held high to stop the line from being shredded on the sandy, weed-strewn bar which led off into the deeper water. By the end of the fight my line was so badly scuffed I had to replace the lot. I love mullet and rate them as amongst the very best fighters, pound for pound, in UK waters. Yet if the proposed Benyon Review goes through unopposed, I and many other local sea anglers will be losing our right to fish such places.



I was very impressed by Sam Cox's sobering assessment (August issue) of the issues facing recreational sea angling. I think it's utterly appalling the way the present government is treating anglers, first with their highly prejudicial Benyon Review and more recently with an Agriculture Bill which includes an amendment to allow freedom to roam on all our rivers. Basically a charter for wild swimmers, canoeists, paddle-boarders and just about anyone else to do as they like everywhere. It would mark the final nail in the coffin of river fishing and we simply mustn't let it happen.

I enclose a copy of a letter sent today to my local MP, Maria Caulfield concerning the Benyon Review and would urge all readers to similarly write to their own MP's. It doesn't matter whether you're a sea angler or not, this is just one of several serious threats now facing the recreational angling community and we need to stand together on all of them. And if you're not already a member of the Angling Trust then please join up without further delay. We really do have no other significant means through which to influence government decisions.

Very Best Wishes

Stewart Allum, South Chailey, East Sussex



Well done Richard!

Richard Taylor of Medway Tackle, Tonbridge fishes for DELCAC and he won the Kent Championship on Sunday 13 September.

An excellent result for Richard who was up against a good turnout of 92 other anglers on The Rother near Wittersham.

Dear Mrs. Caulfield

19th August 2020

Impact of the Benyon Review of Highly Protected Marine Area on Recreational Sea Angling.

You will be aware from previous correspondence that I'm a keen angler who is passionate about protecting our freshwater and marine environment. I've fished around the Sussex coastline since my youth in the early 1970's and have been active in previous campaigns to protect vulnerable species such as bass and more recently, grey mullet from over-exploitation by commercial interests.

Throughout all this time, it has been recreational anglers and pretty much they alone who have singlehandedly campaigned on such issues. The Bass Anglers Sportfishing Society for example, was established as far back as 1973 with the aim of helping to conserve the species and promote the ethic of catch and release among its' members, an approach which is now widely accepted within the sport. The National Mullet Club, to which I belong, was formed in 1975 with similar aspirations. Since then we've witnessed the massive plundering of these (and many other) species by commercial nets until it's now finally been recognised, after decades of campaigning, that bass are in urgent need of increased protection. Mullet, on the other hand, though far less valuable from a commercial perspective, are now being netted at an unsustainable rate and their numbers have crashed dramatically in some areas, especially here in southern England.

The point I am making is that recreational anglers, who have steadfastly been the vanguard of these conservation efforts, now face losing their freedom to continue fishing under the proposed HPMAs regulations.

Of course I welcome any recognition at government level that our seas need more protection but the Benyon Review of Highly Protected Marine Areas (HPMAs) is wrong to include a low impact hobby like recreational sea angling within the same category as destructive activities like trawling, dredging and drilling. This is inaccurate, unfair and shows a misunderstanding of our pastime and its impacts. One trawler (let alone a factory ship or a team of pair-trawlers) will easily account for more fish mortalities within a few days than all of Britain's rod and line effort combined could possibly hope to achieve in an entire year. And that's not counting all the dolphins, porpoises, guillemots and other unfortunate creatures routinely slaughtered as accidental 'by-catch' during the course of commercial netting operations.

I would therefore draw your attention to the Angling Trust response to the Benyon Review which I fully support and which I'd like you to read. A link to this document, which can be found on the Angling Trust's website, is included in my email (at least I hope it is - given my very limited IT skills).

I would also like to point out how important sea angling is to the coastal economy in the places I fish such as Newhaven, Brighton and Eastbourne which boast numerous tackle shops and charter boats catering for the needs of recreational sea anglers.

Overall, recreational sea angling is significantly more valuable from an economic perspective than commercial fishing, supports more jobs and provides important income to the tourist sector which is particularly important at this time of crisis for many struggling coastal communities.

I'm therefore writing to ask if you would write to the Rt Hon George Eustice, Secretary of State at DEFRA, and ask him to reject the proposals to bring in an automatic ban on sea angling in all of the new HPMAs and to support the recommendations of the Angling Trust's response to the Benyon review.

We urgently need a new process to engage the recreational angling community and other stakeholders in examining the potential for the introduction of multi-use marine protection zones which allow for low impact and recreational activities and which protect fish stocks and restore seabed habitats, including the creation of specific 'recreational only' buffer zones to operate alongside any new HPMAs.

I hope you agree that this would be a sensible way forward and would deliver marine conservation in partnership with your sea angling constituents in the Lewes area.

I look forward to hearing from you and will forward your response to the Angling Trust and other anglers in the area.

Yours Sincerely, Stewart Allum



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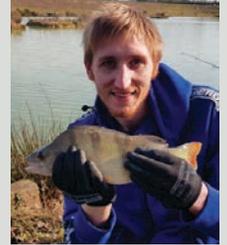
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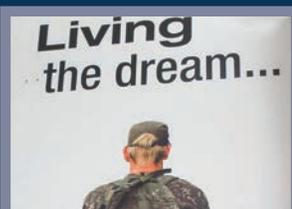
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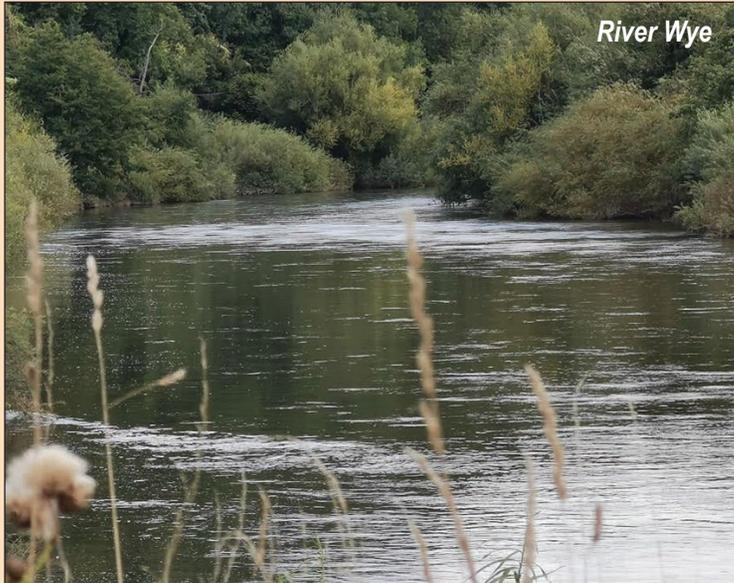
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River Wye

newcomers and it was appreciated that Robert took the time and effort to pop down and see us a few times.

The plan was to take our creaking bones and to drop into several swims for short periods to see if we could locate the fish. Clambering up steep, wet, and muddy banks was certainly challenging and showed me that I am far from fit, my thighs are still aching! Each time we left a swim we would fire out some 'freebies' on a spot and would then revisit throughout the session.

Tactics could not have been simpler with a four-ounce running Stonze weight to a 9-inch fluorocarbon hooklink tipped with a Gripz size 10 Wide Gape hook. One of the nice things about this super sharp hook design is the in-turned beak which protects from the rocky bottom, and there are some very rocky patches on the Wye that can easily turn the hook point. Regardless, we would still be checking our points on every cast because fishing with a blunt hook is a factual no, no!

On the bait front, though we had brought a few 'change up' baits, we chose a real proven barbel and chub catcher: Meat Beast. A 'luncheon meat pink' coloured 'Squab' which



Old Harp Fishery

POM'S
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This trip was a bit of a funny one because I had tried to fish this venue twice in the last year but each time we'd had to call it off as the river, which rises quickly after rain, had each time gone into unfishable mode! But this time, even though the weather was all over the place and the river was high and coloured, Mother Nature let myself and fishing partner, Rich Shaw, get bankside at the Old Harp Fishery in the village of Hoarwithy, five miles outside of Ross on Wye. What I first noticed though was not the river, but an incredible church, St Catherine, that stands proud atop the village. It really is a breath-taking building and makes this venue even more spectacular.

Back to the river, which always screams fish, fishing a new venue for the first time highlights the importance of background information and we really knew very little of the waters which were running high, fast, and coloured. Fortunately, we were met by the fishery manager Robert Fox who highlighted some of the deeper pools and more prolific swims. The on-site Team should always want to help



St. Catherine Church

is highly potent with an array of flavours and attractors including Wild Crab, Frankfurter, Malay Spice, Pork and Black Pepper. One of the benefits of fishing with the four sided 'Squab' shape is that, unlike a round bait, they will hold up in the swim and with the water pushing through that could only help us to keep baits and our free offerings within the swims.

Before each cast, a blob of the corresponding paste was wrapped around the two 10mm hook baits to give added attraction with a quicker breakdown rate. We should never forget a boiled bait will have a membrane, the hard skin on the outside, which will hold flavours in and conking off, as described, can pull fish in a lot quicker than simply relying on the hook bait. In such coloured water, the fish were certainly going to have to use their heightened senses to locate the baits and the more potent the better!

All you can hear is the water rippling over the exposed rocks and as on every trip to this river the number of kingfishers

blasting up and down the river was breathtaking. Their distinct call as they hurtle through your swim and high in the sky, pairs of buzzards circle on the wind. We were also regularly visited by a Little Egret, white as freshly driven snow, and another sight I would never normally see. I know this all sounds somewhat melodramatic, but this place is truly heaven on earth and creates the perfect fishing atmosphere.

The truth is that the fishing was difficult, and we had to work hard for the bites. Miles were walked (well staggered!) and it seemed as soon as you had a 'pick up' in one swim the fishing died. But who really cares when sitting in the pouring rain a double rainbow suddenly appears! But it was far from a blank as I landed twelve spirited chub and Rich came up trumps with three barbel and a decent chub.



Rig and bait



Pom and chub

Needless to say, it won't be long before I am back to an angling destination I can only recommend to my fellow anglers. It is a genuinely special place, unspoilt by man and a haven for wildlife of all sorts and a river where you can only but enjoy yourself, whether you catch or not.

Until next time, stay safe and catch more.

Simon 'Pom' Pomeroy
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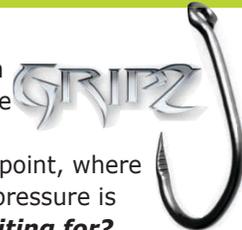
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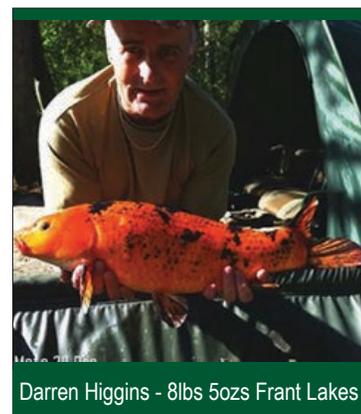
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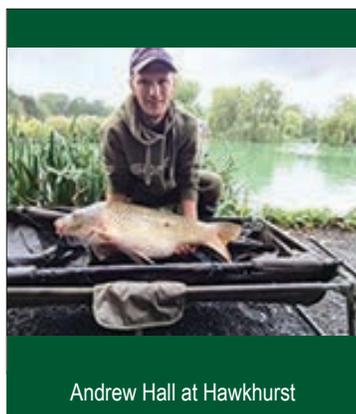
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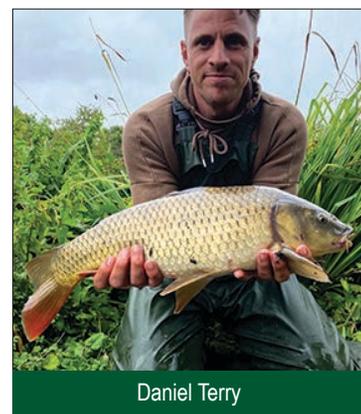
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John James Kelly - Dungeness Long Lakes



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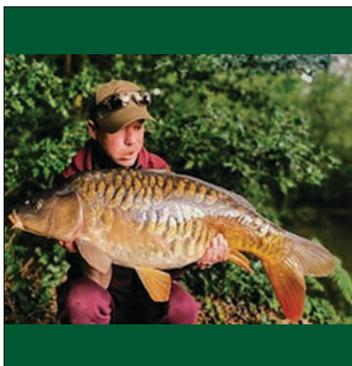
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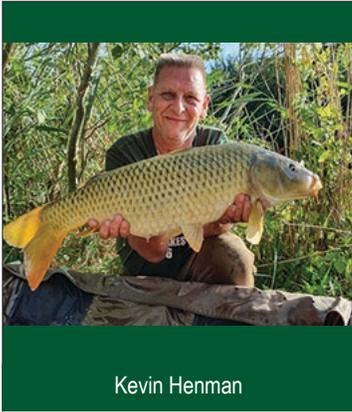
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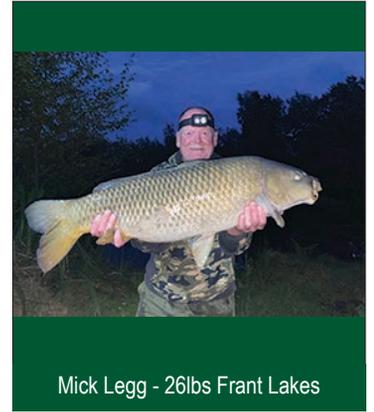
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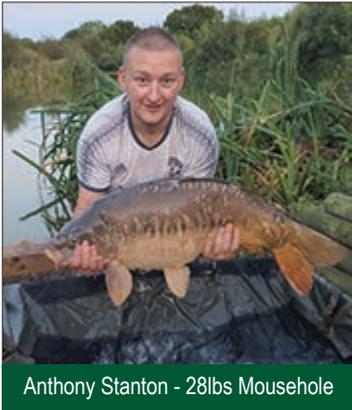
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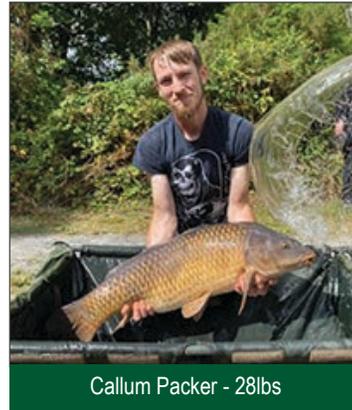
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Keston Ponds discovered!

by Joanna Whelan

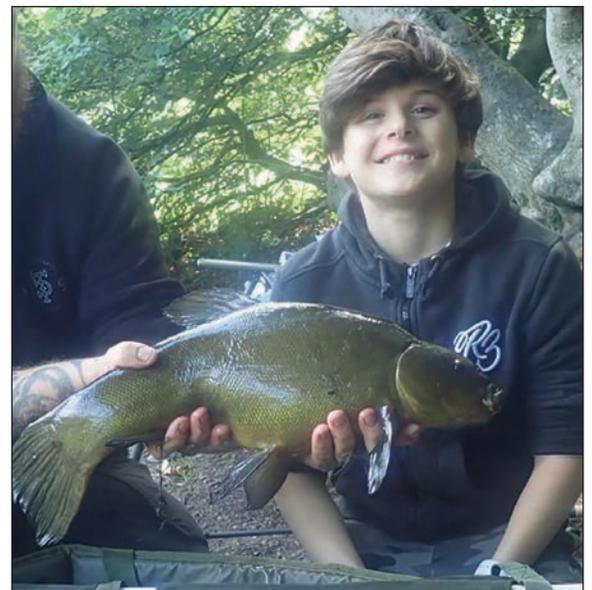
I've lived in Orpington for 12 years now and I've never really 'explored' my local area, only the route to and from work, or doing my local weekly shop at Tesco! When 'lockdown' happened, it gave us the perfect excuse to go and see what was around, and we stumbled upon Keston Ponds, which are two lovely little lakes, one full of lily pads, and one full of weeds. The first lake has mainly carp and pike, and the second has mainly tench and a few stunningly coloured koi carp.

Dan, my partner, loves tench, and I love carp, so when the closed season finished in June, we decided to try fishing the tench lake. It was very weedy, Dan made a rake and our first attempt at fishing saw Dan spend the first 2 hours raking out the weeds. When he'd finished we could see the tench feeding on the bottom, surely we were going to catch...!

First attempt, nothing. Someone recommended trying the chod rig, and after some YouTube 'how to' videos, and a quick trip to the tackle shop, we made some chod rigs and off we went again. On our second attempt, I managed to catch two beautiful tench around the 4lb mark, and Dan, nothing. My son joined



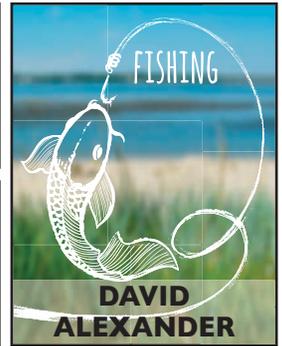
us on our third attempt and he caught a 6lb tench, but Dan and I had nothing. After a few more sessions, and a few more blanks we got lucky and on day 7 Dan managed to catch a 4lb tench (yay). During our several trips, and several blanks, I also managed to beat my personal best and caught a lovely 11lb 7oz mirror carp!



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Hello and welcome to the October edition of Junior Informer!

Life seems to have returned to a more 'normal' state now that the schools have re-opened and many adults have returned to work. No doubt many of you were secretly pleased to return and see all your friends once more! However, it does mean that the serious learning has to start once again! The past few months have not been an easy time for many people, but I hope that you used your time well. We certainly received lots of junior catch photos this summer and it was good to see so many families out fishing together. Never fear as the half term break is due this month so it means that you will have some extra fishing time if the weather is fairly kind. Don't forget to send us your catch photos!

Thanks also to the many magazine subscribers for their kind donations!

Teddy does well on the Medway!

Proud Dad, Aaron-John McGinty, sent in this great report for his 5 year old son Teddy-John:

"Teddy is the nephew of former Drennan cup winner Ted Bryan, and he is also named after him.

Teddy caught this 2lbs 8oz bream on a 4ft pole, fishing 4ft deep with 2 maggots on a size 14 hook. It was special because I make fishing floats and let him paint one. He painted it, in his words 'rainbow colours' so it was good to catch his PB on a float he made. It was caught from the river Medway at East Peckham, Kent. He didn't want to hold it, so I had to hide behind him for the picture! He was so excited about his catch bless him."



Jenson's on form!



Tom Adams sent in this report for son Jenson:



"Hi Barry, I took Jenson out for a night this week and he managed to up his PB by a few pounds with this mirror and he also had a massive bream which he was very happy with. I was quite surprised as I didn't know the lake even had them. Hope you are well, glad to see the magazine back in print!"

Regards, Tom



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Robyn and Jack

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If you are the parent/parents of Robyn and Jack please email Barry as we have been unable to make contact.



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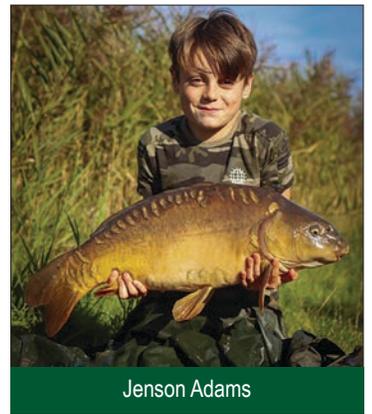
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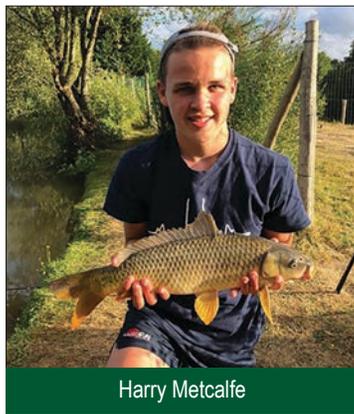
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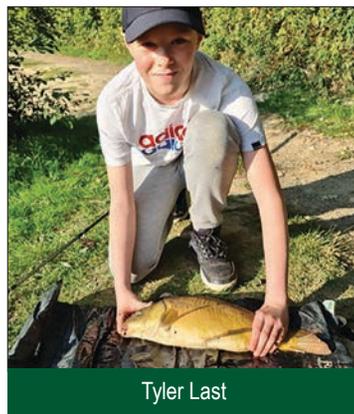
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OCTOBER TIP OF THE MONTH from instructor Rob Goble

As I write, the weather has that chill in the air. The daylight hours are getting shorter, after all, it is October and with the clocks going back an hour shortly, my mind wanders back to those heady days of times past, chasing cod. A time when the anticipation ran high as the cod were starting to appear around our coastline. It was a case of hastily preparing and cleaning rods, replacing main lines and shock leaders and making sure the reels would not let you down not forgetting assembling all the end tackle and weights etc. ready to go. The excitement rose with every task!!

One favourite venue close to where I lived, back then, was the infamous 'Black Post' out on the Thames Estuary, a steeply shelving shingle beach, not a problem then to get to either on foot or on a bicycle, I was much fitter and younger then! A little less able to do this today. I almost took it for granted, that I would catch a few cod, and so did many other anglers it seemed. Day or night - it didn't matter; we would fish a couple of hours either side of high water which was the best chance and we had a ball. Our bait was lugworm, with several strung up the hook length and fished "clipped down" on an early version of a Pulley Rig (Please: look up on Youtube), with a 6 oz weight.



You would cast out a little uptide, so as to let some line out and to belly into the tide, the spikes on the lead would dig in, holding the terminal tackle and "offering" close to the bottom and swaying enticingly for the cod to take. The bites when they came, were usually drop back or *slack liners* meaning the fish had picked up the bait and lifted the weight out of the bottom, thus hooking itself. All that was needed was to pick up the rod wind down until you felt the weight and the kicking fish and in a short while, the fish was on the beach! Then you would bait up and cast out again.

The 1970s - 80s were boom times for cod all around our southern shores with another favourite venue being Dungeness. The trouble being was that it was also very popular with the masses with anglers packed all along the shoreline from the trawler boats all the way round to Galloways and beyond. Finding a spot could be difficult, and you had to get there early to pitch up camp!. Night time tides were always best, especially after a good storm. The greedy cod would come in close to the beach to feed on all the worms and shell fish washed out of their beds close into shore. At night the Dungeness beach would be like Blackpool illuminations with Tilley lamps burning away as

far as the eye could see! What times we had, but unfortunately, not so these last few years. Yes, you can still catch cod, but not in the numbers of yesteryear. I believe the cod are now called unicorns !!

Overfishing has played a part and now we have super trawlers ripping the heart out of fish stocks! Is climate change also another reason? Are the warming seas driving the cod further north to cooler waters? However, on the plus side bass have increased in good numbers and we are seeing more exotic species that make for interesting fishing. One thing is for sure, we all have to play our part in preserving fish stocks. Little did we know that the cod would run out, but with care, those heady days might return? Let's hope so!

I have posted a couple of pics from bygone years with the now called unicorns.

Coarse Fishing will still be good as long as there is no frost. Carp on the fly will still be good. All you need is a small bucket of around 10mm dog biscuits for scattering around the lake's area to entice them to the top, then be stealthy and wait patiently, you won't mistake the carp when they arrive, slurping, sucking and boiling in front of you. All you need do then, is to cast out your deer hair imitation dog biscuit/pellet in amongst the biscuits and be ready. Carp are very greedy creatures and curious, you may think they won't take your fly, but greed gets the better of them eventually when they slurp in your offering so be ready. It won't be gentle! It will be 'wallop' like a bat out of hell', don't forget to up your line tippet strength !.

Trout fishing also starts to come into its own now. The trout tend to feed more confidently with the cooler weather, especially after the leaner warmer months earlier. Don't forget, trout will be tending to chase and feed on small fish as well as the usual bugs in order to fatten up for the colder months to come. Bewl Water should be "on fire" with trout feasting heavily - especially closer to the bank so I fully expect fishing taking off. Also the smaller waters such as Springhill, Tenterden, Brick farm and Lakedown will be good. Please support your local fishery! Need I say anymore and the fishing should be brilliant!

Flies to try this October will be Minky's Minky booby, Blobs, of one colour or another, Damsels, the inevitable Cat's Whisker, in fact anything which has lots of movement in the tail. And not forgetting the Daddy long legs (crane fly pattern), read last month's edition.

October could be a bumper time on the water be you a sea, coarse or game angler.

Whatever your passion, stay safe, keep warm, but mostly have fun! Bob G.

Fishing for schools - OCTOBER UPDATE

from **Charles JARDINE**

The Alien returns.....!

Once again, I stray from Fishing 4 Schools and the customary updates.

With a social, angling, sporting and increasingly, an industrial world, once again thrown into virtual chaos with the onset of the 6-only rulings, it is hard to know what to do, plan or indeed do anything other than, heave a sigh, shrug the shoulders and soldier on....and fish ; out at least to do something which makes sense. Little else does at the moment!

Once again, Fishing 4 Schools is in moderate turmoil and the painstaking work of Warren White and his team has been thwarted by changing virus guidelines and just the sheer fear of what might be transferred between folk. The one thing I have tried to do is to carry on - as much as possible - in a similar way as before. Naturally, things change, they must, but I am not for capitulating.

Whatever happens, the legacy that all of us have worked so hard to achieve over the last few years must continue unabated. Kevin Durman has found ways to teach and show young people fishing in south Kent; so why not just, well, soldier on.

That's why it gives me huge pleasure to include the press release below. I really hope that you read it and act on it... I am NOT doing another marathon. I am too old, too bone achingly weary of the training and just love to get back some of my spare time. I have outlined how little we actually need to make a difference and it really is, just a couple of quid, more would be nice, but I would settle for the price of a packet of hooks, rig stoppers, a ledger or float etc.! I really do want to make this last one count and go out in an angling flourish !

If my parents - or for that matter, games masters at my old school set in the Weald, could see me doing running events - especially Marathons - they would have collectively fainted. I hated running.

But you know, running - well trying to - 26 odd miles for something you genuinely believe in is not so bad or far, not really. Fishing 4 Schools is worth it... believe me.

Please Help! Just this one last time! For angling futures!

Charles Jardine



Jardine's last – and oddest – Marathon



The Rutland Runner

The cancellation and resulting disappointment of the iconic 2020 Virgin Money London Marathon will have crushed the aspirations of thousands of runners; and for charities reliant on sponsored runners, income streams will be devastated. Normally TCAF would be fielding a full cohort of runners and spurring them on with hundreds and thousands of supporters. Not this time. Just two are running the Virtual London Marathon on 4th October.

One of the two, will be **Charles Jardine - the director and founder of Fishing 4 Schools** - who at 67 and with four previous 'Londons' behind him, intends to make this one, his very last. Age, aching bones, injury, and the sheer gruelling business of regular training leaves its toll. Time to truly stop, apart from this one last time, just one last run.

Undaunted, however, he is going to strive again, this last time, to run the 26.4 miles, for the initiative that he both champions, cares for and drives with undiminished passion - Fishing 4 Schools, but with a difference. He is going to run around Europe's largest man-made lake and esteemed trout fishery, Rutland water. Almost to the mile, a full Marathon.

Charles says: "There will be no cheering masses, no expectant crush at the start line, no cheery chats along the way - just me, the lake and the miles - and the privilege of doing my very best for a charity which I truly believe in - Fishing 4 Schools.

I am urging every single fisher to make the difference and support me in this final challenge, just for one last time. We are living through extraordinary times, but our commitment to young people and educating through angling remains undiminished. We need - no, must - continue. Our special brand of education and angling is and will be, needed more than ever in the coming weeks, months and years. I urge every fisher to help - be it a pound...be a little more...just help us in order to help the future of fishing . Simple."

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River Informer

Welcome to the October River Informer!

We were fortunate to enjoy some much needed rain in the later part of August and in September, but we certainly need a good deal more. The waterways continue to hold up fairly well, but the levels are still low so we need to keep our fingers crossed that the coming weeks and months bring us rainfall, however, let's hope that when it starts it knows when to stop!

I would really like to have a sponsor for this section! If your business (it doesn't have to be angling related!) would like to be associated with this very popular section of the magazine, please do get in touch with me for a no obligation chat! Thank you.

Bankside on the Sussex Ouse *with Colin Etherington*

Tales from the Ouse and Sussex still waters!

September generally is a very good month for me, it's a time where I really ramp up my fishing and spend more and more time on the bank. I love the fact that the nights are drawing in and the days are shortening. It is my opinion that the specimen fish I target are starting to feed more heavily to put on weight for the colder winter months. Whilst it can be beautiful during the day, the evenings can be somewhat cooler thus I'd suggest the requirement to take extra clothing for when the sun dips as it's essential to stay warm and comfortable. Barbel in particular like to feed just after dark and this is often referred to as the 'witching hour'.



Colin netting a tench

With it being dark at 8pm, this gives me the perfect opportunity to fish through to 10pm and still be able to get a good nights' sleep and be up early in the morning. Quite often I will arrive at the river an hour before dark and fish two hours into darkness, these are nice short evening sessions where it can all "kick off" in a short period of time.

As I write this article, I'm reflecting on a week's fishing where everything went as planned and I caught some stunning fish including a couple of species from still waters. I'm not just a barbel angler, I like and enjoy catching specimen fish of all species and this particular week I caught chub, bream, barbel, perch and tench.

It started off with a session catching up with a friend I'd met only last season, we decided to meet at a pool on the upper reaches of the Sussex Ouse and I managed to catch a stunning brace of 4lb+ chub. I can remember one of the bites very vividly as out of nowhere my tip just smashed over and the rod butt lifted clean off the deck. If I'd missed this bite I'd certainly put it down to a barbel take.

Both the chub were in absolute mint autumn condition and gave me the start of what was to become an incredible week. These fish fell to 3FT



This was one of two 4lb+ chub caught from the upper reaches of the Sussex Ouse



This bream weighed a shade over 5lbs and was in mint autumn condition and carried no slime



The Prince of the River, a double figure barbel caught from a pool on the upper reaches of the Sussex Ouse, I'm sure this fish will be 11lbs plus in January/February



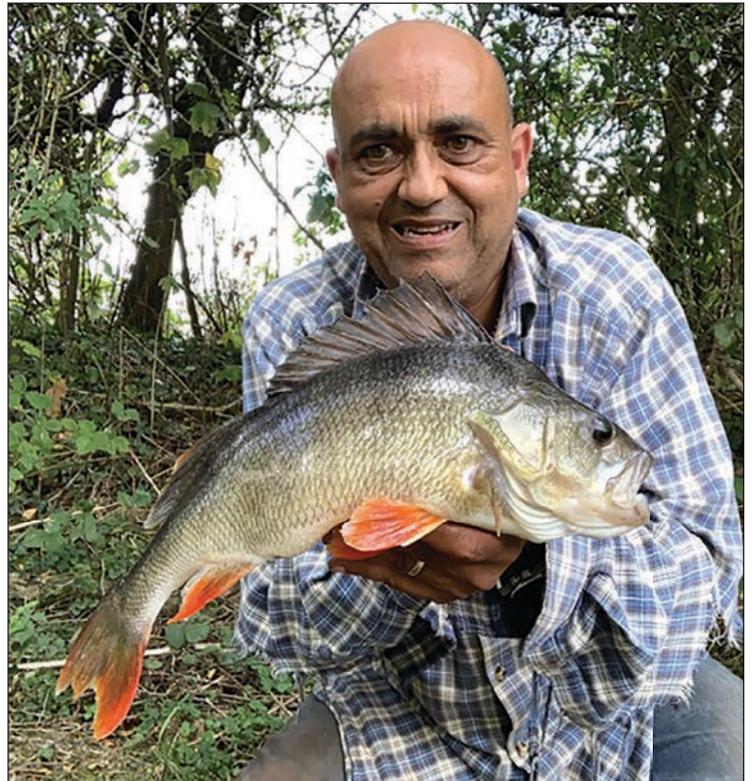
Stanley Etherington concentrating whilst using his homemade whip - Stan caught perch, roach, rudd and gudgeon before Dad stole the show

Twitch Herring and Lamprey pellet presented on a hair with a feeder rammed with hemp, maggot and various sizes of pellet. Just before packing up and calling it a day, I had another positive bite that resulted in a 5lb river bream that was again in superb condition with no slime at all.

Two days later and I revisited the pool an hour or so before dark and I wondered whether the chub would still be about. However, using identical tactics as previously mentioned, I swung my bait and feeder where I'd taken the chub and waited patiently for any signal of a bite. It didn't take long and without any taps the tip just bent over and carried on going! It was a case of grab the rod before I lost it to the depths of the pool. The fish was on and wow it certainly gave a serious account of itself. Several long runs were made and I knew within seconds this wasn't a chub. Nothing in the Sussex Ouse can compete with the power of an angry double figure barbel. I was shaking when I finally got to see the fish and no wonder they are referred to as the "Prince of the River". On the scales this one went 10lb 2oz and I'd like to think this will be over 11lb in the depths of winter. Again, this fish fell to 3FT Twitch Herring and Lamprey pellets fished on a hair with a feeder rammed with particle.

During August my son Stanley came back from the woods with a branch from an elder tree. I looked it at it and thought we could sand it down and varnish it before attaching an elastic band and some line for him to create a homemade whip. Once this was done and he'd had his first day ever at school, I took him to a local club still water controlled by **Haywards Heath and District Angling Society** where I'd previously caught several 2lb plus perch last winter. We tackled him up and using maggot and whip style tactics we caught a nice mixed bag of perch, rudd, roach and gudgeon.

I normally find that he's relatively focused for two hours, so before setting him up I put together a running ledger rig and cast out a couple of lobs to the now dying lily pads. Literally as we were packing away his tackle my alarm sounded and my bobbin rose in a very slow manner. I struck and the fish kited to right and then to the left before making several lunges at the net. It was indeed a monster perch that tipped the scales at 3lbs 1oz and a new PB.



My PB perch weighing 3lb 1oz and caught on lobworms fished to the dying lily pads



One of ten tench caught whilst using 3FT Twitch Herring and Lamprey pellets during a hectic 24 hour session

Normally during the closed season I specifically target tench and this year I couldn't as the fishery was closed due to the Corona Virus pandemic. I hadn't actually visited the lake since October last year and I thought to myself I should at least go once this year before the tench disappear for the winter months. I felt I was on a roll and my confidence was soaring, I wanted to try out the 3FT Twitch Herring and Lamprey pellets for tench and see whether they had the same pulling power that they certainly have on the rivers. My plan was to do a 24 hour session and it turned out to be a very good decision. Fishing a feeder to the far bank over hanging trees I caught ten tench all over 4lbs with the best being a stunning 8lb 6oz specimen.

As I mentioned earlier, I'm now ramping up the amount of short sessions I do, I'm going to concentrate on my barbel and river carping whilst also slotting in some roving pike sessions. I've never caught a 20lb river pike and that's high on my agenda this winter. My advice to anyone who's considering some river fishing is to go NOW, the fish are there to be caught and feeding well albeit the water levels are very low.

Tight lines everyone until next month, **Colin Etherington**

The Golden Years of Coarse Fishing by Bob Rolph

THE BIRTH OF THE BIVVY: PART TWO

- from bell tents to ridge tents, from lean-to's to bivvies via broly camps!

Formerly known as the 'broly camp', when marketed in the early 1970s, I first named it the 'Bivvy' in an article I wrote in the May 1972 issue of Brian Harris's 'Angling' magazine, where it caused quite a stir and great interest from the specimen hunting brigade. Although Ron invented it in 1963, I further developed it in later years on the lawn of my garden in Hayes. Bivouac designs began to flood the market when more lightweight nylon fabrics became available in the mid 1970s and the heavy dark green canvas prototypes became less manageable. I still have my original model which I have put up to photograph for this article (see September Part One), evidently the Carp Society want to house it at their museum at Horseshoe Lake, Lechlade, presumably with the rest of my tackle! My modified Heron bite alarms are pictured in a Dick Walker book, no less. I don't know what is the museum piece, me or my tackle!

I was never a specialist carp angler, spending too much time on the trout reservoirs of Kent and pursuing catfish and eels, in my youth, when I should have concentrated on the carp, after all, was it not me who "rediscovered" the viability of Redmire Pool in the Spring of 1965?



Fred Wagstaffs and my swim on the 'Cut' in the winter of 66!

ago. My family camping holidays in Cornwall used to entail lengthy arguments as the old complicated frame tents were erected on the sites. Today's "pop up" tents and bivvies. are a dream and I'm sure my great grandson could put one up in minutes!

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mainly devotees of Richard Walker and Jack Hilton. Carp fishing especially has seen such change over the past 50 years, more so than any other branch of our sport. Gone are the days when I spent 3 night weekends at the water's edge in "Pods" so pictured in this article. Short sessions, mainly with the fly are my pleasure these days and I got a real shock when I landed a 22 lb common on the fly from Bewl two years ago. Last year at the Castle Lake, again on that magical of dates, June 16th, I landed my biggest eel for over 50 years at 3 lb 4 ozs on a mussel, so there's life in the old dog yet! My first fish this season was again a common of 11 lb 4 ozs, I still like to keep the Close Season and keep the Spring for trout fishing. You can't beat dawn on June 16th, just ask Mr Crabtree!

In 1964, I built a fishing trolley out of Dexion angle to transport our mountain of gear to carp and catfish lakes in all corners of the country. Few anglers had such a luxury item in those days. Today, I need a trolley more than ever, and marvel at the range of designs from wheel barrows to folding models and wonderful green "porters" trolleys with big wide wheels, I have one of them!

The Northampton lads soon saw our 'bivvy' and they began to appear at carp waters all over the country. Jim G. still fished behind his hessian screen or camouflaged netting and Wagstaff's set up on the steep slope of the electricity cut at Peterborough had to be seen to be believed. Hessian sacks and plastic dustbins were important items of our tackle in the 1960s when no large keep nets were available and fish were kept overnight for an early morning photo call on the long damp grass. Unhooking mats and carp cradles were just a distant dream in those early years! Carp were treated very badly in the 1950s, often they were killed, or gaffed and I can recall seeing a photo of Dick Walker holding up a brace for a photo by their gills. No wonder the huge stocks of giant carp that abound in our fisheries today are a direct result of the good treatment they get from the fishermen of today!

The modern lightweight nylon fabrics that abound today are a far cry from the heavy canvas jobs that we used 60 years

ago. My family camping holidays in Cornwall used to entail lengthy arguments as the old complicated frame tents were erected on the sites. Today's "pop up" tents and bivvies. are a dream and I'm sure my great grandson could put one up in minutes!

I only fish for a morning or evening session nowadays and won't drive too far, preferring to be home by dark. My local water, Chilham Castle Lake, is only one mile from my home and I am often the only angler there some early summer mornings. The carp are not big, but I catch them on light float tackle sometimes a dozen or more at a session, but only up to double figures. I did have a 16 and an 11 earlier this season on June 16th actually. I feel like Mr Crabtree on this beautiful estate lake, where the sun sets over the castle keep!

The expensive big carp syndicate gravel pits are also only a mile or so from my home here in rural Kent. 14 of them holding carp to 50 lbs and double figure tench, but I cannot justify the fees for my short sessions and can only watch the young modern day anglers with their expensive tackle, as I walk the Great Stour Way beside these naturalised flooded gravel pits, recalling how I used to fish all those years ago during long weekend expeditions all over the country, but only catching fish half the size of today's monsters! I would love to be invited to sit with one of these young carp anglers for a while and discuss old times, whilst seeing how they fish today, a far cry from how we fished 50 years ago!

So much of the modern tackle they use today was originally developed and pioneered by the anglers of the 60s and 70s,

Tackle developments in the 1970s saw important changes in bait and rigs, none more so than the boilie and the hair rig. I had a very slight involvement with Fred Wilton's bait development as, 2 miles up the road from my family home in Hayes, lay Keston Ponds. It was here one day that 7 anglers met on the hard gravel banks to discuss this new wonder bait. That date was "decimal day " Monday February 15th 1971. Fred was there with a pocket full of bait balls and another pocketful of these new decimal coins, fresh out that day. I'll never forget that day. Steve Edwards, Ken Rowley, Alan Baker, Dennis Darkin, Dave Rudd , Fred and myself, were all expecting great things from Fred with his yeast based high protein balls, the size of golf balls! . Fred was very secretive about exactly what these baits contained, but they had been catching on them at Sutton and Darenth and Jim Gibbinson and Gerry Savage were involved, Bob Morris and Grahame Igglesden too, I believe!

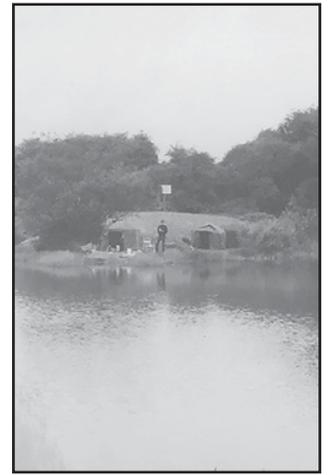
Tackle and bait developments in 1960s Kent were to revolutionise carp fishing in the future, we all made our own rods, nets, bite alarms and bivvies, some even modified their Mitchell 300 reels with the first roller bearings on the bale arm, and some like Bob Morris went into production with rods and tackle. My mecca was J.B.Walker of Marine Parade, Hythe, Kent, who's colourful catalogues are collectors items today. They produced the high quality split cane that Walker used for the MK IV carp rods and their kits were highly sought after. Some of us actually tried to make our own hexagonal split Tonkin cane, but you needed specialist tools to split the cane accurately and a powerful white glue in which to bind the finished cane. I tried, but with little success, all I could manage was the arms of a huge carp landing net, to Pete Badleys specification.

A lot of this early development was eventually taken up by enterprising new tackle manufacturers, who made their fortune on the strength of our " back garden" work.

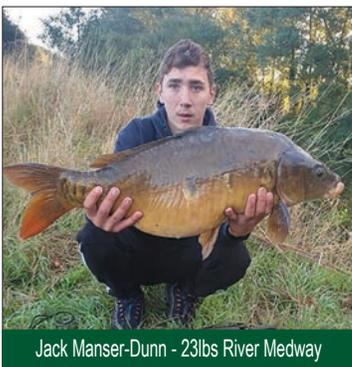
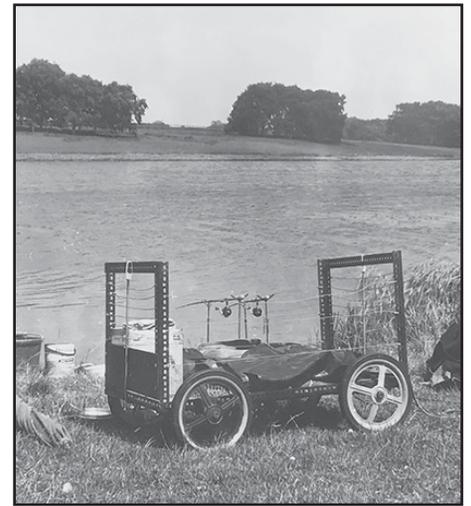
All over the country in Hitchin, Norfolk, Surrey, Lincolnshire, Oxford, Coventry and London, young "specimen hunters" were all independently revolutionising the development of specialist angling equipment, the likes of Chris Ball, Kevin Clifford, Len Arbery, Pete Badley, Peter Drennan and Alan Brown and very many others. We are all well into our 70s now, many sadly no longer with us, but it was these pioneering followers of Richard Walker that the young anglers of today have to thank, for the "off the shelf" tackle and equipment that they take for granted and use today!

Some younger anglers may ask "who is this bloke who thinks he knows it all"? Well, I may not have had the long list of huge carp captures that many have today and my PBs may not be too impressive to the modern day angler, but in the 60s and 70s, I was founder and secretary of the Kent Specimen Group and later Captain of Sovereign Flyfishers, founder of the Bewl Masters event and secretary of the Bewl Water Specialists match group, and knew and fished with many of the main protagonists from that golden era 50-60 years ago. I've had my fair share of good fish, but today it seems that you are only as good as your last big carp. As I don't fish much these days, I'm only as good as an 11 lb common then! My great memories keep me going. It's prudent to put it all down on paper, Chris Ball advised me! He's the great carp fishing historian and expert "off the top" and I bow to his greater knowledge and success!"

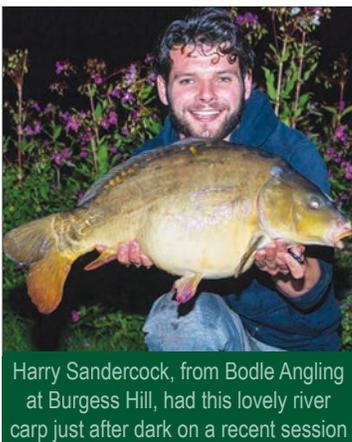
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Cooking, hotels and transport



Jack Manser-Dunn - 23lbs River Medway



Harry Sandercock, from Bodle Angling at Burgess Hill, had this lovely river carp just after dark on a recent session

Pre-baiting pays off for Jack!



Jack Thomas-Lee spent a couple of weeks pre-baiting on the Ouse and was rewarded with these fine river carp. Jack was delighted with his efforts and the reward!



Medway Man

Bob Morris

In the last issue, I talked about the potential problems involved with twitchy bites and liners. I was talking about float fishing for tench in particular, but it did occur to me that the same situation does exist in other forms of fishing. Carp and barbel for instance, feed in a different manner when confronted by a mass of particle such as hemp, maggots, corn or small pellets.



Was that a twitch?

When barbel fishing, the phrase 'the three foot twitch' is often used to describe the violent take of a fish making off downstream with your bait, often after more or less hooking itself, although my experience has been that the majority of the time this will happen, there are situations where it frequently won't. The deciding factor with barbel bites is, usually, whether you are fishing downstream, in which case a positive take is extremely likely, or upstream/or across the current - where a fish picking up your bait and turning off downstream will show up as a series of nods on your tip or as some form of slack line bite - where indicators are being used.

Other factors involved are the strength of current, the size of your lead etc, and also whether or not you are fishing over a mass of small particles or groundbait, which will encourage the fish to stay put and not move off. When fishing over mass baits in the past, for carp, it was often the case that twitch bites became the order of the day and often fish were landed that had swallowed the bait and hook completely with little indication on the lines. Sometimes the carp would actually manage to bite through the line, although a change to a braid hook link normally stopped this. I remember discussing this problem with Rod Hutchinson at the time and we both came to the same conclusion. This was that as the carp were feeding very confidently and giving very little indication, we did not want to 'lash out' at small line movements (possibly liners) and risk spooking the fish and maybe a larger weight, closer to the hook would, hopefully have the effect of making the fish bolt with the bait. This tactic was spectacularly effective and became an almost standard tool in the carp anglers armoury at one stage and has been well documented. I don't normally fish particle style and so rarely suffer these indication problems when fishing for barbel or carp, but when fishing for the tench with the float, it is a different story.



Waiting for the 3ft twitch



The 3ft twitch



Ready for action - Pike time soon

Ahead of my autumn piking campaign, I have

been having a bit of a go on the Medway with some success - including one or two 3ft twitches. My intention is to combine a bit of river piking with some barbel and 'chubbing' in the evenings - but this will all, of course, depend on the weather, and in particular how much rain we get. Last winter was a bit of a wash out, as I recall and then it all went pear shaped!!! Talking of virus's !!!!



Piscatorial Politics

This year will probably go down as one of the strangest periods in our history thanks to the Covid 19 pandemic and the stringent 'lockdown' measures that have been adopted in an attempt to counteract it. As I write this, various new restrictions are being introduced to slow down the spread of the virus and this is causing huge disruption to social activity, the economy and just about everything else for that matter.

Realistically, this situation is unlikely to improve much until a viable vaccine is readily available and a reliable (quick result) test is developed. This is now looking like it won't be until after Christmas, so it is possible that next year could well be another difficult one! There is much that I could write on this subject, believe it or not (!), but as this is still a column relating to 'piscatorial activity' I had better not stray too far off target! The Angling world has not escaped the problems caused by

coronavirus and many clubs and organisations have had problems of one sort or another, not just relating to the original lockdown. Holding regular committee meetings has been a challenge even with the aid of social media platforms such as 'Facebook' and 'Whatsapp'. The solution of choice has, generally, been 'Zoom' but even with this, problems relating to reception, response delay, and allotted time restriction have made things difficult - particularly when it comes to something like an AGM. With meetings of more than six people now banned for the foreseeable future, it seems that things will not get any easier!



Bob fishing the upper Medway

On the main subject of club AGM's, SGM's etc, I am firmly of the belief that they should now all be held digitally in one way or another. In this day and age, it seems to me, a crazy idea to expect a representative number of the membership to turn up for a meeting on a certain date. Many

will not be able to attend (for good reason) and you are lucky if you get a 10% turnout. This means that a relative minority are able to vote on proposed new rules/regulations and issues of great importance - potentially changing the direction of the club altogether. Some individuals/groups with strong views will manipulate this situation to their own advantage - I have seen it happen. Major decisions of this magnitude should be put to the majority of the membership. It must be possible to do this now.

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It is now very apparent that Summer is drawing to a close and Autumn is on its way. The nights are drawing in and several times recently the temperatures have read below 11° which has resulted in the water temperatures beginning to drop and the fishing is certainly reflective of this. There have been some fantastic catches lately – most notably **Ray Burt** with a 4 fish bag of 14.15lb the largest of which was 6.9lb – well done Ray! Also **Terry Walker** had a fantastic 3 fish bag (*top right*) which totalled 9.4lb. Recent successful flies include Montana, Buzzers, green & black lures, Diawl Bach, and Damsels in various guises.

We continue to be encouraging youngsters into the sport and photographed is **Charlie Ansell** with his first ever trout – he was absolutely thrilled and is looking forward to coming back again soon.

Tuesday 8th marked one year since we opened the gate and we ran a special offer of free ticket upgrades. It was fantastic to see so many regular as well as new faces join us for the day and there was some great fishing to be had. Fish of the day was caught by **Paul Strevens** – a lovely fish of 4lb. The rod average on the day was 1.6.

We continue to be stocking weekly and now that the waters are cooling we are going to be regularly putting in some larger fish including several over 8lb so we are excited to see these coming out! Due to the changes in dawn and dusk times, we will no longer be opening early on a Saturday so our opening time will now be 7.30am 7 days a week.



Charlie Ansell

Tenterden Trout Waters Tenterden, Kent



September fishing has been good at Tenterden and we hope this continues throughout the Autumn. We had a fantastic day for our Trout Masters Fish Off on the 13 September and despite it being bright and warm some quality rainbows were caught. **Peter Beeny** won this year with a 6 fish bag weight of 18lbs. **Gary White** came second with 3 rainbows weighing 7lbs 13oz. We all enjoyed the day in the sunshine. Popular patterns are Montana, Damsels, Daddys. We have re-stocked for some good Autumn fishing. For an up-to-date fishing report please go to our website and click on News/Fishing Report. www.tenterden-trout-waters.co.uk

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Still Carping on

Mid-August and the weather felt more like autumn than high summer. The cooler weather and the start of the holiday season saw a lot fewer anglers on the bank.



Rod bending action this is why we do it



A 'mint' Common from Sam's Lake for Andy

Less anglers has meant less bait being fed, so I hoped the carp would be a bit keener to feed on my loose feed. I've been visiting several different commercial waters, plus a couple of private ones, in the last few weeks. It's amazing how differently the fish behave on each water. The most important thing I've learnt is to watch and observe the way the fish react to my feed before starting to fish. No two waters are the same and often the fish react differently from day to day, even on the same water. I frequently arrive late in the afternoon or early in the evening in an effort to fish the second most productive part of the day, after the dawn period that is. I'm never sure how many anglers have been fishing during the day as they've already left before I arrive. Not knowing how much free food has been fed sees me having to ease my way into each session, as I try to decide what my approach should be. I usually opt for the "little and often" and see how quickly the fish appear in my swim. If this works and several fish appear, I increase the amount of small 6mm floaters in an effort to hold them for longer without filling them up. To stop them becoming preoccupied on these small particles, I then add a few 11mm floaters. I scatter these in an effort to get the carp hunting for the bigger food items. By doing this, I'm trying to create a situation where they are moving quickly from bait to bait without scrutinising them too closely. If this tactic works, it's "game on" and I can use a large fly which I can see easy and so can the carp. If not, then I scale down to smaller, less buoyant flies.

I spent an evening with my good friend Paul Canning recently at Sam's Lakes Headcorn TN27 8PJ. We arrived just as several anglers were hastily packing up in an effort to avoid the rain that had just started to fall. We chose a couple of swims near the car park which meant we had the light breeze behind us; it also meant we wouldn't be looking into the glare of the setting sun. I sprinkled a fair amount of floaters out towards an island and before I had time to tackle up the first signs of fish could be seen. Paul decided to watch events unfold before starting to fish himself. As I steadily fed more floaters more fish were drawn into the area. I opted to drop the freebies a little closer each time in an effort to draw them closer, and it worked. I also started to introduce a few bigger 11mm pellets and the sound of these hitting the surface really seemed to excite the carp. I couldn't wait any longer as several dark shapes could clearly be seen circulating around the baited area.

Paul has devised a clever fly design that suspends the fly just under the surface and he was keen to try it. I'd already enjoyed a lot of success with this new pattern on my last few outings. It works very well at "last knockings" when the fish are often milling around, so close to the surface that they struggle to see my fly unless it's right on their nose. A fly just under the surface is easily seen and taken by these fish and it's been a revelation. We both started on the 'X-rig' as Paul had christened his invention. By now, the fish were regularly taking off the top and we watched mesmerised as the carp ignored our presentation and proceeded to mop up the floaters! A couple of times fish actually tried to eat the indicator element of the 'X-rig'. The penny finally dropped and I quickly switched to my 7mm Pellet fly. Instant success, I'd made the right decision as the fish were feeding off the surface and were completely ignoring our flies which were fishing just inches below the surface. As the light diminished, it got hard to see my fly so I resorted to watching my fly line to indicate takes. The carp were taking so confidently by then that I missed very few takes and all the fish were hooked well inside the mouth. Once I'd changed flies it was easy fishing with fish after fish falling to my pellet fly. I lost count, but I had between eight and ten fish. Paul managed a couple on his X-rig, including a 12lb mirror, plus a bonus fish on my pellet fly, not a bad evening!

Tactic change

Recently I'd experienced a lot of hook pulls when I tried to strike very quickly in an effort to hook fish that were rejecting my fly. The hook pulls were a result of foul hooking them on the outside of the mouth. I now think that striking quickly isn't an effective method of hooking these wary fish, reducing the fly's size or more importantly its buoyancy, is a better solution, I believe. I also think by striking too early, I'm actually taking my fly off the water before the more confident fish have the chance to take it properly.

On another evening I was fishing a private venue. Every time I had been there this season it had been very busy and I just couldn't get the carp feeding confidently off the surface. Other floater fishermen were catching well, but they were fishing at much greater distances than I could manage with a fly rod, even if I had the benefit of an un-restricted back cast. When I had got fish to take my free offerings, they had just taken the odd one and then disappeared. On this occasion however, there were only two other anglers and they both left quite soon after I arrived. My game plan was different to my usual approach. Rather than trying to get the fish competing for food I decided to start fishing immediately and just feed around my fly. If only one fish was going to visit my swim I wanted my fly sitting in the baited area. After an hour of regularly recasting and feeding the same spot the first carp arrived. As I mentioned earlier, my feed was mostly 6mm pellets with a scattering of 11mm. My large pellet fly stood out perfectly in amongst the feed and the carp thought so too as it confidently swam over and took it without hesitation! What a result, a very fast often hectic fight resulted in a beautiful common of about 8lbs. I was delighted after blanking on this lake this season. I continued casting and feeding the same area and an hour later another couple of fish arrived, but this time they took the freebies and ignored my fly. Then a short while later, I had two refusals as fish cautiously approached my fly, sucked at it, but shyed off at the last moment. I quickly scaled down the size of fly which more importantly was less buoyant too.



My good mate Gary Collins now has the 'bug' for Carp fly fishing



'The end result' when you get it right

The next fish swam straight up to my fly, sucked it in and swam off until I set the hook then all hell broke loose. After another spirited fight, I scooped another common into my net, this time a low double. I was more than satisfied with two fish, but I'm as greedy as the next guy and hoped for some more. I continued casting and feeding as before and to my surprise moments later another fish just appeared from the depths and mopped up a few freebies, including my fly! This was an altogether different fight and only reluctantly would it concede ground. I was excited as this fish not only felt strong, it also felt heavy. Gradually, I gained line and once it was under the rod tip it changed tactics and chugged up and down the margins. A fly rod doesn't have the "grunt" to lift fish up to the net like a proper carp rod, so I had to bide my time and patiently play it out until it gulped in some air and finally allowed me to slide it into the net. At 18 1/2lb this common was no monster, but after all the struggle I'd endured, I was very happy. Time for just one more? By now the light was fading and like it or not, I had to up-scale to a bigger fly, fortunately a chunky little mirror didn't mind and so my perfect evening came to an end.

Til' next month.

Tight lines, Andy Lush




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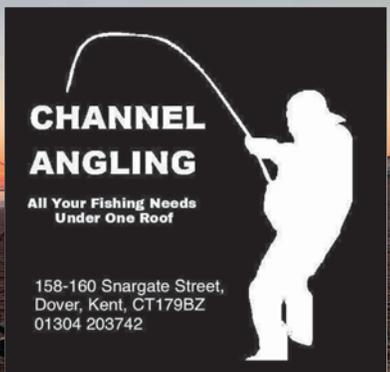
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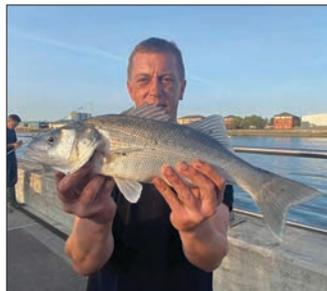
This month will no doubt see a shift from the summer to autumn species as temperatures begin to drop away and the weather becomes more unsettled. October traditionally sees some big tides and strong onshore winds as Mother Nature makes it known that it is time for a change! The past few weeks have seen a number of codling landed along the Sussex coast and a few from Kent beaches. Although this is an encouraging sign, it is not unusual to have a run of fish like this pre-Autumn, however, as in previous years, they then suddenly disappear! This run of codling also coincides with the sea temperature being at its highest so it all gets rather confusing! We can but hope that the fish appear in greater numbers and they remain within casting range, if not there are plenty of whiting and dogfish to be caught! The current sea temperature is around 17 degrees, so still warm.



Thames report courtesy of Wayne May

Erith pier and Morrison's have fished well for flounders and school bass. A few eels have been caught and returned. Ragworm is a great bait at this venue along with maddies. Greenhithe Park and Swanscombe Peninsula have fished reasonably well, if you can avoid the crabs, producing plenty of flatties, Swanscombe end is the preferred place for bass, weighing in at around 5lbs. The odd sole has been caught along the mud flats, but have failed to show in numbers like the previous year. Charter and private fishing boats in the Thames estuary are landing plenty of thornback rays and bass. Smoothhounds are still being caught in the Estuary, a whole mixture of baits have been used effectively with differing results. Hard backs and peelers, herring, bluey and heavily baited lug cocktails have all been successful baits."

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Medway report

Still lots of bass and a good number of eels being caught. Most marks from Halling through to Rochester producing fish. Further along through Chatham and Gillingham the whiting are appearing with the odd small thornback ray. **Medway Tackle Supplies at Gillingham can provide all your tackle and bait needs on 01634 475260.**

Sheppey report courtesy of Sheppey Angling

Thornbacks still being caught by shore and boat anglers. Although the hounds have moved offshore, they are still being taken on the boats out in the estuary. Plenty of whiting and dogfish, especially after dark and we have enjoyed a sprinkling of codling for shore anglers and for the boats out in both the Thames and Medway estuaries. Some nice size bass appearing after dark with squid and fish baits picking up the better fish. Very few flatfish at the moment but still the odd sole being caught. **Call Sheppey Angling on 01795 661089 for all your bait and tackle needs.**



North Kent

The weed is gradually reducing and anglers are catching bass and smoothhounds. Expect to see some bigger bass during the month on night tides. **Absolute Tackle at Herne Common can supply a great range of frozen and fresh baits along with all your tackle requirements. Call 01227 636724.**

Thanet report courtesy of Fisherman's Corner

The usual catches of dogfish and whiting are putting in an appearance off Ramsgate's East Pier and promenades. There has been some better bass and strap congers caught from the low water marks. As we go in to the Autumn/Winter, the low water chalk ledges around Thanet will probably provide the best chance of a codling, if they show this year!! **For any advice about fishing around Thanet or for bait and tackle, contact Fisherman's Corner, your local Thanet tackle shop, on 01843 582174.**



Deal report

Dogfish and small hounds still being caught and the whiting are now showing in greater numbers. Still mackerel showing at the end of last month but these will head offshore as the weather changes and the water becomes more coloured. **Call Channel Angling Deal for all your bait needs on 01304 373104.**

Dover report

Samphire Hoe has been producing plenty of fish. Lots of wrasse down the wall along with bass, mackerel, garfish, pollack, pouting and strap conger eels. Shakespeare beach has produced bass, occasional rays, pouting, whiting and mackerel. **Channel Angling at Snargate Street has a great range of bait and tackle and advice for fishing local marks. Call 01304 203742.**

Hythe and surrounding areas courtesy of Stevie Bates

Sandgate, Hythe and Dymchurch have been fishing well given the recent hot weather, heavy rain and the new sea defences going in along the ranges. The mackerel have been plentiful, with shoals still showing up on the calmer days chasing bait fish up on to the beach. During the day when the water has been calm, plaice have been showing over HW when fishing with fresh worm. Evening into night time is proving to be the best times to go for the pleasure angler. You can expect to catch plenty of the usual suspects, whiting, dogfish, dabs, bass and sole. The rays appear to have moved offshore at the moment as there have not been any reports of many. If any, caught anywhere along Hythe or Dymchurch, maybe the work along the ranges has something to do with this? I'm sure they will be back as we approach autumn and the evenings draw in. Baits and rigs still doing the business, 2 hook flappers, clipped down rigs baited with fresh worm tipped with squid or small pieces of sandeel and pulley droppers fished with bluey, whole squid or mackerel will see you catch



plenty of fish and if you're lucky enough, a nice bass.

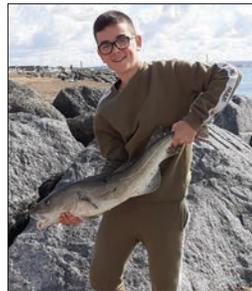


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Please stay alert, keep safe, and stay well. Tight lines, Stevie.

Eastbourne area report courtesy of Tony's Tackle

This month's fishing has been unreal with codling showing up along the Sussex coastline. Jason Scott, from the Eastbourne Fisherman Facebook group, landed three in one night on our oiled lugworm, quite a shock these turning up, however, I'm not sure if they will stay or not! Plenty of soles caught from Langney Point and good size bass from Pevensey and Eastbourne beaches along with eels and a few bream. Andy James landed a codling of 3lbs 2 ozs from Pevensey Bay. Match fishing has been very slow, but plenty of whiting at night. Harvey Plumstead (junior) won the Eastbourne Nomads competition with 3 plaice from Splash Point. Fishing there is slow in the daytime but good at night. With the huge amount of anglers fishing, we are managing to supply fresh lug and rag, but would recommend you order your bait in advance, especially at the weekends. There have also been a few thornback rays landed from Alices Pipe at Normans Bay on squid and mackerel baits. The boat fishing has been quite slow although some good size bass have been caught along with bream and plaice from the light tower area and a few large tope from Beachy Head. **Please order your bait in advance on 01323 731388 or 07821 514853.** Let's hope the codling stay around next month! Tight lines, Tony Kirrage. **Visit our website at www.tonystackleshop.co.uk**



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courtesy of Sam Cox

Simple Rigs

Sea fish differ in many ways from their freshwater cousins, any carp worth its mustard can tell the difference between an ESP Cryogen hook and a Nash Pinpoint hook at a hundred yards. However, when a sea fish sees a hook, it is more often than not the first and last hook it will ever see!!

Once all the pontification is stripped away, there are only really two types of ledger rig, a fixed ledger and the running ledger. All other rigs are just variations of these. Even the pulley rig, referred to by some as semi fixed is in fact just a fixed ledger rig. Say the hook length on a pulley rig is four feet long and the drop to the weight is five feet long, one would think the fish would have nine feet to play with. This is not the case. The fact is that after casting out, the effect of the tide on the line will, if fished correctly, form a bow in the line forcing the swivel at the end of the hook length right up to the pulley bead that's attached to the leader. Similarly, if there is no tide run, then after casting the angler will take the excess slack up so the rod tip is under tension so any bites can be detected. This will again pull the swivel at the end of the hook length right up to the pulley bead. In both situations, the hook length is four feet. Even if, at the first sign of a bite, line is fed from the reel, a fish will only have five feet until it comes up against the weight, therefore ultimately the pulley rig is just a fixed ledger rig.

The same can be said about a running ledger. The bow in the line caused by the tide run will force the link swivel up against the buffer bead and therefore against the swivel at the end of the hook length. The difference here is that if the angler pays out slack and the fish can take as much as the angler offers without coming up against the weight. This can be handy when, for example, fishing for bass and trying to give them confidence to take a bait. Having said that, fish normally feed with confidence in strong tides, if they do not, then the food source is quickly taken down tide. I find that a running ledger comes into its own with moderate to low tide strength, especially at close range and more so when using live baits.

There are many ways that a running ledger can be varied to suit a situation. For example, if lobbing baits from the shore at short range into a 'structure' a weak link of line can be tied from the link swivel to the weight. The weak link can be changed in length to vary the depth that the bait is fished. The weak link will break if it comes fast during the fight, allowing the angler to continue playing the fish.

The running ledger can also be fished with a pannel set up, this is where a second hook is slid up the line above the first hook. The second hook faces downwards and is locked into its chosen position by twisting the hook length around the shank of the hook. This is useful for larger baits like whole squid or fish baits.

A wish bone rig is another variation, this can be deadly for flat fish. To build a wish bone rig simply tie a loop at the end of the hook length, then cut this loop leaving one end longer than the other. A hook is then tied to the longer end. When targeting flat fish, especially sea bed these baits will flutter in the tide and hopefully attract the fish. When targeting flat fish, especially flat fish being drawn to the baits.

I found a running ledger with a wish bone set up very effective in the early 90s when hooks were used one baited with two or three lug worms, the other with half a calamari standard running ledgers and even pannel rigs with larger baits.

There are issues when casting long distances from a shore mark with running ledgers. A bait clip can be placed on the leader so the hook length can be clipped up allowing a streamlined set up that aids casting.

My point is that the rig becomes a fixed ledger as the link swivel will eventually hit the bait clip. This is more a point of description than anything else, as any rig cast at distance becomes a fixed ledger due to the afore mentioned bow of line caused by the tide. Basically, the fish will hit the resistance of the tide on the line, this will in turn drive the hook home even with a running ledger when fished at distance.

One of my favourite methods of fishing from the shore is with a running ledger and a plain rolling lead. I like to cast a bait across the tide then hold the rod while letting the lead roll along the sea bed with the flow of the tide. Sometimes the rod will almost be pulled out of your hands as a fish just grabs the bait and continues swimming down tide. Other times only a few thumps or taps will be felt through the rod to which I then gently pay out a small amount of line. This often gives the fish enough confidence to engulf the bait and the rod will arch over. Fish like flounder may need a little more time to get the bait into their mouth, especially when using crab baits.

The fixed ledger rig is the most commonly used set up in UK sea angling, from the pulley rig to the flapper rig there are many variations.

Firstly, let's have a look at the pulley rig that is so popular with UK anglers. The pulley rig was originally designed for shore fishing over very rough ground. To construct a pulley rig first tie a pulley bead or swivel to your leader, then tie a hook length of maybe three and a half feet, then make up a lead link of line of around four foot. Thread the lead link through the pulley bead or swivel then through a standard bead, then tie it to the swivel on the end of the hook length. A bait clip can be put just above the weight, although many modern weight have them built in. I just put my hook on the grips of the weight before casting. When the lead hit the water the baited hook will fall from the clip. Now the reason this rig works so well over rough ground is that when a fish is hooked as long as it weighs more than the weight, it pulls the weight to the pulley bead or swivel and away from the rough ground. This rig does work very well over rough ground and has saved many a lost fish. But, it is at its heart, a fixed ledger rig as I explained above.

In the area I live, the South East, many anglers use the pulley rig over sand and mud where there are no snags. The only advantage that I can see is that the pulley rig is nice for long distance casting as it is nice and stream lined. I am not great at distance casting, but have fished the pulley rig next to my normal cut loop fixed ledger rig for thornback rays at Warden Bay on the Isle of Sheppey. The pulley rig caught no more thornbacks than a simple cut loop fixed ledger rig. I could lob both sets up 70-90 yards and the rays had not been told that I was not keeping up with fashion!

The cut blood loop fixed ledger rig is a simple rig to set up. Simply tie a blood loop, cut one end three or four inches longer than the other, a weight is tied to the longer end and a hook or two for a pannel is tied to the other end.

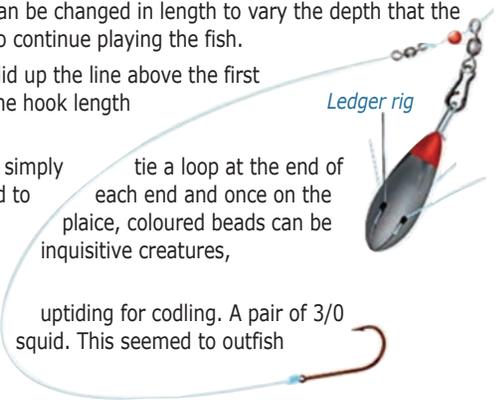
Most overlook this rig, believing rigs need to be complicated to be effective. Trust me, this rig will put fish in the net or on the beach when other rigs fail.

Back in the days when we caught cod in the Thames Estuary they would become very finicky, becoming preoccupied with feeding on sprats. A simple cut loop fixed ledger rig with a pannel set up could be deadly at these times. A single large lug worm stretched out between the hooks proved effective. As the cod came past the boat they would often just mouth at the bait without any real commitment. As long as the hook was in the cods mouth as it swam past it would very quickly come up against the weight then the hook would be driven home!

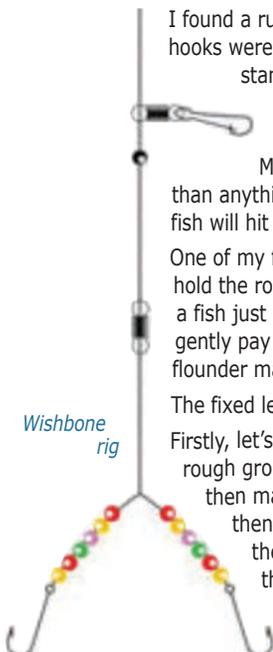
Pulley rig



Ledger rig



Wishbone rig



OUT AND ABOUT WITH ANDY by Andrew Cook

Sussex Success!

(Don't try and say that too fast or you'll sound like Chris Eubank!)

It's fair to say that the 40lb digital scales didn't get challenged today, sometimes it's not all about the weight, but actually catching what you aimed for, so I'm more than happy. I decided to take a road trip down to the Brighton area for a double tide session, no point in doing thirty quid in fuel if you aren't going to make the most of it!

Up at midnight after a 90 minute power nap for what was supposed to be a 75 minute drive to the first mark. I say 'supposed to be', because after the THREE diversions due to overnight road closures including the M23 South being shut at the M25 junction and having to backtrack, I'm finally on the mark at just before 2am. This location is pretty much the boundary between Hove and Shoreham which I've fished a couple of times with a few other KSA lads. I'm met with a flat calm clear sea and zero wind, nice. The additional beauty of this mark is the huge street light that sits in the car park behind the beach which was providing a decent amount of light to my rear.

Baits out, 2 rods as usual both 'locked and loaded' with pulley rigs, one baited with whole squid and the other with peeler. It's a very small tide which is against me and the flood of the tide is terribly slow and hardly any current. 15 minutes in and the squid rod goes with the rattle of what looked like a largish whiting. I'm thinking 'please not down here as well', but I'm encouraged by the couple of very small pulls as I retrieve. Panic over and it's a smoothhound pup, no blank at least!



Half an hour later and the squid rod goes again but this time it's a succession of slightly slower but more solid pulls. There's not much weight on the end so it's no surprise that a strap conger of about 1/2lb beaches at my feet. This is repeated twice more before high water with the next strap a little bigger at around 1lb and the other very similar I presume but it managed to get off as a small wave broke on the shore and slackened the line.

It then goes quiet for an hour or so up and over high water with the only entertainment being a long drawn out game of hide and seek with the resident fox that's trying every trick in the book to come past me.

Every time I look up there's a pair of glowing eyes in a different position.

The tide starts to ebb and dawn is breaking. There is finally a bit of run in the water but I'm beginning to think that 'session one' is going to end 'a bit light'. Then the squid rod takes a series of fairly solid dips followed by a slight slack line. Learning from my previous experiences I take up the slack

and give a light strike. Immediately I feel two small thumps back and whatever is on the end feels reasonably heavier than the previous fish. A few minutes later after having given a decent little account of itself trying to run East, I have a beautifully marbled undulate of around 2 1/2lbs on the beach. Well happy, that was one of my targets and my first undulate!

Day breaks fully and the bites have completely gone so for the next 90 minutes I watch the mackerel herding the white bait to the water's edge and then attacking them at least half a dozen times. I did consider throwing a set of feathers out to get a couple of strings for bait, until I realised that my feathers are in my other bag in the shed. Half seven and it's pack up, head down for an hour, then off to location 2, Seaford.

After grabbing a coffee to keep me awake and polishing off my M&S smoked salmon and cream cheese, I'm in the car park for 10am. Again it's flat calm and clear water, but there's a slight Westerly that turned SW and built through the session, just enough to create a little chop on the water. As I step out of the car I'm treated to a fast turning dive from a Hawker Hurricane that then speeds off towards Beachy Head.

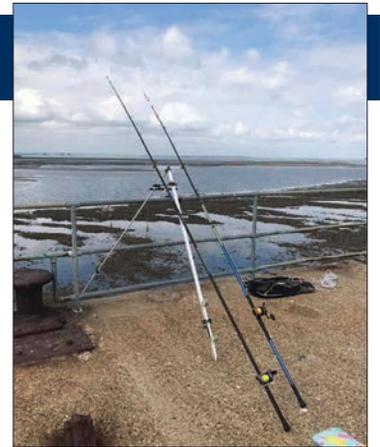
From now on it's 'Mission Plaiçe' and nothing else, so I set up at exactly the same spot, (to the metre) where I've had success previously. Two hook green and black beaded flappers with one rig anchored to the sea bed by a grip lead and the other using the trusted tactic of a 5oz cannonball lead.

First retrieve after not seeing a bite and I have a small plaiçe of around 20cm in front of me. 'Well they're here' I'm thinking. 20 minutes later and after another bite less period I retrieve again and I've got another one at 35cm and chunky. It then goes quiet for a couple of hours until the tide starts to run. Finally, I actually see a bite which results in a 28cm 'Spotty', the cannonball lead is outfishing the fixed weight 3-0 so I swap the breakaway over. Next cast, 27cm, next cast, 25cm. It looks like they are moving towards the shore in numbers. I also think I have worked out why no bite indicated earlier, the slack water means the fish just pulls on the snood unless it gives it a real good yank, whereas when the tide is running the slightest tug sees the lead move which shows as the bite.



Unfortunately, just as I thought it was going to be a 'plaiçe a chuck' it dies off again. It's 3pm and although 2 hours before HW I'm tired and I've got any potential traffic delays on my mind so I pack up for the drive home. Nine fish in total, both targets achieved including the undulate, so it's been a productive 13 hours. I also met a nice couple who came down from Suffolk to fish and a chap from Hertfordshire.

Tight lines all, Andy



DUNGENESS Latest catch reports on www.seagullfishingtackle.com

Deep into autumn, a great month for Dungeness, summer species mixed with the early winter arrivals. The sea temperatures are dropping down a bit to 18 degrees. Equinox tides with autumn storms, you know what that means, codling and loads more whiting!

BEACH REPORT Like last month, the beaches have been really busy with some big hits of mackerel, plenty of bass and loads of whiting, but with the night's drawing in we are seeing more anglers than danglers.

Keeping the girls busy:

I had this report in yesterday from Darren Selves:

"Hi All. I fished the lighthouse today with my 2 girls Georgia and Macey. It was very windy but lots of whiting to keep the girls busy"



Great bass fishing to be had!

I had this report in yesterday from Arkam Belhouchet:

"Hi Tony. Fished Dungeness yesterday and caught 3 good size bass and plenty of schoolies."

Autumn come early

I had this report in this morning from Colin Hemsworth:

"Hi Tony, It was good to get out fishing yesterday as I hadn't been in a while. I headed for Dengemarsh and got there for 11am and arrived at an empty beach, it was a bit windy but nothing a well tuned multiplier and pendulum cast couldn't deal with. The sea was churned up with a good colour to the



water. Quickly set up and got the baits out there, two pulley pennel rigs loaded with lug. 1st few casts produced some small bass followed by some larger ones up to 50cm. An hour or so before HT I reeled in something that felt a bit heavier, it slid onto the beach and I thought that's a big whiting and as I got nearer was pleasantly surprised to see a codling! The fever took me and I was chucking out large lug baits and half expecting to see the rod tip start nodding away, unfortunately that was it on the unicorn front. A few more bass and whiting and then packed up around 7 and went home. A nice day's fishing, all the best. Colin."



Sole at the witching hour

I saw this report posted by Simon Newman this morning:

"Happy happy days! After a summer of decidedly average to poor fishing and a zillion WHITING, a plan at last came to a successful conclusion. 11 sole between three of us, a few keeper bass, a handful of eels and ONLY ONE WHITING! Our plan to fish until midnight turned into 3am as most of the sole appeared from just before midnight and we were still catching when bedtime called. Tired this morning but happy tired! Once again, happy happy days!!"

The third I've seen this week!

I had this guy pop-in the shop this morning and showed me a photo of what he just caught. I asked him to email me it and here it is:

"Hey mate, my friend Clayton caught this off the beach. Only his second time fishing. Thanks J."



Another beautiful bass!

I had this report come in yesterday from Alistair Crisci:

"Hi Tony, I know it's a bit late but fished Galloways Friday evening and had this bass around 4lb/5lb mark. Caught on sand eels and had another which was returned alive on rag and bluey cocktail. Also had a thornback and whiting."



Beautiful bass keep coming.

I had this report in from Richard this afternoon...

"Afternoon Tony, Just got back from a few hours fishing behind the lifeboat station. Managed to catch 3 bass, nothing big but good to see them about. Regards Richard Smith"





Last night went a bit flat! I had this report in today from Rob Gaskin...

"Hi Tony decided on Galloways last night had the usual whiting then 3 thornbacks came along biggest going 6 and 1/2 pound. Two to bluey and lug one on straight lug, cheers Rob"

BEACH OUTLOOK FOR OCTOBER

It's looking very good, so much depends on the weather, tradition says this is the time of the year that the cod season 'kicks off', also this is the time for a big bass and hopefully more sole as one season gives way to the other and the sea temperatures are still warm.

BEST BAITS

Cod aren't choosy but lugworm still rules OK. As for fish baits, classic squid and 'bluey' are my choice.

BOAT REPORTS

We have had some very mixed weather, but fishing has been brilliant for those who could get afloat.

Nice to see some bull huss.

I saw this posted by Jerry Oiller of 'Fairchance' fame launching from Dungeness.

"Fairchance fishing today 01797 363544 Dungeness Just the odd fish to be had today. Managed 3 bass on live mackerel, but dropped another 3 by using too small a hook! Two good tope around the 40 lb mark, and 5 bull huss, kept one returned 4, Stewart topped his day off with a 6 lb lobster. Happy Days".



A nice pair of bass.

I saw this report in from Jerry Oiller last night launching from Dungeness beach.

"Fairchance fishing today 01797 363544 Dungeness. Maidstone angler Glen Carter, with a fine pair of bass, one just shy of 8 lb the other just over 6 lb, 15 bream, a tope and mackerel also caught. A nice day to be afloat. Happy Days."

Cracking fish for George.

I had this report in from Ant this morning out on Peganina from Rye 07989778361.

"Massive congratulations to young George (12). He smashed his PB with a conger tipping the scales at just over 50lb (half his own body weight) it was an absolutely Herculean effort bringing the monster to the top almost unaided- top angling! He now has his sights firmly set on the 100lber!!"

BOAT OUTLOOK FOR OCTOBER

As we enter the stormy season, it can be a battle to get afloat. Keep watching the weather, and go for it. With seas still warm anything is possible, back in the day we would be queuing up at the 'Kerton Road' mark just down from Dungeness looking for an early cod, I still dream!



BEST BAITS

The versatile squid takes some beating, cuttlefish is tougher.

Rewarding session for Richard

Richard Smith sent in this report following an enjoyable few hours on the shingle:

"Hi Barry, Just got back from a few hours fishing behind the lifeboat station. Managed to catch 3 bass, nothing big but good to see them about." Regards Richard





Fishing onboard the Lady Ann has certainly been interesting of late! For some reason we have had a lot of good shore anglers onboard and it has opened my eyes to a different way of fishing with smaller hooks and some technical rigs. This has improved the smaller bass hit rate which we seemed to miss before. As they say, everyday is a school day!

Following on, the bass fishing has been very good this month with fish in to double figures and a mid 5 or 6 lb coming regularly. It has not been uncommon to get 3 or 4 in a day along with the 2 to 3 lb fish in numbers. They are being caught on a mixture of fish baits, even herring chunk has had a few, along with big bluey baits and live baits and fresh yellow tail worms being the dynamite bait. If fresh yellowtails are not available, then rolled yellows or blacks are good. Hooks as small as 2/0 which I've been using, but preference is for 4/0 wide gapes with amnesia line up to 40 lb, I will go in to why shortly, on flowing pulley traces seeing the better fish. Now on to why we have been using slightly heavier line; the small strap conger have turned up in numbers where they shouldn't be! On a good day 5 or 6 small straps up to 8 lbs are landed, but we had two in the net up to 20 lbs (estimated) which snapped us and the fish reversed out of the net, which we don't mind as the fish all go back alive anyway, but it would have been nice for a photo opportunity! It is very strange where these fish have come from, but none the less, very happy to see them and hope they thrive.

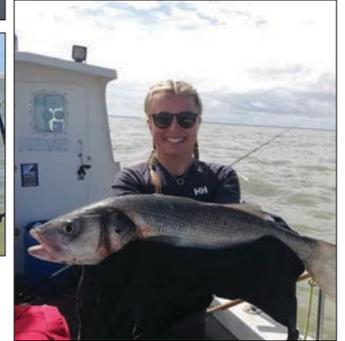
Now to the 'tings', whittings to be precise. We think they are following the shoals of herrings which look like as if they have turned up. Fishing 1/0 hooks on light tackle will always bag you a small whiting to try for a big bass on a live bait, but some of the 'tings' are already around the 1 lb mark which make lovely eating fish and on light tackle will put a bend in any rod and keeps the boredom at bay. The skate are still here, but not in the numbers we are used to and on a good trip you could see half a dozen smaller fish. We should see bigger fish in numbers, but not yet. Two blonde rays were caught in two days, which again aren't native fish to this area, but very nice to see. Lady Ann was lucky enough to see one of these out of the blue and caught on unwashed squid, not a preferred bait for them as I would try and target them with mackerel fillet or sandeel. Talking about mackerel, I genuinely think the factory ships and processors have done some damage and I mean for a long time. We haven't had any good signs of mackerel this year, such a shame for the younger anglers as they keep them amused.

Now on to the fish we shouldn't mention, here we go COD! We have had two reasonably sized codling over 5 lb now, but is this a thing to come? Again who knows if they will ever return in numbers, I'd like to think so. More are showing offshore, but not in the numbers we once saw. Both our codling were caught on double squid when we were going for bass. It is unusual as the hounds came in last, but they have now gone on the missing list. We have targeted them, but no numbers with the odd fish taking squid and lug. They will turn up again in numbers and I will be waiting for them as they are one of my favourite fish. All in all, we had a slow start, but fishing has improved massively towards the tail end of September with mixed fishing.

I hope to see some of you aboard the Lady Ann of Ramsgate.

Tight lines to you all. Jason

If you would like a day afloat with Jason or skipper Dick, please contact 07966 273650.



HASTINGS

report courtesy of Hastings Angling Centre

Fishing on the beach and in the boats late summer and into September has been mixed, some good catches and other lean sessions and hordes of small whiting at times. Mackerel have been patchy with plenty about on clearer calmer days and nothing for days when the wind picks up.

On the plus side, some good soles and a decent sprinkling of codling coming off the beaches along with some good bass. In the boats, good numbers of bass and bream now appearing on the wrecks with some of good quality. Rays have disappeared largely, but lots of small tope have arrived along with some very good ones. **Antony Wells** had a cracking one on August Bank Holiday, estimated 40lb+, while turbot fishing and a huge 72lb tope reported off of Eastbourne.

Prospects for October, hopefully a good run of codling will materialise especially given big tides and a good blow. Autumn is a very good time for big bass, use a big bait. Soles and whiting will also be making up catches. Mackerel can be caught well into November given the correct sea conditions (clear and calm).

For the boats, they will also be hoping for a decent run of cod, especially if they come inshore to Rye Bay. Black bream, pollack and bass on the wrecks. Given the number of tope about, it could well be worth having a go, they are very powerful fighting fish. Their serious teeth mean that a heavy leader (100lb mono) or 50lb wire is required to avoid 'bite offs'. Circle hooks (6/0) work very well and avoid deep hooking. Fresh mackerel is the bait, big chunks and small flappers are great.



BEACH MATCH - 30th August - Hastings & St Leonards SAA Evening Sole Competition for the Dave Moore Cup

The match started in decent, if a bit nippy conditions, but rapidly deteriorated as the light rain turned into a cold rain. The fish didn't mind though and some good catches were made by a top quality field.

Winner - Mark Rogers with 4 soles, an eel and 3 whiting 4lb10oz

2nd - Darren Bond with a codling of 3lb 7ozs and 2 soles 4lb 7oz

3rd - Arran Aghili on peg 1 with 8 fish including a bass for 3lb 9ozs

4th - Saul Page with 5 fish including 3 soles for 3lb 6ozs

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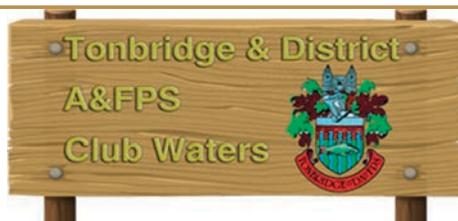
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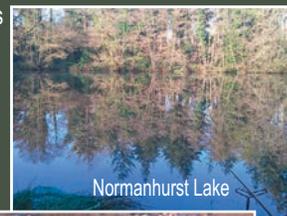
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Normanhurst Lake



Wishing Tree Reservoir



River Rother

Match results

MAIDSTONE VICTORY OPEN River Medway, Barming - 22 fished 26/8/20

The river is fishing well at the moment and will improve further with some rain. Fred Brown (South East Match Group) won from peg 24 fishing long pole with caster over groundbait to weigh 12-13-8 of roach, perch, bleak & skimmers plus a nice bream. Second was consistent Kev Dyer (Preston Innovations Delcac) at unfancied peg 18 with 9-3-0 of bleak on the whip.

Result:

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| 1st | Fred Brown (South East Match Group) 12-13-8 |
| 2nd | Kev Dyer (Preston Innovations Delcac) 9-3-0 |
| 3rd | John Gore (Maver SE) 8-11-0 |
| 4th | Steve Palmer (Preston Innovations Delcac) 8-7-0 |
| 5th | Jim Sene (Maver SE) 7-14-4 |
| 6th | Steve Saunders (Preston Innovations) 7-9-0 |

HOFFY'S OPENS Bough Beech Reservoir - 19/8/20

Great turn out today of 27 anglers all on the dam wall. Unfortunately, the venue turned off probably due to an East wind and low pressure. These matches adopt a Continental style payout.

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| Section A | Ben Ramsden (Tenterden) 23lb peg 1 roach on pole and caster |
| | John Daniels 9lb 6oz |
| Section B | Pemb Wrighting (Guru) 11lb 4oz |
| | Phil Bardell 10lb 4oz |
| Section C | Hoffy 8lb 12 oz |
| | Fred 'The Shed' Brown (SEMG) 7lb 6oz |
| Section D | Steve Wroe 16lb 8oz |
| | Richard Taylor (Medway Tackle) 16lb 4oz. |

2/9/20 - 16 pegs

First section of the dam wall & club house bank

Club bank

Steve Spooner (Maver SE) 23-8-0 roach on the pole caster peg 70.

Pemb Wrighting (Guru) 21-6-0

Dam wall

Paul Hoffman (Unattached!) 15-2-0 2 bream

and skimmers on feeder and worm peg 10

Richard Taylor (Medway Tackle) 14-8-0 peg 9 roach on pole and caster.

MAIDSTONE VICTORY OPEN - 12/9/20 River Medway, Barming - 20 fished

Autumn has arrived and with it, little change in the consistent performance of the river, despite having little colour. We were back to end pegs taking the honours today with Kevin Pack on peg one making a match winning change late on by introducing worm on his roach line and netting two bream to supplement his roach catch. This leap frogged him above Dave Roberts, John Gore and Fred Brown above the bridge on pegs 24, 25 and 22 respectively. Dave had a mixed bag including many perch for 11lb+ with John and Fred divided by just 5oz.

Result: Top 6

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| 1st | Kevin Pack (Maver South East) 13-7-12 |
| 2nd | Dave Roberts (Medway Tackle) 11-1-12 |
| 3rd | John Gore (Maver South East) 9-7-4 |
| 4th | Fred Brown (South East Match Group) 9-2-12 |
| 5th | Laurence White (Maidstone Victory) 8-14-12 |
| 6th | Jeff Davis (Maidstone Victory) 5-13-0 |



Coarse Fisheries

Beaver Farm Fishery Eastbourne Road, Newchapel Lingfield RH7 6HL	01342 324006 / 07710 656041
Charlies Lakes Steeds Lane, Kingsnorth, Ashford TN26 1NH	07857 539785
Chequertree Trout and Coarse Fishery Bethersden, Near Ashford TN26 3JR	01233 820078
Claygate Lakes Collier Street, Claygate, Marden TN12 9PL	07770 513448
Coombewood Fishery Redbrook Street, High Halden Near Ashford TN26 3JH	07895 679569
Elphicks Fisheries Spelmonden Road, Horsmonden TN12 8EL	01580 212512
Frant Lakes Hawkenbury Road, Bells Yew Green Tunbridge Wells TN3 9AP	01892 616424
Furnace Brook Fishery & Fish Farm Trolliloes Cowbeech, near Hailsham BN27 4QR	01435 830835
Gabriels Fishery Marsh Green Road, Edenbridge TN8 5PP	07730 066088
Greenacres Farm Fishery Sissinghurst Road, Biddenden TN27 8EH	07933 934942
Hartley Lands Fishery Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook TN17 3PS	07703 825064
Hawkhurst Fish Farm Hastings Road, Hawkhurst TN18 4RT	01580 753813
Horam Manor Fishery Horam Manor Farm, Horam TN21 0JB	01323 840889 / 07707 759364
Iden Wood Fishery Coldharbour Lane, Iden, Rye TN31 7UT	01797 280180 / 07906 232225
Knightingales Fishery Stone-In-Oxney, near Tenterden TN30 7HA	07941 176205
Mousehole Lakes Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Near Paddock Wood ME18 5HR	07725 783405
Orchard Place Farm Fishery Pearsons Green Road Paddock Wood TN12 6NY	01892 838576 / 07568 176058
Sandwich Lakes Coarse Fishery Sandwich Ash Road (A257) Near Canterbury CT3 2DA	07936 409912
Tricklebrook Fishery Colts Hill, Five Oak Green TN12 6SH	07743 955812
Wylands International Angling Centre Wylands Farm Powdermill Lane, Battle TN33 0SU	01424 893394

Trout Fisheries

Brick Farm Lakes Windmill Hill, Herstmonceux BN27 4RS	01435 830835
Chalk Springs Park Bottom, Arundel BN18 0AA	01903 883742
Cinder Hill Fly Fishing Membership available from email: r.nathan@btinternet.com	01892 770903
Hastings Fly Fishers Club Powdermill Reservoir Reservoir Lane, Sedlescombe TN33 0PJ	01424 870498
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Tenterden Trout Waters Coombe Farm, Chennell Park Road Tenterden TN30 6XA	01580 763201

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Channel Angling 158-160 Snargate Street, Dover CT17 9BZ	01304 203742
Crowborough Tackle Shop 2, Lexden Lodge, Crowborough Hill Crowborough TN6 2EG	01892 667671
Dens Tackle 73 Dymchurch Road, Hythe CT21 6JN	01303 267053
Eastbourne Aquarium & Reptile Centre 19-21 Seaside, Eastbourne BN21 3PP	01323 730635
Gabriels Fishery Tackle Shop Marsh Green Road, Edenbridge TN8 5PP	07730 066088
Henfold Bait & Tackle Henfold Lakes, Henfold Lane Newdigate, Dorking RH5 4RW	07956 043922
Hooked On Green Unit 2, Bellbrook Industrial Estate, Bell Lane Uckfield TN22 1QL	01825 760139
Jack Frost Reynolds Place, West Green, Crawley RH11 7HB	01293 521186
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Orchard Tackle 58 High Brooms Road, Tunbridge Wells TN4 9DB	07494 670328
Pinions 431 London Road, Ditton, Maidstone ME20 6DB	01622 718580
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Sheppey Angling Unit 5, Regis Business Park, New Road Sheerness ME12 1HA	01795 661089
South London Angling Centre 286 Lee High Road, London SE13 5PJ	0208 852 4451
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Trade In Tackle Maidstone Road, Watlingtonbury ME18 5EH	01622 814296 / 07941 085011

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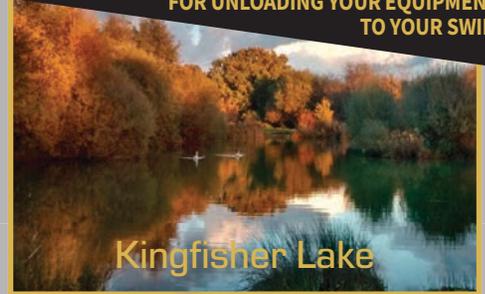
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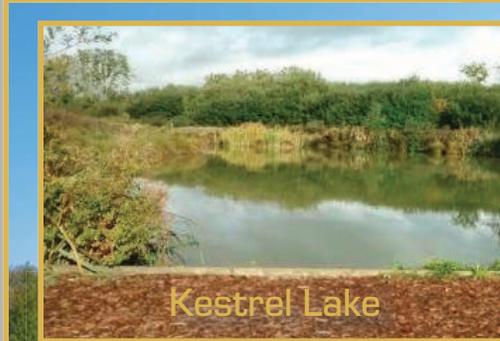
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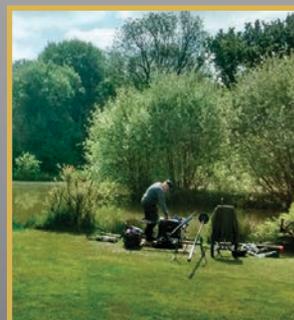
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